

## AMARILLO PROSPECTORS & TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President: Mark Davey. First VP: Toby Shedd, in charge of arranging for programs. Second VP: Jim Nichols, events coordinator. *Sec/Treasurer: Skip Kendrick. Board Members: Keith Ferguson, Bud Elliott, Rodney Laubhan, Mike Darnell.* Newsletter Editors: Larry Lawrence

## **Yearly Christmas Party held 12/14/2010** **Notes by Bob Mende and Jim Nichols**

Name tags for the following people need to be made and will be made before the next meeting.

Karen Herring, Joy Rainey, Hazel Smith, Ian Blackwell, Karl Sulzemeier, Eilene Sulzemeier, and Alan Duncan.

6:16 Mark Davey opened meeting with a Salute to our Great American Flag.

Followed by Members introducing themselves.

6:25 Toby Shedd led the Group in a Prayer of thanks for our meal.

6:26 Dinner begins.

7:10 Mark adds one silver round to the prize pool.

7:20 Mark adds two silver rounds to the prize pool.

7:21 Reported that 57 attendees are at the dinner.

7:22 Mark adds one silver bar to the prize pool.

7:24 Mark closes find of the year balloting.

7:30 Mark adds one silver bar to the prize pool.

7:32 Mark allows late comers to introduce themselves to the group.

7:33 Mark gives the state of our finances. Total Club account with \$ 2117.69. CD account with \$1050.00, and Petty Cash account \$51.15, Check account with \$1016.54. Mark announces Dues are due by February 2011 Meeting. Those persons not paid by then will be removed from the Roster. When dues are caught up the member will be returned to the Roster.

Rodney discusses new 50/50 drawing rules, and the club prizes. Pool rules will be available in January 2011.

John London announces that the Nara Visa Hunt will happen in January 2011. A discussion included a lunch would be served there on Saturday. Probably not on Sunday for a two day hunt. A rising of hands to see how many of us would attend. John says he needs this information to give to the Host. It was decided the Hunt would be sometime in the last half of the month of January 2011. A date was not announced.

7:45 Mark says enough of work, now back to having fun.

Mark discusses the video and thanks Jim N. who made this video. Jim N. says he would make videos for anyone who may want one. Mark also thanks those who helped with the Christmas Float. He also talked about the Float.

Mark discussed the three drawings for tonight and how they will work.

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Yellow tickets are door prizes. After door prizes are given out. All yellow tickets will return to the ticket tumbler and the Grand Prizes will be awarded. From where three Grand Prizes will be drawn.

Blue tickets will have eight prize winners. \$322.00 was collected for the blue ticket drawing.

Red tickets will have one winner of the 50/50 pot. \$215.00 was collected for the red ticket drawing. \$107.50 will be given as 1/2 of the collected amount.

There will be a find of the year for Prospector. There will be a find of the year for Treasure Hunter. And there will be a Treasure Hunter of the Year. The Yellow Ticket door prize winners are;

Ticket #	Winner	Ticket #	Winner
701	E.B. Shedd	685	John London
683	Fred Bobo	698	Carroll Thomason
710	Delwin Whitmyer	699	Janice Thomason
690	Joy Rainey	680	NO Winner Ticket
711	Charlie Meyer	688	Clara Smith
673	Jim Nichols	690	Joy Rainey
674	Lane Mende	677	Julie Shedd
696	Bud Elliott	696	Bud Elliott
712	Judy Meyers	683	Fred Bobo
675	Carroll Herring	722	Karl Sultemeier
672	Terri Nichols	678	Mark Davey
723	Alan Duncan	694	Paul Wall
700	Linda Shedd	715	Bill Jones
689	George Brokens	672	Terri Nichols
708	Larry Lawrence	692	Terry Bell
709	Sharma Whitmeyer	706	Micky Blackwell
703	George Baca	721	Ilene Sultemeier
713	Ed Biggs	693	Julie Davey
692	Terry Bell	682	Toby Shedd
686	Roy Finley	705	Yvonne Blackwell
717	Rhonda Ferguson	728	Lois Loudon
687	Wanda Finley	707	Ian Blackwell
684	Charlene Bobo	704	Edna Baca
694	Paul Wall	716	Bill Jones
720	Penny Ferguson	695	Betty Walls
721	Ilene Sultemeier	680	Skip Kendrick
697	Helen Elliott	722	Karl Sultemeier
678	Mark Davey	681	Rodney Laubhan
679	Mark Darnell	724	Jane Duncan
677	Julie Shedd	702	Hazel Smith

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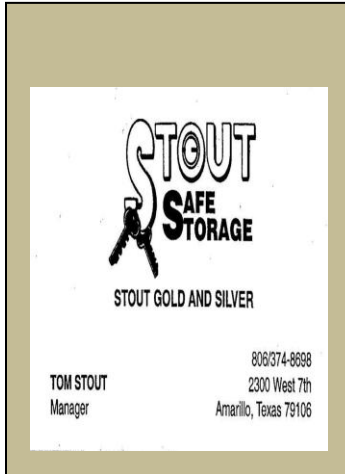
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727	Eddie Spruill	714	Dennis Gee
729	Karen Herring	719	Keith Ferguson
676	Bob Mende	725	Jeannette Kendrick
718	Rhonda Ferguson	726	Skip Hendricks
706	Micky Blackwell	691	Jim Rainey
715	Twyla Jones		

Yellow Ticket Grand Prize Winners;

Ticket # 714 Winner Dennis Gee wins 1/10oz gold piece.  
 Ticket # 725 Winner Skip Kendrick's wins Silver Round.  
 Ticket # 724 Alan Duncan wins GPAA Membership

8:40 End of Yellow ticket winners.

8:41 Blue ticket Drawing. #322.00 Collected which allowed five more prize's  
 The winners;

Ticket #	Winner	Prize
764	George Baca	1885 Silver Dollar
508	Julie Davey	1 oz. Silver Bar
514	Julie Davey	Crystalline Gold
637	Keith Ferguson	1887 Silver Dollar
727	Bud Elliott	1882 Silver Dollar
630	Karl Sulzemeier	1 oz. Silver Bar
512	Julie Davey	1890 Silver Dollar
609	Dan Ferguson	1 oz. Silver Bar

8:51 Ends Blue Ticket Drawing

8:52 Begins Red Ticket 50/50 Drawing  
 Ticket # 288 held by Alan Duncan wins \$107.50.

8:54 Mark says we are not done yet.

8:55 Treasure Find of the Year is Toby Shedd. With his nice find of Gold Rings.  
 And tell the story of his find. Jim Nichols tells his story of his find. And Mike  
 Darnell tells us about his find.

8:59 Prospector of the Year is Dennis Gee. And Dennis tells his story. Mike  
 Darnell tells his story of his find and E.B. Shedd tells us about his find. They all  
 had nice Gold Finds.

9:02 Both Dennis Gee and Toby Shedd presented their winnings of \$50.00  
 each.

9:05 Mark reveals the Treasure Hunter of the Year for 2010, and the winner is  
 Jim Nichols, who is a repeat winner.

### January 2011 Program

**Bud Elliot will be buying Gold and Silver. Bud will also be talking about Market Values of Gold and Silver.**

**Rodney will talk about the Club Drawing and Raffle coming up in 2011.**

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

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9:06 Mark gives his final word for the night by recognizing the Board Members as they stand and are thanked. He also announces the new elected members of the Board and Officers too.

9:10 Meeting is over, and clean-up begins.

### Additional Notes from Jim Nichols about the Christmas Party

Nice group of people in a very comfortable setting. We gave a bunch of door prizes out and everyone got a least one prize. The grand prize winners were Gee with a gold coin, Skip with 5oz of Silver and Alan D. got the GPAA Membership. Congrats to you guys!

Blue ticket winners got some gold, silver ingots and 19th century silver dollars. Eight total prizes. 50/50 was a 107.50 so it was a sweet win as well! Thanks for all that participated in the drawings the club benefits from your contributions.

The Treasure Find of the Year went to Toby S., not surprisingly, with two gold rings in the same hole. Dennis got the Prospectors Find of the Year with some really sweet Crystalline Gold from Colorado. Way to go guys!

And I was proud to receive the Treasure Hunter of the Year. Very humbling and a surprise this time for sure. Heart felt thanks for all those that voted for me.

I want to acknowledge all those that help in a big way to make the party a success. 1st Rodney for the extreme help in procuring the gifts. Mike D for his donations, John London for his excellent prizes and Dennis for the grab bags. The extra prizes put us over the top this year and made it a much more enjoyable event. Thanks guys!

Rodney also provided the projector and PC for the video. It was a great addition to the program.

I also want to remind everyone it is dues time for 2011, wow were did 2010 go? So get with an officer of renew at a meeting or go on line and pay your dues.

Jim



## Board Meeting Notes – 12/07/2010

Attendees at meeting; Bob Mende, Mark Davey, Mike Darnell, Toby Shedd, Jim Nichols, Bud Elliott and Carroll Herring

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*“Pearl Harbor Day,  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941*

A pre-meeting discussion of treasure hunt and prospecting find of the Month, and who qualifies for prizes at the Christmas Party. Two lists were cross referenced to be sure all qualifiers were in the selection pool.

Also how to pick up dinner? Suggested to pay at the door, take a seat and then proceed through the food line.

Mark; says Skip Kendrick is out as treasure and Fred Bobo is acting as Treasure immediately. Mark; says the availability of the new Presidential Dollars are getting hard to find. Mark; opens meeting at 5:00pm with a remembrance of Pearl Harbor and showed appreciation to those who had lost their lives there. Mark; brings up discussion of current news letter. Bud Elliott says there are no copies of news letter available for readers at club meetings. Toby says he will bring ten copies of news letter to regular meetings.

The content of news letter was compared to that of John London’s news letter. Concern was brought up that Larry was not present at Board Meetings. And the news letter was basically void of news. It was noted that members need to give Larry more input for the news letter, especially contributions from the board members. It was noted that plenty of pictures have been put in the letter.

Bob; asked about the availability of names, phone numbers and addresses be put on the Clubs Web site. It was pointed out that the personal information like this was open to the possibility of ID theft and other bad things could occur from this information. Many members are opposed to their names out in the public. Mark; brings up the thought that May of the Amarillo Inventors Association does not need to continue with having our roster on AIA’s computer. It was decided that Bob Mende would now have the roster on his Home PC and maintain it for club.

Mark; brings up Pool Drawing Rules discussion. Club Voted for coins and cash to be the prize winnings. It was discussed that each membership would be given only ten tickets. February meeting is made the cut-off date for membership. The discussion proceeded to how to settle pool prize money for unsold tickets. If not all tickets were sold, then how to take care of the discrepancy from the prize money promise and the amount of money collected.

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*“If ifs and buts were  
candy and nuts we  
would all have a Merry*

*Christmas.  
Don Meredith.”*

Christmas Party discussion,

First, Bud Elliott is term limited out as Board Officer. Bud turns the Club Coin Roster over to Mark. Mark will be responsible for the Club coins for now a board member will take care of it soon.

Second, a discussion about a concern with members who are habitually missing meetings, but participate in club functions. Jim would like to see a point system to allow members who receive points can participate in Club events. He says some are taking advantage of the club. It was discussed members waiting until party to pay dues and coming to Christmas party should not be allowed to participate in major gift receiving.

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Some unpaid members will pay dues at the Christmas party door. It is suggested a necessary change in by-laws need to be made. Bud made a motion to amend by-laws. "That membership purchased at Christmas party will not qualify to win any of the three main prizes." Motion was approved. Mark; says the Nara Visa club hunt is on in 2011. Date to be announced Jim; says club is \$20.85 over budget on prizes account of taxes were not considered. Taxes amounted to \$21.95 He wanted to be sure and thank those that contributed to this year's gifts total, Rodney, Mike, Dennis and John. Mark; announces that a considerable amount of club money has been found, it seems the bank statement shows more money than does the clubs check register.

Jim; says he needs volunteers at 4:00pm to set up the room for Christmas party. He says Dyers will do the cleanup of food stuffs. Members should move their chairs and tables to their proper location when finished with dinner. The question of "Tips" came up. It was suggested that the charge of \$10.00 per plate be charged and the difference of \$1.55 be put into the tip kitty. Because plates will be counted to tabulate the number of dinners the club will be charged for, it was decided to issue plates at the door after the member pays.

"Toby will bless the Meal."

Mark; says consideration for blue ticket sales must be considered, at least \$150.00 must be collected to give out the three major prizes. And if significant money is collected then additional silver dollars will be given out as prizes.

Mark; suggests Tom Stout be given a free 2011 membership and a free ADD in the news letter for his tremendous outside help to the club. It was approved by the Board.

The treasure hunter of the year will receive a jacket with embroidery. A repeat winner will get his jacket embroidered with the year of award added to jacket and the balance of cost be given as a cash prize. Which will amount to about \$100.00?

Jim; Reads the Christmas Party agenda.

Jim; suggest some of the proceeds from next year's fund raising will pay for next year's Christmas Party.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm

Signed; Robert Mende

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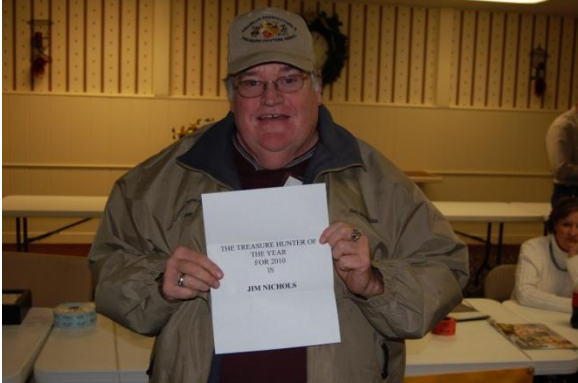
# Club Pictures



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## Gold Panning in Cachara Colorado

Pictures are of me (Dan Ferguson) with our Nephew Tyler Randall who is also a Jr. Member of our club.

We are panning for gold in Cachara Colorado. Didn't find any but had a lot of fun.

Thanks Dan for the Pictures and Info.



Dan and Tyler Gold Panning

## Inside Story - Who is on the Beach



This member is Hunting on the Beach can you tell us who it is? He is your new Secretary.

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*"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.*

**Mark Twain**

## Last article - sent by a club member

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.

## Most Valuable Coin Errors in Current Pocket Change

Just because it isn't silver or older than 1964 doesn't mean your finds are just "clad". There are a number of fairly valuable U.S. error coins and die varieties in circulation today. These coins are overlooked by people because they have small distinguishing characteristics, such as a modest doubling of the coin image, or minute differences in the size or spacing of the letters in the legends. Learn which of your pocket change coins is worth a large premium over face value, and why.

**Tip: Be sure to do your hunting with at least a 6x power magnifier so you don't miss anything!**

### ***1. 1969-S Lincoln Cent with a Doubled Die Obverse***

The early specimens were confiscated by the Secret Service until the U.S. Mint admitted they were genuine. Counterfeits abound, but usually have the wrong mint mark.

How to Detect: Look for clear doubling of the entire obverse ("heads" side) except for the mint mark. If the mint mark is doubled, it is probably a case of strike doubling, rather than a doubled die, which isn't worth much. (Mint marks were punched in the dies separately in 1969, after the doubled die itself had already been made.)

Approximate Value: Around \$35,000 or more in EF-40 or so.

### ***2. 1970-S Small Date Lincoln Cent with a Doubled Die Obverse***

As with virtually all true doubled die varieties, only one side of the coin shows doubling. If both sides exhibit doubling, the coin probably exhibits strike doubling instead, and is worth little.

How to Detect: The rarer Small Date variety is most easily distinguished from the common type by the weakness of LIBERTY. The Doubled Die Obverse is best demonstrated by doubling in LIB and IN GOD WE TRUST.

Approximate Value: Around \$3,000 in EF-40 or so.

### ***3. 1972 Lincoln Cent with a Doubled Die Obverse***

The 1972 (no mint mark) Lincoln Cent doubled die variety shows strong doubling on all elements. The "Cherrypicker's Guide to Rare Die Varieties", which was an important source for this article, suggests using a "die marker" to help verify your finds. A die marker is a gouge or crack that identifies a particular die.

How to Detect: Clear doubling of all obverse elements; look for a tiny gouge near the edge above the D in UNITED as a die marker.

Approximate Value: About \$500 in EF-40 or so.

More Errors Articles in Next Month Newsletter