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## Across the President's Desk

By Mark Davey

No Letter From Mark this month

Jim Nichols Events Letter  
Events Summary

Well the Girl Scout hunt had a chilly start but ended in beautiful days of hunting Saturday and Sunday. Several older coins were found, 5-6 silvers and some nice wheat's and a 1864 Indian Head penny! As I suspected there weren't a bunch of targets but the fact we did recover some nice finds is a testament to our hunters. Good job out there. I think we had 16-17 hunters for the two days. Thanks for your attendance. The camp will be busy on the weekends until October but Weekday hunts are ok if no campers are present. There shouldn't be any weekday campers until School is out.

The next outing is going to be a seeded hunt at Austin Park April 14<sup>th</sup> 5-dark. We will hunt and clean the park. I'll bring the coins we will be hunting to the meeting. I'll have some halves, IH pennies and some buffalo Nickels for us to recover maybe a couple silver dimes as well.

May's outing will be Ceta Canyon May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Cost will be \$6.00/day for their day use fee. Ceta Canyon is a beautiful setting and has produced some nice finds. It is in a sheltered Canyon North East of Happy.

Happy hunting and be careful. It is really dry and we can mess up a lawn real quick. See you next meeting.

Jim N



### Letter from Toby Shedd

Our program for April will be given by Jeff Enleck from the Panhandle Plains Museum. He is going to talk about meteorites from this area. I think it will be a very interesting program. Dad and I are going south to Padre Island to hunt and fish hopefully we will have a good story when we get back.

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**Board Members Notes**

Attendees; Bob Mende, Jim Nichols, Mark Davey, Dan Furguson, Fred Bobo and Rodney Laubhan.

Mark called meeting to order at 6:00pm, and apologizes for having to cancel the regular Board Meeting last week account he was at a Kubota Class in Dallas.

6:10 Rodney brings the 2011 Budget up for discussion. An amendment was made to the budget. Club Show Booth @ Coin & Treasures show August. The cost of tables have changed for this year. The cost is now \$75.00 per table. And two small display cases at \$5.00 each are to be added to the cost of the entrance fee to the show. This would bring the total cost to \$160.00. We were budgeted \$140.00. The new budget was approved.

Mark says we now have 51 paid members. A brief discussion was made of the remaining unpaid members.

6:20 Mark brings up talks about future hunts. Jim says it is a must to do the Girls Scouts property hunt this week-end of March 13 and 14th. Because from next week until Fall the Scouts will be using the property for Girl Scout activities. Jim talks about the property being used by cowboys since the year 1895. The earliest spot where activities were is around an octagon shaped shop building. Lunch will be at the southwest corner of the property where a noticeable ship lap covered building is. Two groups of cabins were built in 1936. Arriving Members will first meet at a main flagpole. It is the larger flag pole on the property. Jim believes some good finds could be found on this 338 acre site. It was suggested we all meet at the McDonalds in Wal-Mart at the store at Tascosa road and NE 8th. We will meet at 8:00am have some breakfast if you wish and leave the parking lot at 9:00am and caravan to the property.

Jim goes on to talk about another Hunt for the month of April. This will be Thursday April 14. This will be the seeded hunt that was planned for February. And will be at the Steven F Austin park. It will begin at 5:00pm and until Dark thirty.

Jim also talks about a hunt planned at Cita Canyon. The date for this hunt is Saturday May 14 and Sunday May 15. It will cost \$6:00 per day there. FYI, there are cabins on the property for the week-end if you wish.

Mark talks about a possible hunt north of Freedom, Oklahoma along Turkey Creek. The purpose of this hunt would be primarily Indian Artifacts.

Mark asks Fred for the treasury report. Fred reports very little activity last month. It was reported that \$83.00 in Paypal account, \$1700.00 in the Checking account and \$1050.00 in a CD. A total of \$2833.00 in the Books.

Mark brings up a discussion of the purchase of a enclosed trailer. He thinks it may be a waste of Club funds. He is concerned about other costs with having a trailer. He would like further discussion of a trailer before a purchase is made. Jim asks if the clubs property is insured at the rental company.

Mark suggests we should have an inventory list of the tools in storage. And have inventory published in the news letter.

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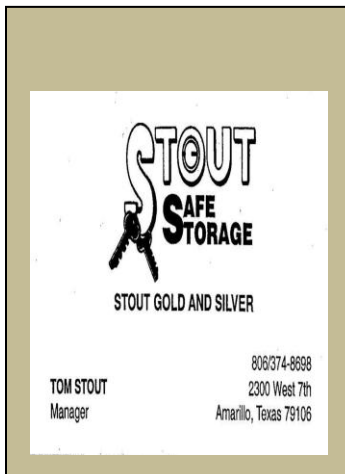
Jim, is concerned the club does not do enough for prospector members. He thinks the club could buy some black sand with placer gold. He thinks going to the Canadian River and have a club function there might be something to consider.

Rodney, brought a LDMA Las Vegas Gold Show Advertisement. The gold show will be April 16. He also suggests Mike buy an extra copy of the red book and have it for the clubs library.

Mark, asks if the club could send sympathy cards to family members of the club who suffer loses. We now have three families in such situations. It was suggested we have a bereavement chairman for this purpose.

Jim asks if we could have a club hunt with an Air Force serviceman while he is on furlough. The Airman contacted Jim and made this request. Jim would like to take him out on the old base sometime between March 31st and April 10th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.



### April 12, 2011 Program

**Jeff Enleck from  
the Panhandle  
Plains Museum.**

**Club hunt at  
Austin Park April  
14<sup>th</sup> 5-dark  
questions contact  
Jim Nichols.**

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

## Club Meeting Notes

7:15p Mark opens meeting with a salute to our Flag.

There were 42 people present at the meeting this evening. Among the 42 were three visitors and one guest speaker. The visitors were; Mike Robinson, Dutch Warren, Tony White and Roger York. Jerry Ivey was guest speaker.

7:20 Jerry Ivey who is a fraud investigator and is employed by the Amarillo National Bank. And once worked for the Canyon Police Department. He gave a talk about counterfeit money. He brought many examples of counterfeit money. He showed several bills of \$100.00's, \$10.00's five's and some twenties. It was amazing how good these counterfeits were. Although some paper did look suspect. But most of us especially myself would not know the difference. He also talked about hot checks and internet accounts that can be infiltrated by bad people and rob your money. There were many questions from the floor. All questions were great quality questions which he gave good answers to. He also talked about "BAD" coins. He gave a name for these coins, but I don't know how to spell the word, nor do I know how to pronounce it. These are bad coins that will not process through a change machine. The coins are given two or three chances to be received by the machine. And if not accepted, must be set aside and cannot be used. He said the amount of these coins actually adds up to thousands of dollars, and are a loss to the banks balance sheet.

Rodney Laubhan takes the floor and gives a demonstration of how the "Money Game" will work. Rodney gave an excellent demonstration of how this will work. I believe his demonstration was so good even I could understand it.

7:53 Mark calls for a break and asks members to purchase their Blue and Red tickets.

8:11 Mark calls meeting back to order. He announces that Bud Elliott is available to test any jewelry for it's gold or silver content.

Mark also announces that lost items were left after the Nara Visa club hunt. The items were a knee pad and one glove. If someone is missing such items they are in the possession of Mark Davey.

Larry Lawrence gives a talk of how the news letter is laid out. Larry is doing a great job with the newsletter.

Mike Darnell gives a talk of his trip to Arizona's Apache Junction. Mike took some pictures and also brought home some nice finds. He had several picker sizes of gold and many coins too. It looks like he had a very good trip.

Rodney Laubhan talks about a LDMA Gold Show that will be in Las Vegas, NV. April 16th and 17th. He will be attending the show and wanted to know if anyone else would be interested in this trip too.

Rodney passes out the 2011 budget which was approved by the board meeting March 7, 2011. He explains that an amendment has been made to the budget. The change was the cost of tables at the Coin show this year at the Civic Center. The extra cost amounts to \$20.00. That increases the table cost from \$140.00 to \$160.00. This will include two display cases at \$5.00 each.

Mark read Treasury Report. Checking account \$1753.89, A CD account \$1050.00 and Paypal account with \$83.00. A total of \$2875.89 in the Books. The Treasurer is absent and a complete treasury report will be read at April's meeting.

Mark asks members if any name tags need to have corrections made to them. Six members need to have their I.D. tags corrected. They include Alan Duncan, Keith Ferguson, Yvonne Blackwell, Clinton Struchen, Jack and Betty Hixon. They will have new tags by the April meeting.

Rodney resumes an explanation of the money game. He made a chart on a white board and demonstrates how the pills and numbers game will work. It was announced that Tim Simms will be the new game officer and will take the place of a member who cannot be available to serve.

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***"Nothing will work unless you do."***

## Club Meeting notes Continue

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*Never swap  
horses crossing a  
stream."*

Mark brings up discussion of the GPAA & GPOC outing planned this summer. He wants input from members as to "when, what and where" in Colorado for this outing. He says now is the time to start taking vitamin "B6" and "B12" to help assist your health in the high altitude of Colorado. Check your newsletter for information about this outing.

Jim Nichols gives a talk about the Girl Scout hunt. Members will meet at the Wal-Mart parking lot near Amarillo Blvd and Tascosa Road. We will meet there at 9:00am and caravan to the Girl Scout camp from the Wal-Mart parking lot. Jim goes on to explain how old this Camp is. It dates back to 1895 when it was a cowboy camp site. It has a recorded history of Indians occupying this spot 15,000 years ago. It has 338 acres. The oldest known spot here is where an octagon shaped building stands. There are two groups of cabin buildings which date back to 1936. There a shiplap building in the SW corner of the property where we will have lunch. Oh! by the way bring your own lunch. There is a large Flag pole on the property where we will meet before beginning the hunt. Roads on the property are rough but are passable. "Be Careful". Thanks Jim for the History lesson of this property. Jim also says an furloughed Airman coming to Amarillo and Jim would like to do an outing with this brave soldier. Jim would like to take him to the old Air Base. The Soldier will be in Amarillo between March 31 and until April 10th. Further information will be forthcoming.

Jim brings up for discussion the April outing which will be at Stephan F. Austin park. The date will be April 14th at 5:00pm until dark thirty. Bring a flashlight if you wish to stay longer. This will be a seeded hunt and a clean the park job. Jim is trying to get another hunt at Cita Canyon south of Canyon, TX. for the May outing. Jim is also planning for a Gold prospecting outing at the Canadian River bridge on high-way 287 for the June outing. More information will be forthcoming soon for these two outings.

Mark asks for any further questions? Nothing more.

Time for Show and Tell; Jim Nichols tells of his experience of the several rings he and Terri have found, including some finds at the old Amarillo Dump north of Amarillo.

E.B. Shedd brought some pictures of his finds in Arizona. E.B. found some Meteorite pieces from Arizona, they too are some very nice finds.

Clinton Struchen announces winners of Prospector and finds of the month. E.B. Shedd wins Prospector of month with his meteorite. Ron Newberry talks about his Buffalo nickel and the nice medallion. Terri Nichols talks about the nice Mercury dime she found. Jim Nichols tells us about the nice ring which he found. And Mike Darnell tells his story about the civil war era button he found.

Mark now announces ticket winners. Yellow ticket winners are Charles Myers with ticket #695776, Skip Kendricks ticket #695781, Clinton Struchen ticket #695800, E.B. Shedd ticket #695779 and Albert Tanner with ticket #695784. Each won a Gold Clad Dollar.

Blue ticket winners are Jack Hixon ticket #8173 last four digits takes a silver round. Tim Simms ticket #8205 last four digits takes a 1oz silver bar. And Charlie Myers ticket #8068 last four digits takes a 1oz silver bar. The 50/50 Red ticket was won by Mark Davey, Mark wins 1/2 of \$78.00, or \$39.50 cash. The other half goes to the Club treasury.

Mark has a club Message, he asks for a bereavement chairman to send out sympathy messages to families of lost love ones and those with serious illnesses. There were no volunteers so Mark has taken on the task for now. Today we give our condolences to Tim Simms who lost his father. To Hazel Smith who lost a dear friend. To Rhonda Ferguson who lost her Mother. To the Blackwell family whom lost their Son while he served in the Military. And we wish the best for the Daughter of John London who is recovering from a Bone Marrow transplant recently. May God Bless all of you and your families.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Signed; Robert Mende

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## Club Articles - Part 3 of Adams Diggings

### RETURN TO THE LOST ADAMS DIGGINGS

"A mind always employed is always happy."

[Thomas Jefferson](#)

Those are the landmarks as they are portrayed on the two maps; the correlation between these maps is important, but what is probably even more important is how these landmarks match the terrain shown on the US Geological Survey maps, of New Mexico, labeled: *Dog Springs* and *D-Cross Mountain*. If anything, these two factors are actually topped by an even **more important truth**: The landmarks are not just there, but they are positioned in the terrain---in the Gallinas Mountains near Datil, New Mexico---precisely as they are shown on the two maps!

When I realized the significance of what Paul was showing me, when I first went there, I was simply overwhelmed. Overwhelmed, because I had spent over twenty years, at odd times, searching the mountain ranges of Arizona and New Mexico; I was looking for **these very landmarks!** Sometimes I would find a pair of peaks that might be the haystacks, or a canyon that looked like a possibility; but, there was nothing more; no *Big Well Traveled Trail* that could lead to Fort Wingate; no *long gully with a sand and gravel bed*; no *Pumpkin Patch* or *Little Door* to say nothing of the many landmarks that came after these! I knew there would be artifacts---but I never found any.

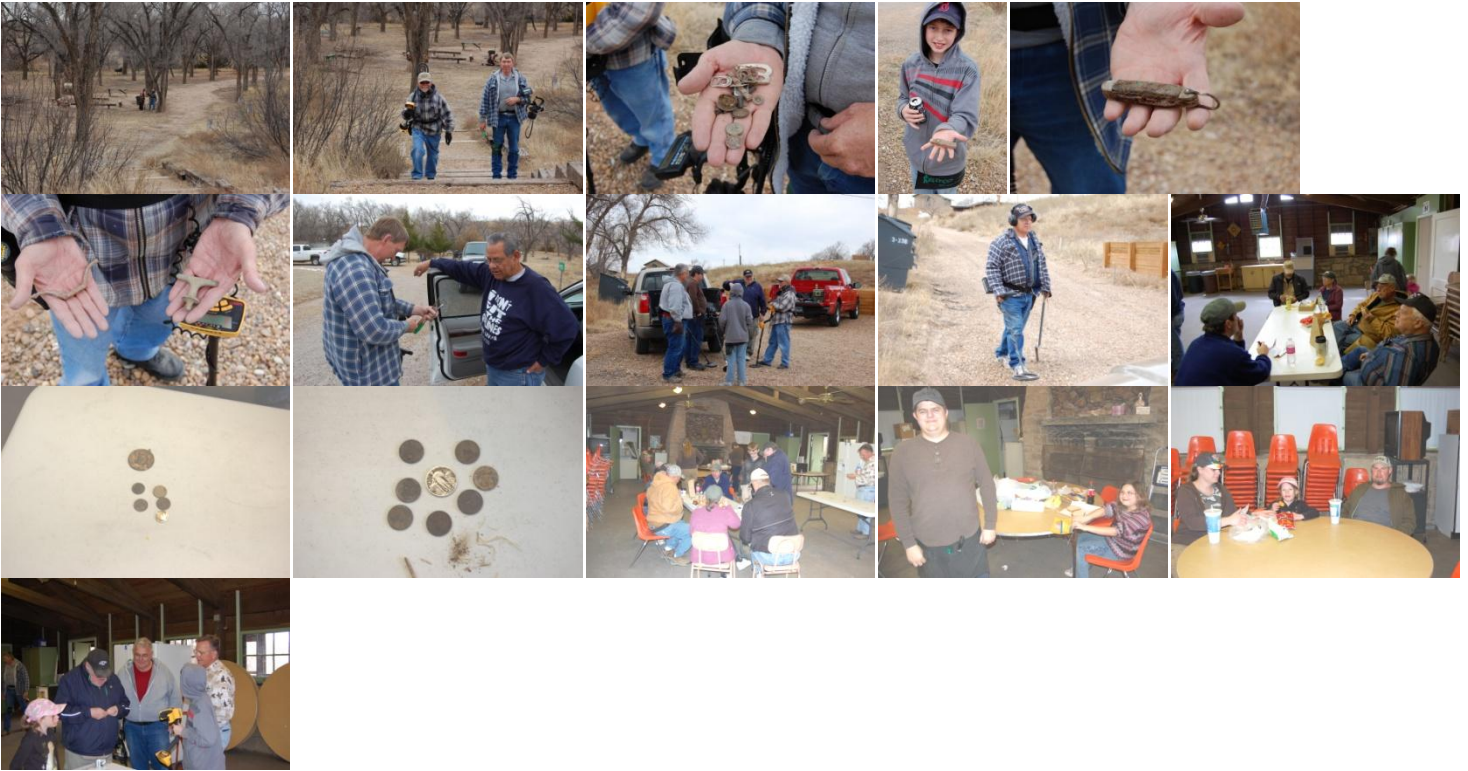
I had several trips into that scene, because it took all of them to see what was identified on the Allen Map. I found that **everything was there**, every one of the Allen landmarks---and all of those shown on the Arizona Republic map. Paul Hale was alone when he first walked into the canyon called *Old Canyon* on the topo maps. He was alone and starting his third year in the rough and rugged collection of canyons that surround *Old Canyon*; the one Indians once named *Hot-ta-pi-wat Valley*. In time, he found the rock chimney of the burned out Adams cabin. In a few days Paul brought Ron Schade (Shawde) in with him as his new partner. They began metal-detecting around the old fireplace and finding artifacts buried from four to six inches deep in the ground. They began prospecting and looking for gold, and they started trying to understand the unique and truly fascinating canyon they were in. Paul had found the Adams gold canyon and camp. There was no looking farther for it. The two of them spent the next **twelve years** metal-detecting for artifacts and prospecting for gold in that canyon. They found both!

I wanted to be the one to write their story up. They agreed, and we started to work on it. They supplied me with video tapes, audio tapes and a multitude of pictures that authenticated their twelve years in the long lost canyon. It is now four years later; the book is finished, and I have sent query letters out to publishers all over the country. I am, however, not a celebrity or a politician. And in today's climate, that is two strikes we have against us. I'm not sure I understand this or that I even want to understand it. In my day, stories about the Old West, about gold, and about history with its really interesting events were part of the American scene. Now, we seem to want to turn our attention, and our minds, to what is politically correct, what the greats of Hollywood are up to or perhaps to the Queen of England and what she's up to!

Well, this is one of those Old West happenings; it took place when gold was worth about \$21.00 an ounce! At that price it motivated, and stirred the passions of the Americans of the day. Now, it's worth about **seventy** times what it was then, Of course, one has to remember, they didn't have television, internet, I-phones, fast cars or jet planes. The poor devils!

The End

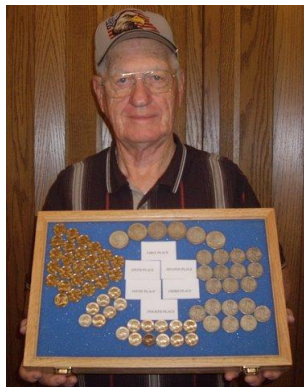




## Club Drawing Pictures

Pictured is George Broken of the prize committee holding the six prizes for the club game. These prizes will be at the club meeting this month for you to see. The prizes total \$560.00. Silver has gone up, as most of you know and the value of these silver coins has increased in price since purchased, and probably will continue to increase before they are awarded.

Members have one more opportunity to purchase chances at the meeting Tuesday, April 12. The drawing will be at the May meeting.



## Inside Articles

### Gold nugget, 8.2 pounds, auctioned for \$460,000

It took only two minutes of feverish bidding at a Sacramento auction Wednesday for a buyer to snatch up the biggest existing gold nugget confirmed to have been dug out of Sierra foothills Forty-Niner country.

Feverish might be an understatement.

The bidder had to cough up \$460,000.

The Washington Nugget, which fits in one hand, weighs 8.2 pounds and would have fetched something less than its flat value of \$137,744 at current gold prices, considering it has a few rock veins shooting through it.

But this isn't merely meltdown gold. This chunk has a story.

It was scratched out of the earth by a man wielding a pick in his backyard near the historic town of Washington (Nevada County). That means it was found in the same area where the old Forty-Niners spent their days scramblin', diggin' and wieldin' smoking six-guns in the mid-1800s in the most famous Gold Rush in American history.

Other big hunks of gold exist in museums and private collections, but none is quite like this one, California State Library historians said.

If not for a few fateful twists of many shovels, the Washington Nugget might have been found 150 years ago as prospectors extracted millions of dollars worth of gold from the hills and streams around Washington. Instead, the finder pinged it with a metal detector last March.

The finder and the auctioneers have jealously guarded his name for his protection - same with the name of the man who bought the nugget. All the co-auctioneer, coin dealer Don Kagin of Tiburon, would say Wednesday was that the buyer was from "back East," and the seller was "very pleased."

Bidding on the Washington Nugget at the Golden West Auction in Sacramento started at 4:45 p.m., and the opening shot was \$250,000. By 4:47 a flurry of bidders had topped each other with bids up to \$400,000 - and that's where the hammer fell. The final price was \$460,000, once a fee had been tacked on for Kagin and his auction partner, mining geologist Fred Holabird of Reno.

Read more at <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/03/16/BARD1ID82A.DTL#ixzz1Gu5rZEXM>

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"Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more."

[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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- **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.

Below is a true story for the news letter. I wish I had taken a few pictures.....

Friday March 18 Charles Meyers called me to go with him to Mothers Park located at Main St and E. Park Ave. The Park has been scrapped and being prepared for a new surface. "Grass I think" Anyhow I was not able to go to Park then. Instead today Sunday afternoon I decided to go to that park and do some detecting. As I approached the Park I found Charles there and so was John London. I am not sure what John found, but Charles found three Barber Dimes, "1905", "1906" and a "1916". He found ten Wheat pennies, 1-"191?", 3- "1919D's", 2- "1920's", 1 "1944s", 1- "1947", 1- "1948s", 1- "194?". He found four nickles. 1- "1944s silver", 1- "1947", 1- "1974", and a "1984". Also one quarter, 1- "1940".

And also found eight memorial pennies. He also found a very nice Mickey Mouse lapel pin. And finally he found a Cub Scout Bolo tie clasp.

I only hunted this afternoon and I found six pennies, three were memorial and 2-"1920's" and 1- "1929".

Congratulations to Charles Meyers for a great week-end of detecting.

The moral of this story is if you see any areas of city property that have had the surface scrapped for what-ever reason. Especially streets, parks or where old buildings have once stood make excellent places to go detecting. At least in Mothers Park they scrapped at about depth of the grass roots. In some cases the roots could be seen. Coins we found were still about four to six inches deep into the ground.

Robert Mende