



COWTOWN TREASURE HUNTERS

Ft. Worth Texas

June Newsletter

President's Message

Just as I was about to brag on our recent rain, along comes the heat! It looks like as though we are in for some very hot days ahead. We might have to resort to detecting at night in order to stay cool.

I apologize for missing last month's meeting. My sister-in-law needed a ride back to her home in Missouri, which gave me the opportunity to visit my daughters and their families and also do a little detecting while I was there.

C.T.T.H. Annual Open Hunt is just around the bend and we need to start making preparations. Any suggestions for a successful hunt will be appreciated. We will continue our silent auction at each meeting through September to cover some of the hunt's expenses. October 7, 2006 at Casino Beach in Lake Worth, TX, just in case someone forgot.

Happy Hunting, Larry

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We continue to fill up the hall with members and guests. Way to go club!

2006 Officers

President: Larry Carr
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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 cowtown_treasure@sbcglobal.net

Texas Ghost Town

The present-day Stewards Mill was first settled in the 1850's and was named for a water-powered gristmill built by Washington Steward. Dr. James Bonner opened the first store in 1867, known as the Stewards Mill Store. In 1880, a reported seventy inhabitants declined to fifty-five and considerably more by today. The decline and downfall is attributed to being bypassed by the modern federal highway, I-45. About half a dozen scattered, occupied houses and about the same abandon houses remain today. Foundation stones, uneven ground, living daffodils, irises, and lilies are still evident of long ago homes. Stewards Mill is located at the intersection of F.M. 833 and F.M. 2547 on the old route between Fairfield and Streetman, running parallel with I-45 in Freestone County.

(Source: Ghost Towns in Texas by T. Lindsay Baker, published 1986)

**Find of the Month Winner
Congratulations
To All !**

Finds of the Month Competition

What is it?		
1 st	Betty Jordan	?
2 nd	Dennis Brasher	?
Coins		
1 st	Ray Beshire	1886 V Nickel
2 nd	Roland Vallejo	1821 Silver ½ Reale
3 rd	Dennis Brasher	1906 Barber Dime
Tokens		
1 st	Betty Jordan	Green River Whiskey Token
2 nd	Dennis Brasher	Washington Transit Token
3 rd	Billy Randolph	Good for Cigar Token
Relics		
1 st	Betty Jordan	Stockyard Commission Co. Watch Fob
2 nd	Roger Nickel	Key
3 rd	Billy Randolph	1882 Paris Button
Toys		
1 st	Roland Vallejo	Lead Indian Figure
2 nd	Roger Nickel	Indian on Horse
3 rd	Betty Jordan	Tootsie Car
Open		
1 st	Roger Nickel	Overland Whippet Medallion
2 nd	Tammy Lewis	1 oz. Silver Round
3 rd	Barbara Behrens	Door Knob
Ft. Worth		
1 st	Roger Nickel	Ft. Worth Transit Token
2 nd	Julia Leslie	Ft. Worth 1 troy oz. Silver Round
Military		
1 st	Dennis Brasher	1812 U.S. Button
2 nd	Charles McBride	U.S. Marine Corps Medal
3 rd	Roger Nickel	Air Force Wings
Jewelry		
1 st	Roland Vallejo	Gold Star Sapphire Ring
2 nd	Dennis Brasher	Gold/Diamond Heart Ring
3 rd	Floyd Caldwell	Silver/Diamond Ring

Worthy Notes

- Our regular monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at the Ft. Worth Fire and Police Training Center, 1000 Calvert, Ft. Worth, TX.
- WWATS Open Rally and Free Hunt will be October 20,21, & 22, 2006 at the K River Campgrounds, Antlers, Oklahoma. For more information visit www.wwats.org web site.
- Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club Annual Open Hunt will be held Saturday, October 7, 2006 at Casino Beach, Lake Worth, TX. Start making plans to attend.
- July is Peach Month
- 4 July Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, and John Hancock signed it, July 4, 1776
- 4 July – Independence Day
- 27 July - Korean War Veterans' Armistice Day (US National)

Holiday info cited from
<http://www.butlerwebs.com/holidays>

A very large loss of a friend in the metal detecting community....

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In my 38 years of stomping through the woods searching for lost treasures, many of the treasures I had found was the friends I discovered along the way. Today I have just receive news of a loss of one of my closest friends and the most intelligent man I ever met, A.M. Van Fossen in Houston, Texas. Never have I met a smarter man on treasure hunting, artifacts and past cultures of our heritage than this man. He was a real friend to our treasure hunting community, for he many times at great cost shared his many unbelievable and valuable artifacts with us all at the Texas Treasure Show. To ask him about any one or two he could tell you everything you ever wanted to know of it's history and origin. He had been across the world hunting treasure and was considered an authority on most all kinds of treasure and it's history.

A.M. Van Fossen -- Van as we all called him, will be sincerely missed by all that knew him and even worse, a true loss to those that never knew or met him in person.

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