

THE OUTPOST



NEWSLETTER OF THE THREE FORKS TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

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MEETINGS: First FRIDAY of each month.

TIME : 7:15 P.M

PLACE: Wagoner Community Building at the corner of Jefferson and Cherokee streets in Wagoner Oklahoma.

NEXT MEETING: November 4, 2005

BOARD MEETING: The second Thursday of every month at Martin's Restaurant on Hwy. 16 in Okay Ok. at 7:00 P.M.

CLUB PO BOX: P.O. Box 753 Wagoner, Ok. 74477-0753



2005 CLUB OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Gilbert Leake

VICE PRESIDENT: Gary Young

SECRETARY: Shawn Gilbert

TREASURER: Cathy Young

BOARD MEMBERS:

Nancy Coffey

Gene Coffey

Jerry Harlin

Vicki Lang

Chuck Marcum

Tom Neville

Grover Tillman

Mary Tracy

Francis Tracy

Andrew Winters



Secretary's Notes

November meeting. 11-04-05

Meeting called to order at 7:30. We had 33 members and 2 visitors present. Everyone was hurrying to get their membership dues in to meet the deadline. It was announced that the Christmas Party would be December 2 at 6:30. It will be held at the Wagoner Community Building. There was a food sheet passed around for everyone to sign up for. There was a reminder about the Cemetery cleanup. Cathy brought up the discussion of having a fall hunt. It would have to be the weekend of November 12th. It was voted on and did not pass. November was just too busy of a month.

Chuck brought up the Story that Terry Humphries had found about the Harnage property. Golden eagle was won by Frank Davis with a script I button. Good Job Frank!!! Display drawing was won by Jim Simmons. Donation drawing was won by Donnell Winters. Attendance drawing was won by Shawn Gilbert. 50/50 pot was won by Tony Morris. Silver Round consolation prize was won by Charlie Williams.

That's all Folks! Meeting adjourned.

Your Secretary,

Shawn Gilbert

Board Meeting notes. 11/10/05

12 members present. Discussed the Christmas party and expenses, and the buying of silver for the following year. We will need 7 plaques and 7 golden eagle trophies for the Christmas party and 7 golden eagle trophies for next year. Francis volunteered to make the Plaques. Paul Mattes is going to get the Golden Eagle trophies. Grover has 12 silver rounds he is going to sell to the club. There will be a Center piece drawing at the Christmas party for anyone who brings a center piece. We are also needing donations for the raffle. Cathy gave Francis a check to buy all the Silver we need for the Christmas party and next year. The club has two new members; TJ Vaunn from Skiatook and Tom Godfrey from Warner. Welcome guys!

Meeting adjourned.

Shawn Gilbert

Upcoming Events

December 2	3 Forks Christmas Dinner
December 3	Agency Cemetery Cleanup
December 4?	Agency Outing
December 8	3 Forks Board Meeting
January 6	3 Forks Club Meeting
January 7	Agency Cemetery Cleanup
January 8	Agency Outing
January 12	3 Forks Board Meeting
January 21?	Harnage Cemetery Cleanup
January 22?	Harnage outing



Tony found his first buckle at the Harnage Outing.



This group really got after it at the Harnage Cemetery.

Three Forks Christmas Dinner

**6:30 PM Friday December 2nd at our
regular meeting place in Wagoner.**

**If you haven't signed up yet to bring food please
bring the following according to your last name**

A-L desserts or drinks

M-Z vegetables or salads

**We will be having the biggest Raffle of the year
so bring lots of donation and money to buy tickets.
The club has bought 20 Silver Rounds for the Raffle.**

**Don't forget your table Centerpieces. Everyone that
brings one will be going home with a different one.**

**Find of the Month Contest Winners will be rewarded.
We will also have the Find of the Year Contest so bring
an entry for each category from this year's finds and
you might win a trophy!**

**Merry
Christmas**

Some Cemetery Cleanup News and Future Outing Dates

Our Harnage Cemetery November 19th cleanup and Sunday outing was a huge success! We had about twenty two people show up to clear brush on Saturday. There were four chainsaws running, weed eaters, and lots of loppers cutting trees, sprouts, weeds, and briars. Everybody got after it and in the four hours that we worked we could really tell the difference. Lorie and Bruce Stubbs brought out some hot chili that really hit the spot for lunch. Eighty five to ninety percent of the cemetery is finished. Don Harnage couldn't believe how hard everybody worked and the progress that we made. We will try to finish it probably the third Saturday of January. We got to hunt the old Harnage Homestead on Sunday. The chimney is the only thing left standing of the old homestead which used to contain the steamboat windows which Terry found out about in the Pioneer Papers. Also standing is a rent house there that was probably built just after the turn of the century. The ground was really dry and most of the grass was high. There were signals everywhere as the trash has accumulated out there since the 1830s. Some of the better finds was a US Oval Belt Plate found by Tony Morris, a rare Eagle R (Rifleman) Button dug by Mark Gilbert, and a Buggy Watch Fob that Mark also found. Wally found a Civil War era Brass Heel Plate, Shawn found a 1933 Worlds Fair flattened Penny, and Len came across a piece of a Spur.

On December 3rd we will return to the Old Agency Cemetery. The ground will probably still be hard and the grass high so we will take a vote on whether to hunt the area the following Sunday or give out a rain check to hunt somewhere else or out there after we get some good rains. January 7th we will also work on the Agency Cemetery. We will meet at 9:00 at the Barking Frog Citgo Convenience Store for each Agency Cleanup. Lorie is forming a committee and we will have hot food for lunch.

We are trying to schedule January 20th as the date to finish the Harnage Cemetery. We can probably get done in about a half a day or less. When we finish it we will hunt the homestead the rest of the day then hunt it again the following day. The ground should be better by then.

I need to remind everybody that the EOCPO has organized these cleanups to preserve cemeteries and the history associated with them so that future generations can appreciate them. These are also an excellent community service project for all of our clubs, a good public image project for our hobby, an individual good feeling of accomplishment toward giving back to history after taking from it all of these years, and good exercise. It also gives us the added bonus of getting our clubs into some good historical hunting spots. As always there is no guarantee that everybody will find something fantastic at every outing. We are out there to have fun.



To our newest members:
Tom Godfrey from Warner
And TJ Vaunn of Skiatook

NOVEMBER PRIZE DONATIONS

DONATION

County Snake
 2 Suckers
 2 Suckers
 2 Suckers
 Deer Knife
 Baskets
 Prayer Plaque
 Wall Decorations
 Magnetic Flag
 Note Pad
 Jack Daniels Coffee
 Turkey Plate and Bag
 Knife
 Body Splash
 Magnetic Angel
 Coffee Warmer
 Two Mugs
 Brass and Nylon Brush
 Antique Trader Magazines
 Candle
 Peach Jam
 Baby Doll
 Home Plaque
 Potter House
 Potter House
 Gift bag
 Pumpkin
 Pumpkin
 Pumpkin
 Box of Gourds
 1950s Pepsi Bottle
 1950s Coke Bottle
 Bag of Coins
 Silver Round
 Silver Round

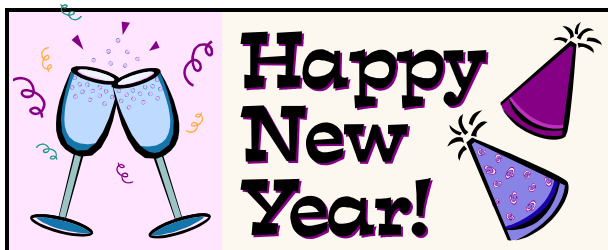
SHARED BY

Justin Clifton
 Andrew and Darnell Winters
 Andrew and Darnell Winters
 Andrew and Darnell Winters
 Tom Neville
 Wayne Starr
 Francis and Mary Tracy
 Francis and Mary Tracy
 Francis and Mary Tracy
 Francis and Mary Tracy
 Gilbert Leake
 Sandy Leake
 Glen Briley
 Miranda Young
 Ruth and Sam Littrell
 Ruth and Sam Littrell
 Ruth and Sam Littrell
 Shawn and Mark Gilbert
 Richard Carr
 Nancy Coffey
 Nancy Coffey
 Gene Coffey
 Gene Coffey
 Cathy Young
 Cathy Young
 Cathy Young
 Gary Young
 Gary Young
 Gary Young
 Gary Young
 Gary Young
 Chuck Marcum
 Chuck Marcum
 Jim Simmons
 Three Forks
 Three Forks

SHARED TO

Tom Neville
 Glen Briley
 Gene Coffey
 Gary Young
 Dee Page
 Andrew Winters
 Shawn Gilbert
 Glen Briley
 Jerry Harlin
 Jerry Harlin
 Chuck Marcum
 Justin Clifton
 Jim Simmons
 Frank Davis
 Gilbert leake
 Frank Davis
 Tom Neville
 Gene Coffey
 Justin Clifton
 Gary Young
 Wane Starr
 Sue Beth Aldridge
 Sandy Leake
 Gene Coffey
 Vickie Lang
 Sam Littrell
 Glen Briley
 Sandy Gilbert
 Tony Morris
 Tony Morris
 Maranda Briley
 Maranda Briley
 Tom Neville
 Justin Clifton
 Charlie Williams

The 50/50 Pot was shared to Tony Morris.
 The Donation Drawing was shared to Donnell Winters.
 The Display Donation was shared to Jim Simmons.
 The Attendance Donation was shared to Shawn Gilbert.



Some Harnage Cemetery Cleanup Pictures



Before



After

NOVEMBER FIND OF THE MONTH WINNERS

PROS

AMATEURS

Oldest Coin

- 1 1857o Seated Quarter
- 2 1893 Barber Quarter
- 3 1895 V Nickel

- Jim Simmons
- Tim Schlup
- Chuck Marcum

Jewelry

- 1 14k Diamond Ring
- 1 Piece Creek Silver Crown
- 2 Navajo Treasure Ring
- 3 Sterling Silver Ring

- Gilbert Leake
- Chuck Marcum
- Tim Schlup
- Jim Simmons

Val. Coin Silver & Gold

- 1 1943 Mercury Dime
- 2 1943D Half Dollar
- 3 1918 Mercury Dime

- Chuck Marcum
- Tim Schlup
- Jim Simmons

Valuable Coin - Other

- 1 1900 Indian Head Cent
- 2 1898 Indian Head Cent
- 3 1902 Indian Head Cent

- Jim Simmons
- Tim Schlup
- Tom Neville

Relic

- 1 1910 Muskogee Token
- 2 Police Whistle
- 3 Bridal Rosette

- Tim Schlup
- Jim Simmons
- Chuck Marcum

Military Relic

- 1 Dragoon Coat Button
- 2 Great Seal Button
- 3 Great Seal Button

- Chuck Marcum
- Tim Schlup
- Tom Neville

Non - Metallic

- 1 Omaha Nebraska Bottle
- 2 Clay Marble
- 3 Clay Marble

- Richard Carr
- Tim Schlup
- Andrew Winters

Oldest Coin

- 1 1881 Shield Nickel
- 2 1930 Wheat Cent
- 3 1944 Wheat Cent
- 3 1944 Wheat Cent

- Francis Tracy
- Mark Gilbert
- Tony Morris
- Wayne Starr

Jewelry

- 1 14k Gold Ring
- 2 Sterling Silver Charm
- 3 Gold Plated Buckle

- Sam Littrell
- Wayne Starr
- Mark Gilbert

Val. Coin Silver & Gold

- 1 1944D Mercury Dime

- Mark Gilbert

Valuable Coin - Other

- 1 1944 Wheat Cent
- 1 1945D Wheat Cent
- 1 1951D Wheat Cent

- Tony Morris
- Mark Gilbert
- Wane Starr

Relic

- 1 Band Button
- 1 Band Button
- 2 Old Flower Button
- 3 Nickel Silver Buckle

- Shawn Gilbert
- Mark Gilbert
- Frank Davis
- Tony Morris

Military Relic

- 1 Script I Button
- 2 Dental Probe
- 3 Cuff Button

- Frank Davis
- Sam Littrell
- Tony Morris

Non - Metallic

- 1 Scraper
- 2 Cork Screw Marble
- 3 Rattle Snake Rattle

- Sam Littrell
- Tony Morris
- Frank Davis

Golden Eagle Award



Frank Davis found this really nice early Script I Button



Tony Morris' Belt Plate that he found at the Harnage Outing



Mark Gilbert dug this rare for this area Eagle Rifleman Button



THREE FORKS TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2006 Club Membership Dues - \$25.00

Name: _____ **Birthday:** ___ / ___ / ___

Spouse: _____ **Birthday:** ___ / ___ / ___

Anniversary: ___ / ___ / ___

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Spouse Cell Phone: _____

Spouse E-mail: _____

Child: _____ **Birthday:** ___ / ___ / ___

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How do you want to receive the monthly newsletter?
(Circle one) **Mail** **E-mail**

Non-member only: ___ **Newsletter only – \$12.00**
 ___ **E-Mail Newsletter Only-\$5.00**

Total Paid \$ _____ **Received By:** _____ **Date:** _____

USGS Quadrangle Maps

By Chuck Marcum

The United States Geological Survey has been making Quadrangle maps since 1882. The older maps are an excellent source for finding spots to hunt. You can locate old school-houses, churches, house sites, and even ghost towns on them. The USGS divided the country up into quadrangles which are bounded by latitude and longitude lines. The three most common types of quadrangle maps are the 30, 15, and 7.5 minutes series. The example that I am using is a cropped piece of the 1916 30 Minute Claremore Quadrangle Map.

The whole map includes all of the topography (physical features) between 30 minutes of latitude and 30 minutes of longitude or about 28 miles wide and 34 miles long. Which is about 952 square miles. That is a whole lot of area with a tremendous amount of hunting potential. The newer 15 minute quadrangles covers 14 miles x 17 miles which is half of the area of the 30 minute maps and the newest 7.5 minute quads covers 7 miles x 8 1/2 miles. They made each newer map bigger to show more detail which made them more accurate. The 30 and 15 minute maps were put on 16 1/2" x 20" paper sheets and the 7.5 minute maps are on 22" x 27" sheets. Each quadrangle map was named for a nearby town, city, or landmark. The 30 minute quads were made in the late 1800s through the mid teens. The 15 minute quads from the teens through the early 50s and the 7.5 quads were made from the early 50s through the 1970s, with some being photo revised through the early 1980s.

In the margins of the maps are the township numbers, range numbers, latitude, longitude, and names of the adjacent quadran-

gle maps. On the bottom of the map you will find the scale, contour interval, the date the map was made, and other map data. Houses are represented by black squares, schools are black squares with flags on the top of them, churches are black squares with crosses on top, good roads are solid double lines while trail roads are double dashed lines. These are just some of the map symbols. An interesting one on the example map are the crossed picks in the town of Hickory. They symbolize a mine or quarry.

Each square on the map represents a square mile or section of land. The 30 minute quad doesn't have the numbers in the section like some 15 minute or all 7.5 minute quadrangles have. Some of the 30 minute ones do have a diagram of the sections in the township on the bottom of the map. The township and range numbers in the margins line up with the middle of the township diagram. What I like doing instead of counting sections like I used to, is overlaying a cropped piece of an old map on top of a newer 7.5 minute map with the section numbers on it.

DIAGRAM OF TOWNSHIP

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

The newest 7.5 minute quads are good reference maps as far as showing topographic features such as water and terrain. The contour lines showing terrain gives you a 3D like picture of hills, mountains, and valleys. The lines also have elevations on them. Contour lines that are spread apart show a gentle slope, ones that are closer together are a steeper slope, and lines almost on top of each other indicate a cliff. Vegetation is represented by green and updated items are purple. All of this will tell you more about your hunt site. Since these maps haven't been updated in over 20 years a lot of the houses, roads, and other features are gone or new features have been built.

Sometimes I have found that the accuracy of some house sites are off as much as 300 to 500 feet on the older 30 and 15 minute quads, still that is usually close enough to use your experience and detector to find your spot. Every map that you can get and learn to use will give you more of an advantage to find those productive relic or coin hunting sites.



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Control by C.F. Urquhart, H.L. Caldwell, C.B. Odell,
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