

This month's drawing winners!

The 50/50 winner in January was Don Kennedy. Blue ticket winners were Penny Ferguson-gold flakes. Mark Davey won the gold nugget & Helen Elliott a half dollar.

Every month we have two drawings. A 50/50 drawing for all attendees and a Blue ticket drawing for members only. 50% of the proceeds from the 50/50 goes to the club.

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President: Mark Davey
First VP: Toby Shedd, in charge of arranging for programs
Second VP: Jim Nichols, events coordinator
Sec/Treasurer: Skip Kendrick
Board Members: Keith Ferguson, Bud Elliott, Rodney Laubhan & John London

Club News

Welcome to the January 2010 edition of the Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Newsletter



At our January meeting the program was presented by Mark Davey and the Board of directors. We discussed plans and projections for the new year.



Our "Find of the Month" winner for January 2010 was Jim Nichols, for Treasure Hunting. There was no prospecting entry.

Jims Find was a Transit Token from New York.

Congratulations Jim



Our club website is on line. The address is:

www.amarillotreasure.com



Our program for February will be on cleaning your finds, presented by Toby Shedd, Jim Nichols and John London.

Board of directors will have their meeting at 5:00 P M, Tuesday, February 2nd @ Gander Mountain.



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**This is your club and we want to hear your opinions.**

**All club members have the right to be heard. If you want to discuss an item during the open meeting, just raise your hand and you will be recognized.**

**To be added to the meeting agenda, please call or email me and your topic will be put in the news letter.**

**Your opinions are important to the health of the club.**

**Use your voice!**

## Board Meeting notes from 1/5/10

- 1- GPOC dig and our participation
- 2- Dues for 2010
- 3- PayPal account for web-site
- 4- New member orientation package
- 5- Rules for find of the year & rules clarification
- 6- Christmas party approval/likes/dis-likes
- 7- Voted to have two tables at the Golden Spread Coin Club show in August of 2010
- 8- Voted to use AIA meeting room for another year

The regular meeting for January was called to order by new president Mark Davey, At 7:05 PM.

After introducing new officers and board members, Mark called on Treasurer Skip Kendrick for a financial status of club monies. As of the end of 2009, after all bills were paid, we have on deposit 1,139.76. This figure does not include money collected in January for dues and expenditures by the club. We will have a new financial statement at the February meeting.

Toby Shedd, our program coordinator, asked for help with monthly programs. Please give him a hand with suggestions for new monthly programs.

Jim Nichols asked for one or two members to help with the web site committee. Jim has done a great job with the web site, but we need your input for more and better content.

Jim also talked about future club outings. We still have plans for Nara Visa N M, Camp Don and camp M K Brown, near Mobeetie, when the weather permits.

GPAA and Texas Treasure Show are also coming soon.

Texas Treasure Show 2010 & open hunt presented by the Texas

Council of Treasure Clubs. For registration information, see:

<http://www.texasCouncil.net> click on Special Event or Member Events. This is the largest treasure show in the USA !

GPAA show will be held on May 22 & 23, 2010 in Oklahoma city. The location is: Oklahoma State Fair Park, 3001 General Pershing Blvd, Expo hall #2.

After intermission we had Show N Tell and ticket drawings. Coin/treasure finds were sparse with the Extreme cold and snowy conditions. Jim Nichols won find of the month with a New York State Transit Token. Nice find Jim!

Yellow ticket winners were: Rhonda Ferguson, Toby Shedd, Penny Ferguson, Kevin Harbison and George Baca.

Welcome to new members Rowdy Cunningham and Clinton Lynch.

Visiting were Fred Bobo and Terry Bell. We surley hope to have you back in February!

## RING TOSS HUNT

Several weeks ago a desperate man called Dennis Gee to rent a detector to find a lost wedding ring. Dennis referred him to our website and our Recovery Team service where he filled in the link for help and sent it to me. He mentioned he, "Lost his wedding ring somewhere in his front yard." I was tied up with sewer problems and he sounded in a hurry so I referred him to John London. John contacted the rings owner and after asking some questions he found out the ring was not lost but tossed out of the house by his wife. That would imply maybe not only was the ring was lost but maybe a love lost as well? John also found out it was a tungsten-carbide ring with a small gold stripe in the middle. We'll I didn't know what a tungsten-carbide ring would look like to a detector and John wasn't for sure either. After some research and an email Chris Turner from **The Ring Finders** website saying he had found a tungsten ring with a White's XLT last year. I asked him what VDI (Visual Discrimination Indicator) he got on his tungsten find. Chris returned my email saying it rang in the 49-50 range on his White's XLT. This range is right in the "twist off" range on the White's products. But an email from an engineer at White's theorized it would fall into the steel, down in the -90s. With the conflicting data we were still not sure what it would detect as it was dig all shallow targets and we did find some junk!

John made arrangements to go over to their house and try looking for it. Well before he got over there we got 4" of snow.

That delayed things but John did try a couple days later but the ring owners North facing yard was still covered in snow. The cold and snow was a huge obstacle but he did try but didn't locate it that day.

A few days later I joined him on a day that got to 40 degrees but the lawn still had 4 inches of ice on most of it. We did our best but we just told him we would come back when the ice had melted. He was very patient but again not just full of information on where his bride might have launched the ring.

This Sunday, January 17, John, Mark Davey and I met over at the house to find that dang ring. The ring pitcher came out and showed us how she had flung the ring. She is right handed but used her left hand to chunk it. We three saturated their yard and got some clad, more junk, a wheat penny and a silver dime to show for it but we didn't find the ring.

We took a break, did some equipment changing and some BSing then decided to hit it again. John mentioned since she was a right hander but threw it with her south paw she might have "sliced it" to the Eastern most houses across the street. I had hunted the house across the street but no ring so I started on the grass strip next to the street where John had mentioned it would be and after digging some tabs I got a twist-off (56 VDI) about 18" from the curb about 2" deep. The grass is at least 4" in this yard so that is a good depth for a ring so recently lost. I kneeled down and as I was grabbing my pin-pointer I saw a glint in the grass and sure enough it was the ring. The smallish grey wide metal ring with a gold stripe in the middle had surfaced. So I told John and Mark to quit hunting. The ring rang in at the 50 VDI on John's and Mark's detectors, right in the range Chris from **The Ring Finders** had mentioned.

Needless to say the couple was very pleased we were able to find the discarded ring and we were really glad to have been able to return the ring to them and maybe patch up a lovers quarrel at the same time. Mark, John and I had an enjoyable outing on a beautiful day so the homeowners and we three were winners. It was good to chalk this one up as a success,

since it was our first *Lost Recovery Team* lead. Those that signed up for the recovery team will get an email asking for your assistance as they come in so you too can feel the joy of helping recover someone's treasured piece.



**Jim Nichols**

## Recovery 1/29/10 - Rodney L.

With temperatures near 28 and forth and found some lost keys. driveway because of snow drifts and picked him up in a four wheel home safe and sound. **Thanks**

apartment. The recovery was He found the keys after looking in

was. The keys were where he had walked into the parking lot just under 2" of snow. People had been walking on them and Daniel would not have found them until the parking lot melted. Time hunting 10-13 minutes.



over 8" of snow on the ground Rodney ventured Rodney was unable to get out of his when a "Good Samaritan", TED SWINDLE, came drive, took him to the address and returned him **Ted!**

Here are the keys found for Daniel at his Rodney's first and maybe a first from the snow. the snow drifts around two cars where Daniel



Remember, Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM is our next monthly meeting. Hope to see you all there.

John London

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## Code OF Ethics of Treasure Hunters

- **I WILL** respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.
- **I WILL** fill all excavations.
- **I WILL** appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.
- **I WILL** use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.
- **I WILL** build fires in designated or safe places only.
- **I WILL** leave gates as found.
- **I WILL** remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find.

- **I WILL NOT** litter.
- **I WILL NOT** destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- **I WILL NOT** tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.