

This month's drawing winners!

The 50/50 winner in February was Toby Cunningham. Blue ticket winners were Kevin Harbison-gold flakes. Mark Davey won the gold flakes & Tom Bragg 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.

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President: Mark Davey
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Second VP: Jim Nichols, events coordinator
Sec/Treasurer: Skip Kendrick
Board Members: Keith Ferguson, Bud Elliott, Rodney Laubhan & John London

Club News

Welcome to the February 2010 edition of the Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Newsletter

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At our February meeting the program was presented by Mark Davey and the Board of directors. We discussed plans and projections for the new year.

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Our "Find of the Month" winner for February 2010 was Ron Newberry, for Treasure Hunting. There was no prospecting entry.

Ron's Find was a large, brass key, yet to be identified.

Congratulations Jim

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Our club website is on line. The address is:

www.amarillotreasure.com

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Our program for March will be on refining/extracting gold at Valley DeOro, presented by Pat Hallford.

Board of directors had their meeting at 5:00 P M, Tuesday, March 2nd @ Gander Mountain.



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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 3/2/10

- 1- Paid memberships
- 2- Nara Visa Hunt dates
- 3- Old Air Force Base hunt—Mar 13 @ 10AM—NE corner
- 4- Folsom N M—need more info
- 5- Colorado prospecting committee
- 6- Club logo patches and decals

The regular meeting for February was called to order by President Mark Davey, At 7:10 PM.

Mark called on Treasurer Skip Kendrick for a financial status of club monies As of the end of February, 2010, after all bills were paid, we have \$1417.06.

Toby Shedd presented our program on cleaning your finds. He was assisted by Jim Nichols and John London.

Potential future club outings were also discussed. We still have plans for Nara Visa N M, Camp Don and camp M K Brown, near Mobeetie, when the weather permits. Also, The old Diamond Horseshoe night club and Folsom NM were suggested. We need more info on these two.

GPAA and Texas Treasure Show are also coming soon.

March 13 Texas Treasure Show 2010 & open hunt presented by the Texas

Council of Treasure Clubs. For registration information, see:

<http://www.texasCouncil.net> click on Special Event or Member Events. This is the largest treasure show in the USA !

GPAA show will be held on May 22 & 23, 2010 in Oklahoma city. The location is: Oklahoma State Fair Park, 3001 General Pershing Blvd, Expo hall #2.

After intermission we had Show N Tell and ticket drawings. Coin/treasure finds were sparse with the Extreme cold and snowy conditions. Ron Newberry won find of the month with a very large brass key. We're looking forward to a positive I D on Ron's unique find.

Yellow ticket winners were: Wade Wells, Carol Thomason, Jim Nichols, Bill Branson and Mickey Blackwell. Welcome to new members Wade Wells, Fred Bobo, Terry Bell, Christopher Mace and Mickey & Yvonne Blackwell .

Visiting was Robert Ratliff. We surley hope to have you back in March!

Our Website;

It has been several months now that the club published a website and adding to it as we go along. But the website needs to be a vision and tool of the whole group, prospectors as well as metal detectorist and treasure hunters. So as a help and guidance please to your website team, review our website, make sure there aren't any glaring errors and think about what you would like to see on this potentially valuable tool for our shared use.

Suggestions will always be considered and criticisms of content look or any thing is encouraged and appreciated. The two areas of most use are 1<sup>st</sup> the galleries and then close 2<sup>nd</sup> is the forum. But the forum isn't being used as we had intended. Not enough people participate in the posting of ideas, hunting partner ideas, and finds. This is your tool so please consider utilizing it more.

Would a classified ad section be of interest? A product review section, that would let everyone know about you success or failure in adding a weapon to your treasure hunting arsenal? What would you like to see? Let John or me know and we'll see that it gets done if at all possible.

Also, if you would please consider being a member of the website committee, you don't have to code a single line or know anything of the mechanics of a website but your evolvment as a user and consumer of the site will be a huge asset to all.

Thanks to all that use it and please make it your website.

Jim and John

We have club hats back in stock and can also take orders for club shirts. Please see Jim Nichols at Tuesday's meeting.

### Camp Don Harrington

When the weather finally cleared and warmed some of the members that hunted made it count. We had 11 hunters Saturday , Sunday was cancelled by the office? Camp Don still producing silver and unique finds. The estimated count of coins found on Sunday was well over 160 total, 7-9 silvers, 30+ wheat's oldest 1918 and a couple of Buffalo's, one a 1919 in superb shape. I think there were 5 Merc's mostly from the mid 40s. It turned out to be a great day for lawn fishing and the ground was perfect. Moist but not muddy and really helped get the silver singing. All enjoyed a day without snow or cold temperatures and it looks like this week will be great as well.



MEMBERS , I AM ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE CONTENT FOR THE NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVE PICTURES OF YOUR FINDS, OR A TREASURE STORY/ARTICLE , PLEASE SEND IT ALONG. I WILL PUBLISH ANYTHING OF INTEREST TO THE CLUB.

Remember, Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM is our next monthly meeting. Hope to see you all there.

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.