

# 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. We are 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.

**CLUB 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:** **Friday, September 7th**  
**BOARD MEETING:** After the Club Meeting on September 7th  
**CLUB PO BOX:** P.O. Box 753 Wagoner, Ok. 74477-0753  
**CLUB WEB SITE:** [www.threeforkstresurehunters.org](http://www.threeforkstresurehunters.org)



### 2012 CLUB OFFICERS:

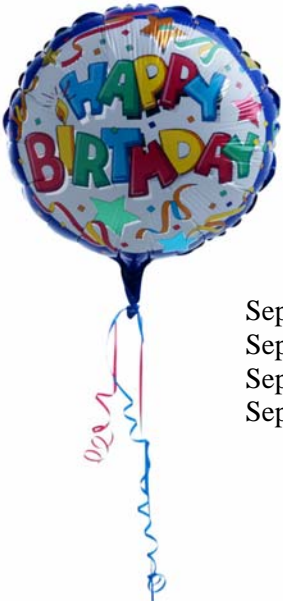
**PRESIDENT:** Gary Young  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Larry Koch  
**SECRETARY:** Tim Dearman  
**TREASURER:** Cathy Young

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Gene Coffey  
Nancy Coffey  
Jerry Callison  
Sandy Leake  
Gilbert Leake  
Tony Morris

Annette Morris  
Chuck Marcum  
Tom Spears  
Mary Tracy  
Francis Tracy  
Charles Williams



Will be here on September 22!!



September 13 Kristi Gentry  
September 13 Lewis Gonzales  
September 17 Nancy Hauger  
September 21 Christina Lester

## Upcoming Events

September 7	3 Forks Club Meeting
September 7	3 Forks Board Meeting
September 15	Kelly B Todd Kids Hunt
October 5	3 Forks Club Meeting
October 5	3 Forks Board Meeting
October 27	3 Forks Fall Club Hunt
April 27 & 28, 2013	3 Forks 27th National Hunt



*Joyeux Anniversaire*

September 4 Erwin & Jan Christensen  
September 7 Bill & Jo Ann Smith  
September 18 Mark & Shawn Gilbert

## Secretary Notes

Three Forks Treasure Hunters Club  
Meeting Minutes: Aug. 3, 2012

Meeting called to order: 7:40 pm by Pres. Gary  
Pledge led by: VP Larry  
Prayer led by: Frances Tracey

The club secretary read minutes of the last meeting and minutes from the last board meeting.

Treasurer gave a report on the club accounts.

Old Business: Discussion about the club's water hunt: Taylors Ferry North, with lunch at 11:30 am, hunt to begin at 1:00 pm. 30 dimes will be donated by the club for the hunt which has no fee to enter. Members are asked to bring an item valued \$10 to the hunt to be used as prizes for tokens in the hunt. Hot dogs and water will be supplied by the club. Members are encouraged to bring chips and dessert items to share.

New Business: Kelly B. Todd sign-up sheet will be ready for

those who want to help at this event.

The club meeting in September will be an old fashioned ice cream social, with member Tom Spears graciously supplying the ice cream. There will be no entries judged at this event, but the club will be having the raffles so be sure to bring items to the meeting.

Break called at 8:15

Meeting called back to order at 8:30  
Raffles were held.

Amateur Finds were announced by Frances Tracey.

Pro Finds were announced by Richard Carr

Display 1<sup>st</sup> place was Matt Fortney

50-50 winner was Tom Spears

Gold Eagle went to Frances Tracey for his 10K gold, 7-diamond man's ring

Meeting adjourned: 9:00 pm

Tim Dearman, Secretary

# Win a \$500.00 Visa Gift Card for Christmas!



**Our Three Forks Treasure Hunters Club will be having a drawing for a \$500.00 Prepaid Visa Card.**

**Tickets are one for a dollar or six for five dollars. The Drawing for the \$500.00 Prepaid Visa card will be held at our Christmas Party on December 7th. You need not be present to win. Photos of the winning ticket will be posted on our website the following day.**

**You can purchase tickets from any of our club members or you can buy them by mail. Visit our website at [www.threeforkstreasurehunters.org](http://www.threeforkstreasurehunters.org) for more details. Thank you for supporting our Club.**



## Kelly B Todd Kid's Hunt September 15, 2012

Starting in 2006 members of all three of our local clubs have put on a hunt at the Kelly B Todd Walk. Gary Young and I were told by several people including the organizers that we were the biggest hit of the day, by far. They have ask once again for the local Treasure Hunting Clubs to put the Kids Hunt on again this year. What we need is a lot of volunteers. We need people to help the kids hunt, people to run the prize booth and just people to help promote our hobby. We also need metal detectors for the kids to use during the hunt. The Cerebral Palsy Neuromuscular Foundation is a non-profit organization that has a center located in Muskogee. The Center has delivered physical therapy to children with physical challenges in the Muskogee area at no cost to the families for 34 years. This is the biggest fund raiser of the year for them. This event is open to the public at no cost. There is a walk, silent auction, game booths, horse back riding and now of course metal detecting for the kids. This event is really a big deal for the kids as well as the grownups. If you were here last year you know how much fun it was and if you weren't ask someone that was. The Center has received several prize donation for us to give away.

### What We Need:

*Lots of Volunteers*

*Metal Detectors*

*More Volunteers*

### What You Can Expect:

*Lots of fun.*

*A great & a very rewarding time.*

**Directions:** Located at Civitan Park, on the east side of Muskogee, approximately 1 mile west of the Muskogee Turnpike's Gibson Street exit. The park is located directly across from the Oklahoma School for the Blind. We will begin setting up the hunt field around 9:00.

If you need more information or have any questions please contact Chuck Marcum or Gary Young. Again, I hope to see everyone there. I cannot think of anything more rewarding than helping these kids have a great time.



A couple of pics from our 2007 Hunt.

# THREE FORKS FALL CLUB NIGHT HUNT

**OCTOBER 27th AT THE COFFEY'S BLUEBERRY FARM IN OKAY.**

The Night Hunt Entry Fee is \$25.00 or 10 Silver Dimes. There is also a mandatory Prize Donation worth at least \$10.00. The Frenzy Hunt will cost \$15.00 or 7 Silver Dimes. Children under 12 can hunt for half price and waive the donation. This is going to be a really fun hunt! The Club will be adding \$300.00 worth of silver dimes to the Night Hunt and \$200.00 worth of silver dimes to the Frenzy Hunt! All of that is in addition to the entry fees and donated prizes!

The cutoff date for paying your entry fees in cash will be October 12th. You can send your entry fees to: Three Forks P.O. Box 753 Wagoner, OK 74477-0753 if it is postmarked by the 13th. You can also enter at the Club Meeting. You can pay your fees in Silver up until the time of the Hunt.

We will be having a Chili and Stew Dinner. A sheet will be passed around at the club meetings so that you can sign up for what you will be bringing. We will need chili, stew, beans, all of the fixings, side dishes, and desserts.

- 3:30 Set Up Fields
- 4:30 Frenzy Hunt
- 6:00 Chili Dinner
- 7:00 Board Meeting
- Dark:30 Night Hunt

Please fill out the entry forms below and bring them with your fees to the hunt.

<p><b>Name</b></p> <p>Please Circle the Hunts you are entering</p> <p>Night Hunt \$25.00        Night Hunt <b>10 Silver Dimes</b>        Frenzy Hunt \$15.00        Frenzy Hunt <b>7 Silver Dimes</b></p> <p>Total Cash _____</p> <p>Total Silver _____</p>	<p><b>Name</b></p> <p>Please Circle the Hunts you are entering</p> <p>Night Hunt \$25.00        Night Hunt <b>10 Silver Dimes</b>        Frenzy Hunt \$15.00        Frenzy Hunt <b>7 Silver Dimes</b></p> <p>Total Cash _____</p> <p>Total Silver _____</p>
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## AUGUST FIND OF THE MONTH WINNERS

### PROS

#### Oldest Coin

- 1 1889 Indian Head Cent
- 2 1899 Indian Head Cent
- 3 1907 Indian Head Cent

Joe Poplin  
Ken Fanning  
Larry Koch

#### Jewelry

- 1 10k Gold Ring w/7 Diamonds
- 2 10k Gold Pendant
- 3 10k Gold Ring

Francis Tracy  
Matt Fortney  
Ken Fanning

#### Val. Coin Silver & Gold

- 1 1915s Barber Dime
- 2 1956D Roosevelt Dime
- 2 No Entry

Joe Poplin  
Tim Dearman

#### Valuable Coin - Other

- 1 1901 Indian Head Cent
- 2 1914 Wheat Cent
- 3 1930 Wheat Cent

Ken Fanning  
Joe Poplin  
Matt Fortney

#### Relic

- 1 Stone Bluff, OK Trade Token
- 1 Ozark Cherokee RR Key
- 2 Boy Scout Buckle
- 3 Fairfax, OK Trade Token

Tim Dearman  
Larry Koch  
Ken Fanning  
Matt Fortney

#### Military Relic

- 1 50 Caliber Musket Ball
- 2 Musket Ball
- 3 Bullet

Joe Poplin  
Larry Koch  
Tim Dearman

#### Non - Metallic

- 1 Porcelain Doll Head
- 2 Dr. Caldwell's Bottle
- 3 Marble

Matt Fortney  
Joe Poplin  
Charles Williams

#### Golden Eagle Award

10k Gold Ring with 7 Diamonds  
Francis Tracy

### AMATEURS

#### Oldest Coin

- 1 1927 Wheat Cent
- 2 No Entry
- 3 No Entry

Tom Spears

#### Jewelry

- 1 Sterling Silver Ring
- 2 Monett Earring
- 3 No Entry

Mary Tracy  
Gary Carnes

#### Val. Coin Silver & Gold

- 1 1954 Franklin Half Dollar
- 2 No Entry
- 3 No Entry

Tom Spears

#### Valuable Coin - Other

- 1 1918 Wheat Cent
- 2 No Entry
- 3 No Entry

Mary Tracy

#### Relic

- 1 No Entry
- 2 No Entry
- 3 No Entry

#### Military Relic

- 1 Bullet
- 2 No Entry
- 3 No Entry

Tom Spears

#### Non - Metallic

- 1 Clay Marble
- 2 No Entry
- 3 No Entry

Mary Tracy





# A Little On Ownership Plats and Permission

By Chuck Marcum

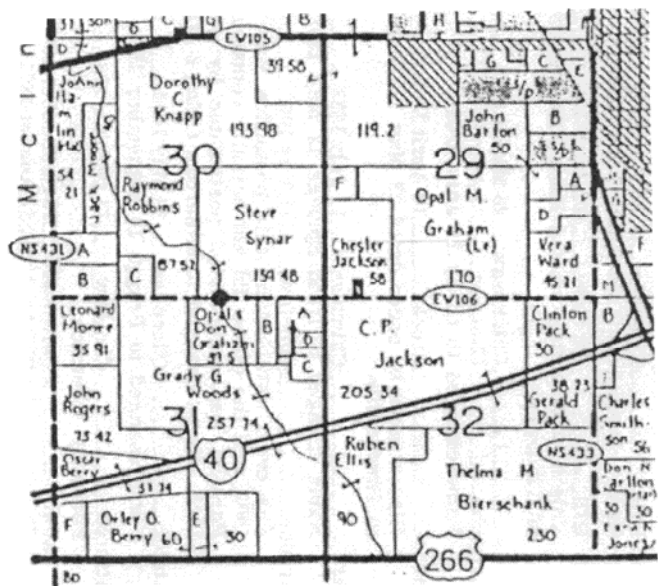
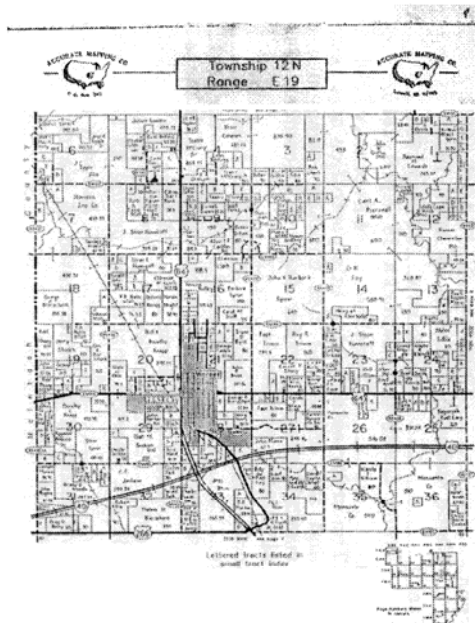
One of the hardest and sometimes the most time consuming task when you find a hunt spot is getting in touch with the land owner for permission to get on his property. To know who you are looking for helps a whole lot. Even if there's a house on the property a lot of times nobody is at home. When you 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](http://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.



**Update:** You can now order individual Plat Books for each county from County Records, Inc. an Owasso, OK business. Their phone number is 918-274-8788 and their website is at [www.countyassessor.info](http://www.countyassessor.info) Each Plat Book costs between \$35 - \$45 and they will ship them to you.



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