

This month's drawing winners!

No 50/50 drawing in July

No Blue ticket drawing in July.

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Club News

Welcome to the July 2009 edition of the Prospectors &
Treasure Hunters Newsletter



At our July meeting The program was a detector clinic and cookout
sponsored by AT&THA. Metal detector owners, selected by
number, were put into groups with an advisor. Emphasis was on
target location and proper recovery techniques. After the clinic,
we got down to some serious eating. The fare was hamburgers, hot
dogs and sodas with loads of watermelon for desert! The cooks did
a superb job and nobody went home hungry. Many thanks to all the
cooks, advisors and organizers!



Our "Find of the Month" will resume in August.

Please bring your finds to the meeting!

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Welcome to new member James Rogers, were happy to have you
aboard.



Our program for August will be presented by various club members
involved in the Colorado prospecting and camping trip.

Board of directors had their meeting at 5:00 PM, Friday,
August 7th @ 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!**

At the July meeting after the detector clinic, we got down to some serious eating and visiting. We had a short group discussion after the meal that centered mostly on the Colorado camp out.

### **1st Annual Picnic and Digging Clinic**

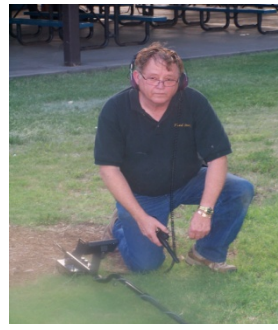
Well the first thing that comes to mind is what a great time, great company and food! I would like to personally thank Rodney and Skip for cooking in that heat some great burgers and dogs! You guys are tops! Rodney gets a second attaboy for picking and bringing the watermelons that topped off the picnic in proper fashion. They were good, sweet and COLD! Thanks to all that helped and especially Mark for bring the wonderful grill!

From the feedback I got everyone that attended had a good time and I was told, almost to a person, they learned something as well. That is always a good thing to have fun and learn something in the same day. Days like that are hard to beat.

To get things started we divided up into 4 or 5 groups. The groups spread out across the area and proceeded to watch the examples on how to dig from John London, Mark Davey, Toby Shedd and myself (Jim Nichols). The demonstrators showed the groups their preferred method of locating, pin-pointing and extracting the target. After several demonstrations then the group members were given the chance to acquire a target, pinpoint and extract a target. With the training and some general metal detecting tips the groups descended on the chow with gusto! I think everyone got plenty to eat and had an enjoyable outing.

The seriousness of the digging training can't be over looked as Metal-Detecting's first priority is to leave the property you are hunting as good or better than the way you found it. Not getting the most targets the fastest way you can. This priority entails proper digging, removing the target, properly disposing any trash dug and making the hole look like it hasn't been disturbed. When you do that you show the property owner you respect their property and the owner. You also show consideration and respect for your fellow detecting purveyors and club members by not making all of us look bad. So please follow the proper rules so we all can continue this great pastime.

I for one am ready to make this type of meeting a common occurrence even if we have to BYOF (Bring your own food) for the fellowship and genuine great time we had. Again, a heart- felt thanks to all that participated and helped in a thoroughly great time!



### Camp Don Harrington for the Few

While the prospectors were looking for gold and having a wonderful time in Colorado a few of us left behind members wanted to hit Camp Don Harrington again. I posted the invitation on our website and got us a date for July 29<sup>th</sup>. I was told to limit our visit to just a half day. This is so Ranger Mike can have a lunch break and/or run into town for parts. So I opted for the afternoon figuring we could get an extra hour or two out of it that way. The hunters were Jack and Betty Hixon, George Baca and I. The four of us got down there a little early but Mike lets us in anyway.

Jack and Betty Hixon went to the Northwest section of the camp toward some camps up there. George Baca and I headed to the Southeast camps. It got hot pretty quick but the results of our hunt were good. Almost everyone nailed some silver! George got a Mercury dime, Jack a Rosie and I got a '61 Quarter, '61 dime and '61 penny in same hole. It is always nice to score multiples! Also I found another bolo as while. George got some extra finds in two bolos and two five dollar bills folded together! What did his detector say those bills were? I think between us we found 50 or so coins.

On a more somber note Mike the Ranger did bring up that some Scout Leaders complained that their scouts stepped in some unfilled holes. So we were admonished before he let us in to fill all our holes. So we are lucky we didn't lose the privilege to metal detect there all together. Camp Don is still a valuable resource to our club and we should always remember it is privilege to metal detect a place like that.

We can do it again if some more want. I for one in am ready but let's do the morning slot (8-12) and maybe miss some of the heat. I for one over did it a little! The weekends were taken for July and would have to check when the next available weekend would be available. For us retired guys almost any weekday is open. So let Rodney or I know and we will get a date(s).



Jim Nichols

The following pictures are from our July 2009 prospecting/camping trip to

# colorado





Don't miss Tuesday's meeting. There will be much more on Colorado!

Also, our Blue ticket drawing will have a distinct "yellow" color this time, so bring a few xtra bucks. You don't want to miss this one.

Saturday and Sunday, 8-15 & 16-09 is the coin club show. We still have a few slots open at our club table and need volunteers to fill them.

### **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.

Hope to see ya'll Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup>

John London