



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.

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

Are you staying cool and hydrated? Greetings fellow Golden Triangle Members!!

We really enjoyed our Fourth of July celebration!!

Something different s going to happen at our July25th meeting. Please bring a metal detector and a hand digging tool just in case you hear a target in the ground. We are going to have a target ID and pinpointing session. It will be fun. There will be different targets attached to pieces of cardboard and laid on the ground.

See you on Friday the 25th, 7:30, New World parlor. Stay safe.

We really appreciate those of you who bring snacks to share.

Again, be safe out there, please follow our metal detecting ethics.

Bill

From The Vice President

by Dave T

It's HOT...need I say more? Oh, but I must... This time last month we were cautioning everyone about the rain and would it ever stop. Then came the flooding in Kerrville.

CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

BILL A

VICE PRESIDENT:

DAVE T

Treasurer:

TERRY R

SECRETARY:

ANDRETTA L

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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.

Have you done all you can to recruit new members? Invite inactive former members to become active again?

(Moment of silence for those that were or knew someone affected by the flooding.)

And now we are subject to the full force of summer (heat, sun, cloudless days, no rain, bugs, critters, heat rash, dehydration). The question now is, will it ever rain again? Well, most of us have been here before and we persevered. Be smart about this: rest, stay hydrated, use the shade to your advantage, take breaks often and for as long as you need...and let's get back to metal detecting

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

From The Treasurer

by Terry R

Here are the details on the July Fundraiser. All silver! Maybe it's not the Comstock Lode but it may be that some of the Silver Dollars were minted with some of that silver!

We have the following:

¾ ounce silver Canada 2 Dollar proof coin

½ ounce silver round and Walking Liberty half dollar

1996 1 ounce Silver Eagle

4 different 90% silver proof state quarters

A graded Franklin half and a Walking Liberty half

1926-S Peace Dollar

1921 Morgan Dollar

1900-O Morgan Dollar

1887 Morgan Dollar

1880 Morgan Dollar

Minutes of the Last Meeting

by Andretta L

Minutes for June 27, 2025 Meeting

Meeting was held at New World United Methodist Church, Garland in the gym for our annual July 4th hot dog dinner. Meeting was called to order. June birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Two guests, Robby T and Sue R, were introduced, and both became members.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP 14 – 4 CLUB FUN HUNT

**SEP 21 – MOKAN SEARCH
& RECOVERY ANNUAL
OPEN HUNT**

**OCT 18 – LONE STAR 50TH
ANNUAL OPEN HUNT
(LIMITED TO 80 ENTRIES)**

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Space reserved for recipes submitted by members.

New Business

Herman D has agreed to be our Member At Large.

Old Business

Since the May minutes were published in the newsletter and no one requested that they be read aloud, they were approved.

June Treasurer's report was presented and accepted as read and will be filed for audit.

Door prize winners were Cesar R, Harold R, Mary P, Herman D, Janet C, Bill A.

Mary P won the marble drawing AND drew the blue marble!

In the Fund Raiser winners were: 3/4 oz silver Canada \$2 proof set - Janet C; 1992 Olympic silver dollar and clad half proof set - Sue R; 1/2 oz and 1/4 oz silver round set - Bill A; 2002 1 oz silver Eagle - Cesar R; 1922 Peace dollar - Mary P; 1921-D Morgan dollar - Mary P; Barber half, quarter, dime - Karen R; 1900-O Morgan dollar - Mark C; 1890-O Morgan dollar - Joe C; 1885-O Morgan dollar - Sherry D.

Find of the Month winners were announced.

Kristie H won the Name tag drawing.

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:

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 provided as we get closer to the event day.

Annual Holiday Hunt - TBA

Our annual hunt will be in December 2025 either 1 week before or 1 week after the Bonham annual Christmas hunt. This coincides with the cities Christmas parade. As of today they have not yet set a date for their parade. As soon as they set that date, we will announce our day. But the good news is we will have an annual hunt.

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 June 2025

Place	Winner	Item
COINS		
1 st	Joe C	1916 Barber dime
2 nd	Harold R	1958 half \$
3 rd	Herman D	1899 Indian Head Penny
JEWELRY		
1 st	Joe C	Sterling art nouveau cuff link
2 nd	Harold R	Sterling ring
3 rd	Herman D	Fire house #9 badge
RELICS		
1 st	Sue R	1914 Sherman Dog Tax Tag
2 nd	Joe C	Dallas Railway Co button cover
3 rd	Herman D	Woodsman of the World token
MOST UNUSUAL		
1 st	Dave T	Brass horny Toad
2 nd	Herman D	Key to "your" heart
3 rd	Harold R	Token
SECOND CHANCE		
1 st	Herman D	Junior Police badge
2 nd	Sherry	Champion Ring
3 rd	Janet C	Brass medallion

PHOTOS

ARTICLE(S) SUBMITTED BY MEMBER(S)

Have You Heard?

Velma's pie at the hot dog extravaganza for the June meeting was a sensation. She quite graciously decided to share that recipe with us (editor's note: didn't quite fit in the border area of the newsletter set aside for recipes, so here it is in all it's glory...let's put on the feed bag!

Peanut Butter Pie

- 1 - 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 1/4 cup of powder sugar, softened
- 1 16 oz. carton whipped topping
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 2 9" graham cracker crust

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Mix cheese & peanut butter in a large bowl at medium speed until light & fluffy. Gradually add powder sugar & whipped topping - continue beating until smooth. Spoon into crusts. Put in refrigerator or freezer for at least 8 hours or overnight.

Thought you should know...

Quotable Quotes

"Heaven will be no heaven to me if I do not meet my wife there." - Andrew Jackson

"Drawing on my fine command of the English language, I said nothing." - Robert Benchley

"Now I can wear heels." - Nicole Kidman after her divorce from Tom Cruise

"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing." - Socrates

"When the well's dry, we know the worth of the water." - Benjamin Franklin

"Every man has a right to a Saturday night bath." - Lyndon B. Johnson (wait, what ??)

"The best way to keep one's word is to not give it." - Napoleon Bonaparte

"Start every day off with a smile and get it over with." - W. C. Fields

"In the immortal words of Gene Autry: No." - Burt Reynolds in WW and the Dixie Dance Kings

And Finally...

"Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please". - Mark Twain

"Each shall find what he desires; no one thing pleases all; one gathers thorns, another roses."

Attributed to Petronius or Prudentius. Motto of *Nature in Cambridgeshire*.

A favorite of that Literary Genius & Scribe - Hermanicus

~ ~ **Lagniappe, Cher** ~ ~

So, you think you know...

(aka, good Bar Trivia for winning bets)

Found this on the internet, so it has to be right...right? Some alternate codes/symbols/indices for gold:

10K: 416 / 417

14K: 583 / 585

18K: 750

Life Lessons...well, sort of

OK, so came across this the other day, looking for some things to include in July's newsletter. This set of "guidelines" was put out by one of the V-22 Osprey Program managers (McClaren) while I was at Bell Helicopter.

If I remember correctly, he was a former Marine, but was for sure very well grounded in common sense and rational solutions to problems. There were 15 corollaries, but one was Bell specific so I took it out.

Yeah, maybe it's over the top, but some of these are very good Life Lessons!

~ McCLAREN'S WORK RULES ~

1. **Be brutally honest at all times**. It is impossible to fix a problem if I don't know what the real problem is (it also wastes time and resources). So don't tell me what you think I want to hear, tell me what I need to hear. Corollary: I will mistrust anyone who always agrees with me.
2. **Never ignore a problem** (either fix it yourself, or forward the problem to the person who can, and then make certain he or she acts)
3. **Break the problem down to its most basic elements** (relentless root cause analysis). If you can't describe the problem in one sentence, you probably have not gotten to ground truth.

4. **Never forget the 2nd and 3rd order effects.** If your solution creates more problems than it fixes, is it really a solution.
5. **If you don't know the answer, say so.** If your answer starts with I believe, or I think, or we've been talking about this, orthen you don't really know the answer, which gets back to a long explanation that ultimately ends in we'll get back to you with the real answer. Save the time and energy and just say, "We'll get back with an answer by..."
6. **It's all about communication.** If your target audience can't understand your message, then we are back to wasting time and resources, or worse, jumping to the wrong conclusion. Make the complex simple!
7. **No non-concurrence through silence** (If you don't agree, it is your duty to state your position.)
8. **You owe me your best judgment,** but base your judgment on data, metrics and facts, not intuition, hearsay, or superstition.
9. **Not everything can be the number one priority** (and if you are saddled with multiple number one priorities, speak up)
10. **Not everything needs to be perfect** (except the aircraft) (A good proposal, brief, presentation delivered on time is far better than a perfect one delivered late)
11. **Never put off till tomorrow something you can get someone else to do today** (We have very talented team members, let them do their jobs)
12. **"We've always done it that way" is not an acceptable answer to a "why..." question**
13. **Bad news does not age well**
14. **Keep things in perspective** (The worst thing today is probably not half as bad as something six weeks ago that you had already forgotten about)

From the Archives

A right, proper Code of Ethics
[from 2016, but still applicable, so we'll keep it!]

Law Abiding:

I WILL observe all laws whether National, State or Local.

I WILL aid Law Enforcement Officials whenever possible.

I WILL respect the rights and property of others.

I WILL NOT detect without the landowner's permission.

I WILL NOT tamper with landowner signs, structural facilities or equipment.

Historical Preservation:

I WILL leave land and vegetation as it was.

I WILL NOT destroy, damage or deface public or private property, historical or archaeological buildings or what is left of ghost towns or deserted structures.

Stewardship:

I WILL leave gates and enclosures as found.

I WILL always conduct myself in a manner that is courteous with consideration for others. (All metal detectorists *may be judged* by the example I set.)

I WILL remove and properly dispose of all trash and litter that I uncover or find.

I WILL always cover my holes.

Lost Something – we can help.

From the Foot Locker

Here's an article, courtesy of Mike Koenig (former member of GTES, Lone Star and Cow Town), about asking permission.

What Not to Do When Asking Permission to Detect

Getting Started Detecting / Obtaining Permission 8 Oct 2014 Rob Williams

Recently, while perusing the detecting forums I came across a permission thread that piqued my interest. What caught my eye was this: "The receptionist at the city hall office asked what metal detecting was and I explained to her that it is *finding valuable coins* in the ground and then you have to retrieve them. She asked how I retrieve them and I was honest and told her *you have to dig a hole* and remove them. She kinda got a little mad and said detecting is definitely not allowed!"

That got me thinking! There are several mistakes in that post that will make sure you get a NO every time you ask permission, and he got just that! The purpose of this article is not to draw negative attention to the original poster, but rather to bring awareness to the "Do's and Don'ts" of asking permission.

"Valuable"

The first obvious mistake was telling someone that has no idea what metal detecting is that "it's finding *valuable* coins." By stating that you find valuable coins, some property owners will be left with the impression that their yard is filled with valuables that you are going to get and they are not, so they immediately say No! Even though the truth is that we "may" find a coin from time to time that is worth more than face value, but more often than not that isn't the case. The property owners don't know that though!

A better reply might be something like, "I enjoy metal detecting and looking for things like buttons, relics and hopefully coins from time to time. I mostly just do it for the exercise and really enjoy the hobby." By replying that way, the finds are somewhat minimized. The property owner is left with the impression that most of what you will find is random junk and relics, and that you detect more as a hobby than as a means to get rich from finds in their yard.

"Dig"

Mentioning that you "dig" holes is another way to get a no when asking permission. By using the word 'dig' the property owner visualizes you digging all over the yard with a shovel. A better choice of words might be that "I 'retrieve' the target from a small plug". Which brings us to the next word you may want to avoid when asking permission.

"Hole"

"I told her you have to dig a "hole" and remove the items."

Whoa! Mentioning "holes" can give the property owner the impression that you're going to dig up the whole yard and leave 'holes' all over the place! No one wants holes all over their yard, so naturally a property owner is going to tell you No!

A better choice of words in this instance may be, "I 'cut' a small 'plug' and retrieve the target and then flip the plug back down in place." By exchanging the word Hole for Plug you are easing the property owners mind. Plug doesn't sound nearly as destructive as the word hole. When you say that you flip the plug back into place it lets the property owner know that you will fill all of your 'holes' when you're finished. Both words mean the same thing, but one word leaves a better impression than the other!

In the original response to the clerk it might have been better so say "I search for 'metal items' and 'retrieve' them from a small plug. I throw away all of the sharp objects and rusty metal that could cut people's feet or hands."

Notice that I didn't mention "valuable items," didn't mention digging, and never mentioned a hole. I did mention removing sharp objects showing that I provide a service.

Likewise, when seeking permission to detect at a public area, I ask one simple question: Are there any laws or ordinances against metal detecting in such n such city / county parks? That is a yes or no answer, if it is a yes, I ask to be directed to said law or ordinances.

In other words, show me where it says that I cannot detect in writing. Not "I don't think so."

While we are on the subject there are few other 'Don'ts' that we should go over:

Don't carry your detector and digger up to the door. Leave your gear in the car when knocking on a property owners' door. You haven't secured permission yet, so there is no need to carry your detector to the door. When you get permission to detect there you can always go back to your car and grab your gear.

Don't wear a shirt with vulgar or offensive texts. This should be self-explanatory, but if your attire displays an "I don't care" attitude then you can bet the property owner isn't going to want you on his property. Like it or not, as humans, first impressions mean everything and you never get a second chance to make a first impression. Don't waste your one chance before you even get it!

Don't bring a cigarette to the door with you. What you do with your body is your business, however, if you show up and knock on a person's door with a cigarette hanging out of your mouth property owners may look at you as a liability. As a property owner, I wouldn't want you catching my yard or house on fire, so I may tell you no just to avoid the issue. You always want to give a good first impression to increase your chances of getting a "Yes".

Don't stand close to the door, take a step back. Allow some space when door knocking in an effort to appear non-confrontational. Allowing a little bit of space between you and the property owner will put them at ease. It's also good for you in case you encounter a disgruntled property owner or an over-zealous dog. Take a step back and give them some space and you will come across as respectful.

DO compliment their house, car, yard or cat...anything to appear friendly and social will increase your chances of getting a yes.

Final Thoughts

When asking for permission to detect someone's property you are asking a lot of them. They don't know you or what type of person you are and most people don't even know what metal detecting is.

By using a few select words you can increase your chances of obtaining permission to detect that awesome property.

By using the wrong words, you can pretty much be assured that the answer will be "No" more often than not. Perception is everything in our world, so practice how you want to be perceived and you will increase your chances of getting more "Yes's" in the future.

Wish you the best with your future permissions! Remember, we are all ambassadors of the hobby. We each have a unique opportunity to represent metal detectorists everywhere in a positive light.

Practice the technique of exchanging specific words when asking permission and you will have more places to detect than you can ever get to!

Thanks Mike, appreciate the article and the chance to share with others.

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