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Welcome to the TARC Monthly Newsletter : *The Rooster*. You will find information from last month's meeting, details on upcoming hunts and coin shows, results from last month's judging, funnies, current news, and maybe even a few spelling errors.

If you're visiting for the first time...WELCOME! We'd love to know how you heard about us, and most importantly we'd love to know more about you!

If you're a returning guest, welcome back!

If you have a story or article you'd like to include in *The Rooster*, let Tiffany or Charles know at least a week before the next TARC Meeting.

Please, feel free to visit our website to learn more about us and what we do. We hope to see you again next month!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Our next meeting will be on January 5th at 7pm in Matthews Park.
- We are open to suggestions for Fund Raisers for our Closed Club Hunts; if you have something in mind, please let Scott know.
- We are also looking for guest speakers or even member presentations (15-20 minutes) for our meetings. Again, if you have something in mind, please let Scott know.
- Christmas Party will be December 4th. Scott will have more information during tonight's meeting.
- We had 3 visitors, Gus, Andy, and Chris.
- Last month we had a speaker, John Thompson, who talked about the Texas Rangers and the Guns of the Old West.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Cindy Sanders 3rd
- Benjamin O'Sullivan 4th
- Trey Baker 5th
- Tom Bridges 13th
- Jerry Cutshall 23rd
- Larry Payne 30th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 11th – Canton, Texas. Texas Council of Treasure Clubs, Satellite Hunt at the Trade Days campground area. For registration information, see <http://www.texasCouncil.net> and click on Special Event or Member Events.

IN THE NEWS

Artifacts uncovered at Brackenridge Park By Scott Huddleston

Work on a new hike and bike path by the San Antonio River has uncovered a collection of historic wonders, including a woodworking tool that one expert says may date back more than 5,000 years. A stone wing wall from a millrace that may have carried river water during the late 1800s also was unearthed Wednesday in the second phase of the Museum Reach of the San Antonio River Improvements Project. In a trench 30 yards away, on the north end of the Brackenridge Golf Course, crews found a cooking hearth that might be 2,000 to 2,500 years old. The oldest item, recovered three feet below the hearth, was a flint woodworking tool, called a Guadalupe adze, that possibly dates back 5,500 years, said Steve Tomka, director of the Center for Archaeological Research at the University of Texas at San Antonio. "It's possible, given the location, that it was used to carve a canoe to travel downriver," Tomka said. While many know of the river's contributions to the city's recent past and its potential for the future, the latest find supports theories that humans have lived on its banks for 12,000 years. The area likely was an ancient "paradise" for indigenous people, Tomka said. "You can imagine the river, where there's slow-moving water, pecan trees and wildlife, would have presented an ideal camping area," he said. Crews will keep working in the 8-foot-deep trench, dug to anchor some light poles, for a few more days, Tomka said. The discovery was made during an archaeological assessment of part of a 1.5-mile extension of the Museum Reach, from near Hildebrand Avenue to Lions Field, said Steven Schauer, external communications manager with the San Antonio River Authority. Signage and other features that tell the site's history likely will be included in the hike and bike path, which is in the design phase, he said. Experts said the area has been known since the 1930s to possess prehistoric relics. "We want to make sure that what we're doing is certainly not endangering our archaeological past," Schauer said. The Brackenridge Park Conservancy, formed in 2008 to preserve and enhance the park's natural, historic and recreational resources, will use this week's excavation to help trace the park's evolution, said Leilah Powell, executive director. The discovery of items from three different eras within a small area of the golf course reveals a bond between people and the land that spans thousands of years, Powell said. "We think of the park as a place to ride our bikes, but it's been used for hunting, cooking, living and carrying water to a mill," she said. "It really makes you want to tell the story that gets across that mystery and excitement."

OCTOBER'S JUDGING

	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
OLDEST COIN	Rich 1895 Quarter	Ronnie 1941 Wheat	Norm 1942 Nickel
TOKENS	Rich	Carl	Norm
JEWELRY	Norm .925 Ring	Carl 10k Ring	Rich .925 Ring
MILITARY, CLUB, OR PENDANT	Rich Military Button	Larry AA Token	Blaine Soccer Pendant
QUANTITY	Rich \$41.92	Carl \$37.87	Larry \$19.66
MOST VALUABLE	Rich .925 Ring	Carl .925 Ring	Norm Pendant
TOYS	Doug Toy Pistol	Larry Handcuff	Rich Toy Badge
MOST NICKELS	Rich 51	Carl 34	Larry 20
FURTHEST FOREIGN COIN	Larry North Korea	Rich Italy	Carl Euro
PULL TABS	Carl 140	Rich 71	Ronnie 64
MOST UNIQUE	Rich Pocket Watch Key	Norm Pendant	Larry Pendant
BEST COIN	Rich 1895 Quarter	Blaine \$1 Coin	Norm Nickel
JUDGES	Trey Baker	Amanda Baker	

