

The Pull Tab

East Texas Treasure Hunters Association
“Exploring the Past Since 1982”

East Texas Treasure Hunters Association meets at the American Legion Post 140 305 American Legion Blvd, Longview, TX. on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Visitors welcome.
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Welcome!

March, 2020 issue

Greetings members and welcome to the new email version of The Pull Tab, newsletter of the East Texas Treasure Hunter's Association. I will try and keep us all up to date on what's going on. Contributions of content are always welcome.. You can send your ideas to me, Teresa Hall at tdhall56@gmail.com. Come to the March meeting because there just may be a little something special to kick it off. March meeting will be Monday, March 9th at 305 American Legion Blvd., Longview, TX from 6:30pm to 8:pm

Previously...

At our February meeting the speaker was our new president, Tim Lester. Tim's talk was on the laws of metal detecting. He helped us learn more about the places we are allowed to hunt, the definite No-No's, and some conditional or "gray" areas. Copies of the laws will be available at the meeting.

We were also excited to learn of a "Clue Hunt". The first clue was given at the meeting, with a new clue coming every month. You **must** attend the meeting to get the clues. What you are searching for is a **TOKEN**. Each clue will narrow down the area where the token can be found. The token will be in an accessible area. As always, be safe and respectful of the properties you search. The winner will receive a 2 peso **GOLD** coin! Put on your "thinkin" caps, it ain't gonna be easy

What's Coming Up

March Speaker-The speaker for March will be Julie Beck of The Coin Investor, Longview, Texas on the topic of sterling flatware. I for one, am hoping to learn how to tell if all those spoons I dig up are silver, plated, or stainless. Should be very interesting. If you would like to volunteer to be our speaker at a future meeting please contact Tim Lester at tim@lestercentral.com

Club Hunts

1. ETTHA Members Only Silver Hunt--April 18th, 2020.

These hunts are always great fun. The hunt will be held at Terry and Marie Smith's home. This is a seeded hunt. You will be hunting for silver coins and tokens for prizes. You may also buy tickets for more great prizes or maybe win a door prize. Start time is 9am. It will be a one hour hunt, with prizes awarded at 10am, followed by lunch. BBQ from Carter's will be provided with Sliced Beef, Sausage, Boudin. **Yum!** Arrive by 8am if you want to help plant the hunt field.

Location: 9347 Martin Lane, Gilmer Tx. Click this link for a map.

<https://goo.gl/maps/LUDWyiUBLBNpFbMK7>

TAMDC Hunts and More

1. TAMDC 35th Annual Satellite Beach Hunt in Galveston Beach on February 29, 2020. For more information click here [Houston Archeology and Recovery Club](#)

2. TAMDC Annual Convention/Treasure Show March 13-15th, 2020 (Brazos County Expo Center) Bryan, Texas. For more information click here [TAMDC Treasure Show](#)

Help with the club booth is always appreciated. If you would like to help out, you may call Rebecca Lester at 903-445-1207 or Tom Moss at 903-665-1859.

3. Garrett Memorial Hunt March 27-29, 2020 - Canton, Texas. For more information click here [Garrett Memorial Hunt](#)

4. 9th Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt May 9, 2020 Sponsored by ETTHA. For information click here [9TH Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt](#)

Looks like the start of a fun and busy year. Good Luck to you all!



Finds of the Month for February 2020

Coins

1ST: KEITH WILLS	1891 Seated Dime
2ND: DAVID GLOVER	1899 Barber Dime
3RD: TERESA HALL	1942 Silver War Nickel

Sorry, I don't know who found the Guatemalan 50 cent piece

Jewelry

1ST: TERESA HALL	Knot Ring
2ND: DENNIS MILLER	Gold Crucifix
3RD: JERRY TINNEY	Bling

Tokens

1ST: JERRY TINNEY	Welded Steel Barrel
2ND: DAVID GLOVER	1868 Spain Gaming
3RD: DENNIS MILLER	Paramount Gulf

Relics

1ST: DAVID GLOVER	1902 Dog tag
2ND: JERRY TINNEY	MK & T Rylock
3RD: GENE RICHARDSON	Cotton scale

Judges Choice

1ST: GENE RICHARDSON	Ladies compact
2ND: DAVID GLOVER	Brass knuckles
3RD: TERESA HALL	Sterling cigarette holder

Scavenger

1ST: KENNY MATHEWS	Cross
2ND: JOHN ROBERTS	Arrowhead
3RD: GENE RICHARDSON	Brass medallion

You will find pictures of the finds on our website at www.ETTHA.org.

Member Spotlight -- Michael Heim

When taking up a hobby in metal detecting, you learn very quickly that some signals have rewards and some are just for learning patience and diligence. Ever so often though that patience you learned pays off great, but some pay off better... Way Better! Just like it did for Michael Heim!

Michael is the real deal metal detectorist! Not only is he the President of Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs, but he is also a member of several others. Michael has recorded many of his treasure adventures on his YouTube channel, Preacher Digger; and has traveled to many places in search for that spectacular find and simply to touch up on his practicing patience. On Michael's latest adventure he traveled to the UK and met up with Metal Detecting Holidays to hunt in North Shropshire. While off on his own in a pasture Michael began getting hits not knowing what was about to be unearthed. Digging an extra large hole and using his pinpoint to not to damage anything he might find, Michael pulled out an old coin. After calling to his guide from MDHs, he shortly found out exactly what he just dug up... a mid-11th Century Saxon penny. This coin has never been found in Shropshire or West of England ever! Now filled with excitement and energy Michael continued on his hunt for more, and that is exactly what he found...MORE! In the end, Michael ended up finding 6 late Saxon pennies from the reign of Edward the Confessor. A historical find, not just for Michael but for England as well. Now these 6 Saxon pennies are being cataloged and hopefully can find a home in one of England's historical museums.

Congratulations Michael on such a FANTASTIC find and story that will definitely go down in history!!



Message From Our President, Tim Lester

Sometimes, I wish I was the only metal detectorist out there.... so **I ALONE** could find all the good stuff. But the truth is "there's plenty to go around." And, it makes for a better club to have as many members as we can find.

Recently, I ran into a woman using a brand new Equinox 800 at Kilgore City Park. I introduced myself and urged her to come visit our club. She said she was newly retired, lived near Kilgore, and was new to detecting but wanted to start her own Youtube metal detecting channel. I told her about our meetings and hunts, but she didn't seem all that interested. She said she learned everything she needed to know about metal detecting by watching Youtube videos and was heading to Florida soon for some hunt with other Youtube personalities. I wished her luck and kept the invitation open. Someone like this could surely use real people, like our club members, as assets when starting out in this hobby. Our club, and its members, have a wealth of information to offer.

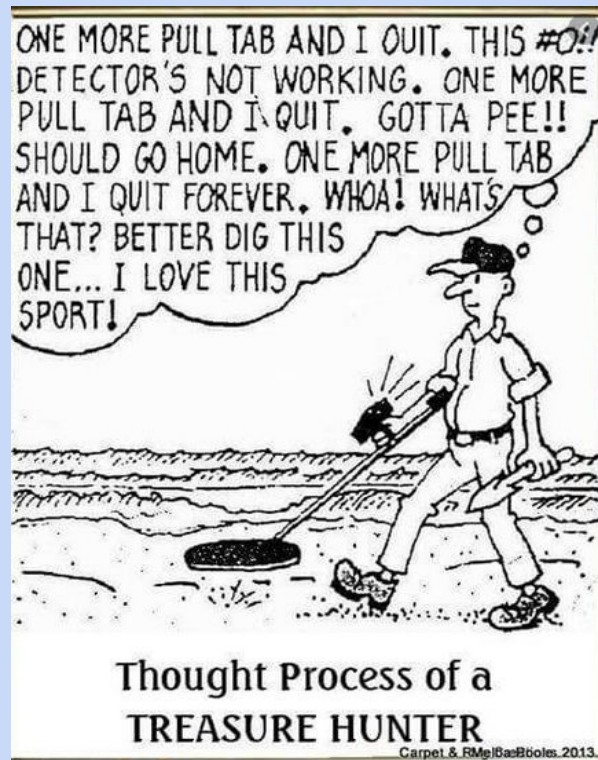
So, think about your friends who detect and aren't members. Think about current or past members who don't regularly attend meetings anymore. Think about people you know who you think would like this hobby or have shown even a little interest. Think about people who collect antiques or coins. Think about reaching

out to them and suggesting they come to a meeting or two. Maybe even offer to provide transportation if they can't get around like they used to. I bet there are people you know who have a lot of metal detecting knowledge trapped in their memories just waiting to get out and there are a lot of people who would love this hobby if they could just get a little more exposure.

Oh, and by the way, one of my jobs is to find the speakers for each month. So, if you have a topic you'd like to hear about, or know someone who would be perfect to give a talk, or if you yourself have some info you'd like to share, please contact me and we can try to get something scheduled. I could use all the help you can give me.

Happy Hunting....

Tim



Recipes

Tim Lester's Mardi Gras King Cake Bread Pudding (Served at the February ETTHA meeting)

* One large king cake (to fill 9×12 pan if cubed). Don't use the 10" or 12" versions. I prefer a non-filled traditional king cake from Gambino's or Tubbs, but you can experiment with filled ones.

* 2 sticks of unsalted butter, melted

* 3 cups of half and half (milk can be substituted)

* 4 eggs

* 1 8oz package of cream cheese

* 2 cups sugar

* 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

- * 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- * Optional: 1 cup raisins
- * Optional: 1 cup chocolate chips and/or chopped pecans (or candied pecans)
- * Optional: Purple, green and yellow sanding sugar

Instructions:

1. Find and remove the plastic baby from the King Cake. Discard. No one wants to bite into that.
2. Dice the king cake into 2-inch chunks and leave open all night. This will dry it out and make it hard, which makes it easier for the bread to soak up the mixture. Or you could lightly dry it out at low heat in the oven at 200 degrees and leave the oven door cracked open slightly if you don't have time.
3. Melt the butter and toss the cubes inside the 9" by 12" pan.
4. Let stand until bread soaks up most of the butter (at least 30 minutes).
5. In a separate mixing bowl, lightly blend eggs together first.
6. Then add half and half, sugar, raisins (optional), nutmeg & cinnamon and blend into the eggs.
7. Pour liquid mixture over bread into pan and let stand until bread puffs (I have found the longer it stands, the better it is, but I'd say 2 hours max before putting into oven).
8. Heat the cream cheese until very soft and spread over top of the concoction here and there (it won't cover the whole dish).
9. Make sure the cubes have soaked up most of the mixture; or you may add additional cubes of bread if needed to soak up liquid mixture.
10. Bake at 300 degrees for 30 minutes. Or, if you're not adding any optional toppings, bake for 1 hour or until firm.
11. Remove from oven and add the optional chocolate chips, on top, evenly.
12. Bake at 300 degrees for an additional 20 minutes.
13. Remove from oven and add any other optional toppings: pecans/sanding sugar (mimic Mardi Gras colors: purple, green, and gold)
14. Bake at 300 degrees for an additional 10 minutes, or until firm (total baking time should be 1 hour). The center may be slightly jiggly. Let stand 15 minutes. Best served warm. Enjoy heaven (and your future sugar coma!

See you at the meeting!