

# 1969

## **Officers and Volunteers**

President - Tom Vance  
 Secretary - Bill Smith  
 Treasurer - Charles Craig  
 Editor - Tom Vance

## **Membership Dues**

\$5

## **Membership**

Joe Murdock, Don Renfro, Tom Vance, Charles Hill, Charles Craig, Bill Smith, Ken DeMoss, Jack Morgan and Willy Nixon organized the Indian Territory Treasure Hunters Club on November 11, 1968.

The following list includes all people who were mentioned in at least one newsletter as first-year members. The October 1969 newsletter reported that membership was approaching 50.

The 1969 members included:

Fred Barringer	Kelly Blake	Leo Blevins	Paul Chissoe
William Cole	Charles Craig	Ken DeMoss	Andy Frank
Dick Gillis	Nita Gillis	Bob Grufik	Noreen Grufik
Charles Hill	Dean Holland	Gene Humphries	Sylvia Humphries
Tom Ivy	Bill Lees	Becky Lees	John Lees
Johnny Lees	Charles Lester	Everett McCullough	A.M. McIntosh
Jack Morgan	Joe Murdock	Willy Nixon	Don Renfro
James Rhotenberry	Jack Risner	Joe Rutelonis	Chris Serfling
Red Bird Shade	Jerry Shed	Jimmy Shed	Jeanie Shed
Bill Smith	Joann Smith	Randy Smith	Don Stephenson
Raymond Stewart	L.E. Thompson	Tom Vance	Blackie Williams

## **Meetings**

January - The first ITTHC general meeting was held January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1969. Tom Vance presided and 22 members attended the meeting. The members attending that first meeting were not listed by name in the club's newsletter. General meetings were held the second Saturday of every month in the Nathan Hale Branch Library located at 6038 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Tulsa, OK at 7:30 pm. (Across from Shoppers Fair) The meeting room at the library barely held more than 30 people. ITTHC continued to use this library for its general meetings through September 1976. For the first year, Don Stephenson got the library key each month and set up chairs before the meetings.

February - Bill Smith gave the club's first program for a meeting, a presentation on telephone insulator collecting. The first item "raffled off" to members was Deek Gladson's book, Sudden Wealth, which normally sold for \$2. Members tried to win the book for 25¢ per chance. New member James Rhotenberry won the

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book. ITTHC signed up 8 new members, increasing total membership to 30 persons.

March - Leo Blevins demonstrated his coin-cleaning machine at the meeting.

April - The April meeting, held on Sunday, April 13, was combined with the club's first organized outing with prizes buried on site at Oolagah, Oklahoma. Jack Morgan headed up the outing.

June - Prizes won by members including 4 detectors (White's, Garrett, Detectron and Goldak), 2 hunting knives and Randy Smith's 1<sup>st</sup> place junior division trophy, all from the Holdenville Hunt, were displayed.

July - A guest speaker from Tulsa Rockhounds gave a presentation with mineral samples.

August - The August 9 meeting included a discussion of Spanish treasure signs and the club conducted a 5-question member survey.

September - Blackie Williams gave a presentation on treasure hunting.

October - A White's Electronics film on treasure hunting was shown at the meeting.

November - During the November 8 meeting the election of officers for 1970 was held.

December - The December 6 meeting was combined with a banquet celebrating the club's first year. The meeting/banquet was held at the Black Gold Buffet, 2114 S. Memorial in Tulsa. 55 - 60 members and family attended. The cost per plate at the Black Gold Buffet was \$2.75, but the club hoped to come up with enough money that it would only cost members \$1.00 - \$1.50 per plate. Also at the meeting, Bob Grufik gave club members their first look at his new coin digger, the "Lawn Saver".

### **News**

The club's first newsletter, in February 1969, was a 3-page hand-typed newsletter called *The Treasure News Monthly*. It was mailed to members with a 6¢ stamp. Tom Vance, the club's first newsletter editor used several different pen names in the newsletter and in his articles that were frequently published in treasure hunting magazines. The first item endorsed appeared in this first newsletter, reporting that Looboyles of Southroads Mall had a small lightweight flashlight that could easily be mounted on the bill of your cap or on your belt for night coin hunting. The cost of \$1.10 did not include the two "C" batteries required to operate it.

The March issue of the club's newsletter still only 3 pages in length had some changes. The name, stenciled straight across the top of the first page, was shortened to *Treasure News*.

There was a new Fisher detector dealer listed in the August newsletter - Sam Stewart, KTUL Channel 8 newscaster.

The November newsletter reported "South of Sapulpa, an old quart jar of coins dating from the late 1800's to the early 1900's was found while the (unidentified) finder was searching an old house foundation. The jar was located in the corner of the foundation while using a Frontier detector."

### **Outings/Events**

May 31 – June 1 - Holdenville Annual Championship Treasure Hunt. R&S Treasure Shack, operated by members Don Renfro and Bill Smith, furnished 1<sup>st</sup> prize, an S-63 White's detector. Tom Williams, contest director, estimated 2500 would attend, along with 14 detector manufacturers. There were actually 160 entrants and 10 manufacturers in attendance. Keys stamped for 1 and 2 points were buried. A scoreboard mounted on

a flatbed truck in the middle of the hunt field had each contestant's name on it with a nail beside each name to hang the hunters' keys for counting after the hunt was over.

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Monthly Club Hunt Chairman - Jerry Shed

## **Membership Dues**

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## **Meetings**

January - Members voted for January 24<sup>th</sup> as the date of the first monthly club outing.

February - Bill Mahan of D-Tex Detectors provided commentary and film on treasure diving off Florida. Also, member Carl Lester brought arrowheads, tomahawks and a metate from his personal collection.

March - Wilbur Heuszel gave a presentation of all the coins he'd found. He had 46 cans of pennies alone. The meeting start time was changed to 7:00 pm instead of 7:30 pm because members were continually as late as 10:30 pm getting the library cleaned up after meetings.

April - Sam Stewart gave a presentation of his finds, hunting skills and equipment for the program. Also, Bill and Alberta Kerr gave a presentation about bottles. A detector was raffled off to members.

May - C.H. McKennon, a local writer, gave a presentation on his treasure hunting experiences including an attempt to raise a sunken Civil War cannon at Big Cabin Creek. Also, the Holdenville Treasure Hunt film covering last year's championship treasure hunt was shown for the second time.

July - Jerry Shed gave a presentation on his Maine vacation trip and finds from the trip. The meeting was held July 18<sup>th</sup> instead of July 11<sup>th</sup> because many members wanted to attend the D-Tex Hunt at Garland, Texas.

August - Members were encouraged to bring old guns, unusual glassware and china to the meeting.

September - Mr. Blackwell, operator of a bottle shop in Wagoner, gave a presentation on bottles. Members were also encouraged to share any stories they may have about panning for gold.

## **News**

January 4 - The *Tulsa World* carried a picture and story account of how a girl lost her engagement ring in snow near 12<sup>th</sup> & St. Louis in Tulsa. After several people tried to locate it with metal detectors, Sam Stewart, KTUL Channel 8 newsman and new ITTHC member found it. Also in January, the look of the newsletter changed again. The name, *Treasure News*, was still stenciled on the front page, but now the word "treasure" arched over a crossed metal detector and shovel.

In the February newsletter, Stanley's Submarine, then located at 1552 S. Sheridan in Tulsa, advertised a combination submarine sandwich for 99¢

Editor Tom Vance added "*Swap Shop*" to the March newsletter. Members could list items for sale or trade. The first ads were "R&S Treasure Shack, franchised dealer for White's metal detectors invite you to see the latest detecting equipment. Call TE 59667, TE 52541 or stop by 7817 E. Jasper Tulsa, Oklahoma. We also carry a complete line of books, maps (including the big one that has just been published - "Historical Map Of Oklahoma") as well as rental detectors." and "Thinking about doing some home repairs or redecorating? Joe Rutelonis is the man to see! Cabinetwork and painting his specialty. For a free estimate on that job you have coming up see Joe at 3520 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Tulsa, or call him at WE 98657." "*Book Shelf*" was another feature added to the newsletter in March. The first book reviews were A Dynasty Of Western Outlaws by Paul I. Wellman and Civil War Sites In Oklahoma by Muriel H. Wright & LeRoy H. Fisher.

Editor Tom Vance added "*Koin Korner*" to the April newsletter. The first article said, "Coin collectors were notified last week that the Numismatic Service of San Francisco's Assay Office is now taking orders for 1969 mint sets. Previous mint set collectors were mailed order cards beginning April 14 to avoid complaints again this year of too short an order notice time allowance. The mint director announced that the 1969 set would include the following ten coins: cent, nickel, dime, quarter and half from Denver; dime and quarter from Philadelphia; and cent and nickel from San Francisco. These will again be sealed in plastic packets and sell for \$2.50 the set."

July - The look of the newsletter changed yet again as well as the name of the publication. The name was changed to *ITTHC Treasure News* and the newsletter had its first cover art, a masked bandit drawn by James Baker. The ITTHC arrow logo appeared on the cover for the first time. Cover art continued to adorn the front of the newsletter from that point on. James Baker provided most of the cover art through November 1970. Bill Lees contributed the cover art from December of 1970 through August of 1972. In September 1972 Bob Freeman took over as cover artist.

The September newsletter included a full-page ad announcing a new metal detector shop, Razorback Detector Sales, located at 6916 E. Admiral across from Jubilee City in Tulsa. This new shop operated by members Don Renfro and Tom Vance specialized in Fireball, NTHL, Metrotech and Spartan detectors.

October - A Woodward, Oklahoma treasure hunter unearthed two pots of coins. One was a gallon pickle jar. The dollar amount of the finds were undisclosed. An ITTHC member found an old Coke machine, at first thought to be an overturned bathtub. The machine held several mint quality buffalo nickels, one dated 1924. Former member Kelly Blake notified Tom Vance that a rare Solomon Island coin he found earlier at McClure Park, on 11<sup>th</sup> Street had been sent to the Smithsonian Institute for appraisal. The value was such that he decided to keep it (in a bank vault). You could get a one-year subscription to Relics magazine (6 issues) for \$2 or 2 years for \$3.50. Metal detector dealers listed in newsletter "*Swap Shop*" included The Treasure Shack located at 8500 E. 11<sup>th</sup> in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Joann & Bill Smith sold Garrett, Fisher, D-Tex, Metrotech, Roth, Goldak & White's. The other dealer listed was Razorback Detector Sales located at 6916 E. Admiral Pl. in Tulsa (Across from Jubilee City). They offered good coffee and a place to sit down as well as NTHL (Garrett), Metrotech, Fisher, Spartan (Von Mueller), Detectron & Fireball (White's) detectors.

November - Member Jimmy Shed found a ladies compact containing four pennies, two not so valuable, one an 1896 Indian Head, the fourth a 1914-D worth about \$35.

### ***Outings/Events***

January 24 - The first monthly club outing was held at Cedar Crest on Spring Creek. The weather was cold and some snow was on the ground. \$11.00 in 1" by 1" metal strips, redeemable for prizes at R&S Treasure Shack were buried and found.

March 1 - Monthly club outing on the Arkansas River near Bixby. Club prizes included \$8.00 worth of coins and

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1" by 1" metal strips stamped for prizes. Somebody drove their green Chevy pickup onto the sand and got stuck. Bob Grufik's "Lawn Saver" was used to bury targets and was well received.

May 3 - Monthly club outing at Garfield on the Camp Gruber reservation. Only a few members showed up for the outing. The token for a metal detector was not found. Only 5 of the other 8 tokens (1" by 1" metal strips) good for maps and books were found. On the same day the Tom Williams 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual World Championship Treasure Hunt was held at Territory Town, USA 5 miles west of Okemah. The entry fee was \$7 early / \$10 late.

July 10, 11 & 12 - D-Tex Hunt at Garland, Texas.

From July through September, monthly club outings were suspended due to heat.

September 6 - Southwest Championship Treasure Hunt 3 miles west of Inola on Highway 33. Prizes included White's 66T, Garrett Hunter, Action Explorer I, Detectron 7T. Special hunts included a men's hunt for a fruit jar of coins and a women's wig hunt for two \$50 wigs from Hi-Fashion Wigs of Muskogee. The Treasure Shack, Bill Smith and A.J. Cecil sponsored the hunt. The entry fee was \$5.

# 1971

## **Officers and Volunteers**

President - Jerry Shed  
 Vice President - Lloyd Nelson  
 Secretary - Mary Riddle  
 Treasurer - Bill Riddle  
 Editor - Tom Vance (until August, then Bill Lees)  
 Monthly Club Hunt Chairman - Jerry Shed

## **Membership Dues**

\$5

## **Membership**

Membership was holding at over 30 members in February.

## **Meetings**

February - Jack Farnum gave a presentation of Colorado ghost town slides. Also, John Dickerson gave a presentation on his arrowhead collection. The first nametags were provided to members so they could better acquaint themselves with each other.

April - A film about early day Indian Territory was shown.

September - The meeting start time was changed to 7:30 pm instead of 7 pm in September. ITTHC members made the decision to hold their first National Hunt planned for May 28<sup>th</sup>. ITTHC license plates and sew-on patches were available to club members for the first time. ITTHC member Lewis Bruere designed the patch. The license plates cost \$2 and the patches cost \$1.

October - ITTHC purchased a White's 66-T metal detector at dealer cost to be used in the club's first fundraiser to help pay for a National Hunt. Tickets were sold at the October 9 meeting for \$1 each. The drawing was scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup>. The family selling the most tickets got a \$20 gold certificate.

November - Elections were held at the November 8 meeting instead of the scheduled December date because Bill Mahan was expected to visit in December.

December - A Treasure Ray metal detector was raffled off to members attending the December meeting. New member Loren Barnes won the detector. A decision was made to completely revise the constitution and by-laws. A new office of parliamentarian was added. Mary Riddle, the new parliamentarian, handled the revisions. Leslie Kinnison assisted her in forming the new club standards. A vote to raise dues from \$5 to \$7 was nullified because members were not notified beforehand.

## **News**

February - Postage increased from 6¢ to 8¢. A notice in the newsletter said, "Coming soon to Tulsa - Glen Beaman treasure packet!" (Glen Beaman was a fictitious, world renowned treasure hunter created by ITTHC members.)

Metal detector dealers listed in the April newsletter "*Swap Shop*" included Thrifty, Inc. located on the NW corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Garnett, 10985 E. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tulsa, OK selling Excelsior, Bounty Hunter, Detectron, Treasure Probe detectors. Also listed was The Treasure Shack located at 8500 E. 11<sup>th</sup>, Tulsa, OK and operated by Joann & Bill Smith. They sold Garrett, Goldak, Fisher, and Treasure Ray detectors. Razorback Detector sales located at 6916 E. Admiral Pl. in Tulsa was selling D-Tex, Fisher, Microtech, and Spartan detectors.

A notice in the May newsletter said, "Glen Beaman Treasure Packet: Due to his many mining interests in New Mexico and Arizona, Glen has indicated that his packet for the serious treasure seeker has been delayed temporarily. He hopes to soon have his merchandise ready for full advertising coverage and details and at such time will make his packet available to readers of the ITTHC newsletter."

Editor Bill Lees added a new column called "*Found!*" to the newsletter in September. Members were asked to call Bill with their monthly finds for this column. The first items listed included 59 good mason jars found under porch of a condemned Tulsa house by club president Jerry Shed. Jack Cooper reported finding a Barber dime in a Tulsa yard. Jimmy Shed reported finding an 1893-S Barber half-dollar buried about one foot down in a Muskogee schoolyard and an undisclosed number of rusty 'ol bottle caps found by an anonymous club member was also listed.

December 30 - The White's 66-T detector from the National Hunt fundraiser was awarded to Jean Ross of Tulsa. The ticket was drawn at The Treasure Shack. R.J. Cecil won the \$20 gold certificate for selling the most tickets. The raffle netted \$876 for the National Hunt. The December newsletter reported "Metal dollars are back. The new Eisenhower dollar (no silver) is the first American dollar coin issued since 1935."

### ***Outings/Events***

On the third weekend of February, ITTHC held its first fundraiser, a garage sale. Members were asked to donate items to be sold and the money was used to purchase coins to bury at the first quarterly treasure hunt.

April 24 & 25 - Oklahoma City Treasure Show #2 at Shepherd Mall with treasure and treasure hunting equipment. Karl Von Mueller, Bill Mahan, Harley Smith and A.T. Evans were there.

May 23 - Club Hunt at Foyil, Oklahoma. The site was supposedly the site of a wagon train massacre. Nearby were Indian stomp grounds and old Indian homesteads. The hunt was a campout and hunt with prizes awarded for best finds.

August 22 - Malvern, Ohio Treasure Hunt at Pride Valley Campground. Grand prize was a motor bike with a Delux Goldmaster TR. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes were Fisher M-Scopes. The hunt boasted \$1,000 in buried coins plus silver dollars, rare collector items and artifacts.

September 5 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southwest Championship Treasure Hunt 3 miles west of Inola on Highway 33. Prizes included a Garrett Hunter, a White's 66T and "a large amount of coins". The Treasure Shack sponsored the hunt.

October 24 - Club Hunt at Cabin Creek, near Adair.

November 20 & 21 - Oklahoma City Treasure Show #3. The show was held at Shepherd Mall again and advertised \$7 million in gold from Spanish galleons, valuable gold bars, ancient coins, Civil War artifacts, bottles and books (\$7 million in galleon gold didn't show up.) Karl Von Mueller, Bill Mahan (owner of D-Tex) and Johnny Pounds (publisher of The Treasure Hunter magazine) were there.

# 1972

## **Officers and Volunteers**

President - Jerry Shed

Vice President - Jack Cooper

Secretary - Becky Lees

Treasurer - Kenneth Bales

Parliamentarian - Mary Riddle

Board Member - Bill Lees

Editor - Bill Lees

Club Librarian - Mary Ann Cooper

Club Sites Chairman - Don Swisher

(The offices of parliamentarian and board member, also known as club representative were new in 1972.)

## **Membership Dues**

\$7 (family), \$5 (single) and \$3 (associate)

## **Membership**

As of January 26<sup>th</sup>, ITTHC membership was 28 family, 22 single and 2 associate for a total of 52 memberships. There were 78 voting members.

## **Meetings**

January - Michael Bureman and Rocky Jones of the Oklahoma Historical Society presented a workable preservation program for Oklahoma treasure hunters and archaeologists. Members voted to increase dues. A Bounty Hunter I detector was raffled off to members in attendance. Wayne Petre won the detector.

February - Dan McPike, anthropologist for Gilcrease Museum filled in at the last minute because the scheduled program was cancelled due to bad weather. A Bounty Hunter I detector was raffled off to members in attendance. New member Bill Proctor won the detector.

March - The board set up regulations for a Find of the Month award and a new award, Treasure Hunter of the Year, was created. Awards in 2 categories, Relic and Coin would be presented each month. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category received points toward Treasure Hunter of the Year. 1<sup>st</sup> place got 5 points and a prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> place got 4 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> place got 3 points. 1 point went to all other entries. The member at the end of the year with the most points was Treasure Hunter of the Year. A metal detector was suggested as a prize for the Treasure Hunter of the year. The board also decided to buy books for the club library. Mary Ann Cooper was named the club librarian. Clarence Allen, a cave witcher, showed a film on treasure hunting & superstitions at the March 11 meeting. A metal detector was raffled off to members in attendance. Bill Riddle won the detector.

April - Members voted on the new constitution and by-laws. The first Find of the Month contest was held at this meeting. There were only two categories planned for the contest, Relic and Coin. Jim Eulitt won the Relic category with his Little Orphan Annie decoder ring. Bob Freeman's diamond ring clearly deserved a prize as well, but there was only one category left - the Coin category. Bob was named the winner of the Coin category and a new Jewelry category was added to the contest in May. The club raffled off a differentiating probe to members in attendance - Jimmy Eulitt won.

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At the May 13 meeting, the new Jewelry category was added to the Find of the Month contest. The winners of the contest were Relic - Jack Cooper (Civil War bayonet), Coin - Fred Delcamp (1899-S Barber half-dollar), Jewelry - Milo Slater (wedding band). Also, the club raffled off a Bounty Hunter I detector to members in attendance - Kermit Randall won.

June - The club decided to make ITTHC National Hunt an annual event.

August - Terry Humphries volunteered to be 1973 National Hunt Chairman.

October - An Association film on treasure hunting was shown at the meeting. Don Swisher, club sites chairman, outlined plans for the October Club Hunt, possibly locating and researching one of Oklahoma's ghost towns for the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Calling Committee was discontinued.

December - "The Westward Way", a film from Garrett Electronics, was shown. New officers were elected.

### **News**

In February, Apex Industries, metal detector manufacturer of Redland, California went out of business.

The April newsletter reported that the club owned a Fisher Deep Seeker metal detector, which members could use for free. It was kept at the Treasure Shack. The newsletter also reported, "Flash! The first Ike dollar found by a club member was found by Jerry Shed." The club was putting together a jar of coins to be donated to the National Hunt.

On August 16, a new metal detector shop, owned by Bob Ezell, opened in the Cedarwood Shopping Center at 2607 E. 11<sup>th</sup>, Tulsa. Also in August, the new version of Garrett metal detectors hit the market. Prices ranged from \$89.95 to \$239.95.

### **Outings/Events**

The February Club Hunt was held at an old salt works.

March 19 - The first ITTHC Quarterly Coin Hunt was held. 82 members attended the event. Around 1,000 new and old coins were buried. Jimmy Eulitt won a \$1 gold token from the 1939 Chicago World's Fair for finding the most coins (46).

May 28 - ITTHC held its first National Hunt at the Tulsa KOA Campgrounds, 193<sup>rd</sup> E. Ave. & I-44. The National Hunt Chairmen were Jerry Shed & Terry Humphries. There were 262 entrants. The entry fee was \$10. The hunt boasted over \$4,000 in coins and prizes. The coins alone were valued at over \$2,000. Coin prizes consisted of silver dollars dated from 1878 to 1925, Barber halves, quarters and dimes, V-nickels, Seated Liberty and Mercury dimes, Walking Liberty halves and more. All coins buried were dated 1930 or before. The 15 metal detectors of various brands included as prizes were valued at over \$1,000. The only real complaint encountered was too many people for too little area. List of winners: Patricia Dewitt (Irving, TX) won a cast iron pot of money. T.L. Riggs (Claremore) won a Bounty Hunter II detector. T.L. Edwards (Lancaster, TX) won a Treasure Ray detector. C.W. Hatcher (Carthage, MO) won a Bounty Hunter I detector. Frank Lawson (Tulsa) won a Roth M200 detector. E.C. Phillips (Wichita Falls, TX) won a Detectron Gremlin detector. W.A. Van Atten (Tulsa) won a Metrotech detector. Ken McClung (Tulsa) won a Garret Hunter detector and a D-Tex Winner detector. Larry Kent (Tulsa) won a White's S63TR detector. Glen Booth (OKC) won a Bounty Hunter I detector. Ken James (Tulsa) won a Detectron 7-T detector. Charles Hankins (Kiefer) won a Fisher 120 detector. Alfred Howell (Okmulgee) won a White's Coinmaster 4 detector. Bob Montrose (Little Rock, AR) won a Compass 71-1B detector. Donna Simons (Watanga, TX) won a Bounty Hunter II detector.

June 24 - ITTHC and the Oklahoma Historical Society teamed up in their first field work together at the old Honey Springs Depot. Dr. Charles Cheek, assistant professor of anthropology and sociology at T.U, directed the search. About 10 members assisted in locating possible excavation sites. Detectors were used and stakes were placed at each indicated target. Lack of a significant discovery gave evidence there were no structures in the area explored by the club.

July 23 - ITTHC Quarterly Coin Hunt at the Kerr's 93<sup>rd</sup> & Sheridan. An entry fee of \$1 for adults and 50¢ for children became effective due to growing membership.

September 17 - Several members conducted a search for the foundations of a barn that once stood behind the Jim Thorpe house in Yale, Oklahoma at the request of the Oklahoma Historical Society. It was determined the barn had been located where a modern tool shed now stood. The Jim Thorpe home was being restored as a State Historical Landmark.

September 24 - Club picnic at Taylor's Ferry South, Fort Gibson Lake. 25 members participated. Ruth Huskey found the most in the "Trash Hunt".

November 5 - Club picnic at Cabin Creek starting at 1 pm. Hamburgers were provided for members. Members could hunt a designated area, not the Oklahoma Historical Society owned area.

December 3 - Club Hunt at Garfield was cancelled due to rain and snow.

December - ITTHC Quarterly Coin Hunt at the Kerr's, 93<sup>rd</sup> & Sheridan. There were 1,100 coins buried. Bill Riddle found the most coins with 65.

# 1973

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Vice President - Bob Grufik  
Secretary - Becky Lees  
Treasurer - Kenneth Bales  
Parliamentarian - Mary Riddle  
Board Members - Joan Bales, Gene Humphries  
Editor - Bill Lees  
Club Sites Chairman - Bob Boucher

## ***Membership Dues***

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## ***Meetings***

January - ITTHC announced its first Treasure Hunter of the Year (1972) was Bob Freeman with 47 points. He won a D-Tex Winner metal detector.

February - Members displayed past finds. (NOT a show & tell!) The club decided to discontinue Quarterly Hunts. They would be replaced by two semiannual all day hunts, one in April and one in October. The club decided to purchase quality coins instead of quantities of cheap coins. The hunts would include a picnic of some kind. Only current members and immediate family could hunt. The entry fee was \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids. The club matched the entry fees and used this money to purchase coins and prizes for the hunt.

March - Gary Jones of Mohawk Zoo brought & spoke about poisonous snakes.

April - A Garrett Electronics treasure hunting film was shown.

May - Don Swisher gave a slide presentation on past ITTHC events. The club raffled off a D-Tex "Tiny Tex" detector to members.

June - Terry Humphries announced he was stepping down as National Hunt Chairman. Bob Boucher volunteered as site chairman for Monthly Club Hunts.

July - There was a film presented about the ancient cliff dwellings of Mesa Verde in Colorado. Bob Boucher volunteered as 1974 National Hunt Chairman.

August - Don Swisher presented a film about the first Tulsa treasure hunt.

September - Members displayed past finds. (Still NOT a show & tell!)

October - Herb Hamlin, historian & former teacher spoke about America's past. The club voted to raise club dues to \$10 (family), \$7.50 (single) & \$3 (associate-unchanged).

November - Gale & Norma Whitaker gave a film presentation on the Fiji Islands.

December - Bill Proctor presented a film on his Alaska trip. The election of officers was also held. Bob Freeman was named Treasure Hunter of the Year for 1973. He won a detector.

### **News**

March - The newsletter reported that the ITTHC National Hunt was in trouble because there was no land available.

It was reported in April that the ITTHC National Hunt land problem had been solved. A site at the Port of Catoosa had been secured. Also, a new detector shop, the R and R Hut, opened at 7401 N. Iriquois, Tulsa, OK. It was owned by Sharry & Wayne Bergman, offering Compass & Bounty Hunter detectors.

May - Mary Riddle compiled the club's first roster at the request of members. Your name appeared on the roster only if you requested it. Only members on the roster received the roster.

July - Club patches were reordered after a long shortage. New cost: \$1.75 each.

October 1 - Oregon banned pulltabs.

### **Outings/Events**

March 31 - A 2-day field trip in search of an \$85,000 gold coin was cancelled. The landowner didn't want a large group on his property.

March - Treasure show at Southroads Mall.

April 8 - The first ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt. Over 800 coins were buried - 679 were found. Coins included buffalo nickels, Barber dimes, Indian head cents and much recent silver.

May 27 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt at the Port of Catoosa. The day was exceptionally windy. There were 290 entries in the coin hunts and 117 in the Target Hunt. 14 states were represented. The hunt boasted \$4,000 in coins & prizes. The National Hunt Chairman was Terry Humphries. Included this year were 2 Main Coin Hunts, a Competition Target Hunt & a Kid's Hunt. There were 10 detectors offered as prizes in the Main Hunt and 1 in the Kid's Hunt. There were six \$5 gold coins as prizes in the Main Hunt as well. Competition Target Hunt results: 1<sup>st</sup> place - Eddie Gregory (OKC) won \$234, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Jessie Blackshire (Memphis, TN) won \$117, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Josh Dewitt (Irving, TX) won \$87.75, 4<sup>th</sup> place - Harold Dunkin (OKC) won \$58.50, 5<sup>th</sup> place - Frank Bogadi (Memphis, TN) won \$29.25.

June 24 - Club Hunt & picnic at old Henryetta City Park. There was a Junk Hunt with 3 silver dollars to those finding the most junk. Winners were Melanie Tipton, LaDonna Brown & Phil Zachary.

July 22 - Club Hunt & Picnic at Reed Park & Porter Elementary School 42<sup>nd</sup> & Union. There was a small crowd. Bill Huntley, Earl Foster & Mark Blackwell won the Trash Hunt.

August 26 - Club Hunt & Picnic at Mohawk Park. There was a covered dish picnic at 1:00 and a Trash Hunt at 2:30.

September 9 - Club outing at the Richardsville ghost town.

Because the Semiannual October Coin Hunt was in danger due to lack of funds, garage sales were scheduled

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for 3 consecutive weekends in September. On September 15-16 there was a garage sale at Della Ruth & Bill Huntley's residence. On September 22-23 there was a garage sale at Thrift Electronics conducted by Edith James. On September 29-30 there was a garage sale at Jim & Jeanie Webb's residence. The garage sales netted \$270 making the October Coin Hunt one of the best financed in ITTHC history.

October 28 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at the Kerr's 93<sup>rd</sup> & Sheridan.

November - Club outing at Chandler Park with hamburgers and covered dish picnic.

December 30 - Club outing at O'Brien Park was postponed to January 6<sup>th</sup>.

# 1974

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President - Bob Boucher  
 Vice President - Gene Humphries  
 Secretary - LaDonna Brown  
 Treasurer - Jim Webb  
 Parliamentarian - Mary Riddle  
 Board Members - Bill Huntley, Bob Grufik  
 Editor - Bill Lees  
 Club Sites Chairman - Loren Barnes  
 Scrap Metal Chairman - Jim Webb

## ***Membership Dues***

\$10 (family), \$7.50 (single) and \$3 (associate)

## ***Meetings***

January - Mr. Sloan gave a presentation on rings. ITTHC was warned about not cleaning Nathan Hale Branch Library after meetings.

February - The board revised the Find of the Month rules. Awards in same 3 categories (Coin, Relic and Jewelry) will be presented each month. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category receives points toward Treasure Hunter of the Year. 1<sup>st</sup> place awarded 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 3 points, all other entries - 1 point. Only one item may be entered in each category and must conform to the following rules: (A) That item must have been found with a metal detector. (B) That item must have been found in the month directly preceding the meeting at which it is to be entered. Prizes for the monthly contest will consist of a Eisenhower metal dollar and will be awarded to each 1<sup>st</sup> place entry. Treasure Hunter of the Year award will be given to the person who receives the most points in the Find of the Month contests over the one-year period of the contest. The winner will receive a free family membership to the club and two free entries in the club's National Hunt. At the February 9 meeting part two of the Bill Proctor film on his Alaska trip was shown. Loren Barnes volunteered as club sites chairman. National Hunt Chairman, Bob Boucher, reported 16 prizes donated to date for the 1974 National Hunt.

March - Members displayed past finds (Still NOT a show & tell!). National Hunt Chairman, Bob Boucher, reported 24 prizes donated to date for the 1974 National Hunt.

April - A slide program called "From Tenkiller to Tahiti" was presented by professional scuba diver Jerry Jones.

May - Bill Proctor gave a film presentation.

June - Associate member, Steve Noga, visiting from Maryland, gave a slide presentation on Civil War relic hunting in the Maryland/Virginia area. He also brought along a display of Civil War relics found on eastern battlefields. Most of the meeting was conducted by flashlight, due to a thunderstorm, which knocked out the power. The power stayed on just long enough for Steve Noga to show his slide presentation. Bob Boucher announced that he wanted to step down as National Hunt Chairman.

July - Members were asked to actively solicit new members, as membership was noticeably down.

August - Roy Rousch, California treasure hunter and technical consultant for Treasure magazine gave a slide presentation and commentary of his treasure expeditions.

September - At the September board meeting Bob Boucher announced he would be 1975 National Hunt Chairman if he got sufficient help. The future of the National Hunt was bleak. Not enough help from members had been extended in past hunts, costs were high and some members felt they should be working to rebuild the club instead of putting on a National Hunt, which they felt did not benefit the club. Bob Boucher stood by his support of the National Hunt, stating that costs could be handled more efficiently, and gained backing of enough members to continue the National Hunt as an annual event. Find of the Month rules were revised. Starting with the September meeting, Find of the Month entries had to be submitted by 7:15 pm. Starting with the January 1975 meeting, the coin category was to be divided into two separate categories, Oldest Coin (must be pre-1931) and Most Valuable Coin. Members could enter one coin in each category, but one coin couldn't be entered in both categories. At the September 14 meeting coin author Tab Blackwell gave a presentation on coins.

October - ITTHC business cards were made available to all members free of charge.

### **News**

January 10 - A bill was proposed by Senator John McCune to ban pulltabs in Oklahoma.

March - ITTHC was conducting a brass, copper and lead drive as a fundraiser. Members were asked to bring their metal to the meetings and to deposit it in the appropriate box. Jim Webb volunteered as "Junk Chairman". Members were encouraged to write Senator John McCune in support of pending pulltab ban.

April - Bill Lees reported that postage went up from 8¢ to 10¢ costing the club about \$1.50/month more to mail newsletters. That would mean about 75 newsletters were being mailed monthly.

May - There was talk of the government replacing copper cents with aluminum ones.

### **Outings/Events**

January 6 - Club outing at O'Brien Park with hamburgers and covered dish picnic.

February - Club outing at Woodward Park.

March 17 - Club outing at an 1800's Indian mission but the location was not disclosed in newsletter.

April 7 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at the Kerr's 93<sup>rd</sup> & Sheridan. Due to the ridiculous price of silver and due to members' insistence on quality coins rather than quantity, entry fees for the Semiannual Coin Hunt were raised to \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for kids. Byron Carnes got 1<sup>st</sup> with 52 coins. Jim Webb got 2<sup>nd</sup> with 42 coins. For allowing the club to use their property, Bill & Alberta Kerr again received honorary memberships.

April 21 - Tulsa Wins All at Oklahoma City Hunt! Byron Carnes won a detector, Denver McCoy & Bill Smith won detectors and \$5 gold pieces, and Bob Boucher won a detector and a treasure chest with 25 silver dollars in it. Dave Long, Bill Huntley, Lewis Bruere, Gene Humphries & LaDonna Brown cleaned up on coins.

April 28 - Club outing at old ghost town of Richardson.

May - Club outing and picnic at the National Hunt site to clean up the area before the National Hunt.

May 26 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt at the Port of Catoosa. The hunt was billed in the newsletter as the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Mud Hunt" due to heavy rainfall during the hunt. There were 355 entrants in the coin hunts and 175 in the Target Hunt. The National Hunt Chairman was Bob Boucher. Entrants came from Maryland, Texas, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma. Many took in the Wewoka Hunt the next day. Bill Mahan of D-Tex was there along with "professional treasure hunter" Glen Beaman, just back from a successful treasure venture in the Caribbean. Due to heavy rain late entries were light. This and the high price of silver didn't supply sufficient starting capital for next year's National Hunt. The estimated cost of this hunt was \$7,000. Many feared this might have been the last "silver hunt" the club could afford due to high silver prices.

October 20 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at the old ghost town of Yonkers. The hunt included a picnic with hamburgers cooked by Bob Grufik. Only silver coins were buried for the hunt. The entry fee for this hunt was \$3.50 for adults (hunt & burger), 50¢(burger only) and \$1.50 for kids. Big prizewinners included Ray Baldwin, Phil Zacary, Leon Bevins and Denver McCoy. Bill Huntley found an Indian Head cent, Bill Riddle found a Barber quarter, Gene Humphries found an old brass lock and lots of wheat cents were found.

# 1975

## ***Officers and Volunteers***

President - Bob Boucher  
Vice President - Gene Humphries  
Secretary - LaDonna Brown  
Treasurer - Earl Foster  
Parliamentarian - Mary Riddle  
Board Members - Bill Huntley, Bob Grufik  
Editor - Bill Lees until May, then Becky Lees  
Club Sites Chairman - Jim Webb

## ***Membership Dues***

\$10 (family), \$7.50 (single) and \$3 (associate)

## ***Meetings***

January - Bill Proctor presented a film. This was the first month for the new Oldest Coin category in the Find of the Month contest. The winners of the contest were Most Valuable Coin - Denver McCoy (1926-S Mercury dime), Oldest Coin - Bob Freeman (1865 3¢ piece), Jewelry - Bob Grufik (18k gold wedding band), Relic - Bob Freeman (ca. 1910 American Bulldog 38 caliber pistol). Also in January, Bob Freeman was named Treasure Hunter of the Year for 1974. (3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row) ITTHC was put "on probation" for leaving the library in a mess at several past meetings.

March - There was a Show & Tell with displays from members. It was announced that the Fort Gibson stockade, adjoining rodeo grounds and vicinity had been shut off to metal detecting as a result of enforcement of state and federal antiquities laws protecting the Fort Gibson National Historic Landmark.

April - The April meeting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> instead of the 12<sup>th</sup> because of a conflict with the OKC Treasure Hunt.

May - Tab Blackwell gave a presentation on rare coins.

June - Bob Freeman and Jack Cooper gave a presentation on their recent trip east hunting Civil War battle sites.

July - Frank Salle gave a presentation on laws relating to treasure hunting.

August - O.E. "Nick" Nichols gave a slide presentation on historical sites.

September - A special election was held to fill the office of secretary because LaDonna Brown was moving to Texas. (The newsletter did not state who was elected to fill the remainder of her term.) Bill Randolph volunteered to take care of the National Hunt signs and posters.

November - Tab Blackwell gave a presentation on coins.

December - Officers were elected. Toys (\$1 and under) and canned goods were collected for two needy families.

### **News**

January 20 - ITTHC was officially incorporated as a non-profit organization.

May - A fraternity pin found by Don Swisher was traced and finally returned to its owner by Frank Salle. Noreen Grufik found (in 10 minutes) and returned a valuable ring lost on a Christmas tree lot. A plea was issued for meeting program ideas.

September - A bill was passed banning pulltabs in California starting January 1979. It was estimated that 331 million pulltabs had been dropped on public land each year in California.

### **Outings/Events**

January 19 - Club outing at Collinsville City Park. The weather was cold and windy. A 30-minute Competition Hunt was held. Bob Boucher won the men's division, receiving an 11-blade knife and a canteen. Noreen Grufik won the women's division, receiving an oil lamp and a necklace.

February 8 & 9 - ITTHC held a garage sale at The Treasure Shack to help fund the National Hunt. The garage sale cleared about \$130.

February 16 - Club outing at Wagoner Park. The weather was rainy and cold. Few people attended.

April 20 - Club Coin Hunt at Turkey Mountain Park. 32 hunters were entered in the hunt. Byron Carnes won the men's division for most coins found. Carol Carnes won the women's division for most coins found. Big prizewinners included Jeff Lawson, Carol Carnes, Bill Huntley, Don Blackwell, Sylvia Humphries and Catherine Anglin.

May 25 - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt at the Port of Catoosa. There were 235 entries from 13 states and quite a bit of rain. Jim Webb brought a "portable house", which held the prizes. The National Hunt Chairman was Bob Boucher. Denver McCoy won the set of dishes that he donated. Joe Riddle won the gold coin drawing for donated National Hunt prizes. A free Club Night Hunt was held for the first time.

June 22 - Club outing at Braden Park. The main objective of the outing was to clean the club's scrap metal. The scrap copper, brass and lead program had amassed 200 - 300 lbs. of metal. "Junk Chairman", Jim Webb, had been waiting until prices went up to sell it. About 25 members showed up for the event. After cleaning the metals, a covered dish lunch was served. There was a 30-minute Scavenger Hunt for a predetermined list of items. Earl Foster was the winning man and Jeanie Webb was the winning woman.

July 20 - Club outing at Reed Park.

August 17 - Club outing at Chandler Park. 20 members ate watermelon and hunted for 20 buried prize tokens to win 16 Indian Head cents, a necklace, a bolo tie and 2 Flying Eagle cents dated 1857 and 1858. Only 15 of the tokens were found. 3 of the Indian Head cents, the bolo tie and one of the Flying Eagle cents were not claimed.

October 19 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home, north of Turley. The hunt was put together by Don Swisher. There were 2 hunts with a covered dish lunch served in between. All prize tokens were found. Lucille McCoy found the jackpot in the first hunt and Loren Barnes found the jackpot in the second

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hunt. Earl Foster found the most coins with 27. Bill Huntley and Jim Webb tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 25 coins.

At the last minute in December, ITTHC decided to hold its first Christmas party. Jeanie Webb volunteered to put the party together and do the shopping. Most rooms were already booked. They finally secured the clubroom at the apartment complex where member Ray Baldwin lived. It was already decorated. Members supplied the dips and the club provided the rest of the refreshments and snack foods. Bob & Noreen Grufik delivered donated food and toys to two needy families. Artie & Ruby Collins and their 2 kids received a 12-1/2 lb. Turkey, dressing, 10 lbs. of potatoes, pumpkin pie, Cool Whip, 4 lbs. of oranges, rolls, milk, celery, cabbage and some candy. Karl & Louise Glover and their 6 kids received toys, candy and some fruit.

# 1976

## ***Officers and Volunteers***

President - Earl Foster

Vice President - Jim Webb

Secretary - Mary Riddle

Treasurer - Gary Carnes

Parliamentarian - Becky Lees

Board Members - Denver McCoy, Jim Simmons

Editor - Becky Lees through November, then Della Ruth Huntley

Find of the Month Chairman - Jim Simmons

Monthly Drawing/Raffle - Bob Freeman

## ***Membership Dues***

\$10 (family), \$7.50 (single) and \$3 (associate)

## ***Meetings***

January - Members requested that another category be added to the Find of the Month contest. Jim Simmons was named Treasure Hunter of the Year for 1975.

February - The board discussed Find of the Month rule changes. They voted not to add another category to the Find of the Month contest. They decided there was not enough time to judge the entries. Members were asked to start labeling their Find of the Month entries with descriptions and values. The board decided to allow members to bring displays each month, but they would not be judged. It was decided that foreign coins could now be entered in the relic category. At the February 14 meeting Tab Blackwell gave a presentation on coins.

March - Two Bill Proctor films were shown.

April - The annual Show & Tell was held at the April meeting.

June - O.E. Nichols gave a slide show presentation.

July - It was announced at the July meeting that membership was dwindling. Also, members were told the next meeting would be at a different location.

August - For the August 14 meeting the club met at Allie Beth Martin Library. The Nathan Hale Library was closed for renovations. After seeing the new location, members voted to make the Martin Library their new meeting place. The library needed a refrigerator and members sought to find one.

September - A Bill Proctor film of his Alaska trip was shown. ITTHC was asked to fill the large showcase in the library lobby for the month of February 1977.

October - Herb Hamlin, a teacher at American Christian College, gave a presentation about early days California and the old Wells Fargo.

December - Canned food and money donations were collected for the year's Christmas project. The money was used to buy toys and gifts for the family selected. Noreen Grufik and Jim Webb co-chaired the project. Members decided to keep 1977 National Hunt entry fees the same as 1976.

### **News**

A volunteer was needed to handle the flyers for the National Hunt. Earl Foster secured the NE corner of Apache & Harvard (owned by TJC) for the hunt site. The newsletter cost 13¢ to mail starting in January.

February - Jim Webb stepped down as "Junk Chairman", having too much to do as National Hunt Chairman. The recent sale of the club's scrap metal added \$52.33 to the club treasury. The club library, which had been kept at the home of Jack & Mary Ann Cooper, was moved to Bill Smith's Treasure Shack. Denver McCoy volunteered to get it in shape. A request was made for a club patch design.

March - Tab Blackwell was offering display cases to ITTHC members at wholesale prices. Also in March, there was a club outing at Nuyaka Mission Farm near Okmulgee.

October - Jim Webb found a refrigerator for the library. Becky Lees announced that she would be stepping down as editor.

December - Wanda Carnes put together a scrapbook of 1976 presented to the club by the officers. It included pictures from past National Hunts. There was a first mention of a monthly drawing, (also referred to as the raffle) which had been going on for at least a year. Bob Freeman had been getting the prizes for it for the past year. December monthly drawing winners were Cathy Anglin (1899 quarter), Jim Boyles (1891 dime), Bob Grufik (digging tool), Charles Mushett (book) and Cecil Smock (book). Bob Freeman was featured in an Associated Press release about his Civil War relic hunting. One of Tom Vance's treasure tale articles appeared in Treasure magazine.

### **Outings/Events**

January 18 - Club outing at Skiatook with picnic and hunt. Bob Grufik won \$5 for finding the most silver. Carol Carnes won \$5 for finding the most wheat cents.

February 20 - The planned February club outing was changed to an indoor event because of the cold weather. "Galloping Bingo" was suggested if enough members were interested and a location was found. There was no word in the newsletter as to whether or not this event actually took place.

April 25 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home, north of Turley. Jerry Hinkle was the hunt chairman. There was a covered dish lunch and hunt.

May 23 - National Hunt Site Cleanup Party and Covered Dish Lunch. Members were asked to bring their lawnmowers, rakes and pickups to the site. A request was made for a brush hog.

May 28 - Coins were buried for the National Hunt. Members spent the night to guard the site.

May 29 - Site preparation continued. The Webbs and the Fosters spent the night to guard the site. A covered dish supper and a Night Hunt were held for members who helped set up the hunt.

May 30 - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt at the NE corner of Apache & Harvard. There were approximately 200 entries in the hunt. The jackpot of coins donated by Terry Humphries was buried too deep to be detected. It had to be dug up by Terry and raffled off. Bill Huntley won it. Bill also won a Judge II detector. Volunteers included National Hunt Chairman - Jim Webb, Target Hunt - Terry Humphries, Kid's Hunt - Gary Carnes &

Denver McCoy, Signs & Posters - Bill Randolph, Site Preparation & Setup - Earl Foster, and Typing Committee - Noreen Grufik.

August - Club outing at Chandler Park with watermelon served. About 30 members attended the event.

September 18 - Club outing with ice cream.

October 17 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at Manion Park, just west of 56<sup>th</sup> & Harvard. Rod Beckstrom was the hunt chairman. Jim Webb, Gary Carnes and Eric Beckstrom buried 450 coins and tokens. 20 members participated in the hunt.

November 21 - Club outing at Mazie Landing on Fort Gibson Lake with covered dish lunch and relic hunting.

December 18 - ITTHC Christmas Party at the home of Earl & Elizabeth Foster. Members supplied the dips and the club provided chips and punch. For the Christmas Project, John Knox, a former ITTHC member and principle of Lowell School, helped find this year's family. Almost \$80 was donated for toys and gifts, bought by Noreen Grufik and Jeanie Webb. The club also provided canned food and supplies for a Christmas dinner to the family.

# 1977

## **Officers and Volunteers**

President - Jim Webb

Vice President - Gary Carnes

Secretary - Cathy Anglin through August, then Wanda Carnes

Treasurer - Jerry Hinkle

Parliamentarian - Lucille McCoy

Board Members - Bill Huntley, Earl Foster

Editor - Della Ruth Huntley

National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries

Find of the Month Chairman - Jim Simmons

Telephone - Jeanie Webb

Scrap Metal - Don Swisher

Librarian - Rod Beckstrom

Monthly Drawing/Raffle - Bob Freeman

Refreshments - Cathy Anglin

Club Sites Committee - Loren Barnes (Chairman), Denver McCoy, Terry Humphries, Jim Webb

Typist - Wanda Carnes

Sergeant At Arms - O.E. "Nick" Nichols

## **Membership Dues**

\$10 (family), \$7.50 (single) and \$3 (associate)

## **Meetings**

January - At the January 8 meeting the first real Show & Tell was held. (Members had been asked to display finds in a "show & tell" fashion in the past, but were never really expected to "tell", just "show". This would be the first real "show & tell".) This time, members were asked to bring their best displays AND tell a little about the items. Members then selected which items or displays would be included in the club's February display in the library lobby showcase. Jack Mullen won a coin folder donated by Gary Carnes for bringing the best display. Charles Mushett helped to get TV coverage of the meeting. Jim Simmons was honored as 1976 Treasure Hunter of the Year. He received a framed certificate, a book (Oklahoma Treasure and Treasure Tales), a coin book, coin holders, coin cleaner, a paid 1977 ITTHC membership and a paid entry in the 1977 ITTHC National Hunt. Frank Salle was presented with a lifetime membership for his aid and advice in incorporating ITTHC. An added attraction at this meeting were 2 door prizes awarded to George Webb (silver certificate) and to Frank Salle (1963 mint set). Changes were made to the Find of the Month rules. Coins found at any organized hunt were not eligible for the contest. There would now be 6 categories; Oldest Cent (pre-1939), Most Valuable Cent, Oldest Coin, Most Valuable Coin, Jewelry, and Relic. A wild card category was also added, which could be awarded at the judges' discretion for the most unusual find. (1<sup>st</sup> place only) 1st place in each category received 7 points toward Treasure Hunter of the Year and a prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 5 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 3 points. All other entries received 1 point. The winners of the contest were Oldest Coin - Bill Huntley (1841 Seated Liberty dime), Most Valuable Coin - Jim Simmons (1854 EF Seated Liberty dime), Jewelry - Jim Simmons (10k gold ring with diamond), Relic - Norma Jean Mullen (Civil War bayonet), Oldest Cent - Jim Simmons (1885 Indian Head cent), and Most Valuable Cent - Jim Webb (1912-D Wheat cent).

February - O.E. Nichols gave a slide show presentation of past National Hunts and Semiannual Coin Hunts. Terry Humphries reported 2 detector donations to date. He asked members to ask local businesses for donations to be included in the flyers. There would be a gold coin drawing for prize donations again.

March - L.L. "Abe" Lincoln of Rogers, Arkansas gave a slide presentation on treasure hunting. Charles Mushett revealed his treasure hunting bumper sticker design with a metal detector, a coin under it, and the words "Dig IT". Cost: \$1 each. \$4,000 had been donated to date in coins and prizes for the National Hunt. Terry Humphries aimed for the \$10,000 mark. TJC again allowed the Apache & Harvard site to be used for the hunt. The club decided to have concessions at the National Hunt.

May - Gale Whitaker gave a slide show presentation. There was a display of the National Hunt prizes on hand at the meeting.

June - A film, "Ghost Towns of the Southwest", was shown. "Nick" Nichols won the \$5 gold coin drawing for donated National Hunt prizes for the second year in a row. Terry Humphries donated 3 more coins for the drawing: a 1907 uncirculated Indian Head cent won by Gene Humphries, an 1871 half dime won by Gene Humphries, and an 1875 silver 3-cent piece won by Sylvia Humphries. Gene donated the 1907 Indian Head back for another drawing and Bill Riddle won it.

July - Elmer Willey showed some of his "keeper finds" from his California vacation. Terry Humphries was awarded a framed lifetime membership certificate for his outstanding service to the club and for all his work with past National Hunts.

August - Don Swisher showed his "keeper finds" from his 5-week vacation to New Mexico. New copies of the club's constitution, revised by-laws and new member information were distributed.

September - On September 2, a special meeting was held. Roy Roush, a staff member of Treasure Search and Treasure magazines, came to town and gave a special talk and slide show presentation on treasure hunting on Key West, Florida. At the September 10 meeting John Freeman showed his "keeper finds" from the past month, including 762 coins found. A special election was held to replace Cathy Anglin as secretary when she announced she was moving to California. Wanda Carnes was elected to fill the remainder of the 1977 term. Nick Nichols was appointed club sergeant at arms. Don Swisher reported the sale of \$15 worth of scrap metal collected from members.

October - The first "wildcard" special award in the Find of the Month contest was presented to Jim Webb for his counterfeit Morgan dollar.

November - Bill Proctor showed a film from his recent Alaska trip. The club held a book swap where members traded books they've already read.

December - John Freeman was named 1977 Treasure Hunter of the Year. He received a framed certificate, a 1978 family membership, a 1978 National Hunt entry, a hunting knife, a 1977 proof set and an 1885 uncirculated silver dollar. For the first time, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place received prizes as well. For 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Jim Simmons received a 1978 family membership and a 1978 National Hunt entry. For 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Jim Webb got his choice of a 1978 family membership or a 1978 National Hunt entry. The club donated the book Oklahoma Treasures and Treasure Tales to the Allie Beth Martin Regional Library in appreciation of the library allowing the club to meet there.

## **News**

February - A picture of Bill Huntley, jackpot winner at the ITTHC 1976 National Hunt, appeared in the February

issue of Western and Eastern Treasure magazine.

April - Tom Vance's article about counterfeit coins found on Turkey Mountain appeared in the April issue of Treasure magazine. Bill & Joann Smith were featured in a treasure-hunting article in the Tulsa Tribune. Gene Humphries and ITTHC were also mentioned in the article.

July - It was reported that club outings have been fewer and the club was running out of ideas. Don Swisher asked the club not to forget the scrap metal project.

September - Members Pat Lawson, Bill Lawson, Bill Riddle, Bob Grufik, Becky Lees, Jim Simmons, Bill Huntley, Frank Salle and others were feverishly hunting the construction area for the new Broken Arrow Expressway.

### ***Outings/Events***

March 20 - Club outing at Yonkers ghost town on the east side of Fort Gibson Lake. The outing had perfect weather, a covered dish meal and relic hunting.

April 17 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home, north of Turley. Denver McCoy was the hunt chairman. After a slow, all-night rain, the sun appeared in the morning. It started raining again right after lunch, driving everyone back to the vehicles for a while. 44 members participated in the event. Denver came up with a new twist, "Booby Finds". Jeff Lawson found an arrowhead on a pulltab good for a 1900 Barber dime, Bill Huntley - a spent cartridge case for a 1963 Washington quarter, Elmer Willey - a model T hubcap for a 1920 Buffalo nickel, Gary Carnes - a minie ball for a 1900 Indian Head cent, T.J. Hinkle - a Boy Scout neckerchief slide for a 1906 Barber quarter, Bill Lawson - a Barber quarter with a hole in it for a 1905 Indian Head cent, Bob Grufik - a blue car key for a 1906 Barber dime, John Freeman - a bicentennial coin for a 1907 Indian Head cent, and Byron Carnes - a bell-shaped token for a rod & reel donated by Jim Webb.

May 22 - National Hunt site cleanup party and covered dish lunch.

May 28 - A Saturday night supper was held at the hunt site after final site preparation & burying. A special Night Hunt was held for the helpers. About 35 hunters participated in the event. Bill Humphries, Bob Freeman and Elwood Sells found the 3 jackpots. Gary Carnes, Lucille McCoy and Bob Freeman found the 3 half-dollars.

May 29 - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt at the NE corner of Apache & Harvard. For the first time, ITTHC offered concessions at its National Hunt. Jim & Jeanie Webb got tables & chairs from the park, concession stand and prize booth. Bob Freeman didn't hunt. He sold tickets for the first gold coin fundraiser drawing. Prizes include an 1885 \$5 gold piece, 1855 half dime, 1922 Peace dollar, 1869 3-cent nickel, 1881 Morgan dollar and a 1905 Indian Head cent. Cathy Anglin won the \$5 gold coin. Noreen Grufik, as she had every year, tabulated Target Hunt entries. The Kid's Hunt had 30 entries and a Bounty Hunter detector as one of the prizes. There were many jackpot jar caches buried. Earl Foster found the one donated by Terry Humphries, full of old coins worth \$200. 200 pennies and 9 tokens were thrown into the hay for kids 6 and under. There were 175 entries in the National Hunt from 12 states. There were only 2 women in the Target Hunt, Pat Lawson, who found more target points than 42 men, and Billye Garson, who found more than her husband Jerry. Volunteers included National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries, National Hunt Marshall - O.E. "Nick" Nichols, and Children's Hay Hunt - Jeanie Webb.

July 24 - Club outing at Rockwell Park with hotdogs and chili. The hunt chairman was Gary Carnes. The hunt included buried coins and prize tokens, door prizes and a Scavenger Hunt. A record number of 50 members attended even though it had been the hottest day of the year so far.

August 21 - Club outing at Collinsville City Park with watermelon. 35 members attended the event. Roy & Nancy Sheets brought the melons.

September 15 - Club wiener roast at the home of Jerry & Billye Garson.

October 16 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home, north of Turley. John Freeman was the hunt chairman. A covered dish lunch was served after the hunt.

October 22 - ITTHC members gathered at John Freeman's to start a search to aid the Tulsa Police Department. They drove to a pecan grove near Skiatook and looked for car keys. Bill Lawson, Elmer Willey, Jim Webb, Bill Huntley and Pat Huntley helped with the search. The keys were never found and the only target dug that day was a V-Nickel found in some leaves by Bill Lawson.

Immediately following the December meeting, 41 members gathered at the home of Earl & Elizabeth Foster for a Christmas party. Members brought their favorite dips and the club furnished chips, ham and other refreshments. Jim & Jeanie Boyles were the coordinators, in charge of arrangements and punch. Noreen Grufik again chaired the club's Christmas project with the help of Jeanie Webb. A family with 3 kids was selected to receive \$78 worth of gifts and canned food donated by members.

# 1978

## ***Officers and Volunteers***

President - Jerry Garson

Vice President - John Freeman

Secretary - Wanda Carnes

Treasurer - Bob Owens

Parliamentarian - Billye Garson through February, then Sue Freeman

Board Members - Gene Humphries, Gary Carnes through June, then Charlie Brown

Ex-Officio Member - Jim Webb

Editor - Della Ruth Huntley

Sergeant At Arms - O.E. "Nick" Nichols

Scrap Metal - Don Swisher

National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries

Monthly Drawing/Raffle - Bob Freeman through February, then Dave Cox

Librarian - Rod Beckstrom through June, then Mary Riddle

Coffee - Jim & Jeanie Boyles

## ***Membership Dues***

\$10 (family), \$7.50 (single) and \$3 (associate)

## ***Meetings***

January - A member of The Bottle and Relic Club brought a film on relic and bottle hunting. The club began starting each of its regular meetings with the pledge of allegiance.

February - At the February 11 meeting Show & Tell was held. The club was hoping for TV coverage of the meeting again this year. Bob Freeman conducted his last monthly drawing. Dave Cox volunteered to take over. Gary & Wanda Carnes presented a new gavel for the club to club president Jerry Garson. Club patches were still available to members.

March - Local taxidermist Arthur Statum brought snakes and showed members how to recognize the dangerous ones, causing Wanda Carnes and several others to quickly vacate their front row seats. In a special election Sue Freeman was elected to finish Billye Garson's term as parliamentarian after she resigned from the office.

April - Mr. O'Brian of the Tulsa Historical Society gave a slide show presentation on Civil War battle sites in Oklahoma.

May - A film on the Old West was shown. There was a display of the National Hunt prizes on hand at the meeting.

June - Gary & Wanda Carnes won the \$5 gold coin drawing for donated National Hunt prizes.

July - A special election was held to fill the board member position vacated by Gary Carnes when his job took him out of state for a period of time. Charlie Brown was elected to fill the remainder of the 1978 term. Rod

Beckstrom resigned as club librarian and Mary Riddle took over. Club patches and bumper stickers were still available. Bob Grufik made wooden nametags shaped like Oklahoma for all members.

August - Bob Owens gave a dowsing demonstration.

September - At the September 9 meeting members were treated to a slide show presentation on King Tut's Treasures.

October - A film on the Old West was shown. Don Swisher reported the sale of \$18.50 worth of scrap metal collected from members.

November - Bob Freeman shared slides, history and research of Old Fort Gibson.

December - The December 9 meeting and Christmas party included the election of officers. John Freeman was named 1978 Treasure Hunter of the Year. He received a plaque with 8 coins on it, a 1979 family membership and a 1979 National Hunt entry. For 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Byron Carnes received a framed certificate, a 1979 family membership and a 1979 National Hunt entry. For 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Jim Simmons received a framed certificate and his choice of a 1979 family membership or a 1979 National Hunt entry. Following the meeting, the Christmas party was held at the Southern Elms Apartments. Becky Lees and Ruth Huntley were hostesses for the evening. Noreen Grufik and Jeanie Webb again co-chaired the Christmas project. John Freeman helped select this year's needy family. The \$70 and canned foods donated by members were combined with a turkey dinner purchased by the club for the family.

### **News**

March - Gas service stations were starting to charge for maps. Members were encouraged to stock up on the old (free) ones.

April - Bob Freeman was featured in the lead article of the April issue of Treasure Search magazine and postage for the newsletter increased from 13¢ to 15¢ in April.

July - A notice in the July newsletter read "The phone numbers for the 2 pay phones at the Allie Beth Martin Regional Library are 622-9811 and 622-9991." (Cell phones were not quite around yet.)

August - Members who wanted to borrow a book from the club library were asked to tell Mary and she would bring it to the next meeting. Books were loaned to members only, one month at a time. Each member had been given a library list. Wanda Carnes replaced misplaced lists for a 10¢ fee. For the entire month of August, Bob Freeman displayed some of his Civil War finds in the front lobby showcase at the Allie Beth Martin Regional Library.

On September 3, (Labor Day) Tulsa's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Raft Race was held. Members were reminded that this annual event provided a 6-mile midway scattered with new coins and goodies along the way. The 31<sup>st</sup> & Riverside area, port-a-potties and the area where the trailer with pay phones was parked were all cited as excellent hunting sites.

October - ITTHC Treasure News reported that Congress had just authorized the Susan B. Anthony dollar to begin minting by the end of the year.

November - Two ITTHC members were featured in national magazines. Tom Vance wrote both articles. Jeff Lawson was featured in the winter issue of Treasure Search magazine. Dave Cox and family were featured in the November issue of Treasure magazine.

***Outings/Events***

February 18 - Chili Supper and "Gallopig Bingo" at Southern Elms Apartments 4519 E. 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm. The club provided Ike's Chili, crackers and Fritos. Members were asked to bring a \$3 or less white elephant prize for Bingo wrapped in a brown paper bag.

March 19 - Club outing to hunt the "ski runs" of Turkey Mountain with covered dish supper after the hunt.

March 27 - Special program at the Aaronson Auditorium presented by Jack Kelly on underwater treasure hunting.

April 16 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home, north of Turley. Byron Carnes was the hunt chairman. Potluck supper was served after the hunt. 35 members participated in the hunt.

May 20 & 21 - National Hunt site cleanup with a tractor and mower to help this year.

May 28 - 7<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt at the NE corner of Apache & Harvard. Everybody was surprised that it didn't rain at all during the hunts. Kenneth Hughes found the jar cache and was so pleased he left without hunting for anything else. Terry Humphries reportedly got pretty badly sunburned. The Main Hunt had 13 detectors as prizes and the Kid's Hunt had 3. Terry Humphries was the National Hunt Chairman.

July 29 - Club outing somewhere on Fort Gibson Lake with breakfast at 9 am.

September - Club outing at Chandler Park on a windy day.

October 22 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home, north of Turley. John Freeman was the hunt chairman. There was a covered dish meal after the hunt. 40 members participated in the hunt.

November 12 - Club wiener roast and bonfire at the home of John & Sue Freeman.

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## **Officers and Volunteers**

President - Bill Huntley

Vice President - John Freeman

Secretary - Wanda Carnes

Treasurer - Jeanie Boyles (briefly), then Bob Freeman

Parliamentarian - Steve Sells through June, then Ida Mae Sells

Board Members - Gene Humphries, Charlie Brown

Ex-Officio Member - Jerry Garson

Editor - Della Ruth Huntley

National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries

National Hunt Committee - Denver McCoy, Bob Freeman, Jim Boyles, Gary Carnes, Elwood Sells, Bob Owens

Monthly Drawing/Raffle - Tom Sutterfield through June, then Elwood Sells

Find of the Month - John Freeman

Sergeant At Arms - Nick Nichols

Scrap Metal - Don Swisher

Aluminum Can Recycling - Elwood Sells

Refreshments - Wanda Carnes

Coffee - Sue Freeman through July, then Carol Carnes

## **Membership Dues**

\$10 (family), \$7.50 (single) and \$3 (associate)

## **Meetings**

January - ITTHC celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> birthday at Furr's Cafeteria in Utica Square. The club reserved a meeting room and combined the party with the regular meeting. Tom Vance, the club's first president, and Dewayne Holland were scheduled as guest speakers, but neither made it to the event due to heavy snow. Despite the snow, 40 members attended the party. Wanda Carnes picked up the birthday cake. Five charter members, Gene & Sylvia Humphries, Bob & Noreen Grufik and Becky Lees were in attendance. Gary Carnes made a centerpiece that was the Pink Panther with a metal detector. Bill Huntley served as master of ceremonies and there were 8 door prizes up for grabs. Newly elected treasurer Jeanie Boyles resigned. In a special election, Bob Freeman was elected to replace her.

February - At the February 10 meeting was Show & Tell.

March - Martha Stewart gave a presentation about Mesa Verde. Her father and her uncles discovered it.

April - The April 14 meeting included a roundtable with question and answer session. Members were asked to help the Tulsa Parks Department clean Turkey Mountain any Saturday in April.

May - At the May 12 meeting Bill Humphries gave a slide presentation on Spain.

June - Tom Sutterfield showed a film on the Aztec Indians. Sylvia Humphries won the \$2.50 gold coin in the drawing for National Hunt donated prizes.

July - A Garrett treasure hunting film was shown. A special election was held to replace resigning parliamentarian Steve Sells. Ida Mae Sells was elected to fill the position. Tom Sutterfield resigned as ways & means chairman. Elwood Sells took his place.

August - Gary Carnes presented a gold display. Jim Webb reported \$66.70 for the sale of 190 pounds of scrap metal.

October - Jim Webb made treasure hunter figurines from railroad spikes and wire. In a special presentation, he gave one to Terry Humphries, one to Della Ruth Huntley, and one to the Semiannual Coin Hunt as a prize. Bill Johnson donated a Daytona metal detector as a door prize for the Christmas party.

November - Terry Humphries volunteered as 1980 National Hunt chairman. Wanda Carnes made a special presentation to Bob Freeman - a Civil War coloring book.

December - The board proposed by-law changes, raising membership dues to \$15 (family), \$10 (single) and \$5 (associate). These changes were presented to the membership at the December meeting for a January vote. The December 8 meeting & Christmas party was held at Southern Elms Apartments. 64 members attended the event. Becky Lees and Ruth Huntley were hostesses again. The club provided ham, turkey, coffee and Kool-Aid. Carol Carnes baked the turkey and ham. In the drawing for the metal detector donated by Bill Johnson, the first ticket drawn belonged to Bill Johnson. Since he donated it, they drew again and this time Becky Lees was the lucky winner. Gary Carnes made a special presentation to Della Ruth Huntley for her 3 years of service as newsletter editor. She received a framed, hand-tooled leather shield. For the Christmas project, Noreen Grufik selected a family with four children, whose parents were both recently out of work and hospitalized. John Freeman was named 1979 Treasure Hunter of the Year. Byron Carnes was 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Bill Lawson was 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### **News**

January - Editor Della Ruth Huntley added a new column, "Treasure Hunter of the Month", to the January newsletter. Melvin McLain was the first member to be interviewed.

On May 4 - 21, Terry Humphries attended Naval Reserve training in Japan and required a little more help than usual from the National Hunt committee.

### **Outings/Events**

February 17 - Chili Supper and Galloping Bingo at Southern Elms Apartments featuring famous "Ike's Chili". The event cost 50¢ for adults and 25¢ for children. Members were asked to bring a dessert and a white elephant or \$3 prize in a brown bag.

March 18 - Club outing planned for Turkey Mountain was rained out.

March - ITTHC members Gary Carnes, Denver McCoy and Terry Humphries helped authorities search a murder site. The search did not uncover any evidence.

April 21 - National Hunt Promotion Day in Sand Springs found members looking for prize donors.

April 22 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home, north of Turley. Byron Carnes was the hunt chairman with help from Ken Ihde. There was a covered dish meal after the hunt.

May 20 - ITTHC Junk Hunt at the National Hunt site with prizes awarded for the most junk found. Winners

included Earl Foster (most cans and most pulltabs), Loren Barnes (most junk), Ken Ihde (most junk by weight) and Jeanie Webb (most trash).

May 25 - Big bury day and National Hunt site cleanup.

May 26 - Special Night Hunt and covered dish supper for helpers at the National Hunt site.

May 27 - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt in Sand Springs. The hunt site area was owned by the Sand Springs Home and was located behind Gary Henry Chevrolet on Charles Page Boulevard. There were 138 entries from 8 states in the Main Hunt, 56 in the Competition Hunt and 13 in the Kid's Hunt. The extreme gas shortage and high gas prices were partly blamed for the lower entry numbers. For the first time, the Kid's Hunt included trophies as prizes. There were 8 detectors as prizes in the Main Hunt and 1 in the Kid's Hunt. Terry Humphries was the National Hunt Chairman.

July 15 - Bob Owens put on an outing under the Arkansas River 11<sup>th</sup> Street bridge to teach interested members how to pan for gold. There was a covered dish supper later in the shade of the bridge. During the hot months that followed, members Bob Owens, Gary Carnes, Bob Grufik, Bill Humphries and Bill Huntley could frequently be seen escaping the heat under this bridge panning for gold.

August 26 - Club outing at Collinsville Park with watermelon and a seed-spitting contest.

October 21 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home. Elwood Sells was the hunt chairman. 41 members attended the event.

October - Club outing at Gravette, Arkansas. After arriving, members found the main park where they were supposed to hunt was covered with high grass and weeds. They hunted a small park in the area until all had arrived, then drove to Sulphur Springs, where they hunted a big park and fairgrounds.

November 18 - Club outing at Nowata. Jim Webb put the outing together. The outing started with a tour of the Nowata County Historical Museum, conducted by curator Herb Couch. Then the members looked for a mileage obelisk at the request of the Nowata Historical Society. It was never found. The outing then continued at Mr. Couch's farm for relic hunting.

