



COWTOWN TREASURE HUNTERS

Ft. Worth Texas

December Newsletter

President's Message

Happy New Year everyone. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and that we are serious about doin' some dirt fishing in the days to come. Deer season is over and we were promised a hunt at Thurber. I think that a definite date should be set, so that we can start making plans.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Walt Harwell, George Retos, and Walt Simmons for the dedication and hard work that they gave C.T.T.H. while they were in office. Our new officers for 2007 are Roger Nickel, Vice President, Ed Pavlasek, Treasurer, Roland Vallejo, Program Director, Cecilia Buckholz, Recording Secretary, and myself. I am confident that the new officers will give 100 % to C.T.T.H.

Don't forget that 2007 membership dues are due. Family membership is \$25.00 and a single membership is \$15.00.

See you at the meeting and H.H.
Larry

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Hope you made it to the Christmas get together!

2006 Officers

President: Larry Carr
Vice President: Walt Harwell
Secretary: Julia Leslie
Treasurer: Walt Simmons

2007 Officers

President: Larry Carr
Vice President: Roger Nickel
Secretary: Cecilia Buckholz
Treasurer: Ed Pavlasek
Program Dir: Roland Vallejo

THURBER, TEXAS

Erath/ Palo Pinto County I-20, 70 miles
West of Fort Worth

Once the largest city between Fort Worth and El Paso, Thurber became a ghost due to corporate decisions and not the forces of nature. Thurber was the first city in Texas to be completely electrified and amenities included refrigeration and running water. It did, however have an abnormally high child mortality rate that still puzzles historians. Thurber was built by the Johnson Coal Company that was later bought out by The Texas and Pacific Coal Company in 1888. It's mining operation provided the fuel for coal-burning locomotives of numerous railroads, including the Santa Fe, the Southern Pacific, the Texas & Pacific and the "Katy". At one time the coal deposits were thought to be inexhaustible. We are told there are still millions of tons left.

Thurber continued ...

http://www.texasescapes.com/FEATURES/Thurber_Texas/Thurber_Texas_ghosttown.htm

At one time the coal deposits were thought to be inexhaustible. We are told there are still millions of tons left. A brick factory was added to the mining operations since they had the material, the fuel, and the railroad to ship the end product. Tile was manufactured as well, but it was the thick, heavy Thurber paving brick that paid the bills. The city lived by whistles. From 5:30 when the first miners would rise, to the noon whistle, then the railroad whistles that would signal the approaching end of the school day and finally the quitting whistle. Armed guards patrolled a huge fenced perimeter around Thurber, not to keep workers in, but to keep Union organizers out. The mostly immigrant workforce was by and large pretty grunted, but why take chances? The Union eventually infiltrated and won and Thurber became a Union town in 1903.

Award Winners and Find of the Year Winners

Congratulations !!!

Annual Banquet Awards

**Treasure Hunter of the year
Walt Harwell**

**Presidents Award
Ed Pavlasek**

Find of the Year Award Winners

Coins	
Roger Nickel	1910 Silver One Peso
Relics	
Jess Smyers	Daggett Keen Co. Watch Fob
Toys	
Rickey Crow	Donald Duck Ring
Ft. Worth	
Chris Morris	Crown Buffet 21/2-Cent Token
Military	
Larry Carr	Texas Militia Button
Jewelry	
Cecilia Buckholz	Gold Cross/Chain

Worthy Notes

- Our regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at the Ft. Worth Fire and Police Training Center, 1000 Calvert, Ft. Worth, Texas
- Feel free to send us some additional Worthy Notes
- Yes you are right, we missed the November issue of the newsletter. To make up for it we plan on possibly publishing two November 2007 issues of the newsletter.

Let us know if you have anything of interest to add to the newsletter such as stories or pictures, any suggestions, or any club related personal classifieds. You can contact Larry Carr at carr5554@sbcglobal.net, Julia Leslie at jullesl9@cs.com or your newsletter publisher, Dave Kisselburg, at 817.372.9366 or cowntown_treasure@sbcglobal.net

COWTOWN TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2007

(Membership good January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007)

FAMILY (\$25.00)_____

LIFETIME (N/C)_____

SINGLE (\$15.00)_____

HONORARY (N/C)_____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

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FAMILY MEMBERS:

_____ RELATIONSHIP _____

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COMMENTS;

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