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Across the President's Desk

By Mark Davey

Greetings APTHA,

The club hunt was at Austin Park with the theme "Chance you find, Chance you don't," with 16 members attending. 8 people put finds on the table, ranging from Indian head pennies, Buffalo nickels, Roosevelt dimes, Barber dimes, and presidential dollars. As usual, not everything that was seeded was found. There are still coins to be found and maybe other goodies as well. If you find any coins or jewelry in your own hunts, please bring them to the meeting for show and tell and find of the month.

I want to stress again the dry conditions we have been dealing with all summer. When detecting, pinpointing, and probing, we need to find the center X of the target. With the dry conditions, there is no need to even use a shovel. I want each club member to practice using only a probe to get the target out of the ground. This can be done by finding the target and then wallowing a hole above the target and then popping the target out of the ground. I will be doing this exact demonstration at our upcoming meeting, which will be October 11. I want to thank Fred Bobo for seeding the park and allowing Jim to hunt this time around.

It's election time in the club once again. New club officers and board of directors will be elected in November. This is the time to put in your nominations for office of any club members you wish to nominate.

The November meeting is also when we will be voting on the proposed club bylaws. There will be a copy of the bylaws at the October meeting, and there was a copy sent via e-mail to each member. I will send out another copy of the proposed bylaws via e-mail before the next club meeting in case you have not received a copy yet.

We will be asking for a committee for prizes and food for the Christmas party. If you are able to volunteer for this, please get with any club officer.

Sorry I missed the club hunt this month, but that's how it goes sometimes.

Mark
Club President

Board Members Articles

APTHA CLUB GAME II DRAWING OCTOBER MEETING

Thanks to all members who purchased numbers for the last club game of the year. Also thanks to those of you who purchased additional numbers prior to and at the last meeting.

We have sold out all the numbers and the prize committee will draw the winning numbers at the club meeting October 11, 2011.

All those who purchased additional numbers got some. I will call those who did not get all their additional numbers by Sunday October 2 and tell them how many numbers they got.

If you do not get a call by Oct. 2nd assume that you got all the numbers you gave money for.

Come early to the meeting to see what your additional numbers are.

Good luck to all!
Rodney

Board Members Articles Continue

It has been a nice Fall

September's outing was a seeded hunt with a twist. You couldn't use your own detector you had to switch with someone and use a different model or brand. John thought this up and great idea. We met at Austin Park at 6:30PM Thursday the 15th but had to wait for the kiddos to vacant seeded area so it was more like 7:15 before we got started and do the switching of detectors and trained for about 15-20 minutes then we were off to the races on locating the seeded coins. Fred planted around forty coins and presidential tokens from the 60s.

October will be a rematch at the Girl Scout camp. We will hunt Saturday and Sunday the weekend of Oct. 15th and 16th. Let's meet at 9AM at the camp.

November's outing is in limbo right now. I will come up with something but if you have an idea let me know.

The Finds of the Month just keep on getting better! Keep it up. I love seeing so many entry's. Again let me add a reminder about getting permission before hunting private property and watch your digging in the turf. If you hunt a park look for the areas they have watered. There is no such thing as a plug with the ground this dry. Have fun, be safe and see you next month.

Jim

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Board Meeting Notes

September 6, 2011 Board Meeting

Meeting was opened by Mark at 5:36p

Attendees: Bob Mende, Carroll Herring, Mike Darnell, Dan Ferguson, Mark Davey
Toby Shedd and Fred Bobo. Rodney Laubhan and Jim Nichols were absent.

Rodney had a minor operation and should be at the next meeting. No word on what
Jim Nichols problem is. But we do wish him well.

The board members discuss the elections of new officers which are coming up in
December. Some ideas of who will not run again next year and possible
replacements for them. It was also mentioned that we should get some ladies
involved more in an official status.

Rodney sent Mark an email about his ideas for tonight's meeting. He first would
thank Mark for the work he had done for the club during his term. And Rodney
would agree to any by-law change discussion we might have. The Board agrees with
Rodney's remark about members wanting to change any amendments, they must
submit the change in writing and would be voted on at the November meeting.
Rodney also says we will have access to an additional file cabinet in the storage room
at the Canyons meeting room. I'm sure he will explain it at the next meeting.
Rodney also notes we still have \$80.00 worth of money numbers left for sale and
hopefully get them sold before time expires.

Rodney says he will help those who are setting up the Christmas Party.

Mark gives the Coin Club Show Report. Total income; \$220.00 and Expenses are
\$232.62. That leaves us with a (\$12.62) lose at the Show. We did gain three
memberships. Also a correction will be made to the Coin Club Show Report. Let it
show that Allan Duncan worked at the Coin Show.

Fred Bobo reports that his Daughter and Son-in-law are doing well after their Motor
Cycle accident with a car.

Another correction must be made. The Colorado trip reported by Bob Mende said
that the Beaver Creek claim belongs to Chad. It does not belong to Chad, it belongs
to GPOC.

Fred give the Finance report; The checking account has \$1388.73, The CD has
\$1050.63 Paypal has \$135.00. Petty cash not mentioned. Total \$2574.36 plus Petty
Cash account.

A discussion of Christmas Party came up. It was decided to have five main prizes and
have a committee set up to figure out how to spend \$1000.00 buying party gifts.
Possibly more money will be added for the Christmas gifts. A Food Committee will be
set up to provide dinner for the party.

Bud Elliot's

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Gold

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Board Meeting Continue

It was considered that we use Dyers again. A desperado was also considered a good place to choose. It was also suggested we have the Party at the Canyon's Clubhouse. Rodney has CD's of last year's 2010 party. If anyone is interested in having a CD, I'm sure Rodney will provide a CD.

A discussion of the Find of Month came up. It had to be tabled because it seems only Rodney has the answer to the changes that Toby Shedd brought up. It was also suggested by Bob Mende, when someone provides any correspondence for club use. Please put a date on the document.

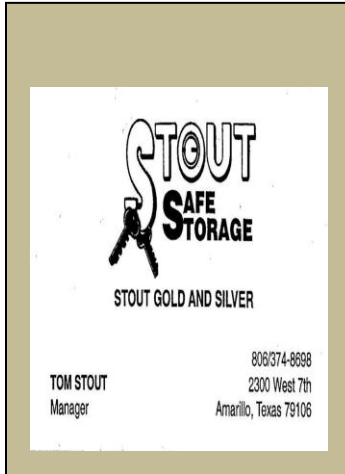
Meeting adjourned at 7:30p

Signed;-----Bob Mende

**October 11, 2011
Program ??**

**Girl Scout Camp
Hunt October 15th
and 16th**

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



Club Meeting Notes

9-13-2011 regular meeting, 35 members showed up

VP Toby Shedd opened meeting at 7:09pm with "Salute to the Flag"

Members w/o name tags; Bettie Herndon, Jerry Herndon, Mike Armstrong, Billy and Twyla Jones.

Winners of Tarp game announced are 1st Hazel Smith, 2nd Rodney Laubhan and 3rd Fred Bobo.

Discussion of Christmas Party. Committees must be assigned for dinner and prizes.

A discussion of the new by-laws was brought up and has been emailed to all with addresses and will be considered and voted on in November.

A discussion of officer elections came up and will voted on in December and several officers are not running again, several members were contacted for consideration for candidate of various positions. Two Board members are up for election as well.

Rodney reports that there are several publications in Amarillo running ads for our club. He talks about why we pay room rent while we do not occupy the room, as has happened in the last two months. Rodney also gives a report on the Coin Show. We picked up four new members at the Coin Show. He also talks about the FOM Prize changes.

Jim Nichols gives a report on recent Outings and the Sept 15 outing. He will seed Austin Park with coins and the difference is, members will use someone else's detector to operate that night. Jim says there are still seven coins from the last seeded outing in the park. He is planning an outing at the Girl Scout camp October 15-16. He also would like to have a fishing derby at Medi-park, South Lake. There will be winners for the largest fish and a winner for the most fish. E.B. Shedd gives a talk about his once two pound Quartz Rock which is now in four pieces. Keith Ferguson talked him into breaking it up. This is not a good idea, since it devalues the rock. E.B. said the rock has more than one ounce of Gold within the Rock.

In the illness news tonight: Skip and Jeanette Kendrick had a Niece who passed on. John London's daughter is in a Lubbock hospital suffering from a cancer. Rodney has been given a clean bill of health after visiting the Doctor last week. All of you are in our Prayers and we all wish you the best.

Bob Mende asks, anyone writing a document, be sure to have the document dated.

Show and Tell was presented by Rodney Laubhan. The item was found in 2003 on the beach of the island of Maui in Hawaii. The item is a sterling silver "Maori" medallion.

["Make new friends but keep the old ones; one is silver and the other's gold".](#)

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Mike Darnell announces the Yellow ticket numbers; #948 Bill Flesher, #932 Bettie Herndon, #934 Billy Jones, #939 EB Shedd and #961 Fred Bobo.

[“An inch of time is an inch of gold, but you can't buy that inch of time with an inch of gold”](#)

Finds of the Month are;

Relic; 1st Buckle Plate Union Army by Fred Bobo, 2nd Buckle Plate by Fred Bobo, 3rd A tie with John London having a pick axe and Jim Rainy with a Token.

Coins; 1st 1900 Quarter by Jim Nichols, 2nd Alan Duncan with a 1956 wheat penny.

Jewel; 1st A pocket watch by Ron Newberry, 2nd 14 carat ring by Terri Nichols, 3rd tied was a cross by Bob Mende and Clabber Girl Pin by Rodney Laubhan.

Prospector; Plasser Gold by Bill Flesher.

Blue ticket winner; #669 Sharma Whitmeir chose the Flower Gold, #652 Jack Hixon chose the silver half, and #651 Jack Hixon chose the silver quarter.

Red ticket 50/50 winner; #000 held by Dennis Gee wins half of \$85.00 or \$42.50.

Rodney makes an announcement that money numbers are still available for sale in the Numbers Game. A meeting of the Board authorized members to buy more than their allotted amount. Up to \$10.00 until all numbers are sold.

Over-all winner of the Find of Month was Bill Flesher with his Gold from Colorado.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Rodney L., Ron N., Charles M., and George B. worked after the meeting on the Money Game.

Signed-----Bob Mende

Club Articles

Never ask a barber if you need a haircut.

The Club had a seeded hunt September 22, 2011 at Austin Park.

The hunt began about 6:45pm. About 15 members showed up for the evening.

About half of the seeded coins have been found. Thirty three coins were seeded. Since that night I have been told by Allan Duncan on 9/22/2011 that he found five of the coins and on 9-25-11 I found a Buffalo Nickle. So as far as I know there should still be about five or six coins still hidden. Every one had a good time, we hunted until it was dark, about 8:10pm. If anyone finds any of the remaining coins please let the club know.

Bob Mende found a silver ring and showed it off to the members.

The ring since then was lost that night in Austin Park. I hope someone will find it. Let me know if you find it. And you can have it.

I just would like to know that it has found a new home.

signed.....bob mende

Club Pictures

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Inside Articles

GOLD DEPOSITS

Gold occurs in two types of deposits: Lode and Placer (pronounced plasser).

Lode deposits consist of ore minerals in veins or series of veins or disseminated in rock. These deposits require blasting, milling or chemical treatment to recover the gold.

When a lode deposit weather and erodes, gold and other minerals that resist weathering remain. Some of these minerals are called "heavy minerals" because a given volume weighs more than the same volume of most other minerals. Many heavy minerals are black and make up what are commonly referred to as "Black Sands".

When the weathered material is transported in a stream, heavy minerals including gold settle into crevices and any other depressions in the streambed and form placer deposits. Gold in the sand and gravel in the streambed can be recovered by panning, among other means.

9-11-11

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back into your pocket.

. Always drink upstream from the herd.

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.
- **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.

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.