

This month's drawing winners!

The 50/50 winner in August was Bud Elliott
Blue ticket winners were Ken Good- gold
nugget. Jack Hixon won a vial of gold and a half
dollar.

Every month we have two drawings. A 50/50
drawing for all attendees and a Blue ticket
drawing for members only. 50% of the
proceeds from the 50/50 goes to the club.

Bud Elliot's

Gold Nugget

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**AMARILLO PROSPECTORS &
TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION**

President: JOHN LONDON

First VP: DENNIS GEE, in charge of arranging for programs

Second VP: RODNEY LAUBHAN, events coordinator

Sec/Treasurer: Skip Kendrick

*Board Members: KEITH FERGUSON, BUD ELLIOTT, Mark
Davey & Jim Nichols*

Club News

**Welcome to the August 2009 edition of the Prospectors &
Treasure Hunters Newsletter**

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At our August meeting the program was presented by club members who attended the Colorado prospecting trip. Mark Davey, Dennis Gee, Rodney Laubhan and James Rogers talked about the adventure from their perspective. It was fun from start to finish and there will be more at the September meeting.

Good job guys

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Our "Find of the Month" winner for August 2009 was Jim Nichols.

Jim's find was a man's silver ring with a large turquoise stone, done in the "Navajo" style.

Congratulations Jim

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Welcome to new members Ronald & Esther Smith, William Branson, Nick & Jatou Black, Stephen & Rebecca Lamb And Dan & Rhonda Ferguson.

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Our program for September will be on our "Adopt A Park" proposal. Larry Offerdahl, Director of the City Parks & Recreation department will give us the city's view of that proposal. Members are encouraged to come and get involved with this project.

Board of directors had their meeting at 5:00 PM, Monday, August 31st @ Gander Mountain.

See You at 7:00PM on September 8th



STOUT GOLD AND SILVER

TOM STOUT
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This is your club and we want to hear your opinions.

All club members have the right to be heard. If you want to discuss an item during the open meeting, just raise your hand and you will be recognized.

To be added to the meeting agenda, please call or email me and your topic will be put in the news letter.

Your opinions are important to the health of the club.

Use your voice!

Board Meeting notes from 8/31/09

- 1- We need a group of volunteers to form a steering committee to research and outline a "club sponsored Treasure hunt" for 2010. Dennis Gee will chair the committee.
- 2- We will also form a steering committee to outline, research, and develop a club website. Jim Nichols and John London will co-chair. Volunteers will come from the club body.
- 3- We will have nominations beginning with the September meeting for President, Vice President and two board slots. Please have your nominations ready. We will vote in November.
- 4- Mark Davey will chair a group to build a club dry washer from plans by Bill Morgan. We will pick a date at the meeting. I will send a material list after the meeting.
- 5- The board passed a motion to have a "perpetual" release form instead of a yearly form. A revised form is in this news letter. Please print and sign your copy of the new form.
- 6- Jim Nichols & Mark Davey will draft the regulations for "Adopt A Park" and could use some help/suggestions from club members.
- 7- The board recommends December 8th for our Christmas party. The membership needs to pick three (3) places to eat. We will vote on the choices. The board also set a \$750 cap for party prizes.
- 8- The board decided to continue with "after meeting" auctions. However, we request that members with items to auction pre-register the item(s) with me (John London) for the news letter.
- 9- The board passed a motion to add a classified section (non commercial) to the news letter. One item will be free, second and third items will cost \$2 each. No more than three items per person each month. There is no restriction on what may be sold.
- 10- The board also discussed the news letter. The news letter is intended to be delivered via e-mail at no charge. There are a few members that require either mail delivery or by hand at the meetings. Due to the increasing costs of postage, paper and ink, we have decided to charge a bare minimum to break even on expenses. Printed news letters mailed will be \$1.50 and hand carried will be \$1.00 per copy.
- 11- The board also voted and passed a motion on a club budget, based on current expenditures and receipts. The anticipated budget is shown below.

AMARILLO PROSPECTORS &
TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET 2010

EXPENSE MONTH YEAR

Meeting Hall Rent \$35.00 \$420.00

Find of Month \$20.00 \$240.00

Finds of Year (2) @ \$50 \$100.00

Door Prizes \$ 5.00 \$ 60.00

Equipment Storage \$29.00 \$348.00

Blue Ticket Drawings \$25.00 \$300.00

Refreshments \$ 7.00 \$ 84.00

Hat Purchase 20 @ \$8.50 \$170.00

Membership Hunts \$150.00

Web Hosting \$ 7.00 \$ 84.00

Domain Name \$ 43.00

Business Cards 5000 \$109.00

Miscellaneous

Tickets, badges, awards, etc. \$300.00

Christmas Party \$750.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$3,158.00

INCOME

Dues (F) 38 @ \$25.00 year \$950.00

Dues (S) 27 @ \$20.00 year \$540.00

Youth 2 @ \$10.00 year \$ 20.00

Blue Ticket Drawing \$50.00 \$600.00

50/50 Drawing \$30.00 \$360.00

Advertisements in Newsletter

3@\$5.00 \$15.00 \$180.00

1@\$10.00 \$10.00 \$120.00

Classified (estimate) \$ 2.50 \$ 30.00

Sales of Hats 20 @ \$15.00 \$300.00

Shirts @ \$4.00 net \$ 4.00 \$ 48.00

Club Coins @ \$4.00 net \$ 4.00 \$ 48.00

Club show booth w/ coin club \$100.00

\$3,296.00

LESS EXPENSES <\$3,158.00>

NET REMAINDER \$ 138.00

**Amarillo Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Association
AP&THA
Annual Release Form**

AP&THA assumes no responsibility for personal loss or injury to members at any time.

In consideration of the privilege of being permitted to participate in Amarillo Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Association(AP&THA) activities, the undersigned agree(s) to hold harmless from liability; and waives, releases, and discharges the AP&THA, its officers, its Executive board members, hunt master and or its members from any and all liability, claim or cause of action for damage, injury, or loss to person or property which the undersigned might receive or sustain from any cause or for any reason in connection with the activities of the AP&THA, irrespective of when, where, how or from whatever cause such loss or injury might be sustained. This release is intended to be absolute and entire and binding upon the undersigned, his/her heirs, personal representative and assigns.

I understand and accept that the activities of the AP&THA can be dangerous both from natural and man-made causes and the member must take full responsibility for the risks incurred in such activities, both for himself / herself, family members, and guests.

I agree to abide by all rules and regulations and BYLAWS established by the AP&THA, the rules and regulations of any applicable government agency, federal or local.

Year _____

Member Signature _____ Date _____

Spouse Signature (if family Membership): _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

This release is required to be signed by members and witnessed by a club officer before they can participate in AP&THA's activities.

More from the board meeting

The club members will need to decide on a “Treasure Hunter of the Year” award. This is a separate award and all club members are eligible! The actual vote will be counted by a third party group. Award to be presented at Xmas party.

Mark D and Dennis G will give a report on the club prospecting equipment.

Club coins are now being handled by Bud Elliott. He has several ready for pick-up at Tuesday’s meeting.

The coin club/collectors show on 8/16-16/09 was a huge success for our group. All those who helped are listed below.

DONATIONS FOR SHOW DOOR PRIZE-----JOHN LONDON

GOLD PAN

WORKERS AT SHOW:

CHARLES MYERS S

MIKE DARNELL- S & SUN

JOHN LONDON- S

JIM NICHOLS- S & SUN

DENNIS GEE- S

JIM LIGHTHILL -S

WAYNE BENSON- S

KEITH FERGUSON- S

E. B. SHEDD- SUN

LINDA SHEDD- SUN

RON NEWBERRY- SUN

HELPING WITH SET UP FRIDAY---JOHN LONDON

HELPING TAKE DOWN SUNDAY MIKE DARNELL, RON NEWBERRY

CONDUCTING SHOW DRAWING MIKE DARNELL & RON NEWBERRY

THANKS TO MARK DAVEY FOR BANNER STAND

PUTTING OUT SHOW SIGNS WERE :

MARK DAVEY, SKIP KENDRICK, JOHN LONDON

We had a very successful show with three membership sign ups. Winners of prizes were Terry Cooper, Lubbock---gold nugget

Bud Elliott, Our club -----club coin

Coin show accounting:

APTHA
COIN & COLLECTOR SHOW
AUGUST 15 - 16, 2009
CIVIC CENTER

Money Advanced	\$150.00
Show Sales	
Gold Nugget ticket sales 86 @1\$	86.00
Memberships (3) Family @ show special \$31.00	93.00
R Smith	
W Branson	
N Black	
Club coin @ \$15 (1)	15.00
Current expense	
Mail & insure gold nugget to Terry Cooper, Lubbock	\$2.97
Net deposit 08-17-09	\$341.00

Previous cost of goods and expenses paid

Gold Nugget	\$ 11.00
Club Coin 2 @ 2.63	\$ 5.26
Show Booth	\$ 65.00
Advance cash box	\$150.00
Nugget holder	<u>\$.45</u>
	\$231.71

SHOW NET.....\$109.32

Sales History

	Saturday \$164.00
	Sunday <u>\$ 30.00</u>
	\$194.00
Expense less cash advance	<u>\$ 84.68</u>
	\$109.32



And Last but certainly not least, are the winners of our door prize drawings. They are: Lynda Shedd, Jim Lighthill, Carroll Herring, Jim Nichols and Kathy Bragg.

Congratulations to all winners.

See ya'll Tuesday night

John London

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.