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AMARILLO PROSPECTORS & TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Across the President's Desk

By Mark Davey

Hello, Club Members, old and new! We are going to have a lot of fun in 2011. We began the year on a good note with a hunt to Nara Visa, NM, involving 39 members. While the temperature has fluctuated high and low this winter, we lucked out with 60+ in the afternoon. The group found a few coins and enjoyed each other's company. The town of Nara Visa welcomed us at the Community Center with open arms. They provided us with good food, and more importantly, good hunt locations for all club members. This hunt had been in the works for over 2 years, and I would like to thank Rodney, Jim and John for organizing it for the club. I would also like to thank the ladies from the Community Center for their support and service. Renee Rinestine, Karen Bell, Nita Bailey and Charlotte Stull treated us wonderfully.

With January gone, the February meeting is here on the 8th. The program will be on counterfeit money! Members, please bring any odd and unusual items you have to talk about on this subject.

We will have a club hunt in Austin Park on Wednesday, February 9th at 5:00 pm until dark. Coins will be seeded, so come find some! There will be silver in the mix. Thank you, Jim and Terry for seeding the park.

The Club has started a new fund raiser game. Please read the rules and buy your numbers. This game will run per quarter, with 4 games for the year.

As always, thank you for your support. Let's thank the members who do the leg-work to make this such a good club.

Mark

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Board Members Notes

Tuesday January 4, 2011
Monthly Board Meeting

Attendees; Jim Nichols, Rodney Laubhan, Bob Mende, Mike Darnell, Mark Davey, Fred Bobo, Dan Ferguson, Toby Shedd, Larry Lawrence and Carrol Herring.

5:20 Mark and Rodney arrange for checkbook signature changes be made for the bank. They will remove Keith Ferguson, John London, Dennis Gee and Skip Kendricks. They will add Fred Bobo to the signature list. Fred will meet with Mark to be assigned. Mark is having the checking account audited. At this time all Board members commented that the new News Letter Format change by Larry Lawrence is excellent.

5:25 Treasury Report read by Mark; Total Account Balance; \$2117.69, CD Balance; \$1050.00, Petty Cash; \$51.15 and Checking Account; \$1016.54. Christmas Party money earned; Blue tickets \$320.00 and Red tickets \$215.00. \$107.50 of Red tickets pay out to prize.

5:33 Rodney makes corrections to December Board Meeting minutes. The name May should be spelled Mei. Rodney asks about extra money found in the bank statement and how it materialized. That was explained by Mark. Rodney asks for an explanation of Tom Stouts Ad and membership with the Club News Letter. Mark explains Tom gets a one year Club Membership. And Tom gets a one year free Ad. Rodney corrects the spelling of Add to Ad. Ad is the correct spelling. Rodney makes a motion that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion seconded and approved.

5:37 Mark brings up budget items, saying club needs yellow tickets. And that the gold dollars are getting very hard to find. Rodney says go to the commercial bank down town, (the Amarillo National Bank). Mike suggests club give out red or blue tickets in lieu of the gold dollar. And a motion was made seconded and voted yes to the suggestion. It is now said we are about to run out of blue tickets. Dan will buy these tickets and get reimbursed. Mark says we are down to our last bag of placer gold. We hope someone will find some placer gold soon and donate it to the club. Mike after some discussion will pick up Blue, Red and Yellow or Green tickets at Wal-mart.

5:46 Rodney discusses the pool drawing and how to collect pool ticket money and assigning pool numbers. Rodney explains his pool policy and asks for a discussion, how this could work. The pro's and con's were discussed at length. Toby doesn't like the second paragraph, specifically the second sentence to the end of paragraph two. This portion was voted down and removed. Rodney will bring revised version of policy to club meeting Jan. 11, 2011.

6:20 Rodney brings up over budget spending, which occurred with Christmas prizes. It was discussed and proposed that the President have a \$100.00 discretion fund. A motion made seconded and voted yes for the fund.

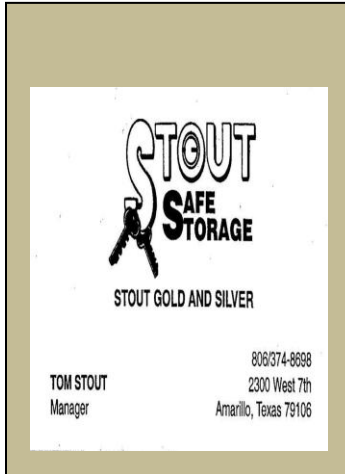
6:40 Rodney wants the club to buy a red book (coin book) to be in the club library. Motion was made seconded and voted yes for the book. Rodney will purchase the book and be reimbursed.

6:44 Rodney suggest the club buy a gemstone probe. It was decided to table idea.

6:45 Rodney asks will the Newsletter editor be given \$5.00 ticket, blue or red at each meeting and a year membership for the year 2011. It was a yes vote.

6:46 Rodney asks will we use the Canyons meeting room again for the year 2011. It was agreed to with a yes vote.

6:48 Rodney asks will there be a 2011 budget. A vote of yes was made.



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- 6:49 Mark asks will the by-laws be the rule or not. He noted that the rules were not properly used when not appointing a secretary months ago.
- 6:51 Rodney discusses the use of scrap metal collecting and be donated funds to the club. Mark says he would handle the distribution of scrap and cash.
- 6:54 Rodney excuses himself, and had to leave.
- 6:55 Fred discusses the idea of auctions and would assist with auctions and donate a portion to the club funds.
- 6:56 Toby says Bud will buy gold and silver at next meeting.
- 6:57 Mark brings up discussion of members not participating in meetings but joining in club activities such as Christmas party prizes and other club functions. Dues will remain as before. Prorated during the year and making yearly dues be due in January meeting. It was decided Mei will receive sign- up sheet and no personal info will be attached to the sheet. A change to sign-up sheet will show members as "paid" once their dues are paid. This will make it easier to keep up with dues paid.
- 7:23 Mark wants to return back to members missing meetings. It was mentioned that some members miss most meetings but then attend selected functions. So he asks what to do about this. It was decided nothing would be done, because some people may have personal issues why they cannot make meetings. We should not worry about how members attend any meetings.
- 7:33 Larry talks about his changes in the news letter and other changes he will make. He also says only two persons responded to his question; "how do you like the changes to the news letter)? He was assured that no comments probably means; "good Job".
- 7:39 Mark says we need new board members "BIO" entered onto the website.
- 7:40 Mark discusses the Nara Visa trip which will on the calendar for January 22 and 23. John London will bring details to regular meeting January 11, 2011. Mark says we need to get RSVP's ASAP and travelers will meet at McDonald's in Wal-Mart at Boys Ranch Road entrance. Route will run through Channing and pit stop at a local restaurant.
- 7:49 Mark wants new name tags for new members; Mathew McClellan, Hazel Smith, Delwint Whitmire and Sharma Whitmire. He was assured that would happen.
- 7:56 Mark asks how many board members want to be on check book signature list. There are now only three signatures Fred Bobo, Mark Davey and Rodney Laubhan. And any check over \$100.00 needs two signatures.
- 8:00 Jim says after the Nara Visa trip we will have a cleanup event at Austin Park and he will seed \$25.00 worth of silver coin in the park. He also asks do we want to do a sports event as in a hockey or baseball game. Dan suggests we give a club story to Accent West and other publications to spread our recognition.
- 8:09 Mark suggests to think about having a club hunt in Plainview where 30 acres are available to hunt.
- 8:11 Mark asks what else; Toby says he will print ten copies of news letter for January 11, 2011 meeting. And Jim will get a budget out to board members.
- 8:13 Meeting adjourned

Signed, Robert Mende

February 8, 2011 Program

**Jerry Ivey
employee of ANB
is going to talk
about counterfeit
money.**

**February Club
Hunt scheduled
for the
Wednesday after
the meeting 2-9-
11. 5-dark at
Austin Park,
questions contact
Jim Nichols.**

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

Club Meeting Notes

Tuesday January 11, 2011 AP&THA Minutes

7:12 Mark calls meeting to order. 7:13 Mark leads Club in Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag

7:14 We all introduce ourselves to the membership. (40 in attendance tonight). 7:16 Mark reminds us of paid and unpaid members.

7:16 Treasury report read, but is not accurate. The report does not include dues paid at club meeting. Checking Account has \$1055.68, CD \$1050.00 set aside for purchase of a trailer.

7:17 John London speaks about the Nara Visa hunt which is scheduled for January 22 and 23. We were instructed to meet and McDonalds in Wal-Mart at Boys Ranch Road. The caravan will leave Wal-Mart parking lot at 6:15am and drive to Channing Cafe where they will meet with members from Hereford and have a cup of coffee about 7:15am and from there continue to Nara Visa. The head count for Saturday is 30 persons and Sunday head count is 17. Rodney Laubhan asked about cost of meal being \$10.00, and was confirmed to be probably \$10.00. Karl Sultemeier asked if a map would be available for the town. Rodney L. suggest everyone could download a map from Google Maps. John L. will make a copy of the towns map and Mark D. will make enough copies for everyone.

7:29 Clinton Struchen speaks about a Florida Web site Gold Prospectors Supply which is near Orlando. He cautions that doing business with this company because they are very slow to respond. And possibly worse than that, since he had to contact GPAA to get satisfied with his order.

7:30 Rodney L. passes out the membership the revised rules he made up for the Pool Number drawing. And explained the rules and how they will be applied. Charles Meyer will pick up the money for the drawing and George Baca will assist in setting up the maximum tickets to be sold. Rodney suggests the final prize will not be known until March when final tickets will be sold and winnings will be a percent of money taken in.

Rodney L. goes on to explain the Red Book (coin book) and it's availability to the club members.

And then gives us an update of the pulltab \$100.00 collection jar which is about 2/3's full of tabs. Rodney L. announces that Eddie Spruill will be his Assistant with this project.

7:40 Mark D. announces that Bud Elliott will be buying gold and silver tonight during this meeting. He also explains to those who are newer members how the Blue and Red tickets are used.

7:42 Mark D. announces we will be on break and this is a good time to purchase Blue and Red tickets.

8:03 Mark D. calls the meeting to order. He asks about name tag problems. Also the need to update Phone numbers, home addresses and email addresses. Mark also announces that a table has items for sale and if anyone wants to buy anything to check the table out.

8:11 Clinton S. announces the finds of the month. There were six entries. Terry Bell brought a double heart silver ring. Rodney L. brought an Oklahoma tax token and a center adapter for the old 45 rpm records of the 40's and 50's. Noah Henley brought a Washington State apple promotion pin dated 1915. E.B. Shedd brought a Gold inlaid badge of some kind. And George Brokens who won the find of the month brought a Gold Ring. They all told their stories and it was acknowledged all the finds were very nice. Good work you guys these are great finds.

8:18 Rodney L. asks for a definition or a description of what a prospect find is. While it is generally thought of as placer gold or gold found in the land. It was agreed while prospecting, many items could be considered a prospecting item. As in silver, diamond, gems and other items of value.

***8:20 Mark D. announces that \$130.00 in Blue tickets has been collected and Bud Elliott is the blue ticket winner ticket # 218024 and Bud takes the Placer gold. The second blue ticket winner is Kevin Harbison with ticket # 2303826. And Kevin takes 1942 half dollar. The Red ticket winner is Sharma Whitmire with ticket # 548422. She wins \$60.00 1/2 of the \$120.00 collected.

8:25 On the show and tell table Terry Bell tell the members about his very nice collection of Panhandle Plains Indian arrowhead collection. Terry this is an excellent collection you have.

K.C. Whitmire found a 1834 Sheriffs badge under a stadium bleacher. He said it was just lying on top of the ground. K.C. this is also a great find. Good luck in your future treasure hunting.

8:30 Larry Lawrence tells us he has talked to the person who removes houses from city lots from the city. He says the person moving these houses will let him know when property has been vacated; we will hopefully get a chance to run our metal detectors over the property.

8:31 Mike Darnell reads the yellow ticket winners; The winners are Charlie Myers ticket # 695736, Mickey Blackwell ticket # 695758, Terry Bell ticket # 695755, Toby Shedd ticket # 695740 and Dan Small ticket # 695763

8:33 Mark D. announces that a coin seeded hunt will take place at Austin Park in February. 8:36 Meeting adjourned.

8:37 After meeting Larry L. takes pictures of tonight's winners while others rearrange the chairs and put tables in storage. Also empty trash cans.

We are all here for a spell; get all the good laughs you can.

Will Rogers
US humorist & showman
 (1879 - 1935)

Club Articles

*When you cannot get
a compliment any
other way pay
yourself one.*

Mark Twain

Well it is 2011 already and what a quick year 2010 was. What can we do to improve on what we did in 2010? More outings than we had last year? Better quality outings? More varied outings? Yes to all. But where do we start? More outings; I want to get at least one club oriented outing a month. Now this doesn't mean we will be Treasure Hunting at least once every month but will have the opportunity to share time with each other in a hopefully fun venue. I have looked into group outings to attend some local sporting events such as Baseball and Hockey. Quality is such a personal barometer to determine, I'll leave that up to the membership to evaluate. Varied; we need to get more prospector type outings but living here that is difficult. So I was thinking maybe a "seeded" panning outing might be a great way to extend the prospecting side of our club to more members. Any ideas you have on this I'd appreciate. Outings this quarter are Nara Visa, thanks to John's perseverance, is on the 22-23rd of this month. February we will again meet at the Austin Park for a cleaning and a seeded hunt. We will have several coins to find. March will be, hopefully, Girls scout Camp just north east of Town. Have not got permission yet but working on it.

Do the road we are looking at Elizabethtown as a long distance hunt so it will require some planning. This years Colorado gold prospecting trip and even a trip to Arizona for some metal detecting and prospecting should be considered. As always let me know your ideas and suggestions. See you at the meetings.

Jim

What a great time we had in Nara Visa, NM. Saturday 1-22-11. Thirty nine club members showed up to enjoy a very nice day metal detecting and getting a chance to know each other a little better. We did not find a lot of treasure, but that did not stop us from enjoying the nice weather. The cooks at the community center prepared a nice lunch for us. We had a very good stew and sandwich's along with great deserts including Brownies and Cookies.

Someone came up with an idea to build a cash pot where the persons with the winning coins would win one third of the pot. We would have three winners. One winner would have the smallest coin (a dime), with the earliest date. Second winner would have the largest coin (quarters or larger), with the earliest date. And one winner would have the coin with the earliest date. And no one could win twice. The winners were; Ed Pine with the earliest dated coin a (1901 Indian Head Penny). Hazel Smith had the largest coin; a (1965 Quarter). And Tim Simms had the smallest coin; a (1965 Dime). Nice going friends. We think next time we will add another category, which will be; the winner having the most coins. And you can win only one category. Good Luck at the next hunt.

RAM

Club Articles - Part 1 of Adams Diggings

RETURN TO THE LOST ADAMS DIGGINGS

Gold is so soft and malleable that an ounce of it could be stretched into a wire 50 miles in length, or be flattened into a sheet 100 square feet in area.

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CHANNEL.

My name is Richard U. French, friends call me Dick. I want to tell you a story; it is a story about *gold*.

In the closing months of the American Civil War, in 1864, an event took place that came to be known as a gold discovery called *The Lost Adams Diggings*.

As a result of the war's devastating impact, masses of people pulled up their roots, bought, or built, covered wagons and began the process of moving west. They were creating what would become known as the western portions of the United States.

Because of the gold strikes in California, in the 1840s, gold was important; it was there, tucked away securely, in the minds of everyone. It was a part, however large or small, of the motivation to go west.

A man called Adams told about his experience of finding gold in a region called Apacheria, a dangerous and partly unexplored part of what was then New Mexico Territory.

He told of being a member of an expedition of 22 prospectors and a guide. The group of prospectors followed that guide for hundreds of miles in a daring penetration of Apacheria. He told of a canyon, deep in the Apache homeland, that held a great deal of the precious metal. He told of seeing the deposit, working it for a time, and then escaping a massacre that left only five of the miners alive.

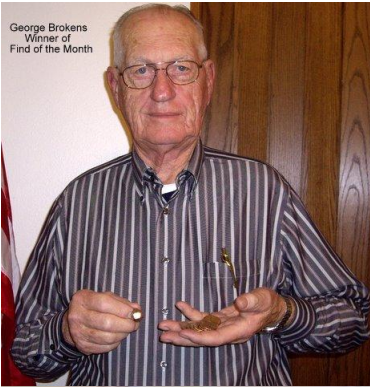
The tragic loss of his companions traumatized Adams; he fled to his California home and didn't try to return for many years. When he did make an effort to go back he could never find the canyon again, though he spent the rest of his life trying. He led several parties in that searching and in doing so, news of the endeavors---and the gold they were after---spread across the frontier; thus, the legend of the Lost Adams Diggings was born.

It has been almost 150 years since that original discovery, and people are still trying to find that remarkable canyon. There is a reason for that: It is *the story* Adams told. *It is not flawed; it could really have happened **exactly** as he said.* The fact it has lasted--in public interest--this long, tells us that it not only lasted, but it became the subject of literally hundreds of magazine and newspaper articles, many books, and one of the best of the classic motion pictures of the twentieth century, *Mackenna's Gold*.

The idea that a canyon could still be out there, secluded and lost to the society of today, would not fly in most regions of the United States; that is because of the intrusion of people on the land. But, there are still places in the Southwest, even in New Mexico, that are almost never visited by the human of the species. Mountain Lions are there, bears are there, rattlesnakes are there---but people aren't.

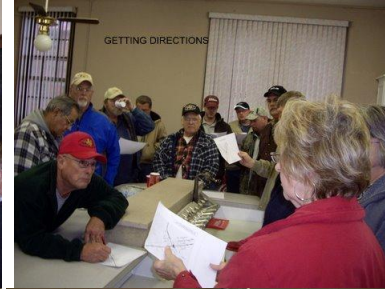
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Club Pictures



Nara Visa Club Hunt





Nara Visa Continue Pictures



THE GROUP WAITING FOR SCOUTS TO RETURN FOR DIRECTIONS



GRORGE AND OTHERS WAITING



FRED & TERRY CHECKING OUT THE FIND BOARD



THE BIG JACKPOT WINNERS



CLUB FUND RAISER GAME

SALES OF CHANCES FOR THE NEW CLUB FUND RAISER GAME GOT OFF TO A GREAT START at the January 11, 2011 club meeting with one hundred thirty chances sold. Future sales should be brisk! Two more opportunities to purchase chances are available to members whose dues are paid by the February 8th meeting (see game rules in following article) for the New Club Fund Raiser Game.

Just a few words about the New Game for those who have missed the explanations at past meetings. The New Club Fund Raiser Game, which is original and unique to our club, was developed after club members and board members studied the issue through out the summer of 2010.

For the past two years our club has sponsored a raffle to raise extra club funds. Members were issued tickets, which were sold to the public as well as members. The raffles were successful in raising funds, however, the raffles took hours and much administration to complete with issuing tickets, collecting monies, keeping records, drawing winning tickets and delivering prizes.

After much discussion among board members, and after listening to the membership, the board of directors authorized a new game to be designed where all the prizes are WON BY CLUB MEMBERS and the profit from the game goes to club projects keeping all prizes and profits IN THE CLUB.

The New Club Fund Raiser Game will have no tickets to sell and winners will be selected at the regular meeting April 12th 2011. To participate simply go to the sales table where sales committee members CHARLES MYERS, GEORGE BACA, & RON NEWBERRY will assist you in purchasing your chances. They will sell you up to 10 chances for each adult membership (see the game rules in the following article) and answer any questions you many have about the New Game.

Chances are \$2.00 each and if one purchases all allotted chances (10) the member may sign up to purchase any chances not purchased.

The number of chances available will equal the number of paid adult memberships at the February 8th meeting.

Example:

Should there be 63 paid adult memberships (adult memberships are the total of the single and family memberships) at the February 8th meeting we will have 630 chances (63x10 chances per membership). With each ticket selling for \$2 we will collect \$1,260.00. \$630.00 worth of guaranteed prizes and \$630.00 going to club projects.

You will recall the membership voted in November to have a COMBINATION OF CASH, COINS & BULLION for the prizes and 10% of paid membership (plus any fraction) for the number of prizes. The above example would provide for 7 prizes awarded from the \$630.00 prize money generated from sales and \$630.00 going toward club projects.

On Tuesday February 8th the prize committee comprised of JACK HIXON, GEORGE BROKEN, JIM WILSON, and administrating assistant EDDIE SPRUILL, will demonstrate how winning numbers will be drawn during the April club meeting and provide information about the prizes.

SO REMEMBER, no tickets to sell or money to keep up with and turn in, just come to club pay your dues by Tuesday, February 8th (if not already paid) and participate in our exciting **NEW FUND RAISER GAME!**

APTHA 2011 DRAWING RULES

Adopted at the December 2010 meeting of board of directors.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE CHANCES:

One member from each paid class of memberships (single membership, family membership) who is paid up for the 2011 year.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE UNCLAIMED CHANCES FROM THE POOL:

Any member who has purchased ALL OF THEIR ALLOTTED CHANCES (10) may have their name added to the POOL LIST to purchase unclaimed chances. A member must have dues paid on or before the February meeting. Any new member who joins the club as a paid member during the month of MARCH may be placed on the POOL LIST to purchase unclaimed chances.

CHANCES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:

Number of chances available for purchase will be ten (10) times the number of paid memberships at the close of the February meeting. Purchase of chances will cease at the close of the March meeting.

PRIZES:

Prizes are determined by multiplying ten (10) times the number of paid membership at the close of the February meeting. Prizes will be chosen by the Prize Committee and equal to half the money collected from sold chances.

POOL CHANCES:

Unclaimed chances in the POOL will be allotted in a rotating manner to those members listed on the POOL LIST at the close of the March meeting. Chances will be awarded to each person in turn until chances are depleted. In the event of uneven numbers of chances remaining in the POOL LIST, numbers will be drawn to determine which members are awarded the remaining chances. Final POOL payment rules will be presented at the January 2011 meeting AND LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS DOCUMENT.

DISPUTES:

Any and all disputes will be solved by the Drawing Administrator, Assistant Administrator, The Club President, and club Vice Presidents. Decisions by this panel will be final with no appeal.

PRIZES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Prizes will be equal to 10% of chance memberships, and be in coins, silver, & gold bullion and cash.

POOL POLICY FOR APTHA CLUB DRAWING 2011

Adopted at the January 2011 meeting of board of directors.

PAYMENT FOR POOL NUMBERS:

Members must pay for pool numbers on or before the New Club Drawing at the club meeting in April. Pool numbers NOT paid for before the drawing will be declared **INVALID** for the drawing and will not be awarded to any other member.

Pool numbers not paid will be charged as a debt to the member who fails to pay for pool numbers asked for.

Members who qualify for pool numbers are NOT required to purchase any pool numbers.

Members who qualify for pool numbers and wish to purchase extra numbers from the pool MUST agree to purchase a minimum of 10 numbers if they are available.

Members who qualify for pool numbers MAY purchase the maximum number of pool numbers if they are available.

Members must declare intentions to purchase pool numbers and amount at time of purchasing allotted numbers for the game.

APTHA
DRAWING OFFICIALS FOR
JANUARY-APRIL 2011
MEMBER DRAWING

SALES COMMITTEE

Sales committee members will sell numbers to paid members, (ten numbers per membership) at the January, February, and March meetings. They will also make an accounting of money collected at each meeting, prepare the bank deposit and deliver money collected to the treasurer for deposit.

Ron Newberry
George Baca
Charles Meyers

PRIZE COMMITTEE

Prize committee members will select the drawing prizes . The committee members are also charged with keeping prizes secure, conducting the drawing, and awarding prizes at the April meeting.

Jack Hixon
George Brokens
Jim Wilson

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-----Eddie Spruill

The administrative assistant will be prepared to assist each of the above committees with their duties and help the Drawing Administrator with other duties as needed.

DRAWING ADMINISTRATOR-----Rodney Laubhan

The drawing administrator shall be charged with administering the drawing.

THE ABOVE POSITIONS MAY CHANGE FOR FUTURE DRAWING

APTHA
SCHEDULE FOR CLUB
RAFFLE/DRAWING FOR
MEMBERS ONLY
2010-2011

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010---Introduction of new raffle/drawing for New Year 2011 Fund raising.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010-----Explanations of drawing methods and sales methods for New Drawing. Explain voting choices for November meeting.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER, 9, 2010----Final explanations for new drawing explained, and membership voting for drawing procedures.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER, 14, 2010---CHRISTMAS PARTY, and final announcements for 2011 drawing and announcements of voting Results

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11,2011-----First sales of numbers for drawing.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011-----Second sales of numbers for drawing.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011-----Final sales (last chance) for members to purchase allotted numbers for APRIL drawing. Sales of numbers not purchased to club members.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011-----DRAWING FOR PRIZES and vote to decide future of current Drawing Fund Raiser.



Inside Articles

Most Valuable Coin Errors in Current Pocket Change Continued

4. 2004-D Wisconsin State Quarter with an Extra Leaf

Variety experts disagree about the cause and long-term value of this type, but I've included in the list because it is very findable in pocket change and worth hundreds of dollars right now.

How to Detect: There is some defect on the die that makes it appear as if there's an extra leaf on the lower left-hand side of the ear of corn on the reverse. The leaf is very clear.

Known in two varieties, the High Leaf and the Low Leaf type.

Approximate Value: \$200-\$300 in MS-60 or so.

5. 1999 Wide "AM" Reverse Lincoln Cent

This variety is known for 3 dates, 1998, 1999, and 2000, with 1999 being by far the rarest.

The mint erroneously used a proof die to strike normal circulation coins.

How to Detect: The AM in AMERICA on the reverse is clearly separated in the Wide variety.

In the normal variety for these dates, the letters AM are very close or touching.

Approximate Value: \$5 to \$25 in circulated condition, \$75 to \$600 in MS-63 or better depending on color. 1999 brings the highest prices, with 2000 being second.

6. 1982 No Mint Mark Roosevelt Dime

At the point in time that these coins were made, the dies sent to the individual branch mints would be punched with the proper mint mark letter for that branch. This variety is believed to be caused because one or more non-punched dies were used to make coins. (The letter P was being used for Philadelphia on dimes at this time.)

How to Detect: The 1982 dime is missing a mint mark.

Approximate Value: About \$30 to \$50 in AU-50, more for higher grades.

7. Presidential Dollar Edge Lettering Errors

Ever since the first Presidential Dollar (the Washington Dollar issued in 2007) there have been errors associated with the lettering on the edge of these coins. In some cases it is missing entirely. In others, the edge lettering has been placed there multiple times.

How to Detect: Look at the edge. The inscription should appear fully incused all around the circumference of the coin. Missing or doubled inscriptions are rare and valuable.

Approximate Value: \$50 to \$3,000, depending on the President.

8. 1995 Doubled Die Obverse Lincoln Cent

This doubled die variety generated a lot of mainstream interest when it was featured as a cover story in USA Today. Specimens are still being found in circulation all the time!

How to Detect: Clear doubling in LIBERTY and IN GOD WE TRUST.

Approximate Value: About \$20 to \$50 in Uncirculated condition.

9. Certain Uncirculated State Quarters

As the economy has worsened, people who have been hoarding rolls of State Quarters have been spending them into circulation. If you can put together whole rolls Uncirculated quarters of certain in-demand states, you can get as much as \$50 per roll for them.

How to Detect: Demand changes from time-to-time based on major coin dealer promotions.

Currently, look for Georgia, Connecticut, Tennessee, and Illinois. Quarters must be Uncirculated!

Approximate Value: \$20 to \$52 per roll for strictly Uncirculated rolls of certain states. For current updates, see the State Quarter Rolls Value Guide.

10. Silver Half Dollars

Most people think that the silver in U.S. coins ended in 1964, but this isn't true. The Half Dollar coin had silver in it until 1970. Many people spend the Half Dollars from 1965 to 1970, or sells them in rolls of halves they take to the bank, not realizing they are 40% silver.

"Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.

Abraham Lincoln
16th president of US (1809
- 1865)

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.

All members in our club are expected to participate in the decision making process.

We are all "active" members. We have no "passive" members.

One way we satisfy this requirement is by the publication of this monthly newsletter. It goes to all members and keeps our club informed as to decisions and activities of the club.

Another way that we satisfy the "active" member requirement is by utilizing the Internet. Each month the Editor publishes the monthly newsletter and distributes it via email. The newsletter includes information about the overall action of the clubs activities over the previous month. Members are given an opportunity participate in decisions through the use of email for suggestions.

Are you getting the monthly newsletter? If not, you can email lrlaw52@suddenlink.net and he will get you on an email list. Give him your email address. You will then receive the Monthly Newsletter via email. You may also email suggestions to Larry via email.

So I am not accused of plagiarism. I used the basics of this message from another club I know of.

Signed, Bob Mende