



Treasured Times

Golden Triangle Explorers Society

In Quest of the Past

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Monthly Meetings

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

MEETINGS ARE ON THE 4TH
FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT
7:30 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE
NOTED.

Apr 25
May 23
Jun 27
Jul 25
Aug 22
Sep 26
Oct 24 (silent auction)
Nov 21 (chili cookoff)
Dec 11 (dinner w/EF)

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

From The President

by Bill A

Greetings fellow GTES members,

Loving this awesome spring weather. Hope you are all finding treasures. I know you will, but remember to keep hydrated and follow our metal detecting ethics.

Looking forward to our second combined club fun hunt. Cowtown Treasure Hunters from Fort Worth are going to join us. Golden Triangle will host the next one on June 8th at 2:00.

Not much news this month, stay safe, see you on Friday the 25th at 7:30. New World Church parlor.

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Bill

From The Vice President

by Dave T

Been busy of late (again these past few weeks)...attended several seeded hunts (there's a story to the Waco Hunt)...we can discuss those at the meeting. And, yet again, I kicked...well, you know. I have also been spending a lot of time staying with my mother, who is now in a Hospice type of situation. So...

and chairs. The pay is low but the rewards are many!

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

BILL A

VICE PRESIDENT:

DAVE T

Treasurer:

TERRY R

SECRETARY:

ANDRETTA L

OTHER CONTACTS

HUNT MASTER:

HAROLD R

REFRESHMENTS CHAIR:

OPEN

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

HERMAN D

WEBMASTER/WEBMISTRESS:

HAROLD R

FACEBOOK CONTACT:

JANET C

FIND OF THE MONTH

CHAIR:

JANET C

DEBBIE C (ASST.)

**SEE YOUR MEMBER
DIRECTORY FOR
TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

CLUB SUPPORT

Sell your *Silver Coins* to our club rather than to a stranger! Check our price before you sell!

Please save all *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.

Take care everyone, please be safe out there...the weather is, well, unpredictable. Mind your metal detecting manners and cover your holes!

Most importantly, stay out of my playgrounds!!!!
Super Dave

From The Treasurer

by Terry R

No info for the April fundraiser, however given the quality of the fundraiser raffles in the past, there will no doubt be a plethora of exquisite prizes. Never hurts to have a little mystery...kinda like treasure hunting...you just never know...Thanks to those that filled in for Terry while he was out of town!

Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for March 28, 2025 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland. President Bill A called the meeting to order. Mary P talked with Larry V today, and they are doing well.

Members with a March birthday/anniversary received 3 fund raiser tickets. Those who brought snacks received 3 fund raiser tickets. Our speaker Vice President Dave T reported on the first combined club's Fun hunts held earlier this month. Even though space was limited, a good time was had by all attending.

~ Break ~

New Business

Dues for 2025 are due - \$20 for single, \$25 for fam

Our new Hunt Master Harold R reported that with the rise in the cost of coins the club will need to begin purchasing for our Holiday Hunt.

Old Business

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.

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.

Garrett ACE 250 we wish to sell, Purchased New, Never Used, still in the box,
Make an Offer.
Larry Voyles, 972-816-5808 or, wwaviation@aoi.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAY 14-16 – TAMDC
TREASURE SHOW**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Space reserved for recipes submitted by members.

Our next combined club's Fun Hunt will be hosted by Lone Star on Sunday, June 8th, at 2:00. Location will be announced later. February minutes are published in the newsletter. Would anyone like them read aloud? Treasurer's report for March was accepted as stated and filed for audit.

Lee C won the **marble drawing** but did not get blue marble!

Door prize winners were Debbie C, Janet C, Chuck G, Cesar R, Frank M, Harold R.

In the **Fund Raiser winners** were: 1889 Morgan dollar - Cesar R; 1891 Morgan dollar - Frank M; 1900 Morgan dollar - Bill A; 1921 Morgan dollar - Mary P; 1921-D Morgan Dollar - Harold R; 1922 Peace dollar - Chuck G; 2022 3/4 oz Canada Silver round - Sherry D; Barber half dollar, quarter, dime - Julie R; 40% silver Special Mint Set Kennedy halves and proof - Frank M; 1 oz Silver round - Harold R.

Find of the Month winners were announced.

Janet C won the **Name tag drawing**.

Thank you to all who brought snacks to share.

Meeting adjourned.

HUNTMASTER'S REPORT

At a previous meeting, a motion was proposed to combine the Fun Hunts for EFTHA, GTES, and LONESTAR. The combined Huntmasters met in February and it was agreed to combine the hunts with each club rotating hosting responsibilities for the events. The following dates and hosts were established:

June 8 (Sunday), hosted by Lone Star Treasure Hunters Club

September 14 (Sunday), hosted by Golden Triangle Explorers Society Metal Detecting Club

December 14 (Sunday), hosted by East Fork Treasure Hunters Association
The finalized hunt location and details will be provide as we get closer to the event day.

We had our first Hunt March 9th and it had good support and was a lotta fun.

Annual Holiday Hunt - TBA

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We really need folks to volunteer and assist where/when possible. Even if it's for only one event. Who knows, you might really like it! If you are interested, please speak to one of the officers!

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

From March 2025

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
JEWELRY		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
RELICS		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
SECOND CHANCE		
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		

PHOTOS

None this time

ARTICLE(S) SUBMITTED BY MEMBER(S)

Hermanator

Have You Heard?

Caught part of a discussion on the radio a few weeks back (**this was in 2016, but probably still relevant today, you know the wheels of justice...**) and they were discussing **Texas state laws**, but what really garnered my attention was some of the laws that are still on the books...

- 1) You can't sell an eye.
- 2) You can't milk another man's cow.
- 3) You can't own a full set of the Encyclopedia Britannica...it contains the formula and method for brewing beer.

Kind of reminds me of **Louisiana**...you can't spit on the sidewalk and your carriage must have lighted candles when driving at night.

But hold on, we are surrounded by **other Geniuses**...a few examples...I could go on for days...nuff said...

- A) Alabama - you can't drive blindfolded
- B) Arizona - it's illegal for a donkey to sleep in a bathtub
- C) Colorado - it's illegal to keep a couch on your porch
- D) Connecticut - a pickle must be able to bounce
- E) Delaware - you can't sell dog hair
- F) Florida - legal parking fees for animals must be paid
- G) Hawaii - it's illegal to place a coin in one's ear
- H) Kentucky - a woman cannot marry more than 3 times
- I) Louisiana - it's illegal to send a surprise pizza
- J) Mississippi - nutrition labels cannot be enforced
- K) Montana - it's illegal to give a rat as a present
- L) New Mexico - "Idiots" are banned from voting
- M) New York - slippers are banned after 10 PM
- N) North Carolina - drunk BINGO is not OK
- O) Oklahoma - horse tipping is outlawed
- P) Oregon - it's illegal to go hunting in a cemetery
- Q) South Dakota - you can't sleep in a cheese factory
- R) Vermont - it's illegal for women to wear fake teeth without their husband's approval
- S) Washington - it's illegal to attach a vending machine to a telephone pole
- T) Wyoming - buildings that cost \$100,000, must display pricey art

~ ~ Lagniappe, Cher ~ ~

From the Archives (also from 2016)

Was cleaning out my files and reorganizing my folders over the Holidays and ran across some interesting stuff. First off, although most of you are VERY experienced Treasure Hunters, sometimes it's good to review what others think are **important tips**...we settle into our routines and may forget or need to be reminded of some things when we "shift gears" and try our hands at other segments of metal detecting. Anyway, I needed some filler so, if you know it all, blow this off...if not, see if there's anything here that you may have forgot...

25 Best Kept Secrets to Finding Treasure

(courtesy of White's Electronics, Inc.)

- 1) The best place to start? Your backyard.
- 2) Targets often move in the ground.
- 3) One man's trash is another's treasure.
- 4) Join a Treasure Hunting Club.
- 5) The sidewalk strip is a treasure trove.
- 6) Winter storms mean renewed beach hunting.
- 7) Use your local library for a glimpse of the past.
- 8) Moist ground means extra detection depth.
- 9) Carry a small container with cotton to protect fragile treasures.
- 10) Fact: there's more money lost than in circulation today.
- 11) Myth: all the good spots are all hunted out.
- 12) The beach is replenished every single day.
- 13) Old maps are a great tool.
- 14) Always re-check the hole after recovering a target.
- 15) Learn your metal detector.
- 16) Put a small ad in the local Penny Saver paper (offering to look for lost items).
- 17) Hunting with a buddy is more than just fun.
- 18) Keep a log of your finds.
- 19) Iron doesn't mean junk.
- 20) Construction means new hunting opportunities.
- 21) Use the Internet as a research tool.
- 22) Smaller search coils are handy for junky areas.
- 23) Farmer's fields are exceptional opportunities.
- 24) Find a cache of coins (refers to people often burying their money).
- 25) Local dealers are local experts.

Oooops, almost forgot. Some info that might help identify tokens, baggage tags and otherwise Railroad related items. It's a list of **Railroad names**, their **initials** and **what Texans really called that railroad...**

Railroad Name	Initials	Texan Nickname
Angelina & Neches River	A & NR	Ain't Nothing Right
Bartlett & Florence	BF	Bull Frog
Bartlett & Wester	BW	Better Walk or The Gospel Road
Dallas Wichita	DW	Descend and Walk
East Line & Red River	EL & RR	Ever Late & Rarely Runs or Everlasting Rail Road
Ft. Worth & Denver City	FW & DC	Flat Wheels & Dirty Coaches
Fredericksburg & Northern	F & N	Fredericksburg & Great Northern
Galveston, Houston & Henderson	GH & H	Go Home Hungry

Gulf, Texas & Western	GT & W	Getta Ticket & Walk
Houston, East & West Texas	HE & WT	H*** Either Way Taken or The Rabbit
International & Great Northern	I & GN	Independent & Got Nothing
Lufkin, Hemphill & Gulf	LH & G	Left Hemphill & Gone
Marshall & East Texas	M & ET	Misery & Eternal Torment
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	MKT	Katy
Missouri Pacific	MP	Mule Power/The Mop/Gennie
Moscow, Camden & San Augustine	MC & SA	Mr. Carter & Sid Adams
Nacogdoches & Southeastern	N & SE	Never Say Early
Paris & Mt. Pleasant	P & MP	The Pa & Ma
Pecos Valley Southern	PVS	Pulled Very Slowly
Roscoe Snyder & Pacific	RS & P	Red Sow & Pigs
Quanah, Acme & Pacific	QA & P	Quit Achin' & Push
San Antonio & Aransas Pass	SA & AP	The Sap
San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf	SAU & G	The Sausage Line
Shreveport, Houston & Gulf	SH & G	Shove Hard & Grunt
Texas Central	TC	Tin Can RR or Peanut Line
Texas & Pacific	T & P	Time & Patience
Trinity & Brazos Valley	T & BV	Turnip & Bean Vine or Try & Be Virtuous
Texas South-Eastern	TSE	Take It Slow & Easy
Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine	WBT & S	Wobblety, Bobbelty, Turnover & Stop
Weatherford, Mineral Wells & Northwest	WMW & NW	Whiskey, More Whiskey
	& No Water	
Wichita Falls, Ranger & Ft. Worth	WFR & FW	Jake Hamon Line

**And so, in the immortal words of Sgt. Phil Esterhaus on Hill Street Blues:
"Let's be careful out there."**