

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.
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Pull Tab: The Isolation Issue

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I hope you all have been well and have found ways to stay entertained and active during our stay at home. I am looking forward to being able to get together for meetings and hunts and to share stories and finds. This month's newsletter will be short. Luckily, I have some cartoons and other contributions to fill a few pages. Enjoy, and keep sending me your ideas, stories, pictures, etc. for next month.

Message From the President

ETTHA Members and Visitor There has been some erroneous information circulating about having a meeting this month. There will be no MAY meeting for the club.

Although Governor Abbott has opened some businesses to some extent, and churches are open (with social distancing required), his order as to social gatherings of 10 persons or more and social distancing remain in effect (at least until May 15). And Gregg County has its own county-wide order regarding gatherings effective "until further notice." And those orders apply to our club. So, I reiterate, until further notice all ETTHA meeting, events, and hunts are canceled.

I, for one, will be very glad when all this is over and we can get back to normal. Working from home isn't very efficient for me.

Something to look forward to: I will be giving a new clue hunt clue on the day of the normal club meeting (May 11).

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 by this virus and 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 and their families, and second, the economy of our great country.

Timothy P. Lester President ETTHA

“W” Quarters

Nealie Valentine as a tip below for a way to spend your time and maybe make a little money or add you your coin collection.

Greetings!

The U.S. Mint, in order to create interest in Coin Collecting & Numismatics, has issued 2 different Quarters ("America the Beautiful") so far in 2020, 2 Million of each were issued. Each of these Quarters were minted at West Point, thus engraved with "W" Mint Mark. These Quarters are only a "drop in the bucket" of all Quarters minted in 2019 & 2020. The Mint mixed these "W" Quarters with other Quarters (except Bulk Bags)thus the Coin Hunt! Look for these & if you find one, they are worth about \$50.00 ea. Undoubtedly most of the 2019 coins have been found. Also, the value will be less after many have been found.

Pick up a few rolls when you conduct business at your Bank. Try to get rolls of "new" (Un-Circulated Quarters) & your success will be easy.

The West Point Mint has since closed because of the virus but these are already distributed. Upon reopening the "W" Mint will again mint more 2020 Qtrs. - maybe 3 more (of 2 Million each). No other Mint Marks are of interest. They are not rare. Good luck with the Coin Hunt.

-Nealie



Editor's Review of the Nokta Makro Simplex + (not a plug)

Nokta Makro has recently released new updates for the the Simplex +. They released new version 2.76, then after a only a few days they came out with version 2.77 to address a few issues people were having. There are several new features added to the Simplex +, including a new Park mode that is supposed go deeper than the original park mode, another level of sensitivity, fixes for audio levels, and a mute feature for silencing chatter caused by some pin pointers. If you have a Simplex +, you might want to head to the Nokta website to download the update file.

I have had a Simplex + for a few months now and was frustrated that the Garrett Carrot pin pointer I used caused a lot of interference and noise when it was turned on, which made me not want to use it... Changing frequencies helped a little, but I ultimately bought a Pulse Dive pin pointer and there was much less chatter. Now with the new 2.77 update and the mute button it has been more of a pleasure to use and I can use the Carrot again.

I found the detector to be easy to use, with plenty of settings to play with if you choose, or just use one of the preset modes. I was able to pick out coins with other metals around them. One example was a penny with a rusty fence staple on top. I tend to dig those iffy signals because I am looking for relics/artifacts along with coins, but if the target is a coin, the Simplex+ will give a pretty solid VDI number and tone. You will still be fooled by large objects, aluminum cans, and pull tabs sometime, but that pretty much goes for any detector and will get better with experience. Last time out at a school yard, I found over \$6.00 in change, several pieces of junk jewelry, and of course lots of trash, too. I have also found a couple of silver items with it..

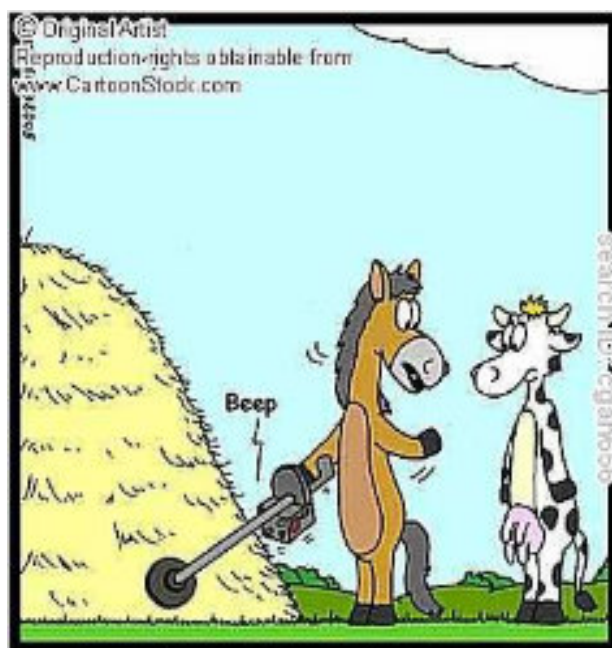
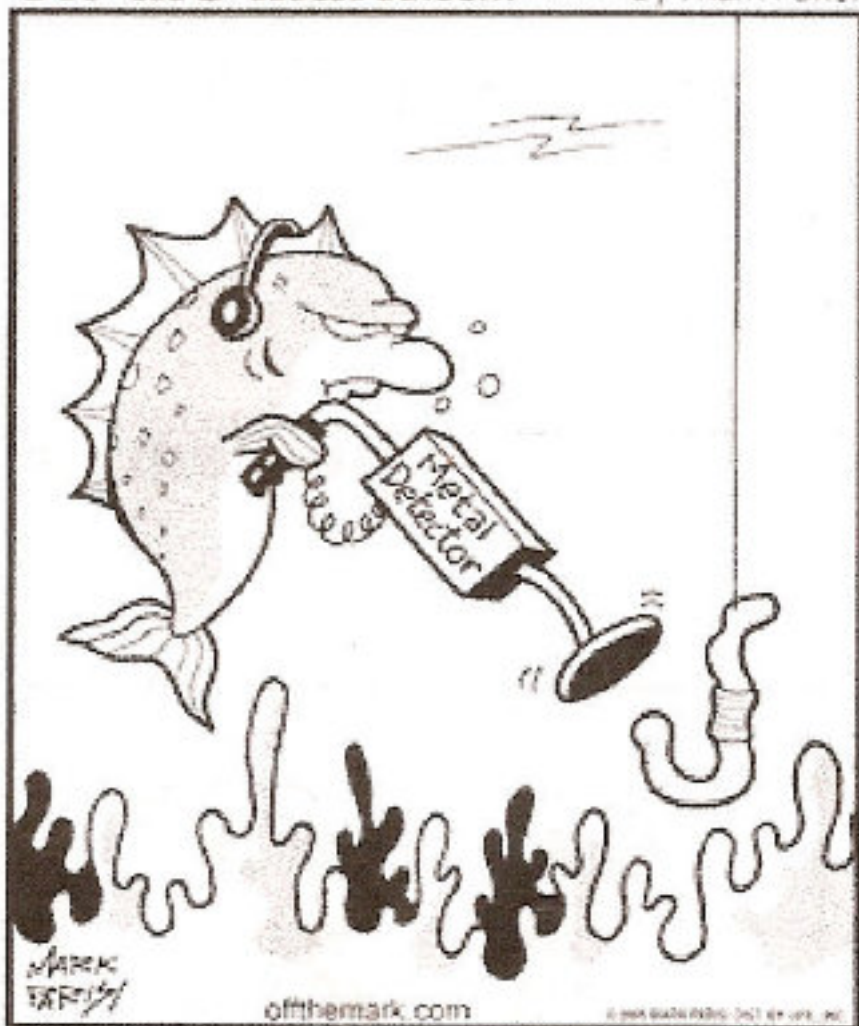
I would say whether you an experienced detectorist wanting to try a Simplex+ or a beginner who doesn't want to spend a lot for the other popular detectors, this would be a good choice. I can't say it is better or worse than the higher priced ones, but I have several detectors, including the Equinox 600, and Garret AT Pro and I don't feel handicapped when using the Simplex+. Nokta will be coming out with different coils for it soon which will make it even more versatile. In my case, for now, I will keep the stock 11 inch coil on the Simplex and use a 6 inch coil on the Equinox 600, then switch between them depending on what kind of hunting I am doing.

I hope you liked the review.. I'm not plugging this machine or knocking any other detector. I have and use several brands and have found good stuff with all of them. One of my favorite finds, a Lone Ranger Deputy Badge, was found with an older Garrett Freedom Ace Plus..and before that several silver coins with my first, an 80's Bounty Hunter 840. Don't be discouraged if you don't have the latest and greatest. If you are out there digging you will find good stuff with whatever machine you have. Hoping we can get together for a dig soon!

Thanks for reading!
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by Mark Parisi



You were right: There's a needle in this haystack...

