



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

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

Mar 28, 2025 7:30 PM
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 and chairs.
The pay is low but the rewards are
many!

From The President

by Bill A

Greetings, welcome to Spring!!

Our first combined club fun hunt is under our belt. It was a great time. There were 22 hunters. We are sorry if you had to miss it. Please try to make the next one. Put Sunday, June 8th on your calendar. Lone star will host this one.

Take care, be safe out there and remember our metal detecting ethics.

See you Friday the 28th, 7:30. New World Church Parlor.

Bill



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

HAROLD R

FACEBOOK CONTACT:

JANET C

FIND OF THE MONTH CHAIR:

JANET C

DEBBIE C (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!**

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

For those that don't know, we lost our dear friend Jack Lowry. May he rest in peace! Andretta, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

From The Vice President

by Dave T

Been busy of late...attended several seeded hunts...we can discuss those at the meeting. It/they were fun and I kicked...well, you know. I have also been spending a lot of time staying with my mother as she is not doing well.

Really want to thank the Hermanator for his presentation. He's a character, isn't he?

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 March 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...

Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for February 28, 2025 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland. President Bill A called the meeting to order. There were no visitors. Jack L passed away on February 19. Bob and Velma S are doing well. Members with a February birthday/anniversary received 3 fund raiser tickets. Those who brought snacks received 3 fund raiser tickets.

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@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY 14-16 – TAMDC TREASURE SHOW

MEMBER NOTICE:

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.

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.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Space reserved for recipes submitted by members.

Vice President Dave T introduced our speaker, Herman D who presented a fascinating program on "Getting to Know You". While growing up in New Orleans, he worked on the floats for the Mardi Gras parades. After graduating from West Point, he served in the U.S. Army. Herman told many stories and showed pictures and interesting souvenirs. He got into metal detecting with the Lone Star Club. GTES is glad to have him as one of our members!

Break

New Business

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

Thanks to Mike S for being the newsletter editor for many years, and we welcome Herman D as the new editor.

The combined clubs' Fun Hunts are under way. East Fork will host the first one, which will take place on Sunday, March 9th at 2:00.

Location will be announced later.

Old Business

Harold R has volunteered to be our webmaster. He will also be our Fun Hunt Master, including the Hunt Master for our annual Holiday Hunt.

January minutes are published in the newsletter. Would anyone like them read aloud?

Treasurer's report for February was accepted as stated and filed for audit.

Mary P won the marble drawing but did not get blue marble!

Door prize winners were Dave T, Herman D, Kristie H, Debbie C, Sherry D, Mary P, Mike S.

In the Fund Raiser winners were: 1890-O Morgan dollar - Dave T; 1921 Morgan dollar - Chuck G; 1921 Morgan dollar - Kristie H; 1921-D Morgan dollar - Velma S; 1922 Peace dollar - Mike S; 2022 3/4 oz Canada Silver round - Steve T; Barber quarter and Barber half dollar - Terry R; World War II set (cent, dime, quarter, half dollar) - Steve T; 1965-1968 40% silver Kennedy half set - Bill A; 1996 1 oz Silver Eagle - Janet C.

Find of the Month winners were announced.

Velma S 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:

March 9 (Sunday), hosted by East Fork Treasure Hunters Association.

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.

A few words about the East Fork sponsored Fun Hunt held on March 9th. First of all, great job by the East Fork club. Thank you for stepping up and “working” the first club-combined hunt for 2025. From the pictures, it appears that about 20 or so folks participated. A few silver targets (from previous hunts) were recovered during the open portion of the hunt. Sweet, for those lucky enough to have found them! Just goes to show that the fields are really never hunted out. We can talk more about this at the meeting.



Annual Holiday Hunt - TBA

FINDS OF THE MONTH CONTEST

From February 2025

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st	Dave T	1926 Merc
2 nd	Harold R	1950 Quarter
3 rd	Janet C	2008 2 Euro
JEWELRY		
1 st	Harold R	1940 Class Ring
2 nd	Janet C	James Avery Charm Bracelet
3 rd	Dave T	2008 Class Ring
RELICS		
1 st	Harold R	Ranger Badge
2 nd	Janet C	Old Trigger
3 rd		
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st	Harold R	Gun
2 nd	Janet C	Cremation Tag
3 rd	Herman D	Family Pendant
SECOND CHANCE		
1 st	Harold R	Dallas Police
2 nd	Dave T	Silver Bracelet
3 rd	Janet C	Sparkly Necklace

Like last month, I tried to include pictures of the FOM boards, but they are large files and so I'm going to leave well enough alone.

PHOTOS

Herman D, "Getting to Know You"



Sorry about my appearance, was out "dirt fishing" with Super Dave prior to the meeting. I usually wear those bright colors (orange, yellow) with the philosophy that the "curious" will think I'm supposed to be there looking for a gas leak or property marker...sometimes it makes the "what are you doing, are you supposed to be here?" questions a little less aggressive and explanations more friendly...works, sometimes! (in case you were wondering, that's a picture of the East German border, back when it was a thing)

ARTICLE(S) SUBMITTED BY MEMBER(S)

Hermanator

~ This and That... ~

From the Archives: Courtesy Cowtown Newsletter (Feb 1986)

The following letter has absolutely nothing to do with Treasure Hunting, but it needed to be relayed to others. Someone needs help and, as always, who better than Dear Abby? I quote...sort of...

Dear Abby;

I have two brothers, one brother attended Texas A&M and the other was deemed a menace to society and sentenced 20 to life for cow tipping, smashing mailboxes with baseball bats while in a car, robbing recycle bins and spitting on farm animals. My mom ran away when I was three years old to pursue her dream of being a mountain man. My father sells narcotics to drone pilots and my sister is a lobbyist in Washington, DC. The jury is still deliberating on my cousins who were arrested for operating an unlicensed tattoo parlor & body piercing salon in their pre-school truck driving academy.

Recently, I met a girl who was just released from prison where she served time for operating an illegal still in a privy, cat juggling and writing bogus fishing permits. And I want to marry her.

My problem is this: If I marry this girl, should I tell her about my brother who is an aggie?

Signed,
Worried *

* **Editor's Note:** Don't get all excited or in a huff, my best friend from High School, two cousins, an uncle, best friend from the Army's wife...are all Ag's and they don't feel offended. Funny though, wasn't it?

Tid Bit: "He who hesitates is lost." "Haste makes waste." Now what do we do? (Newsletter - Nov '87)

From the Archives: actually, this is more like a "Believe It or Not".

Some of us have been taking risks when we go hunt...going by ourselves (*never a good idea*), not drinking enough fluids (*that means water not Beer*), not adequately thinking through or planning out our soirees into the unknown (*forgetting batteries, toilet paper, a hat, bug spray, toilet paper, sun screen, cell phone, toilet paper, you know*).

So, I'm going to relate a true story of an accident that actually happened, was completely avoidable and all because Frank, a bricklayer, wasn't thinking clearly...from a Newsletter of the Australian equivalent of the Worker's Compensation Board...here you go...

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to your request for additional information in Block 3 of the Accident Report Form. I put "poor planning" (*see the tie in?*) as the cause of the accident. You asked for a fuller explanation and trust the following details will be sufficient.

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof (*uh oh, red flag*) of a new 6 story building. When I completed my work, I found that I had some bricks left over which, when weighed later were found to be slightly in excess of 500 lbs. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley, which was attached to the side of the building on the 6th floor. Securing the rope at ground level, I went up to the roof, swung the barrel out and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went down and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the bricks.

You will note in Block 11 of the Accident Report Form that I weigh 175 lbs.

Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the building. In the vicinity of the 3rd floor, I met the barrel which was now proceeding downward at an equally, impressive speed. This explained the fractured skull, minor abrasions and the broken collar bone, as listed in Section 3 of the Accident Report Form.

Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were 2 knuckles deep into the pulley. Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope, in spite of beginning to experience a great deal of pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Now devoid of the weight of the bricks, that barrel weighed approximately 50 lbs.

I refer you again to my weight. As you can imagine, I began a rapid descent, down the side of the building. In the vicinity of the 3rd floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the 2 fractured ankles, broken tooth and several lacerations on my legs and lower body. Here my luck began to change slightly. The encounter with the barrel seemed to slow me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of bricks and fortunately only 3 vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, as I lay there on the pile of bricks, in pain, unable to move, I again lost my composure and presence of mind and let go of the rope and I lay there watching the empty barrel begin its journey back down onto me. This explains the 2 broken legs. I hope this answers your inquiry. (you just can't think this stuff up)

Frank

[Had this guy died, he would certainly have been a candidate for that year's Darwin Award. But at least he can write a coherent sentence. Must be pretty good schools in Australia.]

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