This month's 50/50 drawing winners!

There was no Blue ticket drawing in July

Dennis Gee won \$26.00 in the 50/50 drawing

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Club News

Welcome to the July 2008 edition of the Prospectors & Treasure

Hunters Newsletter

The program at the July meeting was conducted by Dennis Gee and Bud Elliott. A demonstration was set up in the parking lot at Stout Safe Storage. Various panning methods were discussed and demonstrated as well as live gold recovery using The Blue Bowl and a Desert Fox. Members were invited to try their panning skills and quite a few did. There was ample help and instruction from Dennis, Bud and Rodney.

Even John L. and Keith F. took an active role by holding down a couple of lawn chairs. ;-) These guys did a super job with the demo and deserve a big pat on the back.

On July 12 $^{\rm th}$ club members met at McDonalds for coffee and breakfast before going to Channing, Tx and the XIT hunt.

In Channing we were met by a cold front, 58 degrees and rain.

Mr. Sadler met us at the old building and welcomed us.

The ground was nearly perfect for detecting/digging. Many targets were found as well as a burn pit or two. No coins were found at the XIT building, but there were quite a few buckles,

Bullets and interesting items dug.

Dan Packard and a photographer from the Globe news were on hand to chronicle the hunt. Their story appeared the next day ,Sunday, in the paper.

After Lunch we all hunted the Court house and school property.

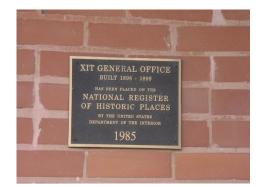
There were approximately 200 coins found at these sites.

Dennis demonstrates a Desert Fox



Bud with the Blue Bowl









John & Keith Hold down the lawn chairs



Lenny Sadler visits with XIT Hunters

















The Pictures above are of the club hunt on July 12th, 2008, in Channing, Texas. The main hunt location was on the grounds of the XIT financial office. Many metal items and glass bottles were found, but no coins came up there. Among the more interesting items found were buckles of various sizes and one with tiny rhinestones. There were parts from a harmonica, several bullets and a rare, handmade, clay marble. The outing was well worth the effort and we all had a super good time. After lunch, we moved to the court house and high school grounds. At about 3:00 P M we called it a day and had Show & tell. Total finds were about 200 coins , 1-1935 Colorado tax token and a neat "Tiara". No doubt it belonged to a Queen of one of the high school activities.

Don't forget our meeting Tuesday, August 12th at 7:00 P M. If you have been hunting in this hot weather, please bring your finds.

Please note also that Rodney Laubhan & Mark Davey made a quick trip to Granite, Colorado. I'm that they will give a report on their trip.

Please accept my apology for being tardy with the newsletter. I had difficulties with new software.

John

ATTENTION METAL DETECTOR USERS

WHERE CAN YOU USE YOUR DETECTOR

National Forest and Federal Lands--Metal detecting is <u>not</u> allowed!! Only by special permit only, acquired from the federal government. Each Area has a district office.

Corp of Engineer Lakes, Shoreline, and Lands--Permission has been granted only on pre-disturbed sites, such as beaches and attached swimming areas. New Corp lakes and lands must be Ok' ed by main office of the Army Corp of Engineers., Each area has district office.

State Parks and Lands--Some States Parks are open to metal detecting, yet some are not! We suggest that you check with the park ranger before attempting to use your detector.

BLM-Bureau of Land Management Lands--Some areas of their lands are open for use of metal detecting, and some are not. We suggest that you contact their district office to check.

City or County Park Lands--Most all are open to metal detecting unless notice is given by a sign or city ordinance. This Can be checked by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department in the city you wish to use your detector.

Public School Grounds--Most all are open to metal detecting unless notice is given by a sign, city ordinance, law enforcement, or school employee. You can check with the school office first.

Private Schools, **Colleges and Academics**--Must acquire permission!! You can check with their office first. Should be viewed the same as private property.

Privately Owned Lands(Private Property) -- Must acquire permission!! Permission is best gotten from the landowner. Also it is best to have that permission in witting.

Historically Marked Lands or Sites—Metal detecting is <u>not</u> allowed. This site has already met what is necessary to become of historically significant and is so to preserve its history. Must acquire permission from owner, in special cases.

REMEMBER, PERMISSION IS ALWAYS THE BEST WAY. LEARN PROPER DIGGING TECHNIQUES AND CLEAN THE AREA OF DEBRIS, SO THOSE THAT FOLLOW, MAY ALSO GET PERMISSION AND WON'T FING THE SAME AREA CLOSED TO METAL DETECTING!!

BE A GOOD METAL DETECORIST AND HELP THOSE THAT NEED YOUR EXPERTISE.