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# AMARILLO PROSPECTORS & TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

President: Mark Davey. First VP: Toby Shedd, in charge of arranging for programs. Second VP: Jim Nichols, events coordinator. Secretary: Bob Mende Treasurer: Fred BoBo. Board Members: Carroll Herring, Dan Ferguson, Rodney Laubhan, Mike Darnell . Newsletter Editor's: Larry Lawrence

## Across the President's Desk

By Mark Davey



No President's Letter This Month

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## Board Members Articles

### **The Girl Scout Camp was a producer this time as well.**

We had over a dozen hunters Saturday and several made it out Sunday for a beautiful fall weekend. The wind and temperatures were ideal and the silver and clad finds were plentiful. I don't mean everyone found silver but many did, from dimes, quarters to silver rings and emblems. If you didn't make it to the hunt we have permission to hunt the property as long as girl scouts aren't on the place. From here on out the weekends should be a go and almost any week day will be fine.

Jim

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Dad and I went to the girl scout camp hunt on Sunday Oct.16th. I found a 1956 dime dad found a 1935 quarter. I heard that there were a few other coins found Saturday good ones to.

Remind everyone about the vote for club bylaws and vote for new officers for the New year.

We will also bring up who we want to cater our banquet in December.

Toby Shedd

## Board Members Articles Continue

### Outings Report

November's will be a Chili Cook off and instruction on pinpointing and removing a target with the least footprint in the sod using a popping method or a modified plug. This can be done even in dry soil if vigilant and you have a little knowledge. We will meet at Austin park at 5PM the 10th. Sample the chili's and vote then go to the instruction post. If weather is a problem we will have the chili cook off at a later date. I'll ask for cook off contenders at the meeting so be practicing the competition is tough. We'll award a silver round to the winner also, if someone wants to cook up some cornbread and bring some diced onions that would be a big plus.

December will most likely not have a formal outing as it gets so hectic at this time. I may call an impromptu outing later if something good becomes available. We will be doing the float 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 most likely we will build the float the Thursday night before the parade. 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.

Jim

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## Board Meeting Notes

10.04.11 APTHA Board Mtg minutes

Meeting opened at 5:45pm

Toby Shedd, Jim Nichols, Rodney Laubhan, Mike Darnell, Bob Mende, Fred Bobo, Dan Ferguson, and Mark Davey were present at tonight's meeting. Carroll Herring was absent, no reason known.

First business is to discuss Christmas Party, Prizes and Eats.

A note was made that Rodney did not make last year's CD's as discussed in last month's meeting, but they are made by Jim Nichols. Both men were absent last month so the error was corrected tonight.

Mark brings up the idea that several Board members are not returning for re-election. Including Mark Davey, Bob Mende, Toby Shedd, Rodney Laubhan and Larry Lawrence. WE will be recruiting members to take these positions. It is considered a good thing for members to contribute time in these positions. I would be the first to say that I really enjoyed my position as Secretary, but I believe others should step up and give their time as well. It is good for the person and the Club as well. Mark is also concerned about a consensus of the direction of the club. It seems most are pleased with the efforts of the Club and no particular criticism was made against the Club. If anyone has a complaint, please contact a board member.

Rodney gives a report on the Money Game, saying that all numbers have been sold. It was noted that at the last meeting the money game rules were suspended in order to sell the remaining numbers. Rodney reports that a total of \$1940.00 was collected and that \$970.00 will be returned to the members in Prizes. The other \$970.00 will help pay for Club functions, especially the Christmas Party. Rodney suggests that we have a half price dinner plate at the Christmas party. Dan suggests that we use the extra \$300.00 for door prizes. A brief discussion was made on the suggestions. It was decided that an additional \$300.00 will be spent at the Christmas Party, primarily for door prizes.

Rodney brings up a motion to pay Mia Wang \$25.00 to count the "find of the year votes" again this year. The motion was approved.

Mark suggest that a change be made for the next Newsletter Editor. The Club will continue to pay the yearly dues, but all other items previously paid will be discontinued. And the President will appoint a Newsletter Editor.

Mark wants to look at other Food Caterers, such as Desperados, Crazy Larry's as well as Dyers to get the best deal for the Christmas party dinner.

Bob asks Mark to send "via email" a current list of members so a corrected sign-up sheet can be published.

## Board Meeting Continue

Jim gives a report on the future outings. October 15 and 16 at 9:00am will be an outing at the Girl Scout Camp. November 10 at 5:00pm will be a Chili Cook-off at Austin Park. A silver round will be awarded to the best Chile recipe. Mark plans to have a class on how to dig for targets. Especially in dry hard park lawns. He will demonstrate how to dig the hole, then pinpoint for the target. This demonstration is specifically designed to show the members how to dig and not harm the lawns.

It is now time to count the pull tabs in the gallon jar. Mark has the tabulation and the winner will be awarded the \$100.00 bill at next meeting.

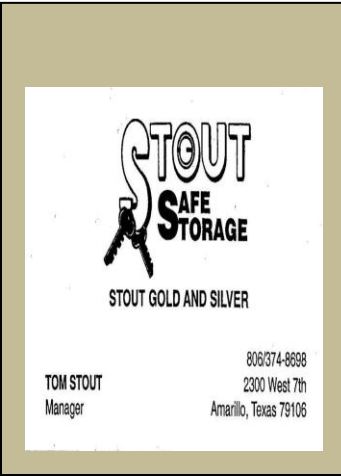
Fred Bobo gives treasury report; Check Book Balance; \$1219.73. Petty Cash; \$125.00 including \$75.00 worth of President coins. Pull tab jar; \$100.00. CD account; \$1051.72. Paypal account; \$135.00.....

Signed.....Bob Mende

**November 8, 2011  
Program vote on  
club bylaws**

**November 10,  
2011 Chili cook  
off, Austin Park**

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



## Club Meeting Notes

10.11.11 Regular APTHA mtg

Meeting opened at 7:13 By Mark Davey with a salute to the Flag. 43 in attendance including three visitors, Alan Gurevitch, Dutch Morris and Lane Mcneese.

First on the agenda were the elections coming up in December.

Treasury report: \$2574.36 on account.

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The person lives  
twice who lives  
the first life well.

Mark is tonight's program entertainment. Mark makes a demonstration of how to dig for targets in lawns. Mark says we are still leaving large disturbed spots in Park Lawns. He goes on to demonstrate with a metal detector how to locate target, then narrow that location to about a two to three inch diameter location. Then using a probe to locate buried target. He then demonstrates digging the target up causing the least amount of damage to the grass. He also demonstrates how not to dig for targets. And it must be understood that this process takes a lot of practice. It is advised that everyone practice this process as often as possible so when you do find yourself on lawns you can do a much cleaner job recovering your targets. The presentation took about one hour and was very interesting and informative.

8:05 we take a break until 8:26pm

Mark brings up the fact that club officer elections are coming up and five Board of Director members are giving up their posts. The open positions will be President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Secretary, two board member positions and the News Letter Editor. Some members are being considered for the positions. Those mentioned are Keith Ferguson for VP, Hazel Smith for Secretary, Nick Davey for News Letter, Jim Nichols for 1<sup>st</sup>VP, George Baca for Board Member, Hazel Smith for Board Member, Alan Duncan for President. We hope others will volunteer for positions. And members will be consulted for these positions.

Rodney says we will return to our upstairs meeting room next month. Rodney starts the winners to the Numbers Game draw. First winner was Number 347 valued at \$115.46. belonging to George Brokens. Second was number 248 valued at \$95.73 belonging to Terry Bell. Third was number 073 valued at \$85.48 belonging to Sharma Whitmire. Fourth was number 004 valued at \$69.94 belonging to Fred Bobo. And fifth was number 273 valued at 44.03 belonging to George Brokens. Bringing the value of prize money to \$410.64. Also \$410.64 will go the Clubs Treasury. This will help make the Christmas Party a great success.

The 50/50 Blue ticket number 8218780 belonging to Bud Elliott wins half of \$84.00. The other half goes to the Club Treasury.

First place Red ticket number 976178 belonging to Jack Hixon takes the Plasser Gold.

Second place red ticket number 976194 belonging to Mark Davey takes the 1935 Walking Liberty Half Dollar. And third place red ticket number 976126 belonging to Bill Flesher takes the 1964 silver dime.

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## Club Meeting notes Continue

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Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Acting is like a Halloween mask that you put on.

Jim Nichols gives the Outings Report; he says the next hunt will be at Girl Scout Camp October 15 and 16 at 9:00am, meet at the Flag Pole. November outing will be a Chile Cook-off at Austin Park the 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Cook-off winner will receive a silver round. No activity is set up for December because the month of December is usually so busy no-one has time for outing activities. The Christmas Party will be December 13 and the location to be announced.

Pull tab jar was counted at the Board meeting 10.04.11 and the count was 2861 tabs. Bill Flecher was closest guess for the tab count with 2800. The guessing ranged from 555 tabs to 14,446.

Find of the Month Relic winners are first Fred Bobo with the find of a WW1 wounded soldier figurine. Second place was Charles Myers with a nice Arrow Head and third was E.B. Shedd with finding a small silver spoon.

Coin winners first Jim Nichols with a Mercury Dime, Charles Myers with a quarter and Alan Duncan with a wheat penny.

Jewelry winners, first Terry Bell with a 10K pendant, second was a tie between Jim Nichols and Rodney Laubhan. Jim had a necklace and Rodney found a ladies bracelet.

Third was also a tie between E.B. Shedd and Fred Bobo . E.B. found a 925 Swastika pendant and Fred found a man's spinner ring.

Prospector winner was Bill Flesher with a gold find from Colorado.

Only one prospector entry.

Overall winner was Fred Bobo with his soldier figurine.

Show and Tell; Jim Nichols showed his finds including a 1913 era razor box. And several silver and gold items from the old Amarillo Dump. He also found what appears to be a pistol barrel. He also shows eight old coins.

Yellow ticket winners were Sharma Whitmire with number 994. Hazel Smith with number 984, Joy Rainey with number 991, Alan Duncan with number 005 and Toby Shedd with number 971.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Signed Bob Mende

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## Club Articles

### FACTS ABOUT GOLD

The easiest way to eat crow  
is while it's still warm.  
The colder it gets, the  
harder it is to swallow

A medical study in France during the early twentieth century suggests that Gold is an effective treatment for rheumatoid arthritis.

Gold is so pliable that it can be made into sewing thread. An ounce of Gold can be stretched over fifty miles.

Gold is edible. Some Asian countries put gold in fruit, jelly snacks, coffee and tea. Since at least the 1500's Europeans have been putting gold leaf in bottles of liquor, such as Danziger Goldwasser and Goldschlager. Some Native American tribes believed consuming gold could allow humans to levitate.

The largest Gold nugget ever found is the "welcome stranger" discovered by John Deason and Richard Oates in Australia on February 5, 1869. The nugget is 10 by 25 inches and yielded 2,248 ounces of pure gold. Or 187.33 Troy Pounds. Or 140.5 U.S. pounds. It was found just two inches below the ground surface.

Amid recession fears in March 2008, the price of Gold topped \$1,000.00 per ounce for the first time in history.

Gold is chemically inert, which also explains why it never rusts and does not cause skin irritation. If gold jewelry irritates the skin, it is likely that the gold was mixed with some other metal.





## Club Pictures

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None submitted



## Inside Articles

### HOW TO PAN FOR GOLD

The following simple instructions will help you get started with a gold pan, which you can purchase at your local rock shop or prospecting supply store.

1. First, fill your pan nearly full of the sand and gravel. Remove the largest stones from the pan.
2. Place the pan under water and be sure that all the material gets wet. You may have to mix the contents of the pan with your hands.
3. Quickly move the pan from side to side, either under water or while it is full of water. And rotate the pan's contents (but don't spill the contents). This action will give the gold particles a chance to settle to the bottom.
4. While continuing the side to side motion, gently tip the pan away from you. Lighter material and larger pieces that come to the top will move to the front of the pan. This larger material can be skimmed or scraped over the brim of the pan with your hand.
5. Continue the motion described in steps 3 and 4, allowing water to wash lighter material over the brim until only a small amount of material remains in the pan. You'll need to add water to the pan occasionally.
6. The remaining heavy material is the concentrate. If you haven't yet seen any gold in your pan, pour out excess water until enough is left of barely cover the concentrate. Swirl the pan contents to string out or feather the concentrate. Lighter particles will be washed farther than the heavier particles, leaving gold (because it is heavy) in the tail of the concentrate.
7. Continue swirling water in the pan to further clean the concentrates, being careful not to lose any gold. Recovering gold by panning takes lots of practice.
8. GOOD LUCK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Talk slowly, think quickly.

When you lose, don't lose the lesson..

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

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- **I WILL** use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.
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- **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.

Random facts about Gold;

1. The term "Gold" is from the Proto-Indo-European base. Meaning "yellow", "green" or possibly "bright".
2. Gold has been discovered on every continent on earth.
3. Gold melts at 1064.43 centigrade. It can conduct both heat and electricity and it never rusts.
4. Due to it's high value, most gold discovered throughout history is still in circulation.
5. Seventy-five percent of all gold in circulation has been extracted since 1910.