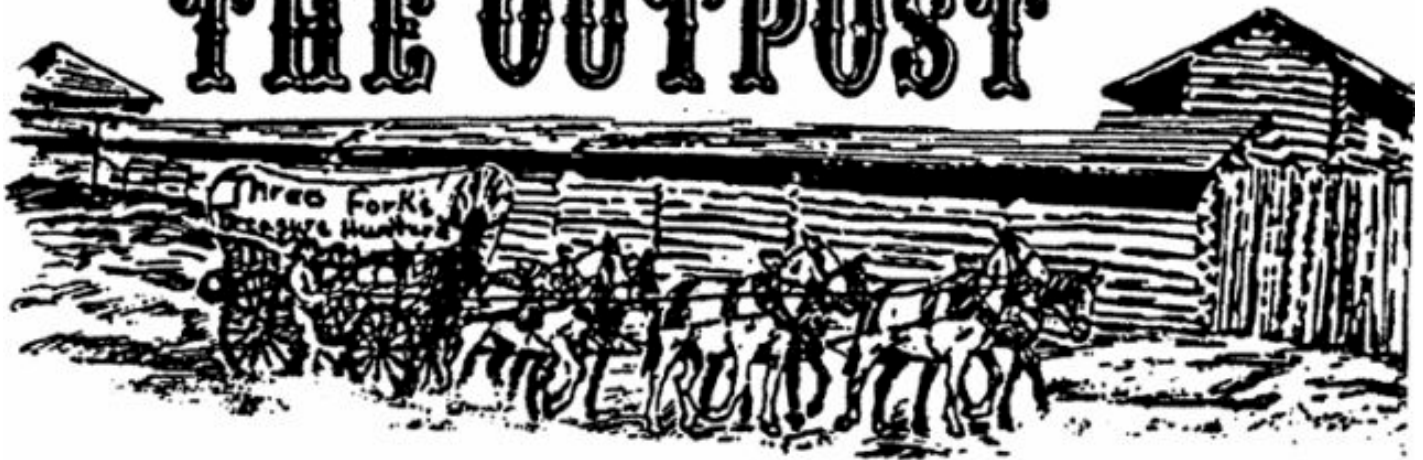


THE OUTPOST



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 5, 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



Upcoming Events

November 5	Three Forks Club meeting
November 13	Shiloh Relic Hunt
November ??	November Outing
November 18	Three Forks Board Meeting
November 20	Three Forks Garage Sale
December ??	Cemetery Cleanup and Outing
December 10	Three Forks Christmas Dinner

November Outing

There is an Outing in the works.
Be at the Meeting for details.



Three Forks will be having a Garage Sale on November 20th to raise money for our club's general fund. It will be held at Civitan Park in Muskogee or at a member's house. There will be more details at the meeting. We need every club member to donate items for this sale. You can bring your donations to the club meeting or to the board meeting. If you can't make the meetings get the stuff to somebody that is going or call Gary Young. His phone number is 682-6588 or 360-6697. We really need to have everything by the board meeting if possible. Clean out your closets, attics, or garages. We all have stuff we don't need that somebody else wants.



Learning about GPS Receivers at the October GPS Class



Entering hidden coordinates into GPS Receivers

OCTOBER PRIZE DONATIONS

DONATION

Cup
Brush Pack
Rubber Gloves
Big Penny
Fake Gold Coin
Pin & Necklace
Snake Driver
Rooster
Fall Wreath
Scarecrow
Jesus Plaque
Magazines
Magazines
Magazines
Magazines
Silver Round
Silver Round

SHARED BY

Gary Young
Gary Young
Gary Young
Chuck Marcum
Tom Neville
Mary Tracy
Francis Tracy
Sandi Gilbert
Rose Starr
Rose Starr
Tony Morris
Richard Carr
Richard Carr
Richard Carr
Richard Carr
Three Forks
Three Forks

SHARED TO

Chuck Marcum
Jerry Harlin
Francis Tracy
Gary Young
Gary Young
Gary Young
Tom Neville
Jerry Harlin
Tom Neville
Tommy
Shawn Gilbert
Francis Tracy
Tommy
Jerry Harlin
Tony Morris
Francis Tracy
Francis Tracy

The 50/50 Pot was shared to Tony Morris.
The Donation Drawing was shared to Gary Young.
The Display Donation was shared to Jim Simmons.
The Attendance Donation was shared to Tom Neville.



We need to have a really big Prize Sharing this month to help fund our Christmas Party. Bring lots of donations and lots of money to buy lots of tickets.



CEMETERY CLEANUP AND OUTING



These are pictures of the old Agency Cemetery just north of Muskogee. Gary Young knows the landowner and is working out the details for all three of the clubs in the area to get together and clean up this mess. The next day we will get to hunt in the pastures around the cemetery. We were told that the graves were robbed in the 1950s. We hunted a little in the pastures around it about 2 1/2 years ago when I took these pictures. There are scattered mixed spots out there. I found a Great Coat Button on one of the hills. The cemetery and area dates back to the 1800s. It's going to take some chain saws, weed eaters, and some physical work to straighten the place up. It'll be a really good public service and really great publicity for our clubs and our hobby. We are trying to set it up for December.



VOLUNTEER TODAY



It is time again to elect Club Officers and to fill club positions. Anyone is welcome to run for any club office or fill any position. It doesn't matter if you've been in the club for 20 years or twenty days. You don't need any experience and there will be plenty of people to help you out. We cannot have a club if we can't fill most of these offices. It's as simple as that. Most of these positions only require about 4 hours of your time a month and that time is spent at the club and board meetings. I will attempt to list the club offices, positions, their descriptions, and the approximate commitment time.

President	Runs the monthly Club and Board Meetings and helps run club activities.	5 hours a month
Vice President	Takes over the President's duties in his or hers absence and attends the Board Meetings.	2 to 5 hours a month
Secretary	Keeps notes at Club and Board Meetings. Sends notes to the Newsletter Editor.	6 hours a month
Treasurer	Manages all of the Club's financial affairs including writing checks and taking in money for hunts and dues.	6 hours a month
Board Members	Represents club members at the Board Meetings. Votes on Club business and helps plan club activities, meetings, and events.	2 hours a month
Club Raffle	Buys the coins, takes in the donated prizes, sells tickets, calls the ticket numbers, and takes notes on the winners and donations.	3 hours a month
Find of the Month	Takes and records the monthly entries, helps judge, announce and passes out the prizes.	2 hours a month
Find of the Month Judges	Helps judge the monthly entries. (A tough job sometimes)	2 hours a month
Newsletter Editor	Collects info, assembles, gets the newsletter printed and mailed out. Manages the club's photos and email lists.	12 hours + a month

OCTOBER FIND OF THE MONTH WINNERS

PROS

Oldest Coin

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. 1898 Indian Head Cent | Jim Simmons |
| 2. 1911 Wheat Cent | Tom Neville |
| 3. 1918 Mercury Dime | Tony Morris |

Jewelry

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. 14k Gold Ring w/Diamonds | Jim Simmons |
| 2. Sterling Silver Pin | Tom Neville |
| 3. Sterling Silver Ring | Gilbert Leake |

Val. Coin Silver & Gold

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. 1902o Barber Dime | Jim Simmons |
| 2. 1944 Half Dollar | Tom Neville |
| 3. 1957D Roosevelt Dime | Tony Morris |
| 3. 1961D Roosevelt Dime | Gilbert Leake |

Valuable Coin - Other

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. 1915s Wheat Cent | Jim Simmons |
| 2. 1913s Wheat Cent | Tom Neville |
| 3. 1928 Wheat Cent | Tony Morris |

Relic

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Muskogee, OK Tailoring Token | Tom Neville |
| 2. Tulsa, OK Building Token | Jim Simmons |
| 3. Gas Valve | Tony Morris |

Military Relic

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Admiral Dewey Badge | Jim Simmons |
| 2. Captain Bars | Tom Neville |

Non - Metallic

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Muskogee, OK Drug Store Bottle | Tom Neville |
| 2. Flint Scraper | Chuck Marcum |
| 3. Agate Marble | Jim Simmons |

AMATEURS

Oldest Coin

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1. 1894 Indian Head Cent | Tim Schlup |
| 2. 1899 V Nickel | Mark Gilbert |
| 3. 1919 Wheat Cent | Richard Carr |

Jewelry

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Silver Ring | Gary Young |
| 2. Ring | Tim Schlup |
| 2. Pendant | Richard Carr |
| 3. Cuff Link | Mark Gilbert |

Val. Coin Silver & Gold

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. 1888 Seated Dime | Tim Schlup |
| 2. 1918 Mercury Dime | Richard Carr |

Valuable Coin - Other

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. 1912D Wheat | Tim Schlup |
| 2. 1926D Wheat Cent | Richard Carr |
| 3. 1936D Wheat Cent | Mark Gilbert |

Relic

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. DR Caldwell Token | Mark Gilbert |
| 2. Watch Fob | Shawn Gilbert |
| 3. Car | Richard Carr |

Military Relic

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Eagle Staff Button | Mark Gilbert |
| 2. Pendant | Richard Carr |
| 3. Prince Albert Button | Tim Schlup |

Non - Metallic

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1. One Minute Cough Cure | Richard Carr |
| 2. Bitters Bottle | Tim Schlup |
| 3. Marble | Mark Gilbert |

Golden Eagle Award



Jim Simmons found this really nice 14k Gold with Diamonds Ring.



A Little On Ownership Plats and Permission

By Chuck Marcum

One of the hardest and sometimes the most time consuming task when you find a hunt spot is getting in touch with the land owner for permission to get on his property. To know who you are looking for helps a whole lot. Even if there's a house on the property a lot of times nobody is at home. When you have a name you can track them down. Just about every County has a Land Ownership Plat Map Book. With these maps you can tell who owns the property. Each book contains the whole county. Each page or plat has a whole township on it, 36 sections or 36 square miles. Each section shows the property breakdowns and names of the owners. On the bottom of the page is the copyright date. You want to get the most recent map you can. You'd be surprised how often property changes hands. You can get a copy of a page at an Abstract or Real Estate Office. Usually they'll make you a copy or two for free. I have been in quite a few Real Estate Offices where the person working there didn't know what I was asking for. After describing the plat books to them they'd look around and find one. Some Abstract Offices sell the books usually for about \$40.00. The trick is getting an up to date one. I know Delaware County just put out a new one in 2000. There's a few thing you'll need to know to get the right plat. You'll have

to know what county your site is in, the township number, range number, and what section you are in. You can get all of this information off of maps. Make sure to look at where you are on the plat when you get your copy. If there is a letter there instead of a name make sure you ask for a copy of that townships index which is in the book and will match the letter up with the name. They use the letters on smaller pieces of property where they can't fit the name.

Another place to get ownership maps is at County Courthouses. In fact the most up to date records are at the County Assessors Office. They know exactly who owns what piece of property since they are collecting the tax money. Every County Assessors Office is set up differently the only thing they have in common is that they all overcharge you for copies. 8.5 x 11 and legal size copies are \$1.00 each while Kinkos is about 3 cents each. Be careful getting oversize copies at courthouses they're usually \$7.00 apiece. If you don't want to spend money on copy fees and your plats are out of date you can take the plat over to the Assessors Office, look at their up to date plat, and pencil in any changes. They can't charge you for looking at public records (not yet anyway).

Like I've mentioned every county is different. Tulsa County Assessors have

oversized plats which are divided into 1/4 sections which costs \$7.00 each or the whole section on the same size sheet for \$10.00. On both of these sheets they have account numbers instead of names. You then have to get on one of their computers, punch in the number to get the name and any other info you want. Remember you can look at the plat and the accounts in the computer for free. Rogers County has a web site. You can access their maps and accounts just by downloading a free viewer. The address is www.rogerscounty.org Hopefully more counties will have sites like this in the future. Osage County also makes their own oversize plat maps. Some counties will have one section on 8.5 x 11 sheets. I believe Creek and Delaware Counties are like that. All counties have assessment rolls or accounts where you might find an address to the land owner which will help you find them. With a name and address you could find their phone number, but I'd use that as a last resort it's a lot easier turning down somebody on the phone. Know the landowners name when you knock on their door, take your maps to the door with you to show you've researched the site, and maybe even give them a copy of an aerial or old map of their place. If you have a good spot located take the time to research it and you'll probably get on it.





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