



# Treasured Times

**Golden Triangle Explorers Society**

***In Quest of the Past***

**Volume 23 Number 2**

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## **Next Monthly Meeting**

NEW WORLD UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH  
5134 NORTHWEST HIGHWAY  
GARLAND, TEXAS 75043

FEB. 10, 2023 7:30 PM

MAR. 10, 2023 7:30 PM

APRIL 14, 2023 7:30 PM

## **REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

EACH MEMBER IS  
ENCOURAGED TO BRING  
REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE  
WITH OTHERS.

## **HELP WANTED!**

Come early to our meetings and  
help set up the tables and chairs.  
The pay is low but the rewards are  
many!

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

### **PRESIDENT:**

MARY P

### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

CODEY K

### **Treasurer:**

HAROLD R

### **SECRETARY:**

ANDRETTA L

## **MARY'S MESSAGE**

**by Mary P**

Hope you all survived our winter storm with no problems.

We have a full slate of officers.

Mary P, President;  
Codey K, Vice President;  
Andretta L, Secretary;  
Harold R, Treasurer.

Frank M volunteered to be our Hunt Master and Bill A volunteered to help with the Fund Raisers. We are looking for a volunteer to help with refreshments.

Looking forward to an awesome 2023!! Welcome to our new member Gary.

East Fork had to cancel the fun hunt last month. There was a Martin Luther King parade and the entrance to Embree Park was blocked. Golden Triangle will host this months fun hunt and we will have maps and information at Fridays meeting.

2023 membership dues are due, \$20 for single membership, \$25 for family membership. Thank you to those of you who paid their dues.

Take care, be safe out there and please follow your metal detecting ethics. See you on Friday the 10th at 7:30, New World United Methodist Church, Garland.

Mary

## **From The Vice-President**

**by Codey K**

I would just like to remind all members that as Vice President I am encouraging all members to invite and bring new members to our club. Keep in mind as well that if any member has an idea for a guest speaker for the club to get in touch with me and hopefully I can arrange to make this happen. I appreciate everyone's participation to keep this club alive!

## OTHER CONTACTS

### HUNT MASTER:

FRANK M

HAROLD R (ASST.)

### REFRESHMENTS CHAIR:

TBD

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

MIKE S

### WEBMISTRESS:

TRACY J

### FIND OF THE MONTH CHAIR:

VELMA S

LETICIA R (ASST.)

### SEE YOUR MEMBER DIRECTORY FOR TELEPHONE NUMBERS



## MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

This space is reserved for free member ads. Do you have something you wish to sell or buy? Member ads, including pictures, will be printed as space allows.

We also have space for paid ads. If you have a business or service available and wish to advertise to club members (and those who visit our newsletter on the Webpage), reasonable rates apply.

### MEMBER NOTICE:

Jack L. reminds us all to save our foreign coins. These are used in hunts involving kids who often spend silver coins, especially in vending machines. Bring your

## From Our Treasurer

by Harold R

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to be the treasurer of GTES. The week after our January meeting several of us met at Mary P's house for an audit of the club's assets. At the February meeting I will have a full report of the club's assets.

The treasurer's report will be short since I didn't spend any money this month. I will also have copies of the coin inventory and explain how it will work. When you look at the coin inventory you will see that we need more silver coins for the future. If you have any silver dimes, quarters, half's, Morgan Dollars, or silver rounds you would like to sell to the club please let me know. I will pay you more than you would get if you were to sell them to a coin store so it's a good deal if you are ready to sell some. I set up an email address that will come directly to me so feel free to contact me at [GTES.Treasurer@outlook.com](mailto:GTES.Treasurer@outlook.com) for anything including suggestions or comments.

As you know Frank M. was appointed as out Hunt Master and I have volunteered to be his assistant. It makes sense because the Treasurer "feed" the hunts with the coins and prizes needed to operate. Finally, Mary is going to allow me about 15 minutes to talk to the membership about what it takes to run the club. Did you know we donate \$50 a month for the meeting site? It's the best deal in town anywhere but it's one of our ongoing costs. Did you know the club, by my estimation, lost around \$1400-1600 in assets last year? We'll talk about this and more at the meeting. If I don't have time to go over everything and you have questions, just email me.

See you Friday at the meeting.

## Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for January 13, 2023 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland. President Mary P. called the meeting to order. Codey K. introduced the four guests and presented them with a silver dime. One of the guests, Gary S., decided to become a member.

Dues for 2023 are being collected; \$20 individual, \$25 family.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Garrett Memorial Hunt will be in Canton, TX April 14-16. Registration is online only. The TAMDC Open Hunt is on Sunday, and there will be a convention in conjunction with the Garrett weekend.

### New Business

Mary P. read the resignation letter from Terry S. and Jennifer K.

Nominations for Secretary were requested – Velma S. nominated Andretta L. and it was seconded. Since there were no nominations from the floor and no objections, Andretta L. will be the Secretary.

Nominations for Treasurer were requested – Mickey C. nominated Harold R. and it was seconded. Since there were no nominations from the floor and no objections, Harold R. will be the Treasurer.

A silver dollar has been offered as a reward for locating a place to hold a fun hunt that is NOT a city park, such as an old homestead. Motion to accept was made and seconded; after some discussion the vote was in favor.

Codey K. was our speaker. He led a spirited discussion with ideas on club growth.

foreign coins to any club meeting so we can have a reserve.

**We don't need  
Metal Detectors  
in Congress, we  
need Lie  
Detectors.**

Many suggestions were made for consideration. Reggie C. announced an event sponsored by the metal detecting club in Bonham, TX on April 1. Limited to 60 hunters, \$175 entry fee, tokens in the ground, two hunts – 9-11 and 2-4, complimentary breakfast and lunch, fantastic prizes. A Meet & Greet will be held on Friday night preceding the hunt at the Holiday Inn in Bonham (reasonable rates for overnight stay).

### **Break**

During the break, please buy fund raiser tickets and vote for FOM. Velma S. will be in charge with Leticia R. assisting.

Fun Hunt will be on January 14<sup>th</sup> at Embree Park, 1515 Dairy Rd., Garland. Maps are available.

Dave T. has asked to step down as Hunt Master. Frank M. volunteered to take the position, with Harold R. as his assistant.

### **Old Business**

Codey K presented plaques to Andretta L. and Velma S. for Lifetime Memberships. He announced Dave T. as Treasure Hunter of the Year – since Dave is out of town, he will receive his plaque later.

Mike S. motioned to table indefinitely the motion to move the club, seconded by Al K. Motion carried.

Since the November minutes were not read at the Christmas party, they were accepted. The December meeting minutes were read and corrected. Terry R. motioned and Al K. seconded to accept. Motion carried. The minutes of the preceding month will be read at each meeting, as well as being printed in the newsletter.

Mickey C. won the marble drawing, but did not get the blue marble! Door prize winners were Greg W., Reggie C., Frank M., Leticia R., Harold R., and Bill A. In the Fund Raiser Robert J. won the 2018 Silver Eagle; Mike S., Terry R., Greg W., Mary P., Harold R., Codey K., Robert J., Harold R., and Gary S. all won Standing Liberty Halves.

No birthday/anniversary winners; name tag drawing won by new member Gary S.

Meeting adjourned.

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## **Huntmaster's Report**

**by Frank M**

Nothing to report.

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## **FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST**

Place	Winner	Item
<b>COINS</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Codey K	1948 Silver Dime
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Codey K	Canadian Dollar
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Frank M	1941 Wheat Cent

<b>JEWELRY</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Codey K	14k Gold Ring
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Terry S	10k Gold Earing
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Codey K	Silver Necklace
<b>RELICS</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Codey K	Pepper Shaker
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Codey K	Caliper
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>MOST UNUSUAL</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Codey K	Penny
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Codey K	Magnet
3 <sup>rd</sup>		
<b>SECOND CHANCE</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Codey K	Religious Pendant
1 <sup>st</sup> Tie	Codey K	Silver Fish
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		

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## Message From The Editor

We seem to be “on our way” now that we have a full slate of officers, huntmaster(s), and assistants. Your humble editor would like to make our newsletter more interesting and useful. To do that, I need your help.

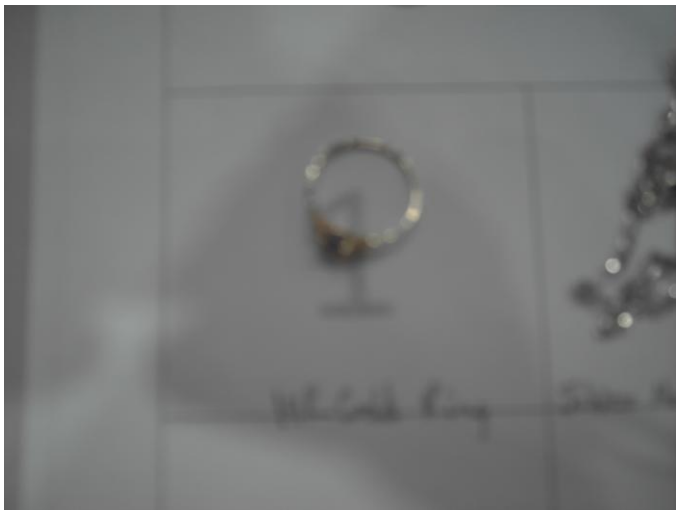
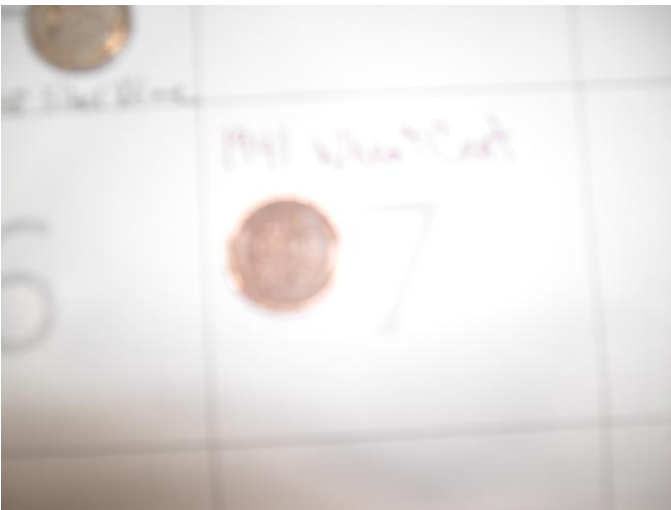
I encourage each and every one of you to give me your suggestions on both content and format. If you don't tell me, I can't know. It is best if you send suggestions to me via e-mail at [mike@mikecshaw.us](mailto:mike@mikecshaw.us) but I can also accept them in person.

I also encourage each and every one to send me content. These can be interesting articles, photos, personal happenings, your own writings, or even recipes.

If you look along the left-most column, you will see plenty of room for personal ads and even business ads. Our policy is that personal ads for treasure/relic hunting related items for club members will be published free of charge. Business ads will also be accepted. We have not discussed the price in some time but I propose we keep it the same: “Commercial advertisements and other advertisements for equipment or services not related to treasure hunting may be placed upon payment of a fee. These proceeds will be added to the club general fund by the treasurer and will not be kept separate from other club funds. These advertisements shall be either a “business card” size or shall be ¼ pages in size. The advertising copy must be provided in writing and should preferably be “camera ready.” Pictures and/or graphics will be accommodated if provided in a standard format such as .gif or .jpg.

Cost of the advertisements shall be \$7.50 for one month payable in advance for the business card size and may also be paid annually at the rate of \$60.00. The ¼ page space shall be \$90.00 paid in advance annually. Special notices of ¼ pages may be run for a shorter period if negotiated with the newsletter editor but shall not exceed \$10.00 per month. In all cases, all advertising must be “in good taste” and the newsletter editor shall be the sole arbiter of whether a particular advertisement may appear. Any disagreement with that decision must be presented to the club membership for resolution.”

# PHOTOS







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## INTERESTING ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER



(Colombia Presidency, Colombia Navy Handout via AP)

[Discovery](#)

# Ocean Vehicle Finds 200-Year-Old Shipwrecks, Gold Coins, Cannons 900m Under Caribbean; Could Be Worth Billions

BY [Reuters](#) TIME June 11, 2022

Colombian naval officials conducting underwater monitoring of the long-sunken San Jose galleon have discovered two other historical shipwrecks nearby, President Ivan Duque said on Monday, June 6.

The San Jose galleon, a 62-gun, 3-masted ship that sank during a battle with British ships in the War of Spanish Succession, thought by historians to be carrying treasure that would be as much as \$17 billion, sank in 1708 near [Colombia](#)'s Caribbean port of Cartagena.

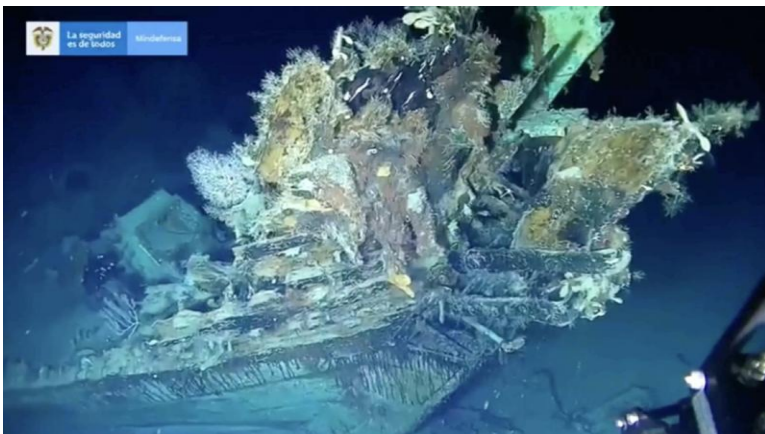
Its potential recovery has been the subject of litigation for decades.

A remotely operated vehicle reached 900 meters depth, Duque and naval officials said in a video statement, allowing new videos of the wreckage.

The vehicle also discovered two other nearby wrecks — a colonial boat and a schooner thought to be from around the same period as Colombia’s war for independence from Spain, some 200 years ago.



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“We now have two other discoveries in the same area, that show other options for archaeological exploration,” navy commander Admiral Gabriel Perez said. “So the work is just beginning.”

The images offer the best-yet view of the treasure that was aboard the San Jose — including gold ingots and coins, silver, emeralds, cannons made in Seville in 1655, and an intact Chinese dinner service.

Archaeologists from the navy and government are working to determine the origin of the plates based on inscriptions, the officials said.

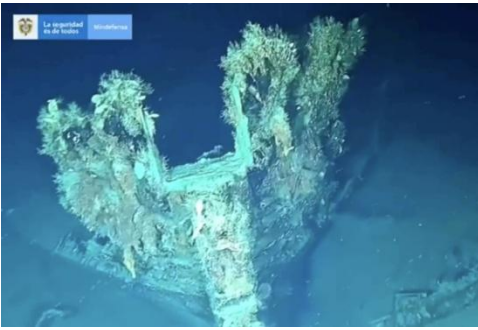
“Our government decided that all that treasure is a unified patrimony that cannot be broken up, cannot be separated, and that in its entirety has enormous patrimony richness,” Duque said. “There were obviously differences of legal matters that we’ve advanced with the Minister of Culture, as well as with the Defense Judicial Agency to resolve it.”





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He added, “The idea is to recover it and to have sustainable financing mechanisms for future extractions. In this way we protect the treasure, the patrimony of the San Jose galleon.”



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