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

By Mark Davey

Hello, Club Members! I hope your Thanksgiving was a good one. I'd like to thank you all for your support and participation for all our club activities this year, from club meetings to hunts. We've had a very good year, I think. Please remember the Christmas Party, and our float in the parade. We're looking for a good turnout, so please be there with bells on!

We're still looking for candidates for the Secretary and President positions. These are vital to the club, so please consider carefully.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season, and looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas party,

Mark  
President



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# Board Members Articles

## December Outings Report

The November Chili Cook off was all we had time for. The sun dropping and the chilly wind (pun intended) made the planned instruction on pinpointing and removing a target with the least footprint in the sod using a popping method or a modified plug something we need to do later. The chili as usual was great and tasted so good in that brisk wind. To those that made the chili thanks and to Keith thpppppts! As you can tell Keith won top spot again, which is saying a lot since there were some really good chili's there. Congratulations again Keith, really!

December will have several activities for us beginning with the float for the for the Christmas Lights Parade again this year and will need help with the float and as many as possible to ride or walk the parade route. Mark has an aggressive idea that will look great so let's all help. The parade is Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> this year and we will build the float the Tuesday night Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at James Brothers. Bring tools that you think we will need (cordless drivers, saws, etc.).

The December outing will give us a real chance to find some real old coins and relics in literally our own back yard so to speak. The old dump at Thompson Park will be our outing for Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM. We will meet at the parking area just south of the Zoo, not the Zoos parking but the unpaved area with the dumpsters across the street from it. Don't forget the Christmas Party will be the meeting this year like last year. You **Find of the Month** winners bring your finds for the FOM of the year voting.

If you have any suggestions or request for outings in the next year please let us know. Any input is greatly appreciated and we all want successful outings that are fun for all. Thanks to all the members that participated in this years outings and let's do more.

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## Board Meeting Notes

11.01.11 Board Mtg

Attendees; Bob Mende, Rodney Laubhan, Jim Nichols, Toby Shedd, Mike Darnell, Mark Davey,

Fred Bobo, Carroll Herring. Dan Ferguson was absent, reason unknown.

Mark opens meeting at 5:33pm. First discussion is the Christmas Party. Jim N. give a report on the restaurants considered. Desperados, Dyers, Famous Daves, Abuelo's and On the Border.

It was decided to use Desperados. It is decided to charge \$10.00 in a sign-up period. And \$15.00 charge at the door at the Party. It will be an all you can eat dinner. And no refunds will be given.

Toby S. gives his report on the prizes he has collected. He has more than half of the prizes collected, and is expecting to collect more than 70 prizes. The Christmas Party will be held at the Canyons "cafeteria" December 13, 2011. Set-up will begin at 5:00pm and dinner will begin at 6:00pm.

Jim N. gives his Outing report; the next outing will be at 5:00pm in Austin Park November 10<sup>th</sup>. A chili cook off will be center of attention on that night. He says no outing is being considered for December because of the Christmas Party and other programs would probably interfere. Jim says about 14 members showed up for the Girl Scout Camp outing.

Jim N. and Rodney L. will produce a video and music for the Christmas Party.

A discussion of officer elections coming up in December's meeting was brought up next and we will try to enlist members for the open positions. Several members names were brought up for consideration and hopefully they will be willing to do the job.

Mark brings up the Christmas Float. The theme for the float will be "Rock around the Christmas Tree". The Parade will be December 2, 2011. Mark says he will have heaters on board if the weather is to cold. Mark wants at least 20 members to be with the float at the parade. Workers will be needed to prepare the Float, and the work date is; November 29, a Tuesday night at 6:00pm.

Treasury Report; Checking Account has \$664.63, President Coins \$100.00, Petty Cash \$50.00, CD \$1050.86 and Paypal \$135.00. Total of \$2000.45.

Rodney L. Suggests we have a better discussion from members about "find of month". That we allow time for members to discuss their finds.

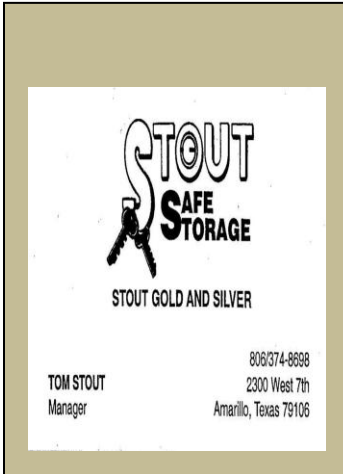
Meeting Adjourned at 6:47pm

## Special Notes

December will be **my** last issue of the Newsletter. My tenure will end at the end of this year 2011. I thank the people who helped in making of our Newsletter and who supplied the Articles.

Thanks for all your help,

Larry Lawrence



**December 13,  
2011 Program  
Christmas Party**



## Club Meeting Notes

11.08.11 regular meeting

Brought to order @7:05pm with a salute to the Flag. Thirty two members and five guests attended tonight's meeting.

New members at tonight's meeting were; Gary and Pam Foster and Alan Gurbage.

First on the agenda is a brief discussion of the By-Laws and a vote on the revised By-Laws.

Next on tonight's agenda is voting for new officers. Mark went around the membership trying to get candidates for tonight's vote. Voting took place and No President was nominated and we will have no President at this time. Per the By-Laws, First VP will take over the duties of President until a new President can be elected. Tonight's winners are First VP is Jim Nichols, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP is Keith Ferguson, Secretary is Terri Nichols, new Board members will be George Baca and Mike Darnell.

Treasury Report; given by Fred Bobo and the Checking account has \$950.06, President Coins \$100.00 for tonight's prizes. Petty Cash \$50.00, Paypal \$121.06. A total of \$1221.12.

A discussion of Chili Cook-off. The Cook-off will be Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. At this time there will be four Chili cooks and about seventeen members will attend the Cook-off.

Mark brings up the Christmas Float work shop. Members will meet at James Brothers Kubota shop at 7106 Canyon Drive at 6:30pm to work on the Float for the Parade. The parade will be December 02, 2011. At this time twelve members have signed up to work. Mark expects and wants at least twenty members to ride on the Float at the parade. The theme for the Float will be "Rock around the Christmas Tree".

Break at 7:33pm, a good time to buy red and blue tickets.

First after intermission is the announcement of the By-Laws vote. By-Laws vote was approved thirty-three to zero. The revised By-Laws will go into effect immediately and will be put on the web-page.

Rodney talks about the Treasure hunter of the Year and how the votes should be considered. Ballots were passed out for Treasure hunter of the year and voted on. The ballots were placed in an envelope and sealed. Mea will hold the envelope until the Christmas Party when it will be opened.

At this time thirty members have signed up for the Christmas Party. The Party will take place here at the Canyon's cafeteria 12-13-11 at 6:30pm. James Gee has collected several door prizes from Garrett. And John London has collected several prizes from White's. There have also been donations of cash, silver coins and even plasser gold. All donations will be accepted, so if you can donate for the Christmas Party. Feel free to do so!!!! The \$10 cut off will be Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. You can contact a board member or bring the monies to James Brothers the 29<sup>th</sup> when we are building the float. When it is announced, the Dinner price will be \$15.00 from that date and at the door.

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Jim N. says that Desperado's will cater the meals that night. It will be a buffet style of dinner. Jim and Rodney will put a video music CD together and will provide the background entertainment that night.

Jim N. reports that the Girl Camp Hunt produced several coins from the early 1900's. There were fourteen members entertained at the outing. Everyone enjoyed a nice day, the weather was great. Silver Coins and rings were found.

Jim talks about the November 10 outing. A demonstration of how to properly dig for targets in the soil will be given as part of the night's program. Jim says there will be a December outing. He seems to have found a place in Thompson Park that should have some older coins. It will be at the southwest corner of the park. The outing will be the week-end of December 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. It will be near the swimming pool where an old Amarillo dump site once was.

Votes on the finds of the month have been counted and the winners are, in the Relic class First was Jim Nichols, second Terri Nichols and third was Rodney Laubhan. Coin class was first Toby Shedd, second Jim Nichols and third Bob Mende. Jewelry class was first Jim Nichols, second Toby Shedd, and third Jim Rainey. And finally was prospector class which Mike Darnell won with plasser gold. Only one entry in this class. Toby Shedd had the best of show with his Barber Dime.

Show and tell had fourteen entries. Mark had a toy tractor. Rodney had three items, a mini ball and some beautiful quartz. Lane McNeese had a collection of coins he found in his and his neighbors yards. He really had a very nice display of coins.

I hope everyone will give a nice and thoughtful prayer for John London's daughter. She is very ill and in critical condition. Put John and his wife in your prayers too.

Time for winners of Blue, Red and Yellow tickets.

Blue ticket winners are number 835 by Jerry Herndon, he claimed the 1890 silver half.

Number 808 by Bob Mende, he claimed the Alaska plasser gold. And number 905 by Carroll Herring, he took the silver quarter.

Red ticket winner is Lane McNeese, he wins \$56.00 half of \$135.00. And \$56.00 goes to the club treasury.

Yellow ticket winners are; 023 Bud Elliott, 048 Lane McNeese, 012 Rodney Laubhan, 011 Jim Nichols and 044 is Jim Goad.

We had five guests tonight. The guests are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Pat Foster, Mr. and Mrs. David and Linde Zeigler and Bobby Kincaon. All five guests joined the club tonight.

By the end of the meeting forty eight members have signed up for the Christmas Party.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Signed.....Bob Mende

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## Club Articles

### Random facts about Gold

1. One cubic foot of gold weighs half of a ton. The world's largest gold bar weighs (440lb.)
  2. In 2005, Rick Munarriz queried whether Google or gold was a better investment when both seemed to have equal value on the stock market. By the end of 2008 Google closed at \$307.65 a share while gold closed the year at \$866 an ounce. And today Gold is near \$1,738. And Google about \$584.00
  3. The Olympic gold medals awarded in 1912 were made entirely from gold. Currently, the gold medals are plated with just six grams of gold.
  4. The Incas thought gold represented the glory of their sun god and referred to the precious metal as "tears of the Sun". Because gold was not yet used for money the Inca's love of gold was purely aesthetic and religious.
  5. Around 1200BC the Egyptians used unshorn sheepskin to mine for gold dust from the sands of the Black Sea. This practice is most likely the inspiration for the "Golden Fleece".
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# Club Pictures

November 2011



## Inside Articles

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### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT GOLD

In ancient Egypt, gold was considered the skin or flesh of the Gods, particularly the Egyptian sun God “Ra”. Consequently, gold was unavailable to anyone but the pharaohs. And only later to priests and other members of the royal court. The chambers that held the King’s sarcophagus was known as the “house of Gold”.

The Turin Papyrus shows the first map of a gold mine in Nubia, a major gold producer in antiquity indeed. The Egyptian word for gold was “nub”. From gold-rich Nubia. While Egyptian slaves often suffered terribly in gold mines, Egyptian artisans who made gold jewelry for the nobles enjoyed a high almost priestly status.

Though the ancient Jews apparently had enough gold to create and dance around a golden calf while Moses was talking to God on Mt. Sinai. Scholars speculate that it never occurred to the Jews to bribe themselves out of captivity because gold was not yet associated with money.

There more than 400 references to gold in the Bible, including specific instruction from God to cover furniture in the tabernacle with “pure gold”. Gold is also mentioned as one of the gifts of the Magi.

The Greeks once thought that gold was a dense combination of water and sunlight.

In 500 B.C. the Lydians introduced the first gold coin, which was actually a naturally occurring amalgam of gold and silver called “electrum”.

Herodotus criticizes the materialism of the Lydians who were the first to open permanent retail shops. When the Lydians were captured by the Persians in 546 B.C., the use of gold began to spread.

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**Other surprising facts about gold**

**Per discover channel**

1. Most of it becomes jewelry

According to the World Gold Council, about 70% of the world's gold output is used for making jewelry. Only about 13% is used to make coins, put in nations' central banks or purchased by investors. The rest goes to a variety of uses, such as industrial applications and dentistry. India is the biggest consumer of gold, snapping up about a quarter of the world's supply. According to an article in Diamond World magazine, the South Asian nation imports about 800 tons of gold annually, and uses about 600 tons of it to make jewelry.

2. Its carat was first a fruit

The carat, the measurement of the purity of gold, originally was a measure of weight. The unit was named after the fruit of the leguminous carob tree, whose pods each weigh about one-fifth of a gram.

3. It's used in Electronics

Gold is prized not just by jewelers and bankers but by electronics manufacturers because its high degree of thermal and electrical conductivity makes it an excellent material for efficient wires and contacts. It's also durable and highly resistant to corrosion, and so sufficiently malleable that gold alloys can be drawn into extremely thin diameters without breaking.

4. It contributed to the decline of a nation

The vast amounts of gold and silver seized by Spanish conquistadors and shipped back across the Atlantic in galleons increased the European supply of precious metals five-fold between 1492 and 1600. But all that gold actually weakened the Spanish empire, rather than enriching it, because the Spanish used it to buy consumer imports rather than investing the wealth in productive enterprises that would generate income. That drove prices up, which made the gold worth less, and Spain wound up amassing huge foreign debts. That ultimately led to its decline as an international power.

5. It comes in many colors

In relatively pure form, gold has a characteristic sun-yellow color. But when combined in alloys with other metals.....silver, copper, nickel, platinum, palladium, tellurium and iron among others.....it can take on hues ranging from silver-white to green to orange-red.