

GTE'S Annual Seeded Hunt

Special Edition

If you didn't attend, you missed a great opportunity to mingle and support your club. No one went home unhappy, a little sore and tired but not unhappy.

Ed Burnett, Susan Phillips, & Larry Cooley made sure that we had prizes running out the ears. 3 detectors, pen pointers, headphones, digging tools, bags, shirts, hats, your name it and they had it. Even some jewelry donated by Codey Klee was buried. Some caches were hidden too. Old stuff from previous hunts and lost stuff from many years ago were also found.

No one knew what to expect from the weather, but it was very nice. A little breezy and a normal Texas 2" rain storm (2 inches between drops) fell just as we were getting ready to do the prizes. No one cared, we just wanted our numbered token to be called. Everyone had an equal chance at the colored coins and coins with numbers on them. The prizes went to the numbered tokens and the painted coins were worth silver dimes and quarters.

Hot dogs were served and everyone brought side dishes to round out the meal. We had 2 pots of chili and loads of sweet stuff. We had some off time to stop and chat with each other and compare what we had found. Afterwards, everyone that could, stayed to help clean-up and put things back where they belonged (this is always a big help to the organizers and planners). Then, some just sat and visited in the shade and others went back to hunting for the coins that were left in the ground.

We had members, visitors, and family guest in attendance. Some of our new members said this had been their first seeded hunt. I asked them to send me a statement about what they thought of the affair and as of this writing, I've not heard from any of them, but am sure that the smiles and giggles we heard is a true sign that they had a great time. Some of the guest had not even held a detector before but there were plenty of members there to help give advice on what to look and listen for. There were 35 hunters and about 5 extra who came to visit and help. 40 is the largest number of people at this affair since I joined 5 years ago so we are being recognized for what we are doing in the community.

I'll shut up and add the photos that we took at the hunt. Wish everyone could have joined in the fun. Start planning for next year. Many thanks to Shirley and Larry whose property we were able to use for the hunt. Their shade trees on the east side of the property have grown tall enough to provide us with lots of shade. Larry V. told us he has gotten to know one of his neighbors down from him and he is willing to let us go down and hunt on that property a little later on. Larry will work to get this set up for the club.

And now, see if you can recognize anyone in their hunting clothes. Oh, you may not recognize Betty Moore, she's the only hunter to don a poncho for the rain storm. Joe R. made fun of her and told her to take it off so the rain would stop. It didn't start until she put it on, but did stop on its on (Joe's always trying to pull someone's leg).



Our gracious host and hostess: Larry and Shirley Voyles



Frank Martinez Ace 300



Lee Caldwell Ace 400



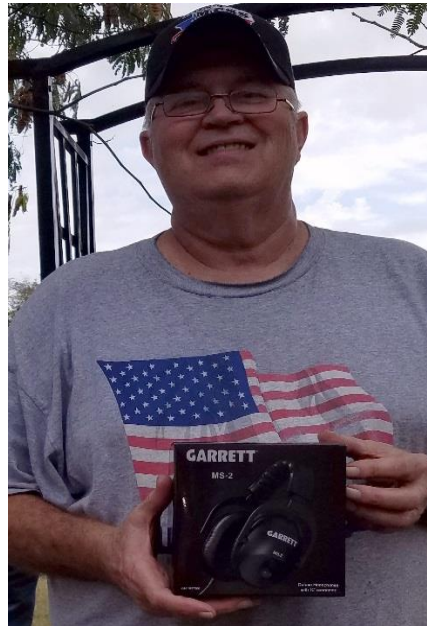
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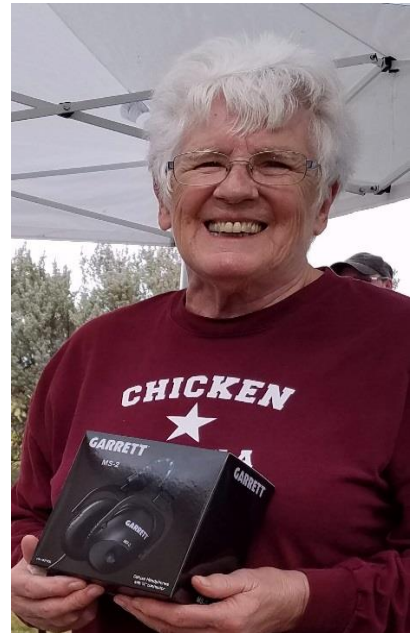
Betty Moore XP Pointer



Codey Klee Silver Dollar



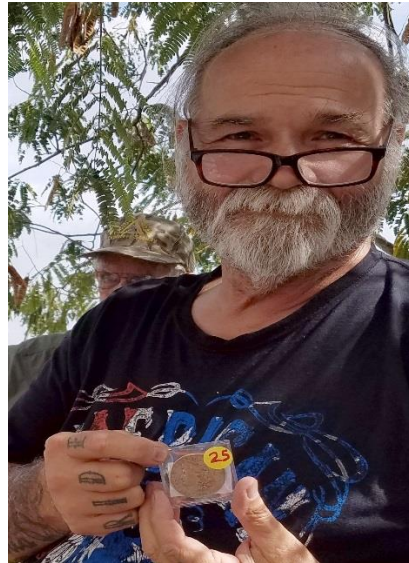
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Mary Penson Headphones



Celina Abbott Silver Dollar



Ed Burnett Silver Dollar



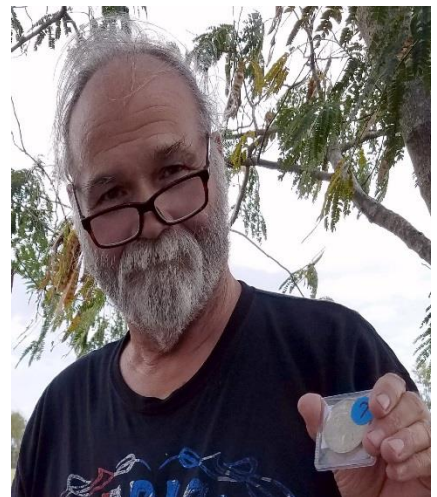
Scott Givens Silver Dollar



Frank Lawson Silver Dollar



Craig Zimmerman Silver Dollar



Ed Burnett 2nd Silver Dollar



Frank Martinez Headphones



Josalyn Abbott Headphones/Bag



Frank Martinez 2016 Cache



Dee Reynolds Silver & Gold Rings Frank M. Still Looking Rheia D. Fundraiser win



Getting ready for a shotgun start.



Susan Phillips and Larry Cooley manning the prize tent. Finding out what all the prizes are before the hunt.



John Wright finds a soldier's dog tag while out hunting in the seeded hunt.

Can't wait to find out what it says and if he can find the owner.

Thanks Guys, for putting on such a great hunt!