



Treasured Times

Golden Triangle Explorers Society

In Quest of the Past

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Next Monthly Meeting

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

MAY 12, 2023 7:00 PM

JUNE 9, 2023 7:00 PM

JULY 14, 2023 7:00 PM

AUGUST 11, 2023 7:00 PM

NOTE CHANGE IN START TIMES!

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

Greetings fellow Golden Triangle Members,

We will meet on our regular day this month, second Friday, May 12. It was requested that we check into changing our meeting time. I checked with New World's Office Manager and Michelle said there is no problem changing our meeting time to 7:00. Please add this to your calendar. Bill and I will get there about 6:00 to start setting up.

We are glad to have Maureen W back and welcome new member Steve T. Dean W also renewed his membership.

Remember there are just a few marbles left in the marble game.

Find of the Month is a super way to win silver coins and maybe become Treasure Hunter of the Year.

We will celebrate the Fourth of July with a hot dog dinner.

Take care, stay safe out there and see you on the 12th at 7:00.

Mary

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

NOTICE!

**SELL YOUR SILVER COINS
TO OUR CLUB RATHER
THAN TO A STRANGER!
CHECK OUR PRICE
BEFORE YOU SELL! CALL
TREASURER HAROLD R
AT 214-274-5984**

NOTICE!

**SUGGEST A PLACE FOR
OUR MONTHLY FUN
HUNTS OTHER THAN A
CITY PARK AND RECEIVE
A SILVER DOLLAR!**

MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

DISPLAY CASES

Do you need three display cases for your finds? They are in rough shape but can be easily "prettied up" with a little work. If interested, make me an offer (to be donated to the club).

Mike S

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

From The Vice President

by Codey K

First of all I would like to Thank our Hunt Master and assistant/s for putting on such fun and interactive hunts. The last hunt was not only fun but challenging and as a participant I was proud to be a part of. It was great to meet new potential members and share good times with fellow members.

I am looking forward to our next "fun hunt" and especially our Annual Club Hunt on June 3rd. I look forward to our next meeting with the Guest Speaker being our own Bill Phillips with a Great talk about water hunting and possibly other intriguing stories.

I would like to Thank our growing club for its support and enthusiasm as we reach for larger attendance and new members. There is so much to strive for and hopefully with the participation of all members and the drive to be the best we can be, we will continue to grow and learn more about the hobbies we enjoy as well as meeting other people that enjoy the same interests we share.

Again I thank you all for your interest and participation. Officers will be elected soon and I sincerely hope that there will be vast interest amongst all members. Participation will keep this club alive.

Also if any member wishes to be a guest speaker or knows of anyone that would be willing to share their knowledge or experience to the club please let me know. You can contact me directly at Codeyklee@yahoo.com or call 972-835-7671. Feel free to leave a message if I am not available at the time).

Kind Regards

From Our Treasurer

by Harold R

I hope everyone got to get out and hunt this month. I was able to get out a couple of times and actually found a few silver coins. It's not too late to sign up for the hunt on June 3rd. If you haven't signed up yet, please try to bring your entry to the meeting this Friday but you can mail them by the 24th of this month.

The entry form is once again included in this newsletter. You will also find a picture of the coins for this month's fundraiser. I've included a variety of coins this month. You will have a chance to win silver rounds, Sterling silver rounds, Peace Dollars, Morgan Dollars, a Franklin half, and a nice silver war nickel set.

I want to thank everyone for supporting the club by participating in the fundraiser. As you know most of what is taken in goes right back to the membership as it should. My goal for this year and the next is to break even money wise and attract new members. Once the membership grows, we can set aside funds for snacks at the meeting and member's only hunts. Please help by

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- JUNE MEETING: APPOINT FINANCIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

- JULY MEETING: JULY 4 HOT DOG DINNER AND APPOINT OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- AUGUST MEETING: WRITTEN AUDIT REPORT

- SEPTEMBER MEETING: ELECT OFFICERS

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

Logan P wrote:

I wanted to add that the Garret hunt was a great event and many of the Utube stars attended.

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It was a pleasure to get to meet them.

bringing in new members.

All I bought this month was a roll of 90 percent Kennedy Halves to be used as FOM awards. Remember, the club will buy your silver coins at a fair price. I am always in need of large silver such as silver rounds, Peace and Morgan Silver Dollars. Contact me if you have something you want to sell.

See you at the meeting and don't forget the fun hunt which will be sponsored by the East Fork Club this month.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for April 21, 2023 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland. President Mary P. called the meeting to order. Codey K. introduced our guest, Steve Thomas who joined. Maureen W. is a returning member.

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

Michael N. is recovering after having knee replacement surgery. Looking forward to his return.

The Garrett Seeded hunt and the Bonham hunt were both a great success.

If you have damaged coins found while detecting you can add them to the jar at each meeting.

A motion was made by Mickey C. and seconded by Codey K. to change the meeting time to 7:00 to allow more time. Mary P. will check with the church about the possibility.

New Business

GTES Annual Invitational Seeded Hunt will be June 3rd at Samuel Farm. Frank M. has hunt flyers. East Fork and Lone Star Clubs have been invited.

Please check out our Facebook page. Tracy J. and Harold R. have worked to get it up and running.

Please be thinking about officers for 2023-2024. Mary P. has reached term limits.

Codey K. introduced our speaker, Larry V. who related a treasure story about dowsing rods.

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

Have you done all you can to
recruit new members? Invite
inactive former members to
become active again?
Our club can only grow if we
all work at it.

Break

During the break, please buy fund raiser tickets and vote for FOM. Fun Hunt will be on April 22nd at 1:00 at Casa Linda Park. Maps are available. Harold R. reminded everyone about the cache jars that would be hidden.

Mike S. publishes the newsletter the week before the meeting. If you have anything to contribute, email it to him.

Old Business

Minutes of the March meeting were read. Motion to accept was made by Larry V. and seconded by Dave T.

Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit. Mickey C. commended the Treasurer for the transparency in which all financial matters are handled.

Leticia R. won the marble drawing, but did not get the blue marble! Door prize winners were Terry R., Ed D., Frank M., Shirley V., Greg W. In the Fund Raiser winners were: 1891 Morgan silver dollar – Dave T., 1893 Morgan silver dollar – Mickey C., 1 oz Indian head silver round – Ed D., 1 oz Prospector silver round – Dave T., 1922 Peace dollar – Terry R., 1922 Peace dollar – Terry R., 1923 Peace dollar – Codey K., 1959 Franklin half – Ralph G., 1958 Franklin half – Maureen W., 1954 Franklin half – Dave T., envelope containing \$20 in fundraiser tickets – Terry R.

Find of the Month winners were announced.

Birthday/anniversary winner was Terry R.; name tag drawing won by Steve T.

Meeting adjourned.

Huntmaster's Report

by Frank M

The hunt was held at Casa Linda Park, Dallas on April 22nd at 1:00 and hosted by Golden Triangle.

Most Aluminum: Greg W 1st place,
Codey K 2nd place,
Leticia R 3rd place.

Most Coin Amount: Dean W 1st place,
Leticia R 2nd place,
Cody K 3rd place.

Most Bottle Caps: Codey K 1st place,
Bill A 2nd place,

Leticia R 3rd place.

Jewelry: Dean W,
Greg W 2nd place,
Bill A 3rd place.

East Fork will host May's Fun Hunt.

Submitted by Mary P for Frank M

See photos of this hunt below!

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st	Chuck G	1909 German ½ Mark
2 nd	Dave T	1962 D Quarter
3 rd	Maureen W	5 Pfennig
JEWELRY		
1 st	Codey K	1 DR Gold Ring
2 nd	Dave T	14 kt Bracelet
3 rd	Maureen W	925 Pendant
RELICS		
1 st	Codey K	Toy Truck
2 nd	Logan P	Lamp Top
3 rd	Maureen W	Leaf Spoon Bowl
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st	Frank M	Cannon Ball
2 nd	Dave T	Gerber Knife
3 rd	Leticia R	Cinnamark Token
SECOND CHANCE		
1 st	Maureen W	WW1 Service token
2 nd	Chuck G	925 Necklace/Rope
3 rd	Dave T	14 kt Crucifix

PHOTOS

May Fundraiser Prizes



FROM THE FUN HUNT





INTERESTING ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER

Father & Son Unearth Ancient Viking Treasure

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A father and son in Yorkshire, England loved to grab their metal detectors and hit the fields every weekend. For six years, they never found anything substantial beyond buttons and scraps of metal. But one day in January 2007, their lives and the lives of British historians changed forever.

What looked like a single silver coin in the mud turned out to be a much larger treasure. See what they discovered, and how it forever altered modern perception of Anglo-Saxon Vikings.

A Normal Day Of Metal Detecting

In 2007, David Whelan and his son Andrew went metal detecting in their hometown of North Yorkshire, United Kingdom. For years, the two of them spent their weekends metal detecting together.



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David Whelan had been metal detecting for six years. Together, he and his son had explored numerous fields, farms, and beaches around the United Kingdom. On a Saturday morning in January, they ventured into an open field in Harrogate.

It Felt Like An Unlucky Day

Andrew had initially felt unlucky when the two drove out to the countryside. The owners of two farms turned them away, and they argued with each other before they visited their “last resort,” Harrogate.



Getty Images

The Whelans had scoured Harrogate field many times before, and only found a couple of scraps of metal and 90 buttons. They scavenged the muddy, deeply plowed area for hours and found nothing. Still, they decided to continue.

The Buzzer Goes Off

As fate would have it, their metal detectors caught a signal. Thrilled, David and Andrew picked up their shovels and began digging. After a little while, they received a stronger signal coming from the metal detector.



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“I just kept digging,” David Whelan, age 60, said later in an interview. “A ball of earth rolled out to the side of the hole, and I could see a coin stuck in it.”

Their First Finding

The father and son had unearthed a silver coin. The coin was large and muddy and clearly didn’t belong to British currency. “We knew it was something big,” Andrew Whelan said, “and we were shaking with excitement as we lifted it out.”



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They could have stopped there. The coin alone was more than they had ever found after years of metal detecting. But for some reason, Andrew and David decided to continue digging in that same spot.

There’s More In Store

What lied beneath beat their wildest dreams. When they dug further, they found far more coins— 617, to be exact— along with a ring, pins, lumps of raw silver, and a decorated cup. David and Andrew knew that they had discovered something bigger than themselves.



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“It’s a thing of dreams to find something like this,’ said Andrew, 35, after his discovery. “If we had found one coin we would have been over the moon.”

...Now What?

David and Andrew understood that they had discovered something substantial, but didn’t know *what* exactly they had found. The father and son duo dug all that they could see out of the hole and drove it back home to Leeds.



LEON NEAL/AFP/Getty Images

In accordance with British law, they couldn’t keep the goods for themselves. Under the Treasure Act of 1996, they had to report any historically significant finding to the Coroner’s Office.

Now, The Experts Determine What It’s Worth

David and Andrew understood that their discovery had historical significance, and opted to tell officials. They left the ancient treasure on their kitchen table and drove to a local Coroner’s office to report the discovery.



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The Coroner sent the items to the British Museum, where experts would write a report about the artifacts. Based on that, the Coroner would determine how much the treasure was worth. It took several months for David and Andrew to hear back.

So What Did They Discover?

After examining the artifacts, conservators and historians determined that the treasure belonged to a Viking king, who had brought it over to Anglo-Saxon England to bury his goods in the early tenth century.



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The items dated back to the tenth century, and curator Bill Ager believes that the king buried them in 927 for safekeeping. That makes the treasure, most of which made out of solid gold and silver, over 1,000 years old.

Okay, But How Much Is It Worth?

Although Vikings owned the treasure, the actual objects came from outside countries and dated back to the ninth century. Coins, rings, armbands, necklaces, and cups made from both silver and gold each added a sum to the collection.



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The entire hoard comes out to £1,082,000, or \$1,376,574. The cup alone is estimated to be worth over £200,000, or \$254,450. It's more than the father and son could ever dream of.

Who Gets The Cut?

The British Museum wanted this treasure to go on display. However, a judge determined that they would have to buy it first. The British Museum had to team up with the York Museum trust to raise enough money to buy the treasure.



Leon Neal/AFP/Getty Images

After two years of fundraising, the museums finally bought the set for over £1 million. Half of the sums went to the owners of Harrogate field. The rest went to David and Andrew.

But Who Was The Original Owner?

Conservators believe that the treasure once belonged to the Anglo-Saxon King Athelstan, who once conquered the kingdom of Northumbria, which encompassed modern-day northern England and southeast Scotland. Historians believe that he either amassed the goods through trade or looted them.



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In 927, Northumbria fell into unrest. Historians believe that Athelstan initially buried the treasure here for safekeeping, but due to the uprisings, could not return to bring his expenses with him.

The Biggest Discovery In Over 150 Years

“It’s an extremely exciting find, not just because it is the biggest and best for 150 years,” said Barry Ager, curator for European historical artifacts of the British Museum. The last European discovery on this scale dates back to 1840 when the Cuerdale hoard was discovered in Lancashire.



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“The fact that the items come from all over the world shows the huge extent of the Vikings’ commercial links,” Ager expands. Now, we know much more about the Vikings.

Starting With The Hundreds Of Silver Coins...

The Whelans couldn’t discern the coin designs due to the mud. Experts who safely cleaned the coins noticed that each one had a unique, intricate design. They also discovered a small incision in each coin, which means that the Vikings tested the silver before molding it.



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One of the coins bears the Latin inscription *Rex Totius Britanniae*, meaning “King of All Britain.” This 927 AD coin is the earliest sign of a Britain honoring one ruler.

These Artifacts Came From All Over The World

Although the entire hoard belonged to King Athelstan, the craftsmen originated from other countries. Along with the French cup, the coins came from Afghanistan, Baghdad, and Samarkand. Historians also discovered a fragment of a Russian ring and an Irish armband.



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These findings suggest that Vikings had a farther range of international connections than we previously assumed. Historians believe that King Athelstan received these goods through trading or looting. As it turns out, Viking artifacts found in Yorkshire is nothing new.

Since When Were Vikings In Britain?

Since the eighth century, Viking communities have seized areas of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and England. Their invasions were so frequent that Christian monasteries had a hard time implementing their religion as the Vikings ushered in Pagan traditions every century.



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In 865, Danish Vikings invaded England. Their fight for control spanned several years, but eventually, the Vikings won and ruled the area under The Danelaw. In the ninth century, Norweigan Vikings conquered Scotland and the Isle of Man and Wales. These two instances sparked the Anglo-Saxon ruling of England.

Yorkshire Has A Long History Of Vikings

“I’m delighted that such an important Viking hoard has been discovered in North Yorkshire,” stated coroner Geoff Fell. “We are extremely proud of our Viking heritage in this area.”



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Vikings ruled the area of Yorkshire from 850 to 1016. York contains several historical sites that were touched by the Vikings, including the Ripon Cathedral, Castleford, Fulford, and Clifford’s Tower and Baile Hill. In 2012, DNA testing proved that York citizens’ lineage is remarkably more Norse than anywhere else in Britain.

No, There’s Nothing Else In That Field

The Whelans refuse to disclose the part of the field where they discovered the hoard. They say they have returned there many times after finding the Viking artifacts, but located nothing else of value. All artifacts of the treasure seem to have been dug up.



Leon Neal/AFP/Getty Images

Since Yorkshire has deep roots in Viking history, it makes sense that treasure could appear in one of its fields. And yes, the hoard has legally been declared a treasure.

The Whelan's Selflessness Benefits Everyone

David and Andrew Whelan could have kept the treasure themselves, but they didn't. They turned it in and sold it to the British Museum, where thousands of people can gaze upon the riches and learn new historical facts.



Photo: Stefan Sauer/dpa (Photo by Stefan Sauer/picture alliance via Getty Images)

"I commend David and Andrew Whelan for their prompt and responsible reporting of this hugely significant find, which will enrich our understanding of the Vikings," said Margaret Hodge, Culture minister of the British Museum.

The Harrogate Hoard Goes On Display

The Harrogate Hoard, as the treasure was originally called, went on display in the Yorkshire Museum in York in 2007. Afterward, it went to the British Museum, where it was renamed the Vale of York Hoard. Thousands of people got to see the treasure David and Andrew Whelan found in person.



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For those who can't visit the museum, BBC 4 featured the discovery in their series "A History of the World in 100 Objects."

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NOTICE OF HUNT

Golden Triangle Explorers Society Club

Annual Invitation Only Hunt

Inviting members of the Lone Star and East Fork Clubs

Saturday, June 3, 2023, Rain or Shine

2 Great hunts! Enter one or both.

ALL ENTRY FEES GO IN THE HUNTS

Saturday, June 3, 2023 Location: Samuel Farm Park

9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:00	Dollar Hunt (\$20 in the field per hunter)
10:20-11:00	Silver Dime Hunt (\$50 value of silver per hunter)
11:00	Lunch available if purchased in advance (see entry form)
11:15-11:30	Fundraiser Prizes Drawing - Silver Dollars
Huntmaster: Frank Martinez	

Please mail entry fee with the attached form to:

Harold Rosee, GTES Treasurer ** 1009 Rainbow Dr ** Richardson, Texas 75081

Checks Payable to: GTES

ENTRY FEE MUST BE MAILED BY May 24, 2023 NO EXCEPTIONS!

Dollar Hunt:.....\$20____
Silver Hunt:.....\$50____
Lunch:..... \$ 5____ (Lunch includes a hot dog, chips, bottle water, and a cookie)
Total Enclosed_____

Name_____ Phone _____

PLEASE PRINT

Address _____

City_____ State____ Zip _____

Email _____

Note: Landowners, Hunt officials, Club members or anyone else connected to this event are not held responsible for theft, injuries, or damages.

Your Signature Required: _____

Saturday June 3, 2023

Hunt Location: Samuel Farm Park, Mesquite

Park located on eastbound Hwy 80 Service Road. From Dallas go east on Highway 80 past I635. Take the Beltline Rd Exit and continue east on the Service Rd. The Park is on the right with a large tractor at the entrance.

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MAILED BY MAY
24, 2023**

No Hunt Day Signups, No Coils over 12 inches

=====Hunt Events=====

Dollar Coin Hunt

Silver Dime Hunt

Bring a lawn chair and something to drink.

If any last minute emergency happens, we will delay the hunt 2 weeks. If this causes you a conflict refunds will be made.

**Let's Have a Fun Time – Don't forget to mark your
Calendars.**