

Important Message from President and Officers of ETTHA

ETTHA Members and Visitors:

After an emergency meeting of the Officers and Board Members of the East Texas Treasure Hunters Association on Thursday, March 26, 2020, we have decided the following:

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, Governor Abbott's restriction that all gatherings consist of 10 or fewer people, several east Texas counties having voluntary or mandatory "shelter-in-place" orders (including Gregg County), and an abundance of caution, all club meetings, events, and hunts are canceled until further notice. It is our intention to resume our club meetings and reschedule club events/hunts once the pandemic has been declared over and large gatherings are once again allowed.

This decision includes the cancellation of the Piney Woods Relic hunt originally scheduled for May 9, 2020. Anyone who has prepaid will receive their money back by mail within the next few weeks.

The one exception to the cancellations is our club Clue Hunt. This hunt is intended for individual club members (not groups) and going outside is being promoted by the Governor and local counties (so long as you remember the 6-foot social distancing guidelines). The monthly clue will be emailed to all club members (who have paid their dues) on the 2nd Monday of each month (being the normal club meeting date).

At a time such as this, it is important to be safe, patient, and pray for a speedy recovery, first and foremost, of the health of everyone affected by this virus and their families, and second, the economy of our great country.

Timothy P. Lester

President ETTHA

Editor's Note: This Pull Tab newsletter (below) was written before all the cancellations were finalized. I have noted them, but may have missed something.. I miss y'all and looking forward to being able to get together again.

The Pull Tab

East Texas Treasure Hunter's Association

Meetings are the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Location: American Legion Post 140
 Address : 305 American Legion Blvd.
 Longview, Texas

Member of:
 TAMDC (Texas Assoc. Of Metal Detecting Clubs)
 FMDAC (Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs)

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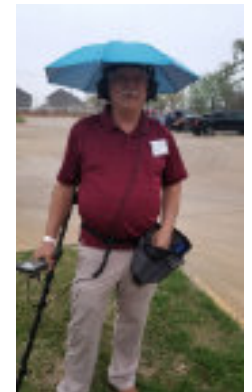
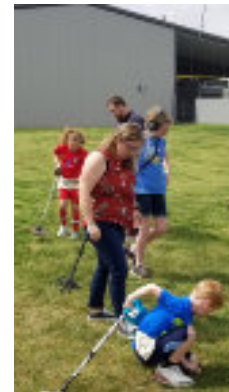
TAMDC Convention

April 2020 Issue

Well, it's all over but the counting of the coins and prizes won at the Texas Association of Metal Detector Club's convention this month in Bryan, Tx. There was a good turn out of vendors and clubs represented this year. Even though the walk-in traffic was a little slow, the booths seemed to do very well with ticket sales featuring an amazing variety of very nice prizes from backpacks and diggers, to silver bars and metal detectors. ETTHA members came away with a good share of the booty! The seeded hunt was held Sunday morning. Rain threatened, but we only got a light sprinkle. There were 5000 dimes and quarters and 100 prize tokens in the hunt field. At 8 a.m. the scramble for coins and tokens began, with around 80 participants who came out swingin'. If you couldn't make it this year make plans to attend next years convention, which will be held in Temple, Tx.

Winners of the best booth competition were, First Place- Terry Smith and Relic Hunters of Texas with an impressive display of antique bottles, coins and amazing relics. They were awarded a gold coin. Second place went to Cowtown Treasures Hunters of the Fort Worth area who received a silver round. Third place was our very own East Texas Treasure Hunters Association winning a silver half dollar. Congratulations to all! A big thanks to our "Booth Boss", Rebecca Lester and everyone who helped or brought displays to make our booth look great, and to all who stayed afterward to help pack up. We are already talking about next year and how we can make our booth even better.

New officers for TAMDC were elected. Terry Smith, was elected TAMDC president. Vice president/huntmaster--Byron Whitaker. Secretary- Ilona Behneke. Margaret Logston-- treasurer. Board Members--Keith Wills, Wes Ingalls, and Jim Lawhon. Assistant To the President/Treasurer/ Huntmaster--Dana Logston. Assistant Registration/Fundraiser - Marie Smith



Club News

March Program

At the March meeting our speakers were Julie Beck and Carrie Jackson from the Coin Investor. They gave a program on sterling silver flatware. The ladies showed us that there was a special utensil for everything from almonds to waffles. They brought a cake to demonstrate the “angel food cake breaker”. Members were served the cake with strawberries and whipped cream. The two also brought a pecan pound cake that I found really tasty.

The ladies are also involved in a fundraiser for The Boys and Girls Club. You can get a meal and play Bingo every third Thursday at St Paul’s Episcopal Church in Kilgore, across from the swimming pool. It starts at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$12 for adults. If their cakes are an indication of their cooking skills, you are in for a treat!

Clue Hunt

Tim Lester gave us a second clue in the search for the One Peso silver coin token that you need to find in order to win a **Two Peso Gold coin**. Remember, you **must** attend the meetings to get the clues. I hope you are working hard and narrowing down the location. The next clue will be available at the April meeting. **Clues will be emailed** Good Luck Everyone!

Upcoming ETTHA Hunts Canceled. The ETTHA members only seeded silver hunt is still on for April 9 at Terry and Marie’s house. The address is 9347 Martin Lane, Gilmer Tx, and starts at 9 a.m. Prizes are awarded at 10 a.m. with a barbecue lunch to follow. You are welcome to come early to help plant coins or set up. [Click here to see a map.](#)

The ETTHA 9th Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt **Canceled** will be May 9th with registration starting at 8 a.m. Targets will consist of: Civil War Period Relics, Tokens for prizes. Drop bullets, good-fired bullets, J hooks, Eagle Buttons, bayonets, artillery shells and many more items. 80 Prize Tokens will be planted. 40 Prize Tokens for each hunt. Number could increase depending on number of entries. Great Token Prizes! For more information and entry form click here [Piney Woods Relic Hunt](#)

Other hunts coming up include:

We were sorry to hear that the March 27 – 29 Charles Garret Memorial Hunt in Canton has been **Canceled**. They hope to reschedule and will inform us of the date when it is decided.

4th ANNUAL BATON ROUGE Civil War Symposium MAY 1st-3rd, 2020

1st ANNUAL BATON ROUGE Antique & Relic Show MAY 2nd, 2020

EAST TX TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOC. 9th Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt MAY 9th, 2020

TREASURE WEEK 2020 Fox Den Acres Campground in New Stanton, Pennsylvania JULY 11th - 18th, 2020

For more information, entry forms, or notices of **cancellations** on any of these events, please go to the [TAMDC website](#)

Club Shirts

At this meeting we also discussed getting club shirts made. We would like to offer t-shirts, polo shirts, hats, and windbreakers in our club color (kelly green) with our logo. Currently, we need an order of at least 24 items (mix and match) to avoid the dreaded "setup fee." So, we need to get a count of who would like to order what and what size. Right now, the prices we will sell them at are looking like this:

T-Shirts: \$20 any size

Polos: \$25 S-XL, \$27 2XL, \$29 3XL, \$31 4XL

Embroidered Baseball Caps: \$15

Windbreakers: (Still waiting on a price)

If we find an alternate supply that has just as good quality, we will let you know and pass those savings on. If you are interested, please let Tim Lester know how many of what items and what sizes.

Archaeological Dig

The Longview Historical Commission's archaeological dig at the Judge house has been **Canceled**. I haven't heard if it will be rescheduled.

New Members

Lets welcome new members, Brian and Lynn Kinchen to the club.

A Call for Speakers

If you have a special interest, collection or tall tale that you would like to share with the group, you can volunteer to be a speaker at an upcoming meeting. Maybe you would like to talk about one of your treasure hunting trips or show some of the interesting objects you have found. If so, let our president, Tim Lester know.

Looking for members to spotlight

I would love to hear your story and feature you in a future Member Spotlight section. Just send a paragraph or two telling about yourself or someone you want to see featured. You can email me at tdhall56@gmail.com

Birthdays We had one birthday this month. We wish Jo Ann Dunn a very happy March 6th birthday!

April Meeting **Canceled**

Our next meeting will be Monday, April, 13th at 305 American Legion Blvd. In Longview, starting at 6:30p.m. Our speaker will be Keith Wills on "Hunting for Meteorites" If anyone has anything to donate for a door prize please bring it.. It doesn't have to be metal detecting related. We would like to have plenty of prizes so more people will have a chance to win something. If you would also like to bring snacks or refreshments those are always welcome. I am bringing drinks.

Finds of the Month

Coins

1	1912 V Nickel	John Roberts
2	1945 Mercury dime	Jerry Tinney
3	2 Shilling Coin	Dominique Ramos

Jewelry

1	18 K Gold Wedding Ring	Dennis Miller
2	14 K Gold Ring	Jerry Tinney
3	St Christopher	Layne Denton

Tokens

1	Play Money	Layne Denton
2	Lincoln Lanes Game Token	Dennis Miller
3	Diamond Jim's Token	David Glover

Relics

1	Brass Padlock	David Glover
2	Toy Cap Gun	Layne Denton
3	Calvary Spur	Jerry Tinney

Judges Choice

1	Ice Chest Lock	Jerry Tinney
2	R. R. Lock	Dennis Miller
3	Old Door Lock	Dominique Ramos
3	Water Spout	Gene Richardson

Scavenger

1	Soup Spoon	Dennis Miller
2	Whistle	Gene Richardson
3	Merthiolate Bottle	Layne Denton

**Pictures of finds can be found on the [ETTHA website](#)

Member Spotlight

Keith Wills

Most everyone involved in metal detecting has heard of Keith Wills. He has been a treasure hunter for a long time, and has had photos and articles published in several Metal Detecting magazines, as well being featured in LIFE Magazine as one of the top treasure hunters in America in March 2014 .

Keith owns and operates East Texas Metal Detectors, where he sells and repairs metal detectors. He was the person who, in March 1987 went to Washington D.C. to meet with the Corp chiefs and created a nationwide policy for metal detecting the lands they oversee. This was the first and only national policy made, thus far, having to do with metal detecting. Keith has been to Washington many times to sit down with the Army Corp offices and Forest Service to discuss the use of metal detectors on the lands they manage. At the bottom of Keith's website you can click on Army Corp of Engineers, and find information that will help anyone detecting in lakes and rivers this summer to understand the rules before hunting there. The website is at www.brokendetector.com

Keith Wills is also passionate about helping the **Texas Lions Camp for Handicap Children---in Kerrville, TX.** For over two decades treasure clubs have been supporting and teaching children with disabilities the hobby of treasure hunting with a metal detector. Every year the children are thrilled with the annual visit to the Texas Lions Camp for Children with Disabilities. The children are only taught how to use detectors, as well as the counselors, so that they can continue to teach and share the joy of metal detecting with other campers. Keith reminds us that, "These children are our future and it is an honor to teach them the activity that so many of us enjoy."

Keith and Nolan Underwood (activity director of the Camp—now deceased) had no idea that this activity would be a defining feature of the Camp, and that foreign Counselors of that Camp would take this activity home to their camps and introduce it there. What started at the Lion's Club camp has gone "Around The World" and has introduced hundreds and maybe thousands of children with disabilities to an activity that they can enjoy. Keith wants to sincerely thank the many who have supported this activity over the years. However, **help is still needed!** The annual visit this year is scheduled for **"June 3rd & 4th 2020"** starting at 8:00 AM. **We are in desperate need of Foreign Coins.** The coins will be hidden for the kids to find and take home. There are also toy cars and sports card bundles for prizes. Please try to help this year by donating foreign coins either from your collection or from coins shops, who usually sell foreign coins by the pound fairly cheaply. They are needed not only for our annual visit, but for those visiting the camp in later years. The foreign coins help the children learn about the different countries and their currency. Also, if you would like to help with the event, you would be most welcome.

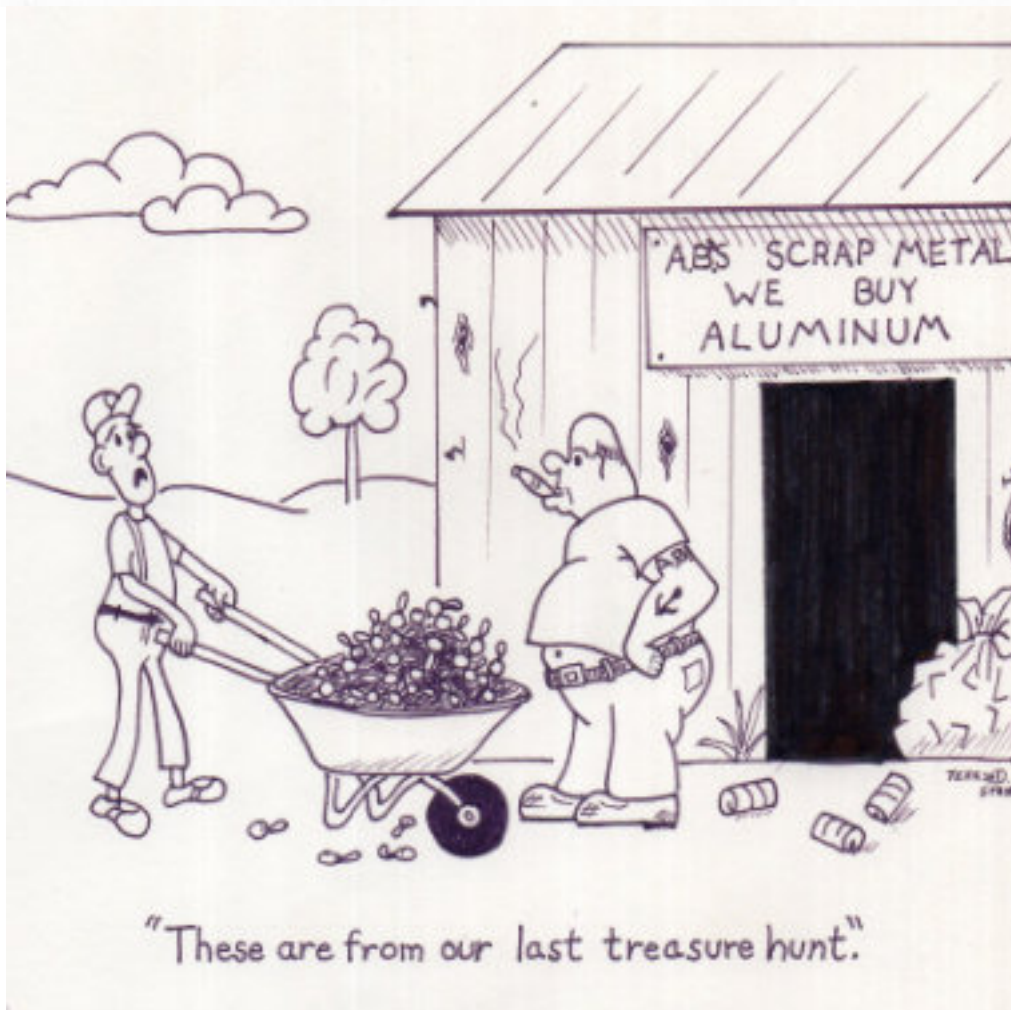
Keith usually has a bucket set up at many Treasure Hunting events throughout the year for you or your club to drop off your donations of foreign coins. If you or your club wish to donate, please include your name, town or club name in with the coins you give. If you would like to visit Keith at East Texas Metal Detectors, he is located at 1495 FM 49, Gilmer, TX., Phone (903) 734-7773.. If you go, I am sure you will find it very interesting and I bet Keith will have a tale or two to share with you. Thank you Keith for all you do.



Cartoons I drew for the Pull Tab back when our club was new. Check out those detectors!



"There's supposed to be an old well around here somewhere."



"These are from our last treasure hunt."



Our Crew at the TAMDC Convention