



East Fork Treasure Hunters Association



Our Club

NEWSLETTER

April 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 usually held on the first Thursday of each month, but as of now **ALL MEETINGS AND CLUB EVENTS ARE CANCELLED** until further notice.

Keep up to date on our FB page, by email, or on the website. Keep safe out there!



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:
Bill A.



Refreshments:
Pam A.



Webmaster:
John Wright



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR CLUB PRESIDENT:

Never in the history of the club have we had to cancel a meeting due to illnesses, but as you all know the recent pandemic of the Corona virus has made everyone make some adjustments at home and work. All large gatherings of people is not allowed for the time being. Sad to say therefore we must **cancel all the meetings until further notice**. This includes Fun Hunts as well. This does not mean you cannot hunt for



Remember though that your health and safety must be your highest priority. After this is all over with, we want to see everyone back with us so everyone take the utmost care and precautions. We will notify everyone by email when we can meet again as a group. Be safe and fun hunting! Andrew



MARCH FUN HUNT AT JAMES PARK:

In March, we had a nice group of 17 hunters attending the Fun Hunt at James Park in Garland. In the "hidden silver quarter" hunt, the silver quarter target got found by lucky hunter, Terry R. Terry took home the silver quarter and half the pot! Nice!

Our club treasurer provided a roll of nice clad Halves to make the silver quarter search more interesting. Also Mary P kicked in another 10 Halves, giving us a total of about 30 to search for. WOW, that was FUN! Thank you! I think just about everyone ended up with a Half dollar. Cool!

The drawn winning categories in the "free range" hunt were:

JEWELRY: 1) Mickey C, 2) Dean W, 3) Terry R/Jim S.

HIGHEST VALUE: 1) Dean W. \$3.55, 2) Ted W. \$2.98, 3) David S. \$2.84.

MOST PULL TABS: 1) Terry R [5], 2) Steve D [3], 3) David [2].

(unknown category): 1) Robert J, 2) Mickey C, 3) Hunter H.

Also there was a "special drawing" for a very nice, gold plated coin, which was drawn and won by Addy.

On a personal note, Steve D found his first, not planted, 1959 Silver dime! Very exciting!

Thanks to our new Huntmaster, Bill A for handling the Fun Hunts. Also thanks to our club Treasurer and Mary for the extra halves, and thanks to all who came out and supported the club. See y'all at the next one!



Lucky Hunter Terry R found the hidden silver quarter. Fine Hunting, Terry! Congrats!



FUN WINNING AT THE LAST MEETING!

DOORPRIZE WINNERS (March):



Last months lucky door prize winners included:

Catherine L, Shelley K, Robert W, Andrew P, Ann S., Eddie H.

Thanks to Garrett and all who donated the door prizes!

Name draw winner! (March)

Jim S.



Jim got to choose 1 of 4 treasure boxes and won a 1903 V-Nickel! Nice!

NAMETAG DRAWING WINNER (March):

Terry V.



FUNDRAISER WINNERS (March):

The Fundraiser Winners included:

Silver Eagle - Robert J.
1921 Morgan Dollar- Tony H.
Silver Eagle - Robert W.
1889-O Morgan Dollar- Jim S.
Silver Eagle - Eddie H.
1883 Morgan Dollar- Ann S.
Silver Eagle - Andrew P.
1889-O Morgan Dollar-Ken K.
Silver Eagle-Shelley K.
1883-O Morgan Dollar- Stacy J.
Metal detecting bag - Terry V.



The metal detecting bag was donated by Robert W. Thank you, Robert!



Do you have something nice you wish to donate to the Door prizes or Fundraiser? Just notify our club Treasurer and he will add to the prizes!

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

MARBLE GAME FUNDRAISER (FEB):

At the February meeting, the Marble game has now grown to over \$85 and the lucky ticket drawn was Mike B. He drew a CLEAR marble, so the Marble Game Fundraiser pot gets to grow more.

Mike got to choose a nice prize in 1 of 3 envelopes though and won back a few dollars. Congratulations!

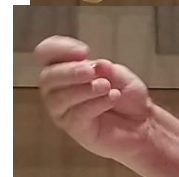
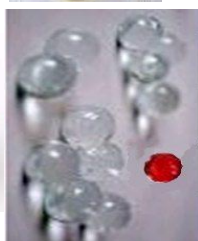
How high with the next jackpot get? Who will win it? This is an exciting game so get some tickets at the next meeting and join in on the fun!

Tickets are only \$1 each (max of 5 tickets please).

Get in on the excitement of this Fundraiser at every meeting!

FUN !

EXCITING!



ROBERTS TIPS ON COMPETITION HUNTS:

How do you find so many targets? What should I do to prepare? What if I just found a token? Should I stay there or move on?

At the March meeting, clubmember Robert J answered these questions plug gave us some good tips on competition hunts. He told us that the first five minutes of any competition hunt is CRITICAL. He recommended that you KEEP MOVING as a hunter and dont get "bogged down" by a deep signal or wrong signals. Also, prepare in advance by making sure you have good batteries and your headphones and other gear are in working order BEFORE the hunt starts. He also reminded us that if you just found a token, move on to another area because they are typically scattered and another will most likely not be closeby. Thank you Robert for those great tips!



BY-LAWS UPDATES APPROVED

At the March meeting, there was voting on a large number of changes and updates to the clubs By-Laws. As required, the listed changes were distributed to the membership both by email and at the meeting for review



There was discussion about the published changes regarding the new policies on firearms. The decision was to carry forward ONLY that portion of the changes which discuss OPEN CARRY. All other changes were voted on as it was published.

With 27 members in attendance, the voting began by asking for a vote on how many were in favor of "accepting all changes as per markup". That was counted as 27 YES, 0 NO. The changes were therefore passed and went into affect immediately.

Everyone will be emailed an updated copy of the By-Laws soon. Thanks to everyones participation in this.

EFTHA INVITATIONAL HUNT CANCELLED!

Sad to say, due to the present circumstances we are forced to cancel all upcoming club hunts and meetings until further notice. This includes our planned Invitational Hunt, which was scheduled for April 25th. A lot of work and planning went into pulling this together, so thanks goes out to everyone who was working on this. We will be looking at maybe rescheduling a similar hunt later on in the year depending on how things go.

SHARE YOUR FINDS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER



Since there will be no meeting this month, the Newsletter will not have a lot of information to pass on to the club as far as winners, FOM, etc. So I thought it might be interesting to publish some finds and hunting experiences that clubmember might have had. Go back as far as you want. Send me your photos too as pictures are worth 1000 words

Have you ever come across a "coin spill"? What was your best find? Whats the deepest you have ever dug? Whats your oldest coin found?

Once I took my metal detector to Galveston and rented a chair and umbrella on Stewart beach. I turned on my detector and immediatly found \$0.85 in coins right there at my feet! Pretty cool. Anyways, hope to hear from everyone then. Steve D.

FINDS OF THE MONTH winners (March)

COINS:



1st Place:
Ken K - 1941 WL Half



2nd Place:
Curtis H - 1c Euro 2002



3rd Place:
John CP-1908 V Nickel

JEWELRY:



1st Place:
Ken K - Silver cub scout ring



2nd Place:
Dean W - Silver ring



3rd Place:
Curtis H - silver cross

2ND CHANCE:



1st Place:
Dean W-silver baby cup



(internet photo)

2nd Place:
Ken K-1901 V Nickel



3rd Place:
Jim S - British coin

WILD CARD:



1st Place:
Dean W- Wash tax token



2nd Place:
Ken K - lead lion



3rd Place:
Tracy J - Mason tax token

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!