

THE OUTPOST



NEWSLETTER OF THE THREE FORKS TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB

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The Outpost is published monthly by the Three Forks Treasure Hunters Club. The club is a member of the Federation of Metal Detector and Archeological Clubs Inc. It is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of metal detecting as a hobby. No brand or model of metal detector is endorsed by the club. Membership is open to the public with the only requirement being that all members follow the Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics. Club dues are \$25.00 per family yearly. Any comments or stories that you would like to contribute to your newsletter are always welcome.

MEETINGS: First Tuesday 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: January 6, 2004

BOARD MEETING: The third 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

2004 CLUB OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Andrew Winters

VICE PRESIDENT: Gary Young

SECRETARY: Donnell Winters

TREASURER: Nancy Coffey

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gene Coffey

Vicki Lang

Gilbert Leake

Chuck Marcum

Tom Neville

Francis Tracy

Mary Tracy

Randall Vogt



MEET OUR CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2004



President - Andrew Winters



Vice-President - Gary Young



Treasurer - Nancy Coffey



Secretary - Donnell Winters



Board - Gene Coffey



Board - Vicki Lang



Board - Gilbert Leake



Board - Tom Neville



Board - Mary Tracy



Board & Find of the Month - Francis Tracy



Board - Randall Vogt



Find of the Month
Richard Carr

Find of the Year Winners

Valuable Silver & Gold Coin - Jim Simmons
Oldest Coin - Chuck Marcum
Jewelry - Jim Simmons
Relic - Jim Simmons
Military Relic - Chuck Marcum
Valuable Other Coin - Jim Simmons
Non-Metal - Chuck Marcum
Grand Champion - Chuck Marcum

April 24th & 25th - National Hunt

Big Thanks to Francis Tracy who volunteered to be our Hunt Chairperson. Big thanks also to Gary Young, Randall Vogt, and Chuck Marcum for volunteering to be on the Hunt Committee. Gary Young will be doing the Kid's Hunt again and I will be putting on the Deep Competition and Night Hunts. We still need volunteers for the other Hunts. Jerry Callison will be supplying the tents and generators. I have included a reduced size copy of the hunt flier in this month's Newsletter. Anybody needing full size paper copies or any emailable PDF versions let me know.

Diamond Hunting Outing

I've been thinking about putting on a Diamond Hunting outing to Diamond Crater State Park in Southwest Arkansas. I'd like to invite anybody that'd like to go from all of the clubs in the area. I've always wanted to go there and everybody I've talked to about it wants to go also. We could save on driving and rooming expenses. We'd probably spend two days hunting and stay a night or two. There are RV spots in the Park and we can reserve a block of motel rooms. I don't know if we'll find any diamonds but the memories and the experiences will be fun and worth it. Let me know if you want to go. Here's the Park's address:
<http://www.craterofdiamondsstatepark.com/>



A view at the Christmas Dinner

DUES ARE DUE

Below is a handy application for you. Please fill in your anniversary and birthdays so that I can announce them in the newsletter every month. Include your email address so that we can get in contact with you more efficiently in case of last minute outings. You can send your application and dues to: Three Forks Treasure Hunters P.O. Box 753 Wagoner, OK 74477-0753 if you can't make the meeting.

Three Forks Treasure Hunters Club Membership Application

- 2004 Club Membership \$25.00 includes \$5.00 FMDAC Membership Dues
 Newsletter Only \$12.00 Emailed Newsletter Only \$5.00

Name _____ Birthday (month and day) _____

Spouse _____ Birthday _____ Wedding Anniversary _____

Child _____ Birthday _____

Child _____ Birthday _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Find Of the Month Contest Results - Pro Division

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|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Jim Simmons - 337 | 7. Francis Tracy - 36 | 13. Brent Edmonds - 19 |
| 2. Tom Neville - 205 | 8. Anthony Martin - 33 | 14. Tex Dixon - 13 |
| 3. Chuck Marcum - 129 | 9. Jerry Callison - 31 | 15. Terry Archer - 5 |
| 4. Tony Morris - 127 | 10. Paul Mattes - 23 | 16. Paul Turley - 3 |
| 5. Gary Martin - 46 | 11. Terry Burnett - 22 | 17. Eddie Tamplin - 1 |
| 6. Julie Kastler - 38 | 12. Joe Poplin - 20 | |

| PRO DIVISION | Old Coin | Jewelry | Val. Silv. | Val. Other | RelicMil. | Relic | N-Metal | Total | Ytd. Total |
|------------------------|----------|---------|------------|------------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|------------|
| June & July | | | | | | | | | |
| Tom Neville | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 18 | 86 |
| Paul Turley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Jim Simmons | 7 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 41 | 189 |
| Tony Morris | 5 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 84 |
| Chuck Marcum | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 19 | 76 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| August 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tom Neville | 0 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 29 | 115 |
| Jim Simmons | 7 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 39 | 228 |
| Chuck Marcum | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 83 |
| Francis Tracy | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 29 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| September 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| Francis Tracy | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 36 |
| Jerry Callison | 7 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 24 | 31 |
| Tom Neville | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 26 | 141 |
| Tony Morris | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 19 | 103 |
| Jim Simmons | 5 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 39 | 267 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| October 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| Jim Simmons | 5 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 31 | 298 |
| Tony Morris | 3 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 127 |
| Tom Neville | 7 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 35 | 176 |
| Chuck Marcum | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 19 | 102 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| November 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| Paul Mattes | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 23 |
| Jim Simmons | 7 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 39 | 337 |
| Tom Neville | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 29 | 205 |
| Chuck Marcum | 3 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 27 | 129 |

1st = 7 points 2nd = 5 points 3rd = 3 points entry = 1 point no entry = 0 points

Find Of the Month Contest Results - Amateur Division

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Grover Tillman - 144 | 6. Richard Carr - 66 | 11. Jerry Harlin - 14 |
| 2. Gilbert Leake - 134 | 7. Gene Coffey - 47 | 12. Jack Cooper - 12 |
| 3. Andrew Winters - 129 | 8. Vicki Lang - 46 | 13. Nancy Coffey - 3 |
| 4. Gary Young - 88 | 9. Randall Vogt - 30 | 14. Matthew Young - 1 |
| 5. Ray Yerby - 71 | 10. Darlene Marcum - 29 | |

The top 3 Amateurs will be moving up to the Pros for next year's contest. You can enter items you've found from November 5th to January 6th in the 2004 Find of the Month Contest beginning on January 6. Remember, to accumulate a lot of points you have to try to enter something in every category at every meeting. Good luck and happy hunting.

| AMATEURS | Old Coin | Jewelry | Val. Silv. | Val. Other | RelicMil. | Relic | N-Metal | Total | Ytd. Total |
|------------------------|----------|---------|------------|------------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|------------|
| June & July | | | | | | | | | |
| Richard Carr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 35 |
| Gilbert Leake | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 62 |
| Grover Tillman | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 41 | 41 |
| Randall Vogt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 30 |
| Gene Coffey | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 19 | 47 |
| Andrew Winters | 3 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 20 | 114 |
| Gary Young | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 64 |
| August 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| Richard Carr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 42 |
| Jerry Harlin | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 14 |
| Gilbert Leake | 0 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 26 | 88 |
| Grover Tillman | 7 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 39 | 80 |
| Gary Young | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 73 |
| September 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| Gilbert Leake | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 95 |
| Gary Young | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 80 |
| October 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| Gilbert Leake | 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 17 | 112 |
| Grover Tillman | 7 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 45 | 125 |
| Richard Carr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 49 |
| November 2003 | | | | | | | | | |
| Richard Carr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 56 |
| Gilbert Leake | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 134 |
| Randall Vogt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 37 |
| Andrew Winters | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 129 |
| Grover Tillman | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 19 | 144 |
| Gary Young | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 88 |

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County Maps

By Chuck Marcum

The first map that I look at after researching and locating a potential Hunt Site on an old map is a County Map. On these maps I can tell if there are any new houses around, if there is a road leading to the site, or if it is on private or public land. The 7.5 Minute USGS Topo maps are pretty much out of date nowadays as far as houses and roads. Most of these maps were made in the 1960s and 70s. Some were photoupdated in the early 80s, but that's almost 20 years ago. There's hardly anything worse than spending hours or days researching a spot then driving all the way there only to find that your site is in the middle of a housing addition. These County maps were made mostly in the 1990s which make them the most recent maps in Oklahoma with exception to the USGS Aerial Maps you can view on Terra Server. Most of these Aerials were flown in 1995. The 7.5 Minute Topos are great for contours, scaling, coordinates for your GPS, and for accuracy. Remember, when you are researching you can't have too many maps.

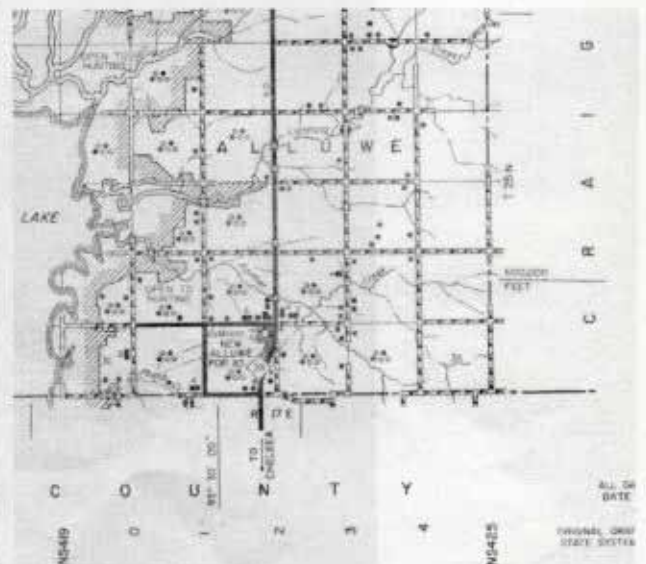
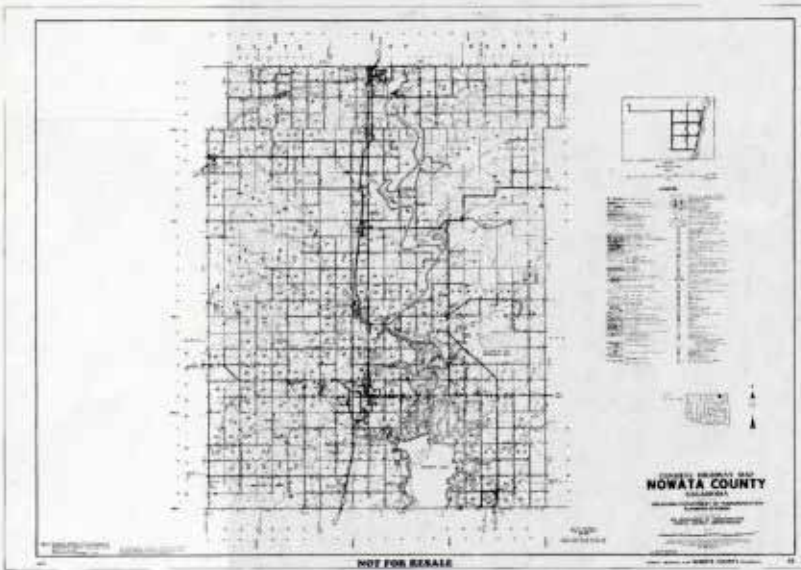
The Oklahoma County Maps are prepared by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation - Planning Division. They have been making these maps since the 1920s. They are free to the public except for copying and shipping charges. The maps are printed on 18" x 25" sheets. Most counties are on one sheet the bigger counties have two sheets and the biggest county that I know of in this state, Osage County has four sheets.

Besides being almost up to date another thing I like about them is that the scale is so big you can see the big picture. On this Nowata County Map you can look at 588 square miles all at one time. These maps are great for driving out to your Hunt Site. You can see all of the highways, county roads, and section line roads you can take. It even shows which roads are paved. It also has the North-South, East-West, and County Road numbers. Every section line road in this state is numbered. The East - West Roads begin at the west state line and are numbered going East increasing by one number for each mile. The North - South Roads begin at the north state line and are numbered south. Even half mile and odd distance roads are broken down into tenths. For example a NS road on a half mile line would be NS 410.5 and an EW road 1000 feet south of EW 80 would be EW 80.2. Most counties have put up street signs with the designated NS and EW numbers on them. All counties are different. Some counties don't have signs while some have them only in populated areas. There are even other counties with their own numbering systems. These are also shown on the maps. I remember Osage County street signs have CR numbers. I've even seen intersections with two signs and two numbers. One CR and one NS for the same road. Where these numbers really come in handy is way up in the hills on a curvy road. We were looking for a spot in Delaware County once. There were so many

winding roads they all looked alike and the only thing that gave us a clue was a street sign with a NS number like 408.7 which we could find on the County Map. Back to the big picture you can see how the rivers and the creeks lay. It's easy to see where the creeks dump into the rivers. You can pick up clues and spot ghost towns on these maps. Some ghost towns are still on the maps, you'll see a circle, a name of a town, and no houses around. They show Cemeteries which usually means a town or community was nearby. There are names describing areas in bigger type in the background. A lot of times these areas are named for nearby ghost towns or other historical places. You'll be surprised by how many hunt spots you can find by taking one of these County Maps, some 1896 GLO Township Plats, a 30 Minute USGS Map, and a 1936 County Map. Just by comparing all these maps you'll find more sites than you'll have time to hunt let alone get permission on.

To get a paper copy of a County map you can write to the
 DEPARTMENT OF
 TRANSPORTATION
 REPRODUCTION BRANCH
 200 N. E. 21st Street
 Oklahoma City, Ok. 73105
 Or call (405) 521-2586 and ask for the
 Reproduction Branch. If you want a
 digital copy you can Email me and I'll
 send you one.

You can now buy a CD from the address above of all of Oklahoma's County and City Maps for \$80.00.





THREE FORKS TREASURE HUNTERS CLUB EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL OPEN TREASURE HUNT!!!



→ NEW LOCATION ←

**SUNDAY APRIL 25, 2004 - SOUTH OF MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA
HUNT SITE IS ON A PRIVATE FARM - PRIMITIVE CAMPING - NO HOOKUPS**

SCHEDULE

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| <p>7:30 - 8:30 Registration</p> <p>9:00 - 9:45 Deep Competition Hunt Targets will be buried deep for a real test of you and your detector. All entry fees will be awarded to the top 4 winners!!</p> <p>10:00 - 10:30 Ladies Hunt Buried Silver Coins and one detector.</p> <p>11:00 - 11:30 Silver Half Dollar Hunt Only Silver Halves will be buried.</p> <p>12:00 - 12:30 Kid's Hunt Lots of Coins, prizes, and one detector for kids 12 and under. Adults are requested to stay out of the kid's field all day.</p> | <p>12:00 - 12:30 Toddler's Hay Hunt Free hunt for kids 5 and under. No detectors or parents allowed in the hay.</p> <p>1:15 - 2:00 Gold Coin/ Wheat Cent Hunt Targets will be buried for Gold Coins. We try to have at least 2 Gold Coins for every 3 entries.</p> <p>2:30 - 3:30 Main Coin and Prize Hunt All Silver Coins and prize Targets!! No new, foreign, or penny coins will be in this hunt!! Finders keepers!!</p> <p>3:30 - ??? Prizes and Trophies Awarded</p> | |
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Last year we awarded over 100 prizes in our Main Hunt! These included Silver Rounds, Silver Dollars, Gold Coins, Treasure Hunting Accessories, and 10 Metal Detectors!! We buried over 7,000 Coins in the Main Hunt!!

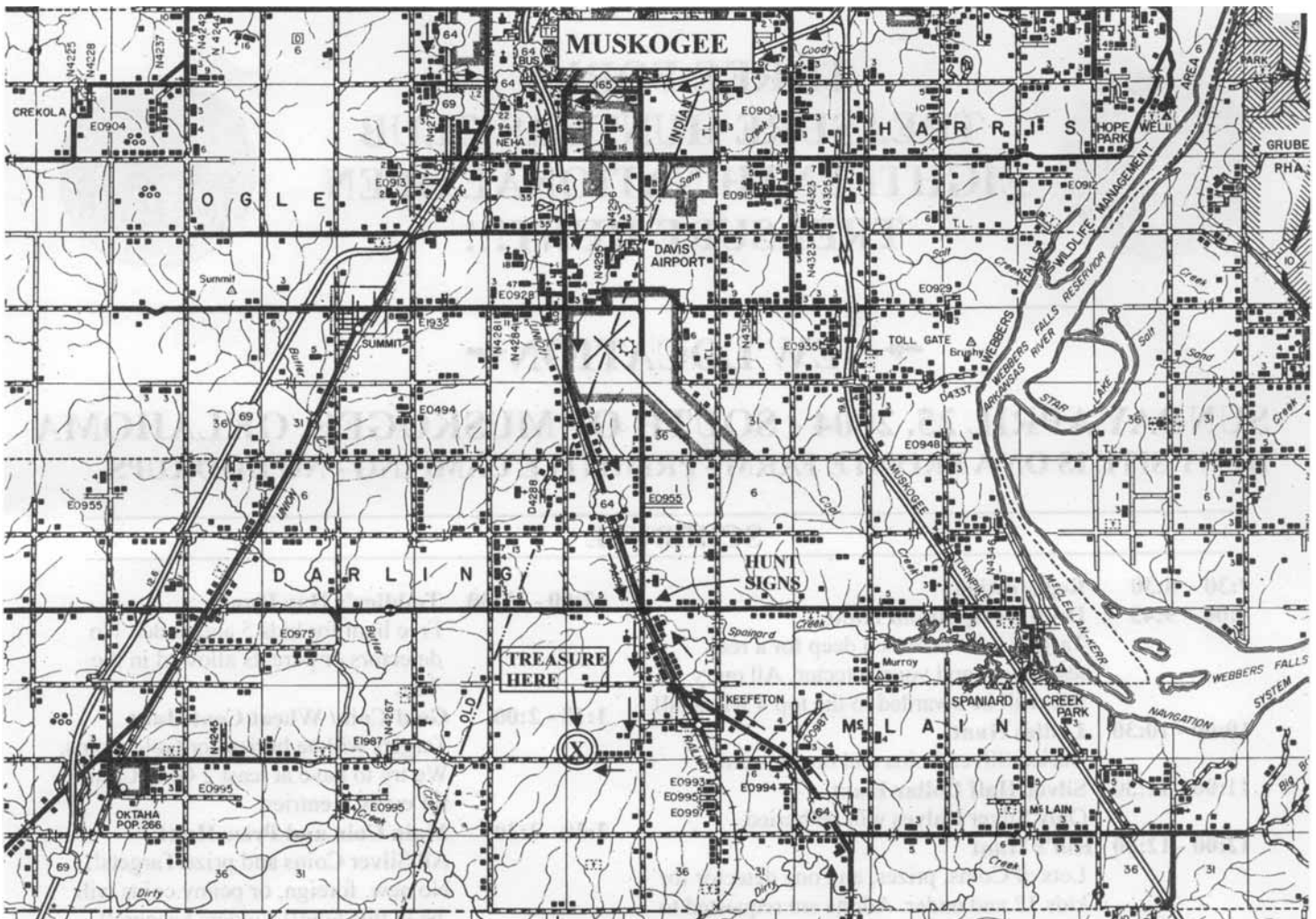
Three Forks Treasure Hunters Club is a non-profit organization furthering the hobby of Metal Detecting. All entry fees will be used to purchase coins and prizes for the hunts. No refunds. The Hunt will be held rain or shine. You must meet at the headquarters for special instructions prior to each hunt. Sorry, no checks will be taken at the Hunt Site.

Saturday Night - Free Night Hunt for early arrivals & working club members.

None of the sponsoring club, club members, land owners, or club officers connected with this hunt will be held responsible for theft, injuries, or damages.

Clip, fill in, and mail with fees to: Three Forks Treasure Hunters Club - P.O. Box 753 - Wagoner, Ok. 74477-0753

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Email - graytcote@cox.net

Concessions will be available on Hunt Day.
There will be a \$25.00 returned check fee for bank
expenses. No Shovels or Scratchers allowed and
headphones should be worn.



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