

# 1980

## **Officers and Volunteers**

President - Bill Huntley  
 Vice President - John Freeman  
 Secretary - Wanda Carnes  
 Treasurer - Bob Freeman  
 Parliamentarian - Ida Mae Sells  
 Board Members - Gene Humphries, Charlie Brown  
 Editor - Della Ruth Huntley  
 National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries  
 National Hunt Co-Chairman - Jim Webb  
 National Hunt Committee - Bob Freeman, Gary Carnes, Elwood Sells, Bob Owens, Ken Ihde  
 Find of the Month - John Freeman  
 Monthly Drawing/Raffle - Ken Ihde  
 Club Sites Chairman - Jim Webb  
 Coffee - Carol Carnes through June, then Ida Mae Sells

## **Membership Dues**

\$15 (family), \$10 (single) and \$5 (associate)

## **Meetings**

January - At the January 12 meeting a film from the America series, "Going West", was shown. An outing and program sheet was passed around to members for ideas. The members voted to increase membership dues. Members were asked to donate relics of any kind to the Nowata County Historical Museum to be displayed for a few months.

February - At the February 9 meeting the annual Show & Tell was held. Carol Carnes started a coffee kitty of 10¢ per cup to help defray costs.

March - Paul & Donna Rutherford of Claremore gave a bottle presentation.

May - Bob Freeman gave a presentation complete with slides on relic hunting. It was first mentioned in the May 1980 newsletter about charging members for not wearing their wooden nametags to the meetings.

June - Earl & Betty Easley gave a presentation on antiques. Elwood Sells won the National Hunt prize donation drawing for a 2 1/2 peso gold coin.

July - A Garrett treasure hunting film was shown. A record number of 24 visitors attended the meeting.

September - At the September 13 meeting the Carnes, Owens and Huntleys gave a presentation of slides and relics from the "Colorful Colorado Caravan".

October - At the October 11 meeting a record attendance of 73 was recorded.

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November - On November 8 & 9, the meeting and a special hunt were held at Lakeview Amusement Park. There was a \$5 fee to hunt anywhere on the 40-acre site. There were 49 entries in the hunt. Most of the fees collected went to the Shriner's Crippled Children Hospital. There were planted hunts and an auction. There was a covered dish meal Saturday at 6 pm before the meeting. The grass was high for the hunts and the lighting for the meeting was dim. (A Coleman lantern was used for additional light.) The meeting started at 7:30 pm and was held in the penny arcade room. Bob Freeman, Terry Humphries, Jack Mullen and John Freeman shared slides, maps and other details of the Jenkins Ferry outing. Mel McLain donated a \$50 scrap car to the scrap metal project. ITTHC received a check from Lost Treasure magazine for new subscriptions.

December - The December 13 meeting and Christmas party were held at Southern Elms Apartments. Jim Webb was named 1980 Treasure Hunter of the Year, followed by John Freeman and Joe Treece. The club furnished ham and turkey. This event was the first reported in the newsletter using the now familiar, "if your last name begins with A-H, bring a vegetable, etc." 85 members attended the event. The Southern Oaks Apartments clubroom was deemed to small for the growing membership. Noreen Grufik selected a family with 3 children for this year's Christmas project. There were 5 boxes of clothing, a baby bed, blankets and enough canned goods donated to the Christmas project that Bob & Noreen Grufik had to make 3 trips to deliver everything. In December, club president Bill Huntley remarked in the newsletter that he enjoyed the after meeting gatherings at Kip's Big Boy. ITTHC received over 20 books from Lost Treasure magazine for the club library.

### **News**

January 6 - Jim Simmons found an 1881 Morgan dollar and became the first member of the prestigious newly formed "Silver Dollar Club". To be eligible, members had to find a Peace or Morgan silver dollar.

January - It was announced that John Freeman had appeared in 3 magazine articles over the past couple of months. Garrett Electronics donated 12 books to the club library.

February 3 - Mason Scott found a silver dollar and became the 2<sup>nd</sup> member of the Silver Dollar Club.

February 22 - Randy Triplett found a silver dollar and became the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the Silver Dollar Club.

March 9 - John Freeman found a silver dollar and became the 4<sup>th</sup> member of the Silver Dollar Club.

July 28 - Dewey Treece found a silver dollar and became the 5<sup>th</sup> member of the Silver Dollar Club.

November 19 - Jean Gammel found a silver dollar and became the 6<sup>th</sup> member of the Silver Dollar Club.

November 30 - Ray Crutchfield found a silver dollar and became the 7<sup>th</sup> member of the Silver Dollar Club.

### **In Memory**

September - Bill Mahan, owner of D-TEX metal detectors passed away.

### **Outings/Events**

January 19 - Chili Supper & Galloping Bingo at Southern Elms Apartments. 45 members attended the event. Betty Treece cooked the chili. There was a fee of \$1 for adults and 50¢ for kids.

January - Club outing at Old Alluwe.

April 20 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home. Joe Treece was the hunt chairman. 35 members attended the event. Terry Humphries and John Freeman had everything buried before the help

arrived.

May 18 - Club outing to clean up the National Hunt site.

May 24 - Cookout and Night Hunt at the National Hunt site.

May 25 - 9<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt in Sand Springs. There were 172 entries from 11 states. Jack Ames gave hunters a start when he collapsed on the Competition Hunt field during the hunt. Dr. Larry Biehler came to his aid. There were 12 metal detector prizes in the Main Hunt. There was a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy awarded in the Kid's Hunt again this year along with a metal detector. Bill Huntley found Terry's jar cache. Terry Humphries was the National Hunt Chairman.

May - ITTHC members Howard Stanart, Terry Humphries, Bill Smith, Joe Treece, Bill Humphries and Melvin McLain aided the Tulsa Police department in a weapon search. Howard Stanart recovered the weapon.

June - Club outing at Mission Bend on Fort Gibson Lake. John Freeman cooked 10 pounds of sausage and 5 dozen eggs as breakfast for the 25 members who attended the event.

July 21 - Club outing at Reed Park with ice cream.

August 24 - Club outing at Chandler Park with watermelon and Scavenger Hunt. 31 members attended the event.

September 1 - Civil War Relic Hunters 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual U.S. Open Hunt at Memphis, Tennessee. 10 ITTHC families attended the event.

September 20 - Lone Star Treasure Hunters Club 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Championship Treasure Hunt at Grapevine, Texas. A caravan of ITTHC members attended the event.

October 26 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home. Earl Foster was the hunt chairman. After the board voted to add \$300 over the entry fees to the hunt, 70 members entered the event. There was an estimated \$500 in coins and prizes for this hunt. It was reported that Indian Head cents cost \$27 per roll, V-Nickels cost \$12.50 per roll and Buffalo nickels cost \$9.50 per roll.

November 1 - A haunted house was held at the home of the Fosters with prizes for best costume.

November 27, 28, 29 & 30 - Thanksgiving Outing at Jenkins Ferry, Arkansas. Those who attended included Terry Humphries, Bill Humphries, Gene & Sylvia Humphries, Howard Stanart, Jim Simmons, Jim Webb, Jack & Norma Mullen, Terry & Ann Archer, Bob Freeman, Tom Dickinson, Earl & Elizabeth Foster, Gary & Wanda Carnes, Jay & Jeanie Gill, Bill & Della Ruth Huntley. There were 3 turkeys and a ham provided by the club and cooked by Della Ruth Huntley, Wanda Carnes, Elizabeth Foster, Jeanie Gill and Sylvia Humphries at the hunt site. It was discovered at this outing that Gene Humphries was the best gravy maker ever. Jack Mullen cut wood for the group with his chainsaw and Jay Gill kept a good fire going all the time. Jack Ames came to the outing from Topeka, Kansas and became a member of our club. During this outing, 17 hunters found 65 Civil War items on Thursday, 21 hunters found 234 items on Friday, 19 hunters found 267 items on Saturday and 16 hunters found 53 items on Sunday. Bob Freeman found the most items with 103. Howard Stanart found a 3" Hotchkiss artillery shell affectionately referred to as his "maxi ball". Other items found during the outing included a "U.S." mule trace chain, gun tools, an eagle brass bag lock, a bayonet, 3 apothecary weights and a 1779 Spanish 2 Reale coin. Gary Carnes and Bill Huntley had to leave by 11 am the last day. At 10 am Bill got a deep signal. Digging fast, he retrieved 10 minie balls from the hole. He told Gene Humphries to finish digging the hole. Gene found 85 more minie balls in that hole! The outing was so successful that Gary Carnes, Howard

## ITTHC HISTORY

Stanart, Bill Huntley, John & Sue Freeman, Gene Humphries and Bill Humphries made a return visit to the area over the Christmas and New Year holiday finding another 500 to 600 items.

# 1981

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President - Gary Carnes  
 Vice President - Earl Foster  
 Secretary - Jeanie Webb  
 Treasurer - Ken Ihde  
 Parliamentarian - Elwood Sells  
 Board Members - Bob Owens, Bob Freeman, Byron Carnes through September, then Howard Stanart  
 Ex-Officio Member - Bill Huntley  
 Editor - Della Ruth Huntley  
 National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries  
 National Hunt Committee - Earl Foster, Bill Huntley, Mason Scott, Joe Treece, Bob Freeman, John Freeman  
 Find of the Month - Jim Webb  
 Monthly Drawing/Raffle - Denver McCoy  
 Aluminum Can Recycling - Sue Freeman

## ***Membership Dues***

\$15 (family), \$10 (single) and \$5 (associate)

## ***Membership***

July - Meeting attendance was averaging 67 for the year. Total membership was around 100.

In October, ITTHC membership was 117.

By December, ITTHC had 120 adult members. 1981 meeting attendance averaged 72 for the year.

## ***Meetings***

January - Bob Owens gave a presentation on dowsing. The Military Relic category was added to the Find of the Month contest. The winners of the contest were Oldest Coin - Joe Treece (1898 Barber Quarter), Most Valuable Coin - Jim Webb (1914-D Buffalo nickel), Jewelry - Norm Erstad - 14k gold women's wedding band), Relic - Jim Webb (1921 Bristow, Oklahoma license tag), Oldest Cent - Joe Treece (1881 Indian Head cent), Most Valuable Cent - Joe Treece (1922-D Wheat cent), and Military Relic - Norma Jean Mullen (Eagle carved from a breast plate).

February - At the February 14 meeting the program was "Treasures of Mexico".

March - The March 14 meeting was the annual Show & Tell meeting. The board presented a change in the by-laws to the membership, which added a third board member. After approving the change, Bob Freeman was elected to fill the position. Gary Carnes presented Bill Huntley with a plaque for his 2 years of service as president.

April - The Humphries, Freeman, Mullen, Foster and Huntley families talked about their relic-hunting trip to Alabama.

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May - Jay Gill spoke about his Ecuador gold-seeking trip.

July - Gary Carnes spoke about his recent trip to Colorado. In a special presentation, Bob Freeman received a t-shirt with "ITTHC Raffle Master" on the back, a patch and his name on the front.

September - At the September 12 meeting in a special election, Howard Stanart was elected to replace Byron Carnes, who resigned as board member.

October - At the October 10 meeting the local White's dealer, Ernie Hill, provided a White's treasure hunting film for the program. Members voted to have the Christmas party catered. Later the board decided, after finding how expensive this would be, to have the usual covered dish supper instead. Gary Carnes, 1982 National Hunt Chairman, started a 50/50 pot with half of the proceeds going toward coins for the National Hunt. The first 50/50 pot of \$14.25 was won by Howard Stanart. Gary Carnes made a special presentation to Jeanie Boyles, who was always winning books in drawings, always claiming she couldn't read. She received a 1967 Red Book with a hand-made Indian necklace inside where pages had been cut out.

November - Gary Carnes, Bob Freeman, Bill Huntley and Jim Webb gave a presentation on how to clean finds. For the second time in a row, Howard Stanart again won the 50/50 pot, this time for \$22.50.

December - The December 12 meeting and Christmas party were held at Maxwell Recreation Center. The club again provided the turkeys and ham for the party. Gary Carnes made a special presentation of a clock to John and Sue Freeman for hosting the Semiannual Coin Hunt at their home for the past 5 years. Carol Nobles broke Howard Stanart's lucky streak by winning the \$22 50/50 pot. Newly elected president, Jim Webb, presented Noreen Grufik with a Barber half-dollar for her many years of service as Find of the Month tabulator and for her work with the National Hunt. He also presented 2 turquoise nuggets to Della Ruth Huntley and a picture frame to Gary and Wanda Carnes. John Freeman was named 1981 Treasure Hunter of the Year with 2<sup>nd</sup> place going to Joe Treece and 3<sup>rd</sup> place going to Jim Webb. Noreen Grufik selected a family of 4 adults and 5 children for the year's Christmas project. Jeanie Boyles chaired the project. Used clothing, canned goods and cash donations were accepted from members. Ray Crutchfield donated a turkey for the family.

### **News**

March - Postage increased from 15¢ to 18¢. Members could advertise in the newsletter. A business card sized ad for members cost \$1 and a commercial ad cost \$2.

March - ITTHC held a drawing for a 2 1/2 peso gold coin to benefit Gene and Terry Humphries whose business suffered fire damage during the Christmas holiday. Norma Jean Mullen won the coin and \$162 was presented to Gene and Terry.

April 26 - A Tulsa World article reported that several ITTHC members helped tornado victims in the Bixby area find lost valuables. Over 1,200 coins and several pieces of jewelry were located for one of the owners.

April - Terry Humphries made room for the club library in his shop on North Yale.

### **In Memory**

October 7 - ITTHC member Mason Scott passed away.

### **Outings/Events**

January 23 & 24 - ITTHC members Jack & Norma Mullen, John & Sue Freeman, Earl & Elizabeth Foster, Denver & Lucille McCoy, Mel McLain, Bill & Pat Lawson, Bill Huntley and Bill Humphries returned to Jenkins

Ferry, Arkansas. Some of the finds reported included 2 bayonets, a Civil War pocketknife, eagle cuff buttons, 2 sets of metal stamps, bullets, butt plates and 9 pin-fire bullets wrapped in a Union blue cloth.

February 7 - Jack & Norma Mullen along with 8 non-members from Arkansas returned to the Jenkins Ferry area and "completed the final cleanup" of the site. According to the newsletter, the site was now officially "all hunted out".

February 21 - Chili Supper & Galloping Bingo at Maxwell Recreation Center. Betty Treece cooked the chili.

March - Club outing at Mazie Landing on Fort Gibson Lake. 20 members attended the event.

April 26 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home. Steve Barnett was the hunt chairman. The club added \$300 to the hunt again and about 60 members attended the event. For the first time, a gold coin was included as a hunt prize. Pat Huntley found it.

May 17 - National Hunt site cleanup and picnic.

May 22 - National Hunt Big Bury Day.

May 23 - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Oklahoma Treasure Hunt at Oklahoma City. 7 ITTHC families attended the event.

May 23 - Covered dish supper and Night Hunt for the helpers at the National Hunt site.

May 24 - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt in Sand Springs. For the first time, ITTHC held a Civil War Relic Hunt as part of their National Hunt. Prizes in the Civil War Relic Hunt included bayonets, Confederate money, South Carolina buttons, Georgia buttons, Confederate "I" buttons, a U.S. sword belt buckle, a U.S. belt plate, U.S. eagle breast plates, a Jefferson Davis hat emblem, U.S. box plates, Civil War atlases, a 20 lb. parrott C.S. shell, 12 lb. solid shots, an artillery projectile book, bullet books, artillery shell fuses, gun tools, a Georgia pike and a shovel. Prize tokens, minie balls and knapsack hooks were buried. There were a total of 162 entries from 9 states in this year's hunt. There were 12 detectors as prizes in the Main Hunt and 2 in the Kid's Hunt. The Kid's Hunt had 16 entries. Terry Humphries was the National Hunt Chairman.

June 6 & 7 - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Iowa Treasure Hunter Club Treasure Hunt at Des Moines, Iowa. 6 ITTHC families attended the event. At the June 13 meeting Mike Rieke, editor of Lost Treasure magazine, talked about what the magazine looks for in an article and asked for new article ideas. In a special presentation for his service as National Hunt Chairman, Terry Humphries was given a t-shirt with "ITTHC Hunt Chairman" on the back. A club patch and his name appeared on the front of the shirt. He was also given a redwood clock with silver coins as numbers. 2 buttons from "King's Treasures" of Cedar Rapids, Michigan were given away in a drawing. Pat Bogle won a button that said, "Make me happy - lose a coin." Lucille McCoy won the other button, which said, "TH'ers have dirty fingernails." On June 20 28 adults and 13 kids attended a club outing at O'Brian Park to enjoy homemade ice cream. On June 27 & 28 the Nebraskaland Treasure Hunt was held at Dyers Park, Leroy, Nebraska. 5 ITTHC families attended the event. Editor Della Ruth Huntley's typewriter blew its cool and shot the "E" right out the window. Terry Humphries offered a loaner so the newsletter could be completed.

July 19 - Club outing at the Arkansas River 11<sup>th</sup> Street bridge to teach members how to pan for gold. Bob Owens and Bill Huntley conducted the outing.

August 15 & 16 - Topeka Treasure Hunters 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Hunt at Topeka, Kansas. 13 ITTHC families attended the event. There was usually a caravan of ITTHC members who would attend these hunts on the National Circuit. "Johnny Reb" Freeman's Rebel flag and his Oklahoma flag nearly always marked the club's

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campsite at these events.

September 6 & 7 - Civil War Relic Hunters 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual U.S. Open Relic Hunt at Memphis, Tennessee. 6 ITTHC families attended the event. ITTHC won the traveling club trophy for a year. Club members would pool their points in a special 10-minute hunt. ITTHC won by 9 points.

September 19 - Lone Star Treasure Hunters Club 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Championship Treasure Hunt at Grapevine, Texas. 15 ITTHC members attended the event.

September 27 -34 members attended a club outing at Sulphur Springs, Arkansas.

October 16 & 17 - Warrior Basin 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Deep South Treasure Hunt at Brookside, Alabama. Gary Carnes and Bill Huntley were the only ITTHC members who attended the event.

October 25 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home. Tom Sutterfield was the hunt chairman. 2 gold coins were purchased from the coffee kitty and used as prizes along with \$300 added by the club. Lonnie Ettinger dug both of the gold coins. Rain caused the covered dish supper to be called off. There were 72 entries in the hunt.

November 26, 27, 28 & 29 - There was another Thanksgiving outing at Jenkins Ferry, Arkansas. About 30 members attended for a Thanksgiving dinner in the woods and relic hunting. The finds were much fewer than last year.

# 1982

## ***Officers and Volunteers***

President - Jim Webb

Vice President - Wanda Carnes

Secretary - Alice York

Treasurer - Ann Archer

Parliamentarian - Terry Humphries

Board Members - Jim Nobles, Howard Stanart, Joe Treece

Ex-Officio Member - Gary Carnes

Editor - Della Ruth Huntley

National Hunt Chairman - Gary Carnes

National Hunt Co-Chairman - Jim Webb

National Hunt Committee - Joe Treece, Terry Humphries, Jim Nobles, Don Bogle, Jim Webb, Bob Freeman, Elwood Sells, Della Ruth Huntley

Find Of The Month - John Freeman

Scrap Metal - Rick York

Aluminum Can Recycling - Ernie Hill

Coffee - Ralph & Mary Sigler through June, then Jim & Ralphetta Dill

Tea - Jeanie Webb

50/50 Pot - Ralph Sigler

Monthly Drawing/Raffle - Don Bogle

## ***Membership Dues***

\$15 (family), \$10 (single) and \$5 (associate).

## ***Membership***

February - Membership was at 100.

## ***Meetings***

January - At the January 9 meeting several members talked about their recent relic-hunting trip to Georgia. 100 members attended the meeting.

February - For the February 13 annual Show & Tell meeting, 106 people attended.

March - Members now had to wear their nametags to the meetings or pay a 25-cent fine.

April - Bob Owens gave a presentation on dowsing. Members voted to purchase hats with the ITTHC patch on them for the National Hunt. 95 members attended the meeting.

May - Members suggested adopting a club motto. A vote on the suggestions was to be held at the June meeting.

June - At the June 12 meeting, members voted to adopt Noreen Grufik's suggestion, "Dig for fun - restore when done," as the club motto.

## ITTHC HISTORY

July - Bob Owens and 27 other members presented slides of their recent Colorado gold panning trip. Jim Webb presented Gary & Wanda Carnes with silver bar medallions, ITTHC license tags and a mirror with engraved plaque for their hard work on the National Hunt.

August - The August 7 meeting was moved up one week so members could attend the Topeka Hunt. Bill Smith presented "Touch the Past", a film by White's Electronics and Brigham Young University.

November - Bob Freeman presented slides of his Civil War finds.

December - The December 11 meeting and Christmas party were held at the UAW building, Pine and Memorial. Carol Carnes, Rosemary Hill and Betty Treece baked the turkeys and Wanda Carnes got the ham. Alice York brought punch for the kids. Each family had to pay a dollar because the building was rented for the evening. John Freeman was named Treasure Hunter of the Year. Mary Bradford selected a family with 3 little girls for the Christmas project.

### **News**

January - Postage went up to 20¢ Joe Treece was featured in the winter issue of Treasure Found magazine.

November - Della Ruth Huntley announced she would be stepping down as newsletter editor. Alice York volunteered to take her place. Della reported the club was mailing out almost 140 newsletters each month.

### **Outings/Events**

February 20 - Chili Supper & Galloping Bingo at Maxwell Recreation Center. There was a \$1 fee for all adult members attending to help defray chili costs.

March 14 - Scavenger Hunt outing at Mohawk Park. The day was cold and damp. 24 members attended the event.

April 18 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home. Nearly all of the 110 members attended the event, making it the largest club hunt ever.

May 16 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northwest Arkansas Treasure Travelers Hunt at Springdale, Arkansas. 42 ITTHC members attended the event.

May 29 & 30 - 11<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt in Sand Springs. Due to industrial development in the area, this was to be the last year to hold the hunt at the Sand Springs location. The club sponsored its first National Hunt detector fundraiser. The drawing was for a Fisher 990 detector, with 2 coils, detector bag, and headphones, valued at \$350 and a 10-ounce silver bar valued at \$90. Member Glenn Stanart won the detector. He was so excited he ran off without his box and instruction book. Member Bill Smith won the 10 ounce silver bar. Tickets were sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The member selling the most tickets received a 5 peso gold coin. Ernie Hill won the coin. For the first time, ITTHC held a 2-day National Hunt. There was a Fun Hunt where entrants searched for pennies and then wrote their badge number and number of pennies on a slip of paper. The slips of paper were drawn from a hat for pairs and the points for each pair determined winners. The club held its first auction with Cliff Williams as auctioneer. The club got 5% of the proceeds. A total of \$527.75 brought the club \$26.35, which was buried in the second day's Fun Hunt. The second day included a Civil War Relic Hunt. There were 192 entries in the Main Hunt and 73 in the Competition Hunt. 16 entrants in the Kid's Hunt competed for 50 donated prizes, 2 metal detectors and \$120 in buried clad. Other new hunts this year included a Kid's Competition Hunt and a Junk Hunt. Gary Carnes was the National Hunt Chairman and Jim Webb was his co-chairman.

June 4 & 5 - 2 ITTHC families attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Iowa Treasure Hunter Club Treasure Hunt at Des Moines, Iowa.

June 19 & 20 - 6 ITTHC families attended the Nebraskaland 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Hunt at Dyers Park, Leroy, Nebraska. They had a run-in with a small tornado on the way.

June 26 - Sulpher Springs Treasure Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Treasure Hunt at Sulpher Springs, Texas. 20 ITTHC members attended the event.

July 18 - Club outing, meeting at the Pawnee Bill Home Museum with hunting around Pawnee afterwards. 38 members showed up at the museum and 16 decided to hunt. New members were paired up with veteran members. They learned how to knock on doors and ask permission to hunt yards with prizes for different categories.

August 14 & 15 - 50 ITTHC members attended the Topeka Treasure Hunters 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunt.

August 22 - Club outing at Chandler Park with watermelon.

September 19 - 25 ITTHC members attended the Mo-Kan Pack Rats 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunt at Kansas City.

September 25 - Lone Star Treasure Hunters Open Hunt at Grapevine, Texas. 6 ITTHC families attended the event.

October 17 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home. Hunt Co-chairmen were Bill McKnight and Terry Archer. For the first time, there was a separate hunt for the children with 18 entries.

October 24 - Club outing to Murfreesboro, Arkansas to dig for diamonds.

# 1983

## ***Officers and Volunteers***

President - Don Bogle

Vice President - Rick York

Secretary - Carol Nobles

Treasurer - Terry Archer

Parliamentarian - Ralph Sigler

Board Members - Ernie Hill, Ray Watson, Jim Dill

Editor - Alice York

National Hunt Chairman - Jim Webb

National Hunt Committee - Terry Archer, Don Bogle, Clint Bradford, Gary & Wanda Carnes, Ray Crutchfield, Bob Freeman, Ernie Hill, Terry Humphries, Della Ruth Huntley, Earl Foster, Jim Nobles, Ralph Sigler, Ace Snyder, Joe Treece, Jim Webb, Rick York

Scrap Metal - Rick York through June, then James Huntley

Aluminum Can Recycling - Ernie Hill

Monthly Drawing/Raffle - Jim Nobles

Find Of The Month - Terry Humphries

50/50 Pot - Gary Carnes

## ***Membership Dues***

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## ***Meetings***

January - The January 8 meeting was devoted to explaining drawings and by-laws to the new members.

March - Officer Murry and Officer Moore of the Community Relations Department of the Tulsa Police Department presented a program on how to mark and photograph belongings for identification if lost or stolen.

April - Art Statum presented a program on snakes.

May - At the May 14 meeting the program was a coin and recovery slide presentation from Garrett.

July - The meeting program was a Civil War slide presentation.

August - At the August 13 meeting Ben "Bear" Cates presented a program on silver and Indian jewelry. The club voted to have a club flag made. A contest was held for winning designs to be presented at the October meeting.

September - Jack Arnold presented a Garrett underwater diving film.

October - At the October 8 meeting, there was no program. Instead, the club discussed the Find of the Month contest guidelines and voted whether to incorporate them into the by-laws. Also, the best flag design was voted on.

December - The December 10 meeting and Christmas party were held at Kirk of the Hills Church, 61<sup>st</sup> & Pittsburg. Ann Archer selected a family of 6 for the Christmas project. Howard Stanart was named 1983 Treasure Hunter of the Year. Over 100 people attended the event.

### **News**

August - Silver Dollar Club members included Jim Simmons (2), Mason Scott, Randy Triplett, John Freeman (3), Dewey "Joe" Treece, Jean Gammel, Ray Cruchfield, Ernie Hill (2), Howard Stanart, Jim Webb, Jim Nobles, Terry Archer, Bill Huntley, Rick York, James Huntley, Earl Foster.

### **Outings/Events**

January 15 - Club outing to ghost town of Garfield.

March 19 - Club outing at Cookson, Oklahoma.

April 17 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home. The hunt chairman was Earl Foster.

May 22 - Cleanup outing at the National Hunt site with covered dish supper.

May 28 & 29 - 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt at the Creek County Fairgrounds. For the first time, a Junior Hunt for 11 to 16-year olds was held. There were 191 total entries with 151 in the Main Hunts. There were 18 entries in the Kids Hunt, 72 in the Competition Hunt, and 21 in the Junior Hunt. The concession stand made enough to cover the rental of the building. There were 14 metal detectors, 9 gold coins and over 140 other prizes in the hunts. Jim Webb was the National Hunt Chairman.

July 24 - ITTHC Club Members Only Hunt at the home of Rick & Alice York in Kellyville. Hunt Chairmen were Don Bogle and Rick York. There were 84 entries with only 72 members showing up for the hunt. It was very hot. Over 1700 coins and 35 prize targets were buried.

October 16 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at John Freeman's home. The hunt chairman was James Lampkin.

# 1984

## ***Officers and Volunteers***

President - Carol Nobles  
Vice President - James Lampkin  
Secretary - Jeanie Webb  
Treasurer - Jim Nobles  
Parliamentarian - Gene Humphries  
Board Members - Bob Freeman, Terry Humphries, Terry Archer  
Editor - Debbie Huntley  
Find of the Month - Rick York  
National Hunt Chairman - Bill Huntley

## ***Membership Dues***

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## ***Meetings***

January - A Roy Volker film, "Treasure Under Your Feet", was shown.

February - Show & Tell silver dollar winners were Bob Freeman, James Huntley and Jim Webb. The new club flag was unveiled and club jackets were available for \$28.

March - Bill Huntley and Bob Freeman presented a program on Fort Gibson.

April - A planned film presentation on prospecting and gold dredging was cancelled due to technical difficulties.

May - The film presentation on prospecting and gold dredging was shown. Members were asked to bring toy cars for display.

June - Members were asked to bring knives for display.

July - A film presentation by Jim Webb and Ernie Hill about treasure hunting was shown. Members were again asked to bring knives for display. There was much discussion about discontinuing the Treasure Hunter of the Year contest.

August - Members were asked to bring watches & watch fobs for display.

September - Kent Buttram sang for the program. Members were asked to bring unusual finds for display.

October - J.L. Hargett spoke on merchant trade tokens. Members were asked to bring tokens for display.

November - Members were asked to bring water-hunting finds for display. Members voted for the first time for Club Member of the Year. The results were to be announced at the Christmas party.

December – 100 members attended the December 8 meeting and Christmas party. Rick York was named

1984 Treasure Hunter of the Year. Terry Humphries was named as the first Club Member of the Year. Carol Nobles selected a mother and her 5 children as the Christmas project family.

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

The January club outing had 30 members in attendance for hot dogs and chili. The men hunted and the women & children played softball. The location was not disclosed in the newsletter.

February 18 - Scavenger Hunt, Chili Supper and Bingo at Maxwell Recreation Center.

March 11 - Club outing at the Herb Couch farm in Nowata, where freedmen payments took place in 1882. 25 members attended the event.

April 29 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at the York's home near Kellyville. James Huntley was the hunt chairman. One of the prizes donated was a metal detector from Trans-Mississippi Electronics.

May 26 & 27 - 13<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt at the Creek County Fairgrounds. There were 182 total entries. There were 72 entries in the Competition Hunt, 22 in the Kid's Hunt. There was a huge flood in Tulsa but there wasn't as much rain at the hunt site. Volunteers included National Hunt Chairman - Bill Huntley, Prize Chairman - Jim Nobles, Flyers - Della Ruth Huntley, Kid's Hunt - Mary Bradford, Junior Hunt - Alice York, Donation Drawing - James Lampkin, Concessions - Alice York, Debbie Huntley, and Gold Coin Drawing - Bob Freeman.

August 12 - Club outing at Owen Park with watermelon.

September - Club outing at Taylor's Ferry on Fort Gibson Lake.

October 28 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at the York's home near Kellyville. Jim Nobles was the hunt chairman. 77 members attended the event.

# 1985

## ***Officers and Volunteers***

President - Kent Buttram  
Vice President - Jim Webb  
Secretary - Alice York  
Treasurer - Jim Nobles  
Parliamentarian - Terry Archer  
Board Members - Bob Freeman, Bill Harris, Gary Carnes  
Editor - Alice York  
National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries  
Program Chairman - Barbara Buttram  
50/50 Pot - Charlie Brown  
Monthly Drawing/Raffle - James Carver  
Scrap Metal Chairman - Thomas Allen  
Find of the Month - Rick York

## ***Membership Dues***

\$15 (family), \$10 (single) and \$5 (associate)

## ***Meetings***

January - Jim Webb gave a presentation on treasure hunting ethics. Members were asked to bring dog tags for display.

February - Roy Baker, owner of Persimmon Hollow Antique Village gave a presentation on antique advertising collectibles. Members were asked to bring advertising items for display.

March - Dr. Gene Lacy gave a presentation about jewelry. Members were asked to bring jewelry items for display.

April - Gary Carnes showed a slide presentation of their vacation to the Black Hills.

June - Members were asked to bring water-hunting finds for display.

July - Richard Carr gave a program on digging and collecting antique bottles.

August - The Tulsa Police Department gave a demonstration of their canine patrol.

September - The videotape, "Collecting and Grading US Coins", was shown.

October - The videotape, "Treasure Search", was shown.

December - On December 14, the ITTHC Christmas party was held at the UAW Union Hall at Pine and Memorial. Members prepared 2 hams and 4 turkeys, along with other assorted dishes. A family of 4 was selected for the Christmas project.

**News**

Postage increased again in March. It now cost the club 22¢ to mail the newsletter.

**Outings/Events**

February 16 - Scavenger Hunt, Chili Supper & Bingo at the UAW Union Hall at Pine & Memorial. Bill & Caroline Harris ran the Scavenger Hunt.

March 17 - Club outing in Mannford to help tornado victims locate lost items.

April 21 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at the York's home near Kellyville. James Lampkin was the hunt chairman.

April 26 & 27 - Janet Cawvey held a garage sale as a fundraiser for the club.

May 24 - The big bury day, the club held a dinner before the hunt.

May 25 & 26 - 14<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt at the Creek County Fairgrounds. There were 217 total entries in the hunt. There were 86 entries in the Classic Competition Hunt. Terry Humphries was the National Hunt Chairman.

October 13 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at the York's home near Kellyville. Rick York was the hunt chairman and Bill Harris was co-chairman. There was a Competition Hunt with 30 entries.

November 17 - Club outing at Campbell's Saltworks.

# 1986

## ***Officers and Volunteers***

President - Charles Vandiver

Vice President - Alice York

Secretary - Wanda Carnes

Treasurer - Caroline Harris

Parliamentarian - Jim Webb

Board Members - Ann Archer, Bob Freeman, Rick York

Editor - Alice York

National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries

Monthly Drawing/Raffle - John Freeman

Find of the Month - Jim Nobles

50/50 - Janet Cawvey

Kids Entertainment Chairman - Steve Wiggins

Coffee - Sue Freeman

## ***Membership Dues***

\$15 (family), \$10 (single) and \$5 (associate).

## ***Meetings***

January - Dan Miller gave a presentation on locks. Members were asked to bring locks and keys for display.

February - The program for the February 8 meeting was Show & Tell.

March - The video, "Coins: Genuine, Counterfeit, Altered" was shown. Members were asked to bring any counterfeit coins they may have found for display.

April - Dan Miller gave a presentation on old tools. Members were asked to bring old tools for display.

May - A new category, Best Display, was added to the Find of the Month contest.

June - A video on the 1984 archaeological dig at the site of Custer's Last Stand narrated by Dick Cavett was shown at the June meeting.

August - Dan Miller gave a presentation on knives. The program originally been scheduled for the July meeting, but Mr. Miller's truck broke down. Members were asked to bring knives for display.

September - "Return to Rapidan", a video of relic hunters at the Rapidan Battlefield.

October - Members were asked to tell their best treasure-hunting story at the October meeting.

November - David Goodman gave a presentation on jewelry design. Members were asked to bring jewelry for display. The club voted to change wording in the by-laws to reflect changes that had already been in place for awhile.

**News**

On October 1, the country's first gold coins in 53 years became available for purchase in \$50, \$25, \$10 and \$5 denominations.

**Outings/Events**

January 12 - Club outing at Nowata.

April 20 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at the Creek County Fairgrounds. James Carver was the hunt chairman.

May 18 - National Hunt site clean up day. Volunteers also tried to put together temporary showers in the restrooms.

May 23 - Big bury day. A dinner was also held that evening.

May 24 & 24 - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt the Creek County Fairgrounds. There were 224 total entries. A first this year was the information booth, organized by Gary & Wanda Carnes. Terry Humphries was the National Hunt Chairman. The Classic Competition Hunt had 80 entries.

July 20 – Club outing at the Rocky Point Recreation Area on Fort Gibson Lake. About 30-35 members attended the event.

August 17 - Club outing with watermelon at Mohawk Park.

October 19 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at the Creek County Fairgrounds. Gene Humphries and Ernie Hill co-chaired the hunt. 89 members participated in the hunt. There were 15 kids in the Kid's Hunt and 32 entries in the Competition Hunt.

November 16 - Club outing with a Scavenger Hunt at the Muskogee Fairgrounds. 14 members attended the event.

December 13 - ITTHC Christmas party at the UAW Union Hall at Pine and Memorial. Santa Claus made a visit to the party with gifts for the children. Members prepared 4 hams and 5 turkeys, along with other assorted dishes. A family of 5 was selected for the Christmas project. The mother was on kidney dialysis. Wanda Carnes was named 1986 Outstanding Club Member of the year.

# 1987

## ***Officers and Volunteers***

President - Gene Humphries

Vice President - Wally Dick

Secretary - Jean Dick

Treasurer - Caroline Harris

Parliamentarian - Bill Scott

Board Members - Gary Carnes, Bob Freeman, Jim Nobles

Editor - Alice York

National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries

Monthly Drawing/Raffle - Bill Harris

50/50 - James Carver

Find of the Month - Joe Treece

Coffee - Jean Dick

## ***Membership Dues***

\$15 (family), \$10 (single) and \$5 (associate).

## ***Membership***

January - ITTHC had over 130 members.

## ***Meetings***

January - Members voted at the January meeting to join the FMDAC.

February - Show & Tell.

April - There was a nametag-decorating contest at the April meeting.

## ***News***

ITTHC held a contest in 1987 to see who could come up with the best and most complete set of wheat cents dug in that year. There was an adult and a junior contest with awards presented in January 1988.

March - Three Forks Treasure Hunters Club held its first open hunt.

July through September - Wanda Carnes filled in for Alice York as editor.

## ***Outings/Events***

January 18 - Club outing at Washunga Bay on Kaw Lake.

February 21 – ITTHC tried to hold a Scavenger Hunt and Chili Supper. The Scavenger Hunt was rained out, but 52 members met at the UAW Hall for a chili supper and auction.

March 15 - Club outing at Washunga Bay on Kaw Lake.

March 23 through 29 - Club outing at Jenkins Ferry, Arkansas.

April 26 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at Creek County Fairgrounds. Rick York chaired the hunt.

May 23 & 24 - 16<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt at the Creek County Fairgrounds. There were 200 entries in the Main Hunt.

June 14 - Club outing at the downtown area where University Center at Tulsa was being built. 35 members attended.

July - Club outing at Whitewater Recreational Area just below Keystone Dam to teach panning for gold.

August 9 - Club outing at Sequoyah State Park on Fort Gibson Lake. 50 members attended the event.

September - Club outing at Spavinaw Lake. About 25 members attended.

October 25 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at Creek County Fairgrounds. Ernie Hill chaired the hunt.

December 19 - ITTHC Christmas party at the UAW Hall at Pine and Memorial. Instead of a needy family, the club took donations for the Domestic Violence Intervention Service. Gary Carnes was named 1987 member of the year.

# 1988

## ***Officers and Volunteers***

President - Wanda Carnes

Vice President - Ernie Hill

Secretary - Ralphetta Dill

Treasurer - Bill Harris

Parliamentarian - Charlie Brown

Board Members - Jerry Callison, Bill Scott, Rosemary Hill

Editor - Alice York through October, then Dan Combs

National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries

Find of the Month - Sonny Choate

50/50 Pot - R.C. Rogers

Program Chairman - Alice York

Monthly Drawing/Raffle - James Carver

## ***Membership Dues***

\$16 (family), \$11 (single) and \$6 (associate) (\$1 of each membership went to the FMDAC.)

## ***Meetings***

January - Ernie Hill won 1<sup>st</sup> place for his wheat cent collection found in 1987, Howard Stanart got 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dale Eisenhaur got 3<sup>rd</sup>.

February - Show & Tell.

March - The program was a video of the Texas Council Convention.

April - Jerry Callison gave a film presentation on CPR.

May - Jerry Haden of the Civil War Roundtable gave a presentation on equipment, uniforms and accoutrements of the Civil War.

June - Mr. & Mrs. Rex Rader gave a presentation on Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown.

August - Jerry Callison gave a presentation on scuba diving.

November - Lee Good of the Claremore Gun Museum gave a presentation on guns and gun parts.

## ***News***

September - Dan Combs took over as editor.

## ***In Memory***

February - ITTHC member Lloyd Nelson passed away.

**Outings/Events**

January 16 through 18 - Club outing at Jenkins Ferry.

February 20 - Scavenger Hunt & Chili Supper at Creek County Fairgrounds. The men made desserts. Carol Nobles, Carol Carnes and Alice York judged the event. This was the first contest later known as the Bobby Crocker Bake-Off.

March 20 - Club outing at a ghost town. (Location was undisclosed in the newsletter.)

April 17 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at Creek County Fairgrounds. Jim Nobles chaired the event, assisted by James Carver & Bill Harris. There were 75 entries in the event.

May 27 - Dinner for all members and early arrivals to the National Hunt.

May 28 & 29 - 17<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt Creek County Fairgrounds. Volunteers included National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries, Concessions - Alice York, Registration - Noreen Grufik, Auction - Jim & Jeanie Webb, Prizes - Jim Nobles, and Gold Coin Raffle - Bob Freeman. The Main Hunt had 170 entries.

July 24 - Club outing at Hudson Lake. About 30 members attended the event.

August - Club outing at Sequoyah Park, Fort Gibson Lake.

October - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at Creek County Fairgrounds. Ernie Hill was the hunt chairman.

December - ITTHC Christmas party at the UAW Hall at Pine and Memorial.

December 30 - January 1 - Club outing to Jenkins Ferry.

# 1989

## **Officers and Volunteers**

President - Jerry Callison

Secretary - Caroline Harris

Treasurer - Bill Harris

Board Members - Bob Freeman, Jim Nobles, Dell Stotts

Editor - Dan Combs

Monthly Drawing/Raffle - Bill Laster

## **Membership Dues**

\$21 (family), \$16 (single) and \$10 (associate) (\$1 of each membership went to the FMDAC.)

## **Membership**

January - Membership was holding at over 100 members.

## **Meetings**

January - A rockhound gave a presentation on prospecting in Alaska. Starting with the January meeting, a metal detecting class coordinated by Jim Webb was conducted at 6:30 pm on meeting nights for new hunters. Also starting with the January meeting, the first silver dollar drawing for entries in the display category of the Find of the Month was held.

February - The first Find of the Year contest was held for the best item found in the previous year. Jim Webb took 1<sup>st</sup> place with a white gold and diamond wedding set, Wally Dick got 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 1916-D dime, and Howard Stanart got 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a gold nugget ring. This was the first meeting recorded where prizes were given to kids who made Valentines and brought them to the meeting.

March - ITTHC celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday with cakes, pictures and slide shows. Carol Nobles made the cakes. Ernie Hill gave a presentation on how to improve your performance in buried coin hunts.

April - There was a presentation on the battle of Honey Springs or Elk Creek.

May - Eddy Compos gave a presentation on heat stress, CPR and basic first aid.

June - Fred Kunkel gave a presentation on his metal detecting experiences in the Middle East.

August - Dave McCracken presented a "how to" video on gold panning techniques.

October - This was the first meeting recorded where treats were given to kids who dressed up for Halloween.

November - Jim McLaughlin of Wagoner gave a presentation on a cache of artifacts he found near Fort Gibson.

## **News**

January - Club patches were available for \$3.50 to members and \$4.50 to non-members.

November - Dan Combs announced he was resigning as newsletter editor.

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

April 30 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at Creek County Fairgrounds. Ernie Hill was the hunt chairman.

May 7 - Club outing at Mohawk Park with hotdogs and a buried coin hunt. There were 100 tokens buried on edge and only 26 were found. There was a Kid's Hunt conducted by Jean Dick and Caroline Harris.

May 26 - There was a dinner held for all members and early arrivals before the National Hunt.

May 27 & 28 - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual ITTHC National Hunt at Creek County Fairgrounds. Volunteers included National Hunt Chairman - Terry Humphries, Concessions - Gladys Callison, Registration - Noreen Grufik, Auction - Jim & Jeanie Webb, Prizes - Jim Nobles. There were 145 entries in the Main Hunt, the Classic Competition Hunt had 49 entries, the Club Team Hunt had 10 teams entered and the Goldies/Oldies Hunt had 120 entries.

June 25 - Club outing at Sequoyah State Park, Fort Gibson Lake with hotdogs and hamburgers. There was a Competition Water Hunt and also a Kid's Hunt, which was conducted by Jean Dick and Caroline Harris.

There was a pre-Civil war relic outing planned for July 9 in the Three Forks area around Muskogee, but it was postponed.

August 27 - Club outing at Taylor's Ferry South, Fort Gibson Lake with hotdogs. 45 members attended the event.

September 10 - Club outing on the west side of Mingo Creek between Admiral and 11<sup>th</sup> Street, where houses had been removed from the Mingo Creek flood plain. Hotdogs and watermelon were served.

October 22 - ITTHC Semiannual Coin Hunt at Creek County Fairgrounds. Ernie Hill was the hunt chairman.

October 29 - The club held the previously postponed outing in the Three Forks area around Muskogee for pre-Civil War relics. 29 members attended the event.

December 9 - ITTHC Christmas party was held at the UAW Hall in Broken Arrow because the local UAW Hall was already booked and because the Broken Arrow UAW Hall was available free of charge. Nearly 100 members attended the event. Miss Piggy stopped by to give gifts to the kids. Wally Dick was named 1989 member of the year. Jerry Callison was presented a plaque for his service as president. The ITTHC Christmas Project this year supported Neighbor For Neighbor.

