

# CONCHO VALLEY TRASH & TREASURE HUNTERS

# NEWSLETTER

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Club Officers -- Pres: Greg Costa -- VP: Gayle Hovorak -- Website Designer/Sec: Bill Ballard -- Treasurer: Allamay Schafer



This is our club's newsletter that is published monthly. We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of metal detecting as a hobby. No brand or model of metal detector is endorsed by the club. Membership is open to the public with the only requirement being all members must follow the **Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics**.

**NOTE:** Club dues average about \$5 per single member or family monthly. Any comments or stories that you would like to contribute to our newsletters are always welcome.



**CLUB MEETINGS:** Held on 1st Wednesday of each month.  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM  
**PLACE:** Southside Rec Center  
2750 Ben Flickin Rd, San Angelo, Texas.

## NOVEMBER 1ST, 2017 - Monthly Meeting Minutes:

We met at the South Side Rec Center with 8 members present. Treasurer's report was not available due to illness of our Treasurer and Vice Pres both under the weather.

CVTTH nomination & election of officers were completed with the following results:

**Pres** - Greg Costa

**Vice Pres** - Gayle Hovorak

**Treasurer** - Allamay Schafer

**Secretary/Website Mgr** - Wild Bill Ballard

We did not schedule any club events for this month mainly due to deer season starting and the weather is scheduled to be unfavorable. The President collected dues from 3 members. Next up was fund-raisers.

They were a big hit once again! Fred actually matched the hardware and split 18 bucks with the club, **Congratulations!** Glen donated a **Garrett digger** to go with the marble game. No winners yet and the rules have changed. Now you get 5 marbles for \$1.00 and can buy more than one chance per session. The marbles removed during the session will not be put back in the container until all drawn cards are played or a winner is drawn. Next up was the **"Best Finds of the month for November 2017":**

**RELIC** - Robert for odd key/lock part; **COIN** - L.D. for 1903 Indian Head Penny; **JEWELRY** - Fred for silver bead necklace. (See pics of these finds on page 2).

**Note to Treasurer:** winners are due Wal-Mart gift cards.

L.D. won the ticket drawing with #488 and was awarded with a Mexican Silver Dollar.

Our next meeting will be on 6 Dec 2017. Hope to see you there and Happy Hunting!

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Find of the Month (Relic) = Robert – odd key/lock part



Find of the Month (Jewelry) = Fred - silver necklace



Find of the Month (Coin) = LD - 1903 Indian Head Penny

## FINDS OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 2017



## Treasure Hunting Article

DOING GOOD///// ETHICS  
JAN 6th 2017 by ROB WILLIAMS

In this enclosed [slideshow link](#), you can see the amount of junk finds just 11 detectorists have removed from the ground during just 1 or 2 detecting sessions:

<http://detecting365.com/metal-detecting-enthusiasts-harm-good/>

Now, given that information, can you imagine the total amount of junk metal detectorists remove every year as a group? There have been times when I was denied permission to metal detect somewhere because the owner was concerned about the “damage” done by metal detectorists. What exactly that “damage” is, I don’t know, but what I DO know is that as a group, as evidenced by the images shown above, is that we detectorists do more GOOD for our communities and environment than we do damage. Any detectorist worth his weight in dirt takes pride in removing/disposing of the trash and junk finds. I have personally dug fish hooks, razor blades, bullets, sharp needle like barbed wire slivers, sharp pieces of mangled aluminum cans, and have even found a hypodermic needle right under the swing sets...all found on a park PLAYGROUND! Imagine those areas had I never detected them and removed that stuff, any of those items can ruin a child’s day at the park very quickly should they get one of those items lodged in a hand or foot while playing on the playground! One of the points that I personally make when seeking permission to metal detect a park is to bring awareness to the types of dangerous items that are present on playgrounds, that a lot of times the superintendent hadn’t even given a second thought! Awhile back, I wrote an article about the Benefits of Metal Detecting and junk metal removal was just one of many benefits that the hobby of metal detecting provides us and our communities. Often we get a bad rap due to a bad apple in the bunch, but the truth is, as a whole, metal detectorists do more good than harm while enjoying our hobby. Every detecting session ends with a large amount of junk targets in our pouch and a couple good targets mixed in. Those good targets are earned by removing the sharp junk metal targets we find along the way. You can thank us the next time a detectorist asks permission to detect somewhere by saying yes, and giving the detectorist the opportunity to prove that **we do indeed do more good than harm!**

Some would ask “Well, doesn’t every one of those items shown have to be dug out of the ground while making a hole?” Answer is Yes, however, MOST metal detectorists take pride in filling their plugs in an effort to leave no trace of their passing. We know that we are held to a higher standard than the guy in the park that drinks a soda and throws the can on the ground. Also, we are held to a higher standard than the soccer mom who just threw the juicy juice packages on the ground for someone else to pick up. And what about that typical guy in the park that drinks a 6 pack of beer and throws all 6 of his beer caps on the ground! Yes, in every one of the scenarios above, those other park users are doing more harm than good for their parks and communities! That is where we detectorists always come in and we pick up all of those cans, pull tabs, and other trash materials that those folks threw on the ground in the park! Why? Because we are beneficial to our communities! We take Pride in leaving areas that we metal detect in cleaner and better shape than how we found them! We do this because we appreciate our detecting spots and again, we take pride in leaving our detecting spots in better shape than we found them. *So, the next time a metal detectorist asks you to detect your yard, or asks to detect the park, go ahead and give him a chance to prove that he is beneficial to you instead of immediately thinking we detectorists do more harm than good, because quite the opposite is true, as you can see from the amount of junk finds just 11 detectorists have removed in just a few hunts.*

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# METAL DETECTING CODE Of ETHICS

1. Always check federal, state, county and local laws before searching. It is your responsibility to "know the law."
2. Abide by all laws, ordinances or regulations that may govern your search or the area you will be in.
3. Never trespass. Always obtain permission prior to entering private property, mineral claims, or underwater salvage leases.
4. Do not damage, deface, destroy, or vandalize any property (including: ghost towns and deserted structures), and never tamper with any equipment at the site.
5. Never litter. Always pack out what you take in, and remove all trash dug in your search.
6. Fill all holes, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage, be damaging to, or kill any vegetation.
7. Do not build fires, camp or park in non-designated or restricted areas.
8. Leave all gates and other accesses to land as found.
9. Never contaminate wells, creeks, or any other water supplies.
10. Be courteous, considerate, and thoughtful at all times.
11. Report the discovery of any items of historic significance to the local historical society or proper authorities.
12. Uphold all finders, search and salvage agreements.
13. Promote responsible historical research and artifact recovery, and the sharing of knowledge with others.



See yall at next meeting/ 6th of December 2017 same location & time.

