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Second VP: Jim Nichols, events coordinator.
Secretary: Bob Mende
Treasurer: Fred BoBo.
Board Members: Carroll Herring, Dan Ferguson, Rodney Laubhan, Mike Darnell.
Newsletter Editor's: Larry Lawrence

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Across the President's Desk

By Mark Davey

Hello to all members,

I would like to thank our members who brought new members into the club. This is the time of year when we can get out to show and talk with people who we are interested in our hobby and hunting. Taking time for the club is appreciated. We gained four new memberships, let's get to know these new members and make them feel welcome.

The new categories for Find of the Month will start June 1st. Categories will be coins, jewelry, relics, and prospector. We did not receive any suggestions about the items that should be in each category, so the board will set the items for each category. I want to thank Terri for stepping up to be the new coordinator for this position, and EB for assistant coordinator. The club thanks Clinton for doing an excellent job during his time as coordinator of Find of the Month and wishes Clinton good health so we can see him at meetings once again.

The club had its first Club Game and prizes were handed out. It was fun to see the faces of those who won prizes. Thanks to all who played, it helped the club raise much needed funds. The club voted to play the game two times a year.

We will be taking our prospecting trip to Colorado in July. The trip will be Saturday July 23 to Saturday July 30. We will be at altitudes of 8500ft to 12000ft. It is very important to take your B6 and B12 to help maximize your oxygen intake at these altitudes. We will be doing the following activities: panning, sluice boxing, high banking, and metal detecting. This includes (back breaking) shovel work, pick work, bucket work, washing work, and yes possibly blisters on the hands. There will be a special category for falling down hills and into the creek.

The club outing for June will be learning the various prospecting tools and methods. We will setup club equipment and run dirt that might have some color in it. Any gold you find is yours to keep, so be sure to come learn, and maybe get a little color while you're at it.

Lastly, we need all members to be at the June meeting so the club can vote on the proposed Christmas party motion.

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Board Members Articles

Jim's May Comments,

The heat has found its way back. With the heat and the dry conditions we really need to be careful with our digs. Take advantage of the parks watering and use the ground they give us. Also be careful your own selves and drink that water. It is real easy to get into trouble with the humidity as low as it is and the heat as high as it is. Consider hunting with a partner as well.

Well a few (very few) intrepid hunters went to Hereford with Robert acting as Hunt Master for both days. Thanks Robert! I really appreciate it. The weather was good and I heard some coins were recovered. Sorry I don't have totals.

The June outing will be the "Prospecting Day at the Park" so plan on a good time and let's find some "yeller gold" and learn how to use the tools the club has purchased. We will be meeting Thursday night the 16th at the Boat House parking lot on the West side of the main lake at Thompson Park. The spillway on the southwest corner of the lake will be where we set up. Time will be 6:00PM till dark. I would recommend wearing footwear that can get wet and muddy as there are some slimy parts in the spillway.

We will have a couple outings in July. The annual John Stiff hunt (July 5th 6AM at the Gazebo) and a BBQ is in order for July meeting. We will meet at Austin Park where the picnic table is on the East side at 6:00PM Tuesday and have a tarp hunt, meeting and some good grub. So bring your detectors if you want to try your skills on the "tarp of truth"!

If anyone has some ideas where we can go as a group let me know.

Let's keep our holes to a minimum as we are so dry or better yet find where they have been watering and hunt there. Be safe and good luck on your treasure hunts.

Jim

Rodney's May Comments,

The Club has voted to have **two** club games a year. The club will start a new club game (pill game) this year in June.

Toby comments

Just want to remind everyone that it is really dry out there. Your targets are not going to sound normal and you don't have the depth that you would have with a little moisture in the ground. If you must hunt be really careful with the ground you can really tear it up easy if your not careful. ALWAYS remember to cover your holes. The meeting for june 14th is going to be given by Dan Fergeson on the Lost Adams Diggings. The meeting for July 12th will be the cookout at Austin Park probably at 6:00 p.m. The meeting for August 9th will be back at Austin Park for an Ice Cream social. The time for this will be announced later.

Board Members Notes

May 3, 2011 Board Meeting

Meeting opens at 05:30pm.

Attendees; Toby Shedd, Mark Davey, Rodney Laubhan, Fred Bobo, Mike Darnell, Dan Furgeson, Carroll Herring and Bob Mende. Jim Nichols was absent account of breathing problems. Jim we are all wishing you well.

Mark opens meeting with thanks to the demise of ubl. "Good Ridden".

Mark excuses himself to find a current copy of by-laws in his vehicle.

The By-Laws, in particular "article seven" brought out a long one hour and twenty minute discussion. It was realized that the Board was relating to a proposed copy of the by-laws rather than an official copy. After reading article seven in the approved by-laws. It is now known that a Quorum for our purpose is a simple majority of members present at any club meeting. Which means we do not need 51% of members present at a meeting to have a Quorum vote. It was also noted by Rodney that when having a vote, the ballot must be presented to all members at least two weeks before a vote can be made. It was decided to follow our by-laws and hold the vote off until June. This means to vote on the Christmas Party prize amendment cannot be voted on until at least the June Club Meeting. The Amendment will be sent out to members during the next few weeks. And will be voted on at the June meeting.

Also a long discussion was made considering the wording of the "amendment". Rodney argues that the amendment must be worded and changed considering the views of former members of the Board.

It was finally decided to change the wording in the amendment and approach former Board Members of the word change. Mark says he will talk to the former members and inform them of the changes. The word change is to eliminate the word "three" from the "amendment". The correct wording of the phrase will be on the ballot to be sent out before June meeting.

Rodney asks for a correction of April Board Minutes. He meaning Rodney. "He thinks Larry should give it a name". Rodney says what he said was; "Larry should run a contest for a News Letter name." Which was first discussed at the January Meeting.

Rodney makes a motion to pass the amended minutes. The motion was passed.

Mark reads the Treasury Report; \$1905.82 in Checking Account, \$1050.00 in CD, \$85.00 in Paypal Account and \$98.85 in Petty Cash. Total of \$3139.67 in Club Treasury. It was decided to move \$85.00 in Paypal Account to Checking Account. Rodney moves to have Treasury Report approved as read. Approval of Report was made.

Mark refers to the first Paragraph of the Presidents notes. Mark says he does not have the time to do all that is required of him to be an effective President of the Club. This brought on a long discussion lasting 20 minutes. Mark wants to give up his Presidency at the end of this year. No one at the Board meeting would accept this notion. Bob Mende suggests that Mark delegate responsibilities to other members. We have two VP's who could fill in for the absence of Mark

Bud Elliot's

Gold Nugget

*Fine Gold Jewelry
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*Jewelry Repair
Colored Stones*

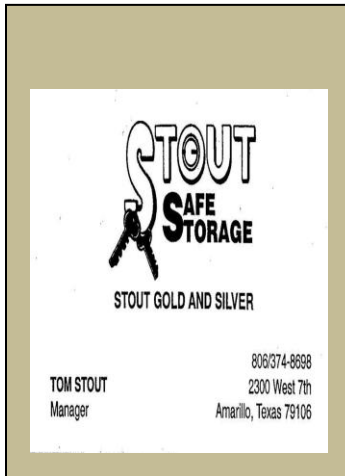
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when necessary says Bob. Bob also suggests to Mark that his Job and responsibility to his family come first. And reiterates that Mark could call a VP and give the agenda to him for the Board meeting. Basically all Board members are in agreement concerning Mark. After a brief discussion Mark passes the duties of Club Coins to Dan Furgeson and returns the duties of Treasure back to Fred Bobo. Fred had been out of service for awhile. I would like to editorialize for a moment. Mark has been a great President and I wish for him to hold his post. I have long realized that Mark has put a lot on his shoulders and carried the team. As it was suggested, I hope Mark will have a conference with his VP's and make the right decision concerning this matter. The VP's should support Mark and fill in when necessary. I would also like to see a change in the "Note from the President". It is obvious to me this is an overload for Mark. Mark is especially busy at his work during this time of year. Often working late into the day. And often working out of town. Therefore the President's Notes should be cancelled or given to someone else to write. Mark hang in there, we will help you. And that is what I think.

OLD BUSINESS

Rodney reminds us of the Coin Show coming up in August. We will continue to have a Membership Special Package. And will raffle a Club Coin and a Silver Coin to raise money.

NEW BUSINESS

Rodney announces the Agenda for next Tuesday. First, discussion of the Seeded Hunt last Month. Second, Talk about the Numbers Game. And third, whether or not to have another Numbers Game.

Rodney speaks for Jim N. who is absent. Rodney asks me to be in charge of the Hereford Hunt May 14 and 15th. For June will be a river outing, date not yet decided. It was suggested to use a different location. Possibly Amarillo Creek at North end of Thompson Park, Medi Park or even possibly South east Park. July will have two events. One on July 5th and a BBQ too. And July 12 another July meeting which will be a BBQ and a Tarp Hunt. August will have an Ice Cream Social at Austin Park August ninth.

Mark asks do we want to have a float for the Tri-State fair parade. He suggests that not enough participation is involved at the Parade. He says enough members are present to put the Float together, but more must show up at Parade time. It would seem that no Float will be put in the Tri-State Fair Parade this year. The Christmas Parade Float is still in question.

Rodney brings up discussion of the new tickets for the monthly finds of month. There will now be five categories. Including; Coin, Relic, Jewelry, Prospector and Overall find of the Month. It was decided to use the ticket format provided by Rodney.

Dan Furgeson discusses the Lost Adams Diggings article in the May/June issue of GPAA magazine. This location is in New Mexico west of Socorro off of US 60. Dan also talks about the Woodshed a new BBQ restaurant in Amarillo's Woflin Village.

Mark announces the newsletter name will remain as "Amarillo Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Association Newsletter".

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm. While some further discussion proceeded even later.

**June 14, 2011
Program**

Program this month will be Dan Fergeson on the Lost Adams

June outing will be the "Prospecting Day at the Park" Thursday night the 16th

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

Club Meeting Notes

May 10, 2011 APTHA Meeting

Meeting brought to order by Mark Davey at 7:01pm with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the U.S.A.

Members in attendance were 40 including one new member, being Curt Roberts. Three friends of members or members have suffered accidents. One having an accident with a four wheeler, one with a brown recluse spider bite, and one member Jim Nichols is having breathing problems. You are all in our Prayers. We wish the best for all of you.

Rodney gives a talk about our seeded hunt we had at Austin Park in May. Noah the Grandson of Larry Lawrence had a very good day hunting. Noah was represented by his Grandfather. Mike Darnell found several good items which he spoke of. Fred Bobo, Tim Sims, Jim Nichols and Rodney Laubhan also had found many items they brought to the meeting. Jim Nichols says 20 people showed up for the Austin Park hunt.

7:23pm Rodney starts up the number game payout winners. George Brokens and Tim Sims helped Rodney pick the numbers. And the winners are Number 410 first place belonging to Billy Jones, Billy won six silver Dollars. Number 201 second place belonging to Albert Tanner, Albert won 11 Silver Half Dollars. Number 506 third place belonging to Larry Lawrence, Larry won eight silver Half Dollars. Number 499 fourth place belonging to Rodney Laubhan, Rodney won eleven silver Quarters. Number 019 fifth place belonging to Ed Spruill, Ed won seven silver Quarters. And number 002 sixth place belonging to Charles Meyers, Charles wins twenty five presidential Quarters. Coins are 90% silver except the Presidential Quarters.

Rodney explains and passes out ballots for another number game. There will be three choices; first to have two games per year, which means we would have one more game this year. Second is to have only one game per year. And third option is to have no number game. Votes will be made and reported later tonight.

Ballots are also passed out to vote on an amendment to the by-laws. This amendment would change section VI of the by-laws to read "main prizes" instead of "three main prizes", where it explains the prize winners at the yearly Christmas Party. Because we did not follow the by-law rules as they are written we will be voting on this amendment at the June 14 Club Meeting. It was planned to vote on this amendment at the May 10 meeting.

Mark announces that our member Clinton Struchen has a bad disc in his back and has said he will not be attending meetings for the near future. And we all wish Clinton the best, hoping his health will improve soon.

Terry Nichols wins the treasure find of the Month. No prospecting entry was entered.

Jim Nichols talks about future hunts, including May 14 and 15th. Members will meet at 8:30am at McDonalds on I-27 and Hollywood Road next to Loves gas station.

Do not protect yourself by a fence, but rather by your friends.

Club Meeting notes Continue

Life is something that happens when you can't get to sleep.

From there they will drive to Hereford and meet at McDonalds there. There will be a prospector's night at north end of Thompson Park. They will meet at 6:00pm June 16th. We will operate a hi-banker and sluice box. Concentrates will be donated and the finds will belong to the operators of the hi-banker or sluice box. Two outings are considered for July. On July 5 there will a clean-up type meet at John Stiff Park. And July 12, will also be a BBQ and park clean up at Austin Park.

Rodney has the results of the Game vote. There were 31 votes to have another money game this year. It will happen this fall beginning in July and the drawing will be in September.

Rodney also reminds the members of the Coin Show in August. He needs helpers and sellers to sign up for the Coin show.

Mark; says the Prospecting trip in Colorado is still a question. There will be a trip and it will be during the last week of July. We just are not sure where. Mark; On May 23 @ 7:00pm there will be a meeting at James Brothers Implements. The meeting will be for prospectors who are planning to be at the Colorado claim. Where in Colorado, still unknown.

Show and Tell time, this month's show and tell table had a lot of items on it. We wish more people could participate. No find is too small. It is the story of the hunt that really matters. And the stories are first Hazel found two wheat pennies and several other items in her front yard. Good for Hazel and that is a reminder to all, your front yard is the first place you should look. Fred Bobo found 50 coins on a lot that had been bladed several times and still found coins below the bladed surface, which is also a great place to consider running your metal detectors. It has been proven time and time again to be a great place to hunt. Fred would not disclose the location. Mike Darnell found more than a hundred coins in a Park in Hereford, TX. I have wanted to work these parks; I hope Mike didn't find everything there. Probably not! And John London showed his finds of two necklaces several coins and three rings that he had found in another park.

Rodney talks about the pull tab jar. It is about full and ready for a guess of how many tabs are in this jar. Closest guess will win the \$100.00 which is in bottom of the jar. Keith Furgeson asks about an auction. He has some items he would like to auction off. There will be an auction at next month's June 7th meeting. Bring any items you would like to auction.

Time for ticket drawings;

Blue ticket numbers; the last three numbers are; 406, 364, and 409

Red ticket number; last three numbers are; 827

Yellow ticket numbers; last three numbers are; 888, 870, 860, 891, 873. Number 885 was called but no one answered so another ticket was drawn.

Meeting adjourned at; 8:41pm

Signed;;;;;Bob Mende

Club Articles

Even if you are on the right track, you 'll get run over if you just sit there.

**Will Rogers
US humorist & showman (1879 - 1935)**

Hereford 14-15th Hunt

Saturday the 14th Members started out from a McDonalds near I-27 South side of Amarillo From there they drove to the McDonalds in Hereford. They met there with Bob Mende and from there drove to Dameron Park and started metal detecting for coins. Members enjoyed the nice weather of Hereford. Together more than 200 coins were found in Dameron Park. We started out from McDonalds at 9:15 and worked that Park until about 2:30 pm. Below are some images of the day.

Sunday only two persons showed up to hunt for more coins. Their count was about the same as Saturday. We found about 140 coins today, working from 9:15am until 12:30. We checked another park at the Golf Course and only found about 10 coins. Although we only worked that park for 45 minutes. Below are a couple Sunday images.



Club Pictures

May Club Meeting 05/10/2011



Inside Articles

Buried Treasure.....

{Where To Look}

Article written by Steve Gillman

Posted at www.articlesfactory.com

Buried treasure isn't just a pipe dream of treasure hunters.....

People bury things every day and forget about them or die. Here are some of the places to start looking: An example of buried treasure? As a young man I buried 100 ounces of silver under my parents house. There was a crawl space that could be accessed from the basement. I pulled the plastic back that covered the dirt, and roughly five feet out from the west and south walls dug a hole. I put my plastic container with its ten ten-ounce bars of silver into it, covered it up and left it there for years. Did I tell anyone where it was, or even that I had buried it? Of course not! The point of hiding things is so nobody knows where they are, right? By the way, I have long since dug the silver up and sold it, and keep my money in the bank now instead of the ground. However, what if I had died while I still had this buried treasure under my parents house? My guess is that it would be at least a couple hundred years before anyone found the silver. there was no reason for anyone to be digging under that part of the house. There was also no way for anyone to know they should be looking. The obvious question arises: How many people have died and how many die every year without ever telling a soul about their hidden money or buried treasures? Many. The treasury department estimates that billions in currency alone has "disappeared" in recent years. Where is it all? Here are some of the places to start looking. Places To Find Buried Treasure - Under rocks in highway rest areas. There are many reports of criminals and drug dealers to burying large amounts of cash under rocks in the woods at highway rest areas. Hide the evidence, get sent to jail, and what if he never comes out? Treasure hunting time! - Under the edge of cement slabs. Look for sagging or cracked cement where the ground might have been loosened up. - In old pump houses. People used to hide things in the pump houses, in the ground underneath, and even inside of pipes that connect to nothing. - Caches buried near signs. The point was to have a way to remember where the treasure was buried. - In hotel rooms. Hotel owners report that cheating spouses on business trips hide their rings before going out for the evening, and then forget them. Look under mattresses, on top of light fixtures, and behind pictures. - In rivers, especially next to bridges. Criminals and kids throw things off bridges to hide them quickly. I have seen several bicycles laying in the bottoms of rivers, and I hear that guns are a common find. - Inside old books. This has been a common place to hide money for years. - Inside walls, usually by outlet covers. An outlet cover usually has just one screw to remove, and you might see something by shining a flashlight inside the wall. - Buried under rocks in backyards. The rock is for remembering where the buried treasure is, and backyards are more common because the person is less likely to be seen burying something here. Have you ever hidden anything? Do you have anything hidden now? If you wanted to hide money or other valuables, where would you put it? You can understand how things get buried and forgotten. Now start to think like the person who hides things, and you're ready to search for buried treasure.

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

Mark Twain
US humorist, novelist, short story author, & wit (1835 - 1910)

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.

Secret hunting locations

It was brought to my attention that members are metal detector hunting and do not want to disclose where their finds came from. It was discussed and thought, if someone does not want to share where the finds came from. It would be better that the finds not be mentioned at regular club meetings. What do you think?

Bob Mende