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# AMARILLO PROSPECTORS & TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Second VP: Jim Nichols, events coordinator.  
Secretary: Bob Mende  
Treasurer: Fred BoBo.  
Board Members: Carroll Herring, Dan Ferguson, Rodney Laubhan, Mike Darnell .  
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## Across the President's Desk

By Mark Davey

Sorry did not receive a President's Letter this month. Mark has been very busy this month. Maybe we will get a Letter from the President next month.

Larry

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# Board Members Articles

These are the first winners of the new Find Of Month format.  
 John London, Coin-1918 Wheat cent  
 Fred Bobo, Relic, Indian artifact-from Bailey County  
 Rhonda Ferguson, Jewelry and the Find Of The Month-Gold Ring  
 No Prospector FOM  
 RL.



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## Article By Rodney



APTHA CLUB GAME TWO  
 PRIZES  
 FIRST PLACE

1 SILVER EAGLE, 1 MORGAN SILVER DOLLAR  
 4 QUARTERS, 6 DIMES Value \$116.46

SECOND PLACE

1 SILVER EAGLE, 1 MORGAN SILVER DOLLAR  
 2 QUARTERS, 3 DIMES Value \$95.73

THIRD PLACE

4 WALKING LIBERTY HALVES, 2 QUARTERS  
 8 DIMES Value \$85.48

FOURTH PLACE

2 WALKING LIBERTY HALVES, 2 QUARTERS  
 12 DIMES Value \$69.94

FIFTH PLACE

1 WALKING LIBERTY HALVE, 12 DIMES Value \$44.03

All coins are silver and purchased from Stout Gold & Silver. Tom Stout gave us a very "GOOD" deal. We all need to thank Tom when we go into Stout Gold & Silver for providing us with good value for the prizes. The price of the coins was based on \$36.00 silver.

Coins will be on view at the June meeting and drawing will be held at the club meeting October 2011. All tickets are \$2 each and drawing guidelines will be available at club meetings June-September.

## Board Members Articles Continue

The June outing was the "Prospecting Day at the Park". We had a good time and learned a lot! Also we did find some gold "in them thar pans". Robert demonstrated the "two bucket" gold separation technique and it was effective and a cheap setup. Robert said it cost him around \$1.50! He cut a hole the same size as a PVC end cap in the bottom of a plastic bucket. You put water in the bucket and your pay dirt and spin the water around in the bucket with a stick while it sits in an unmodified bucket. As the dirt is spun the lighter stuff is forced to the faster outside of the vortex and the heavier stuff falls in the center to be collected in the pvc end cap. It is like a mini river bend. The gold is deposited in the bend as the lighter stuff is swept down river by the faster currents.

The high-banker is so cool. Mark set it up and dialed in as far as the proper water flow, and angle and then showed us how it worked. You can really go thru a lot of material with that thing. It is a great asset for our club.

We have some other outings and fun meetings coming up. They start with couple outings in July. The annual John Stiff hunt (July 5<sup>th</sup> 6AM at the Gazebo) and a BBQ is in order for July meeting. We will meet at Austin Park where the picnic table is on the East side at 6:00PM Tuesday and have a tarp hunt, meeting and some good grub. So bring your detectors if you want to try your skills on the "tarp of truth"! Bring your finds as we will have the FOM events at the park as well. That was a great showing at the last meeting.

The August meeting will be at Austin Park again and we'll enjoy an Ice Cream Social and seeded hunt. Those that can provide Ice Cream and/or cookies let me know. The August outing is at Sandy Beach down on Lake Greenbelt (east side of lake) for a beach hunt Saturday and Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$5/day. If you have a water machine and wouldn't mind showing us how they work please bring it. I recommend sand scoops for digging finds. Bring lunches or trek back into Clarendon for a bite.

September is a seeded hunt with a twist. You can't use your own detector you have to switch with someone and use a different model or brand. John thought this up and I like it. More details later.

Thanks again to those that come to our outings. You make them a success. And those that helps and provides the stuff for the outings, a great big thanks! You guys make it fun!

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Our Proposed Club Gold hunt opportunity.

We are working on an idea of bringing down from Colorado a load of gold bearing soil, at least 8000 lbs of the stuff. It will entail all that want to participate to contribute to cover the cost of getting said dirt down to us. We are estimating it will cost around \$100 a share. That is just an estimate based on 20 shares sold and we do not know the actual cost of the gold bearing soil. That soil is going to be obtained from actual mining operators and we will know the cost more accurately when the Gold prospectors get back from Colorado trip later. Cost will be soil cost, trailer rental, fuel and expenses for the two fellows going to get the soil. The club isn't expecting to get any profits on this adventure and all expenditures will be only for the actual cost incurred in getting that soil here. It will be most likely September or later. All participants will get an equal share of the soil to process. All participants will be members and will have paid the cost on a per share basis. If you want more than one share it will require the paying of the cost per share as calculated when soil is landed here.

Jim



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## Board Meeting Notes

Board Meeting

Tuesday June 7, 2011

Meeting called to order by Mark Davey at 5:30p

Attendees are Bob Mende, Toby Shedd, Mike Darnell, Mark Davey, Rodney Laubhan, Carroll Herring, Fred Bobo and Dan Furgeson. Jim Nichols was absent account minor illness.

Mark gives Budget report: Paid out \$484.00, Room rent \$35.00, room rent \$25.00 Mike Darnell \$10.00 for office supplies. Deposit \$350.00. Incoming funds Coin Game-\$410.00. Bank balance \$1571.44 plus CD at \$1050.00 totaling \$2055.44.

Mark asks all board members to pull up the By-laws from the website and study carefully. The By-laws on line and the circulated corrected copies need to be corrected to read the same.

Jim is still planning a June 16 Thompson Park High banker, sluice and panning session. The location will be at North end of Thompson Park at Boat House.

Fred Bobo will pick up \$50.00 worth of President Coins for next week meeting.

The coins are needed for Yellow ticket winners.

Terri Nichols and E.B. Shedd will supervise the finds of the month at regular club meetings.

Dan Furgeson will be the Guest Speaker for June 14, 2011 meeting. No word of what the talk is about.

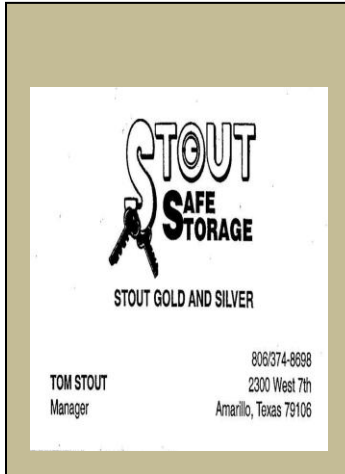
Mark announces that in July the Club will go to Colorado, somewhere in the area around Fairplay, Co. Mark wants to also check a site in New Mexico for possible future trips.

Dan Furgeson asks Bob Mende about the article of disclosure of finds. It was discussed and understood that some persons may have found finds on private property and the owner of that property may not want other people on their property. Even though the By-laws say that all locations must be disclosed to other members. It was decided that this By-law should be modified. And will be considered at a future meeting.

Obar, New Mexico is still a possibility for a future hunt. Probably hunt later in this year. And after some rainfall, because of fire hazard.

Rodney, first talks about the new money game. He gives Fred the inventory of coins. The coins are worth \$411.64. Rodney discusses the rules of the game and passes out a rule sheet.

Five categories of finds of the month will commence at the June 14th meeting. The categories are Coin, Jewelry, Prospector and Relic of month, also the best of show for each month.



## Board Meeting Continue

Rodney wants to do a prospecting session by bringing about four yards of ore from a location in a gold bearing territory. He would rent a dump truck a loader and haul the ore to Amarillo from some location, which is unknown at this time. He would have a fee paid by our members to pay for the trip. All gold found by members would be theirs.

Now we discuss how the classes of finds will be defined. It was decided coins are to be any coin used in foreign or U.S.A. They could be used today or any time in the past. Jewelry caused a very different discussion. It was decided that some coins could be considered jewelry if the coins are in a necklace or in any way used as jewelry, but must have a chain clasp or mounted in some way. Relics became very difficult to decide. But was finally decided a relic to be something not produced any longer. According to the dictionary a relic is an object which has "survived from the past". And "a personal memorial of a sacred person". I'm not sure there may be relics attending some of these meetings? And Prospecting items would be anything found in its natural state while rock hunting, panning or metal detecting. There will be a rule sheet describing the items in this paragraph. And the rule sheet will supersede this paragraph.

This paragraph took about two minutes to write but the discussion took about one and a half hours. Wow can something that seems so simple take so long to decide. Had you sat with us, I believe many of you would have been as confused as we were. Any finds not covered in the rules will be decided by a three person panel at the monthly meeting. Most of all we want to encourage as much participation as possible for all members. So bring your stuff!!!!!!!

You know it will at least fit on the show and tell table.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36p.

### July 12, 2011 Program

**Program this month will be BBQ and Tarp Hunt**

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> outing will be at John Stiff Park at 6:30 to Hunt Park**

**The Club needs future Programs, if you can present a Program please contact Toby Shedd**

## Club Meeting Notes

June 14, 2011 Regular Meeting

Meeting is opened by President Mark Davey at 7:05pm with a salute to the flag.

Tonight we had forty attendees show up including two visitors. Visitors were Susan Denny and Alex Hernandez.

The meeting begins with an accolade to the newsletter by Harold Thomison. It seems Harold could not say enough about how he liked the newsletter and wanted to thank Larry Lawrence for his work. Unfortunately Larry was absent tonight. Larry called in saying he was under the weather some. We hope you will be feeling better soon.

Harold Taylor donates a sand scoop to the club. This scoop is used primarily on the sandy beaches of Lake Shores and Ocean shores. We will put this scoop into the Clubs tool inventory. Also under the weather is George Broken who is in the hospital, and we pray for George to come home soon feeling better than ever.

Rodney Laubhan talks about the new money game, and starts another committee to collect money from ticket sales. Also says if anyone is not clear about how this game works they should feel free to ask questions.

Dan Furgenson is tonight's speaker. Dan gives a very informative talk about the Lost Adams Diggings. This story took place in central New Mexico west of Socorro just off highway 60. Dan has been studying this story for quite some time. He took questions after the talk.

Mark passes out ballots for the amendment to by-laws considering the change of by-laws. when members joining the club at the Christmas party would not qualify for any major prizes given away at the Christmas Party.

It was noticed that Kirk Roberts needs a name tag.

7:45 a break time is given. At this time members are encouraged to purchase Blue and Red tickets.

7:55 Mark calls meeting back to order and then gives the Treasury Report; we have a total balance of \$3008.00 including a \$1050.00 CD.

Jim Nichols talks about upcoming outings beginning with the June 16<sup>th</sup> outing at North end of Thompson Park at 6:00pm and will last until dark, if you wish. It will be a chance for members to learn how to work a high banker, do some panning, and work a sluice box. Also something different the "two buckets and a stick method" will be demonstrated. Bring your own lunch. The July Meeting will be at Austin Park. A BBQ will be the meal of the day. Also a Game "TARP OF TRUTH CONTEST" will be the attraction of the day. And August 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> he is planning a sandy beach outing which will be at Greenbelt Lake. There is a \$5.00 entry fee to Lake Greenbelt. And also bring your own lunch. Of course you could go into town if you wanted. Jim is expecting to have an Ice Cream social at the August regular meeting also at Austin Park. In September Jim is planning a seeded hunt at Austin Park; the only twist will be members will have to swap metal detectors with another member. Which means you will be using an unfamiliar detector that night. Jim also is working on a plan to bring several tons of gold bearing dirt from Colorado and have a common dig here in Amarillo. This is especially for members who cannot go out of town to gold claims in Colorado, New Mexico or anywhere else in the country.

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**"An inch of time is  
an inch of gold,  
but you can't buy  
that inch of time  
with an inch  
of gold"**

## Club Meeting notes Continue

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**Everything has its  
limit - iron ore  
cannot be  
educated  
into gold"**

Mark announced that the Colorado trip is set up for the last week of July. July 23 to 30<sup>th</sup>. Members will travel to the Fairplay and Leadville area to prospect for Gold.

Mark announces that the Pull-tab gallon jar is full. And at the July Meeting members will fill out their ballots guessing the number of tabs in the jar. The person with the guess closest to the actual number will be the winner of \$100.00. The winner will be announced at the August Meeting.

Mark announces that the Christmas Party amendment passes.

Rodney Laubhan asks for helpers to the August 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> Coin Show. He passes out a sign-up sheet. He says you can bring items to sell. He stipulates that sellers must also be helpers too.

Terri Nichols announces the monthly winners of Coin, jewelry, relic and prospecting.

John London wins the Coin category with a 1918 wheat penny. Rhonda Furgeson wins the Jewelry category with a very nice Gold Ring. Fred Bobo wins the Relic category with the three Civil War era Jacket Buttons he found. No Prospecting entries tonight. Rhonda Furgeson wins the overall find of the month with her Gold Ring. Congratulations to all of the winners.

Show and Tell tonight John London talks about Ring with Chain and sixteen pennies he found. Rodney tells us about two rings a locket and a pocket knife he found. Mike Darnell who seems to be a magnet for coins has found over 400 coins this past month. He had his luck in Hereford and an Oklahoma location. Jim Nichols also has a large cache of coins a couple rings and some jewelry too. Thanks' to you guys for your stories. You are doing a great job.

It was noted that Helen Elliott is ill and Jim's father is also ill. We will be praying for these folks to get better soon.

Rodney Laubhan reminds us of the Red Book that belongs to the Club and is available for members to use.

It is time to announce Blue, Red and Yellow ticket winners. Blue ticket brought in \$120.00. The winning ticket numbers are #505 to Clinton Struchen, #472 to Tim Simms and #580 to Alan Duncan.

Red ticket brought in \$62.00. The winning ticket #891 belongs to Mark Davey, and Mark donates his \$31.00 back to the Club. Very generous Mark, Thanks'. Yellow Door prize winning tickets; #931 to Hazel Smith, #896 to Harold Taylor, #903 to Clinton Struchen, #907 to Charles Meyers, #923 is a no-show and 897 goes to Rodney Laubhan.

8:55 Meeting was adjourned.

An after meeting commenced for the members planning to attend the outing in Colorado.

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## Club Articles

More gold has been mined  
from the thoughts of men  
than has been taken from the  
earth.”

~ Napoleon Hill

quotes (American author, 1883-  
1970)

### ***Treasure Find of the Month rules: Categories Coins, Relics & Jewelry***

- You may submit up to 2 (two) finds per category for each month as long as the finds were made by you that month. Month will be consider from current months meeting close to next meeting, except for the November thru January finds, that time will be close of November meeting until the January Meeting. If you miss a meeting(s) then bring your finds, up to two, to the next meeting you attend. Submitting for others is not allowed. Partners may enter as one contestant and the prize to be for one entry and divided as partners see fit
- Finds should fall into one of the following categories: Coins, Jewelry, and Relics. Items can be found with or without a detector. But need to be from ones own efforts. Finds from pocket change or “dumpster diving” will be considered forms of treasure hunting for this contest. Purchased items will not be considered
- Submissions must be submitted at meeting to the Finds Coordinator and if you win and want to be considered for FIND OF THE YEAR you must keep that find for the December ballots
- Only one vote per member in attendance per month at that month’s club meeting
- Nothing planted in an organized hunt may be entered. Such as Open Treasure Hunts where the finds are placed and paid contestants find them during the meet
- Placards or cards detailing find are allowable but keep to 3x5 index cards or smaller size; be prepared to tell how and where you made your find

### ***Prospecting Find of the Month rules:***

- You may submit up to 2 (two) finds for each month as long as the finds were made by you that month. Month will be consider from current month’s meeting close to next meeting, except for the November thru January finds, that time will be Close of November meeting until the January Meeting. If you miss a meeting(s) then bring your finds, up to two, to the next meeting you attend. Submitting for others is not allowed. Partners may enter as one contestant and the prize to be for one entry and divided as partners see fit
- Your finds must fall into one of the following categories: Electronic Gold (metal detecting), Traditional Gold (drywashing, sluicing, highbanking, dredging or other forms of accepted “mining” procedures), other ore, or gems. Purchased items will not be considered
- Submissions must be submitted at meeting and if you win and want to be considered for FIND OF THE YEAR you must keep that find as is for the December ballots; only finds brought to the December meeting are eligible
- Only one vote per person per month at that month’s club meeting
- Specimens obtained from club group digs, whether this club or another, may not be entered. Any PROPSECTING FIND found as an individual or in a partnership will be accepted.
- Placards or cards detailing find are allowable but keep to 3x5 index cards or smaller size; be prepared to tell how and where you made your find

### ***Prospecting and Treasure Finds of the Year Rules***

- Find of the Year winners will be chosen from the Finds of the Month winners from previous 4 categories present at our December meeting. All decisions determined by Find of the Month Coordinator are final
- Bring your find(s) to Christmas meeting in same condition as shown in monthly contest
- Present entry to Find of the Month Coordinator; he/she will assign numbers and display them for voting



# Club Pictures

06-16-2011 - Prospecting outing Thompson Park



## Inside Articles

### **Advice for Scrap Metal Recovery**

As you all know we come across many metals while enjoying our hobby. Here are a few tips and instructions on how to turn that "junk" into cash. Scrap metal recovery is an extra source of income for many people who realize the value of used metal. Scrap yards accept scrap metal of various types and are willing to pay good money for your old metal. The two basic types of metals are iron-containing ferrous metals and nonferrous metals. Nonferrous metals include aluminum, copper, zinc, tin, brass, magnesium, nickel and lead and are more valuable than ferrous metals. Ferrous metals like iron and steel can be recovered and melted to create new objects repeatedly. Putting more effort into scrap metal recovery results in higher pay for the metal.

#### Instructions

1. Separate nonferrous and ferrous scrap metals so they can be weighed separately.
2. Disassemble automobiles and appliances so you can separate the more valuable nonferrous metals from the ferrous metals that compose the bulk of the machinery.
3. Strip the plastic, vinyl or rubber insulation from copper wires to get a better rate for the scrap copper. Taking this step saves the scrap yard workers valuable time, so it is worth it to them to pay you more for your effort.
4. Remove as much nonmetal material as possible from your scrap metal items, such as air conditioners, washers and dryers. Many appliances are made with plastic and wood in addition to metal; removing these materials reduces the work load of the scrap workers so you can earn more money.
5. Drain fluids from appliances and automobiles before taking them in for cash. This includes draining gas and oil from cars or water from hot water heaters.
6. Separate the nonferrous and ferrous scrap metals by type so each type of metal can be weighed separately. For example, if copper is worth more per pound, separating it ensures that it will be weighed separately from cheaper nonferrous metals so you get paid full price.
7. Reduce the size of your metals as much as possible so you can haul more metal in one load. You can bend sheet metal, crush aluminum cans and wrap copper wiring. Scrap yards will take almost any size or amount of scrap but pay according to how much extra work they have to do to get the best price. Again the more time you spend in the preparation of the scrap the more return you can get.

#### **Tips & Warnings**

Call or visit your scrap yard ahead of time to find out which metals are accepted and what additional measures you can take to get the best rate for **your scrap metal**.

Pay attention to the scrap metal market. If you have the storage space, it may be worth it to save up your metal for a few months until the price for scrap metal increases.

Always wear sturdy work gloves when working with metal, especially thin metals like aluminum or sheet metal, which can be very sharp.

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**Gold! Gold!  
Gold! Bright and  
yellow, hard and  
cold.**

**Thomas Hood**

# Last article - sent by a club member

Please send more Articles and Pictures to enter in the January 2011 Newsletter.

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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.
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- **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.

### APTHA 2011 DRAWING RULES

Adopted at the December 2010 meeting of board of directors, and amended for the second game July through October

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE CHANCES:

One member from each paid class of memberships (single membership, family membership) who is paid up for the 2011 year.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE UNCLAIMED CHANCES FROM THE POOL:

Any member who has purchased ALL OF THEIR ALLOTTED CHANCES (10) may have their name added to the POOL LIST to purchase unclaimed chances. A member must have dues paid on or before the SEPTEMBER meeting.

#### NEW OPTION WITH THIS GAME

New with this game is the option to SELECT your numbers. When member purchases 10 chances the numbers may be selected in blocks of 5 or 10. ASK FOR DETAILS WHEN PURCHASING NUMBERS.

#### CHANCES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:

Number of chances available for purchase will be **410**. Cost is \$2 per chance. Purchase of chances will cease at the close of the SEPTEMBER meeting.

#### PRIZES:

Prizes will be chosen by the Prize Committee and equal to half the money collected from sold chances, \$820.00. Drawing will be held during the OCTOBER 2011 MEETING.

#### POOL CHANCES:

Unclaimed chances in the POOL will be allotted in a rotating manner to those members listed on the POOL LIST at the close of the SEPTEMBER meeting. Chances will be awarded to each person in turn until chances are depleted. In the event of uneven numbers of chances remaining in the POOL LIST, numbers will be drawn to determine which members are awarded the remaining chances. See other side for payment of pool numbers.

#### DISPUTES:

Disputes, if any, will be solved by the Drawing Administrator, Assistant Administrator, The Club President, and club Vice Presidents. Decisions by this panel will be final with no appeal.

#### PRIZES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Number of prizes will be equal to 10% of total chances to be sold, (5) and be in coins, silver, & gold bullion and cash and are **valued at \$410.00.**

#### POOL POLICY FOR APTHA CLUB DRAWING 2011

Adopted at the January 2011 meeting of board of directors, and modified for the second Club game July-October.

#### PAYMENT FOR POOL NUMBERS:

Members **MUST MAKE A DEPOSIT OF \$10.00** when deciding to have name added to pool drawing. Money not used to purchase chances will be refunded at the OCTOBER 2011 MEETING.

Members who qualify for pool numbers are NOT required to purchase any pool numbers.

Members who qualify for pool numbers and wish to purchase extra numbers from the pool **MUST** agree to purchase a minimum of 5 numbers if they are available and **MAKE A DEPOSIT OF \$10.00.** Money not used to purchase pool chances will be refunded at the OCTOBER 2011 meeting.

Members who qualify for pool numbers **MAY** purchase the maximum number of pool numbers if they are available. Members who wish to purchase maximum number of chances must **MAKE A DEPOSIT OF \$14.00.** Money not used to purchase pool chances will be refunded at the OCTOBER 2011 meeting.

Members must declare intentions to purchase pool numbers and **MAKE DEPOSIT** at time of purchasing allotted numbers for the game.