



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

NOVEMBER 10, 2023 7:30 PM
DECEMBER 8, 2023 7:00 PM
JANUARY 12, 2024 7:30 PM
FEBRUARY 9, 2024 7:30 PM
MARCH 8, 2024 7:30 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:
OPEN

VICE PRESIDENT:
MARY P

Treasurer:
TERRY R

SECRETARY:
ANDRETTA L

From The President

by Acting President Mary P

At our October meeting I made a serious mistake. As acting President I accepted the nomination and the election for President a non member of GTES. We will not have a President at our November and December meetings. As acting President I will preside over these meetings. Hopefully during this time we will have a volunteer for President and an election will take place during our January meeting.

Terry Roe will be out treasurer and Harold Rosee will assist him until after the Holiday Hunt in December.

If we all work together without too much controversy Golden Triangle will grow and prosper.

Again, my sincerest apologies.

Mary

From The Vice President

by Mary P

Remember our new meeting time 7:30 at New World Church.

Sue R from Lone Star Treasure Hunters will be our guest speaker. She has been metal detecting for years and will tell us about her experiences bottle hunting.

This November meeting will be our Silent Auction. There will be several items for sale so bring an extra dollar or two and your donation. We will have our Fund Raiser along with the Marble Game.

Please put December 14th at 7:00 on your calendar. Golden Triangle and East

OTHER CONTACTS

HUNT MASTER:

FRANK M

HAROLD R (ASST.)

REFRESHMENTS CHAIR:

TBD

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

MIKE S

WEBMASTER/WEBMISTRESS:

JANET C

FIND OF THE MONTH CHAIR:

VELMA S

LLEWELLYN D (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!**

NOTICE!

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

MEMBER ADVERTISEMENTS

Garret ACE 250
Never used, Still like New.
Larry V 972-816-5808
E-mail
wwaviation@aol.com

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 903-464-9962

Fork will celebrate Christmas Dinner together at East Forks meeting place. Keystone Church, 1575 Clay Mathis Road, Mesquite. Directions from SE Garland: Belt Line to Highway 80 surface road. Turn East to T C Lupton Road, turn right, T C Lupton Road becomes Clay Mathis Road. The church will be on the right. Golden Triangle and East Fork will each donate a meat, all members will bring a dish to share. We will have a sign up sheet at our November meeting.

Take care, be safe and please follow our metal detecting ethics. Enjoy our cooler weather. See you on November 10th.

From Our Treasurer

by Harold R

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to be treasurer this last year. I hope you enjoyed what I tried to do for the club. Please welcome our new treasurer, Terry R. I know he will do a great job. Due to the upcoming hunt this transition will take place between now and mid December.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for October 13, 2023 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland. Vice-President Mary P. called the meeting to order and explained she would be presiding as President Logan P. had submitted his resignation.

Frank M. is not doing well.

The President received unanimous consent to allow the guest speaker, Keith Burnam, to speak before conducting club business. Keith owns the Antique Gallery in Mesquite, Texas, where he also displays, buys, and sells old coins, fossils, and rocks. He presented an interesting talk about how he met Mr. Garrett where they attended church together. He passed around examples of fossils and rocks and told the history of some as well as presenting as gifts to members of some. The meeting then moved into recess so members could buy fundraiser tickets, vote in the FOM contest and enjoy wonderful snack items brought by members.

New Business

The meeting was called back to order and the presiding President asked the membership to accept the resignations of President Logan P. from both his office and his membership, and the resignation of Treasurer Harold R. from his office (but not from the club). The resignations were accepted without objection. Mike S. nominated Ed D. to be president. Since no other nominations were made Ed D. was elected by unanimous consent. Mike S. then nominated

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS DINNER

- JANUARY: 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.

Terry R. to be treasurer and, again, no other nominations were made; Terry R. was elected unanimously. Terry will work with Harold until December, and will then replace him. Harold pointed out he would also like to give up being Facebook Administrator. Mike pointed out we also need a Webmaster. The presiding President called for volunteers, and Janet C. volunteered to do both. It was accepted by unanimous consent.

The club's silent auction will be held during our November 10th meeting. Each member is requested to submit items, whether metal detector related or not and whether new or used, for the auction. Proceeds will go into the club treasury, but any unsold items will be removed by the donor. There WILL be a metal detector in the auction.

Our December 7th Christmas Dinner will be hosted by East Fork at the Keystone Church in Mesquite (we take turns hosting this event with East Fork). Each club will donate a meat enough for all and each attendee is requested to provide a vegetable/salad dish and/or dessert for all. In lieu of donations to Toys for Tots and a Food Pantry, East Fork is requesting \$5 or \$10 gift card from Walmart or Target. These are strictly voluntary.

And don't forget the December 9th GTES Invitational Seeded "Holiday Hunt" will be December 9th, at Samuel Farm Park. East Fork and Lone Star Clubs will be invited.

Harold R. made a motion to change the starting time of our meetings from 7:00 PM back to 7:30 PM as some members are rushed to make the earlier time. Vote was unanimous.

GTES will host the fun hunt on October 14th at 9:00 AM at Bradfield Park in Garland.

Since the September meeting Minutes were published in the newsletter and no one requested that they be read aloud, they were approved.

Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Door prize winners were Janet C, Harold R, Velma S, Terry R, Ed D, Arabella D, Mike S, Keith B, Cesar R.

In the Fund Raiser winners were: 1923 Peace dollar – Terry R; 1923 Peace dollar – Terry R; 1923 Peace dollar – Mike S; 1923 Peace dollar – Cesar R; 1921 Morgan dollar – Bill A; 1921 Morgan dollar – Leticia R; 1921 Morgan dollar – Larry V; 1921 Morgan dollar – Leticia R; 1944 standing Liberty half – Larry V; 1945 standing Liberty half – Leticia R.

Find of the Month winners were announced.

Mickey C won the Birthday/Anniversary nametag drawing AND the Name tag drawing!

Meeting adjourned.

**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.

Huntmaster's Report

by Harold R

The GTES Holiday hunt scheduled for 12/9 is shaping up nicely. Garrett gave me a great deal on a couple of detectors and a hunt package that will be given out as prizes. There will be tokens in the main hunt for them as well as others prizes you won't want to miss.

You can mail me your entry or bring it to me at the club meeting. I will also be at the Lone Star meeting. You can also give it to Mary at the East Fork meeting, and she will get it to me. The sooner I know how many are going to sign up the more prizes I can get. All the entry fees go into the hunt as coins on the ground or prizes. You won't be disappointed, and you sure don't want to miss Mary's secret hotdog recipe.

Thanks to all those that have already signed up.

Harold
Cell: 214-274-5984

Frank M. was having some medical issues so I filled in as Huntmaster at this month's Fun Hunt. We had a total of 6 hunters from both clubs. You guys are missing a great time and ought to attend. I set up a flagged hunt field and buried a silver quarter. Mary P donated \$10 in clad that was spread over the field. Thank you Mary. The way this works is each person pays \$2 to enter this hunt. Whoever finds the silver quarter gets half of the entry fee and the club gets the other half. The winner also keeps the silver quarter. Leticia R. found the silver quarter this month. I also buried a 40 percent Kennedy half in the park good for a token jar filled with goodies including a Silver Eagle! This month's cache was donated by Cody K. Maureen W. found the cache. I have included pictures of the hunt below.

Don't forget to sign up for the December 9th hunt. Please fill out the attached hunt form and bring it to the meeting with your entry fee. This hunt will have lots of tokens for prizes in the main hunt. We will have 2 detectors and lots of other prizes. You don't want to miss this hunt. As of this writing we only have 16 paid hunters so your chances of winning a prize are good. This is an open hunt so anyone can sign up. Yesterday I received an entry from a guy in Corpus Christi. How about that? Social media works. Let's grow this hunt and our club. Post about this hunt anywhere you can think of.

See you at the meeting.

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st	Steve C	1941 Jefferson Nickel
2 nd	Mickey C	1956 D Cent
3 rd		
JEWELRY		
1 st	Steve C	Silver K Ring
2 nd	Janet C	Thin Plain Ring
3 rd	Cesar R	Small Ring
RELICS		
1 st	Cesar R	Toy Car
2 nd	Janet C	Old Plumb-Bob
3 rd		
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st	Janet C	Pirate Ship
2 nd	Cesar R	Rubber Stamp
3 rd		
SECOND CHANCE		
1 st	Janet C	Fishing Weight
2 nd	Cesar R	Pocket Knife
3 rd		

PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MEMBER

October Find of the Month Winners



October Fun Hunt





Golden Triangle Explorers Society Club

Holiday Hunt

Everyone is welcome to join us!

Saturday, December 9, 2023, Rain or Shine

2 Great hunts!

One entry fee gets both hunts and lunch

ALL ENTRY FEES GO IN THE HUNTS

Saturday, December 9, 2023 Location: Samuell Farm Park

9:00-9:30

Registration

9:30-10:00

Dollar Hunt

10:15-11:00

Silver Dime Hunt (Tokens for prizes)

11:15

Lunch

11:30-12:00

Fundraiser Prizes Drawing - Silver Dollars

Huntmaster: Harold Rosee

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 November 30, 2023

Entry Fee (Both hunts and lunch included)\$90

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 December 9, 2023

Hunt Location: Samuell Farms

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
November 30, 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 –Mark your Calendars.

INTERESTING ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER



(SWNS)

Hoard of 600 Medieval Coins Found by Detectorists Declared Treasure—Valued at 150,000 Pounds

BY [SWNS](#) February 16, 2023

A “150,000-pound” hoard of over 600 medieval coins found by amateur metal detectorists has been declared a [treasure](#).

Seven men found the coins on the Culden Faw Estate in Buckinghamshire in April 2019—including 12 rare gold nobles from the reign of Edward III.

Their finds, nicknamed the “Hamblenden Hoard,” represent the biggest gold and silver collection found in the UK in around a decade.

The men—more used to digging up shotgun shells and thimbles than treasure—were astonished to find coin after coin from the buried ancient hoard.

Over four days they excavated 627 coins, including 12 ultra-rare, full gold nobles from the time of the Black Death.



The excavated dig site near Hambleden, Buckinghamshire, where the coins were unearthed. (SWNS)



The hoard site is marked in red, indicating a field near Hambleden, Buckinghamshire. (SWNS)

The hoard was unearthed by Andrew Winter, Dom Rapley, Eryk Wierucki, Jaroslaw Giedyna, Dariusz Fijalkowski, and brothers Tobiasz and Mateusz Nowak.

They even slept in a tent by the hole to stop thieves during the dig.

At an inquest last week at Beaconsfield Coroners Court, senior coroner Crispin Butler said the hoard met the criteria for treasure after reading a report by Dr. Barrie Cook, a curator at the British Museum.

Butler described the 12 gold nobles from 1346 to 1351 as extremely rare with only 12 known specimens found during a 1963 survey.

The rest of the hoard—547 silver pennies from the reigns of Edward I and II, 21 Irish pennies, 20 continental coins, and 27 Scottish pennies from the reign of Alexander III, John Balliol, and Robert the Bruce—are more commonly found.



Finders of the “Hambleton Hoard” Dariusz Fijalkowski , Mateusz Nowak, Andrew Winter, and Tobiasz Nowak. (SWNS)



(Left) One of 12 ultra-rare gold nobles found in the “Hambleton Hoard;” (Right) Several coins are seen embedded in the soil at the digsite near Hambleton. (SWNS)



Three ultra-rare gold nobles found at the site in Buckinghamshire. (SWNS)

It will now be left for the museum to negotiate a settlement with the finders and landowners, none of whom were present at the hearing.

Speaking at the time of the find, Mateusz Nowak, a hospital cleaner from Newcastle, said, “It felt unreal.

“After finding the hoard, and then clearing the area, we had to extend the search twice more because we were finding so much.

“It was a miracle moment after moment for everyone.”

The face value of the coins would be a little over 6 pounds in today’s money, but the estimates of their worth range as high as 150,000 pounds.



Five of the ultra-rare gold nobles. (SWNS)

Dariusz Fijalkowski, a dad-of-three and machine operator from Bristol, came across the hoard after he had been “delighted” with a thimble he’d found.

He then found two silver coins before teaming up with the other men.

“Special for me was two silver coins,” he said. “Before that—apart from the thimble—it had been shotgun shells.

“When I found the coins I was shouting so much because I was so excited.

“Maybe I should have stayed quiet but I was so happy. For me those coins alone were special. They are small pieces of silver and also a piece of history.

“But to see what we found in the end, I still can’t believe it.

“I came away to the rally for a rest because I have three young children. It’s safe to say it was not rest. I can still feel the pressure now. It’s incredible.”



(Left) Silver pennies from the reigns of Edward I and II found in the hoard. (Right) Coins seen amid the dig site where the hoard was found. (SWNS)



A number of silver pennies found within the hoard near Hambleden, Buckinghamshire. (SWNS)

The find was made at an organized rally which was held on a field near Hambleden, a village recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086.

Pals Andrew, Tobiasz, and Mateusz spent an hour digging in a field without finding anything and were on their way to another location when their detectors signaled.

Andrew, a forklift and crane driver from Blyth, said his machine was emitting a code that suggested they had detected a hammered silver coin—so he started digging.

The trio turned over a clod of earth which contained two coins and could see more in the hole.

It happened around the same time when then-stranger Dariusz found two silver coins.

Under the rules of detecting and treasure finding, anything over three coins is considered a “hoard”—meaning it has to be declared to authorities.

The area was cleared and claimed jointly by the team who were then left to work alone.



Gold and silver coins being packaged at the dig site near Hambleton, Buckinghamshire. (SWNS)



(Left) Dariusz

Fijalkowski, Mateusz Nowak, Andrew Winter, Tobiasz Nowak; (Right) Gold nobles and other coins packaged after being unearthed in Buckinghamshire. (SWNS)

They admit it got “absolutely hectic” when news of the find got around the festival.

Detectorists from all over the world who were at the festival came to take a look as the four drew out coin after coin.

On the first day, they found 276 silver coins and 9 gold nobles, and all admit they barely slept due to excitement.

Over three days, the team’s hoard grew to 545 silver coins, plus fragments, and 12 gold nobles.

Some of them had been doing the hobby for less than a year at the time.

Anni Byard, finds liaison officer for the area, was called to oversee the excavation, and the location of each coin was painstakingly plotted on a grid.

At the time, the men said it would later be independently evaluated before being sold, with the value split with the landowner.

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