



East Fork Treasure Hunters Association



Our Club

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2020

ABOUT OUR CLUB: Founded in 2005, we are a family friendly, fun-seeking group of folks that enjoy the hobby of metal detecting, searching for lost coins, jewelry, or other treasures that are surely out there. We help clean up parks and responsibly recover items following our digging ethics. Typically we meet on the first Thursday of every month and our meetings are open to the public. We would love to have you as a member or would just welcome your friendly visit. Lost something and need our help finding it? Visit our website or email us at eastforktreasure@gmail.com. Our club Newsletter helps keep our members informed about the activities and adventures of our metal detecting club. We welcome your visit!

Our meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. The next club meeting will be on **Thursday, JANUARY 2nd** at the gymnasium inside the **New World United Methodist Church, 5134 Northwest Highway, Garland, TX 75043, from 7 – 9 pm.** Look for the EFTHA sign! (The GPS coordinates are: N 32 51' 20.56 W 96 38' 10.05.).

Our next **Fun Hunt** is typically scheduled for the Saturday following the meeting week but there will be more info on this at the meeting. The Fun Hunt is for anyone, so bring your friends! There will be further details

OUR CLUB OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:
Andrew P.



VICE PRESIDENT:
Aaron S.



TREASURER:
David S.



SECRETARY, Newsletter:



Our appreciated volunteers!

Finds of the Month Coordinator:
Andretta L.



Hunt master:
(open)

Refreshments:
Pam A.



Webmaster:
John Wright



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR CLUB PRESIDENT:



Thanks goes out to Golden Triangle club for hosting this years Christmas dinner. The food, fundraisers, and fine association was excellent. There was a nice collection of new, unwrapped toys that were taken to a nearby Toys For Tots collection center.

At the next meeting, the 2019 FOM winners will be announced. Also, you can "double up" on your January finds. Now that the New Year is upon us, we hope you all find lots of metal detecting opportunities. We hope that this past year was full of fun and adventure for everyone and that you found lots of treasure out there!

There will be GOLD in the January Fundraiser, also dues are due and there will be an incentive to pay dues in January. Details announced at the meeting.

Thanks to all the condolences on the passing of my dad. Be safe and fun hunting! Andrew



2019 "Best of" FUN HUNT FINDS

There was no Fun Hunt in December, but here is a small collection of the Fun Hunt finds from 2019: Great hunting everyone!



FUN TIMES AT THE CHRISTMAS DINNER!

At the Christmas dinner, hosted by GTES, there was good food, good friends and family, 2 exciting Fundraisers, and plenty of good wishes to all for a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year of treasure hunting!



DECEMBER FUNDRAISER (EFTHA):

The December Fundraiser Coins included:

1854 Large Cent,
1925 Stone Mountain half,
1989 Christmas Round
(donated by Harold R),
1925-S Peace Dollar,
1897 Morgan Dollar.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners
and thank you for supporting our club!



OUR NEXT COIN FUNDRAISER:

Our next coin Fundraiser will include:

5 silver Eagles,
1921 Morgan Dollar
1888-O Morgan Dollar
1882-S Morgan Dollar
1880-S Morgan Dollar,
1888 gold dollar!



Tickets are only
\$1 each, or
6 for \$5,
12 for \$10,
or 24 tickets for
\$20!

Come on and get
in on the fun!

From Treasurer, David S:

"As important as it is to raise money for various club functions, we will not hoard the money raised, but will return more to the members. That is why we are putting a gold dollar coin worth \$150.00 in this month's Fund Raiser.

You can win it for \$1.00, but the more tickets you buy the better your chances!"

Thank you for supporting your club!

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THANK YOU HUNTMASTER JIM!

Anyone who has done it knows the role of huntmaster is a tough job, but also a lot of fun and very interesting for sure! For some time now, Huntmaster Jim S has been doing a great job as Huntmaster, but as of January 2020 he has had to step down due to a relocation.

Jim has been incorporating good treasure hunting skills, professional recovery methods, and also continuing the "buried caches" started by former President Earl.

So now as we say "Thank You" to Huntmaster Jim for a job well done, we also ask the membership for a new Huntmaster to keep things running smoothly. If you have interest in this voluntary position, even if only temporary, please let us know.



REFRESHMENTS REMINDER BOX:



Our club is now also providing a budget for refreshments so we typically will have hot dogs or other snacks at each meeting as well! Lets please show our continued support and remember to bring in a snack or drink to each meeting as it is always appreciated! If you have a special food or drink item you would wish to bring to the meeting to share, please see our Refreshments Coordinator, Pam.

FINDS OF THE MONTH information

Well, there was no Finds Of The Month contest in December as we had the Christmas dinner, but now you can double your entries at the January 2020 meeting.

At the October meeting, there was a suggestion about adding another FINDS category. The category "Toys" was suggested. This was taken into consideration by the FOM coordinator, Andretta and she said it would take a little time to tool up a new category sheet since she constructs a years worth of support documentation typically in December for the upcoming year.

Andretta also noted that there were only 13 "Toy" entries out of 76 for last year. Toys typically can be included in the "Wild Card" category already, so perhaps a better choice for new category might be "Relics" instead. Relics could be defined as older that 75 years. Old toys could be relics; others could be wild card.

Also, since the details of the FOM contest are outlined in the By-Laws, there would need to be a motion to make any changes, and these changes would need to be voted on by 2/3rd of the club membership, but the categories are "determined by the wishes of the club".

Also we are still gearing up to possibly increase the prizes for the FOM contest as was mentioned earlier in the years.

More discussion and perhaps a vote would be forthcoming at perhaps the next meeting and/or officers meeting.

At the January meeting also the Top Three Hunters of the Year will be announced and awarded. Stay tuned for more details.....



Thanks to all members who entered their finds in the "Find Of The Month" contest and congratulations to all the winners! Yes, you can win a silver coin at each meeting for your 1st place winning entry, plus a chance at the year-end prizes!

Remember, only members can enter our FOM contest, so if you are not yet a member it's never too late to join! To become a member, see our club secretary. Come on and get in on the winning!



CHILI/TEX MEX COOKOFF IN FEBRUARY



At the upcoming February meeting, we will be having our annual Chili/Tex Mex cookoff contest. Everyone is welcome to bring in their favorite Chili or Tex Mex recipe and our elected judges will award a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes to the top 3 winners. Everyone can sample the dishes too for free. Come and enjoy these dishes!





2020 MEETING EVENTS SCHEDULE (tentative)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Here is the 2019 Meeting and Events calendar (tentative):

January 2nd – Regular meeting. Club Membership Dues, 2019 FOM awards.

February 6th – Chili/Tex Mex Cookoff, Speaker to be announced. Prizes awarded for top 3.

March 5th – Regular meeting. Members bring their displays for show & tell.
Speaker to be announced.

TAMDC TREASURE SHOW, MARCH 13-15, 2020
BRYAN COLLEGE STATION

Members can bring their displays to the show for our booth.

CHARLES GARRETT MEMORIAL HUNT
MARCH 27-29, 2020, Canton, Texas.

April 2nd – Regular meeting. Speaker to be announced.

May 7th - Regular meeting, Speaker to be announced.

June 4th – Regular meeting Bingo Fundraiser and/or Ice Cream Social.
Bingo cards are free!
Play 5 games, Prizes tbd by Treasurer (cash, coins, etc)
Speaker tbd.

July 2nd – Dessert Cookoff, prizes awarded for best recipe! Speaker tbd.

August 6th – regular meeting, speaker tbd.

September 3rd – Regular meeting. Speaker to be determined,

Sept ____, EFTHA Members Only Hunt and J&A Treasure Hunt Sept 21st (?), \$40
hunt fee.

October 1st- Regular meeting and Halloween Costume Contest, Speaker to be Determined

November 5th – Regular meeting. Speaker to be Determined, Veterans Recognition,

December 3rd - Christmas Dinner with GTES, at EFTHA meeting location, Toys for Tots

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGY & RECOVERY CLUB 38th ANNUAL OPEN BEACH HUNT

In partnership w/ HARC presents TAMDC Members Only
SATELLITE HUNT

FEBRUARY 29, 2020, East beach, Apffel Park, Galveston
(pay hunt fees by Feb 14 to avoid late fees). Download flyer at TAMDC.org

