

AMARILLO PROSPECTORS & TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

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This month's 50/50 drawing winners!

Albert Tanner won a beautiful
Thomas Edison Silver Dollar

John London won \$27.00

Every month we have a drawing in which you can purchase raffle tickets for the coin drawing or the 50/50 drawing. 50% of the proceeds from the 50/50 goes to the club.



A new couple joined the club at the last meeting; Paul and Bettye Wall came to our outing at Vega too. I don't know what they found, except a place to eat, and some fun in the sun AFTER it warmed up! It turned out to be a really nice day and a few things were found. So glad you two joined!

Club News

At our April meeting we had 21 members and 9 visitors in Attendance. 6 visitors joined us at that meeting. We are happy to welcome Carroll Herring, Toby Cunningham, Steven Russell, Kenneth Goad, Paul and Bettye Wall. We are all looking forward to meeting these new friends. Our guest speaker was Keith Jones, who gave a wonderful Talk on his experiences in Jelm, Wyoming. The Ghost town Of Jelm, where Keith spent part of his youth, is the source of many adventures over the years. A book on the subject is in process and will be surely be an exciting read.

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 Our thanks to member Kent Birdsong for his efforts in arranging hunt properties in Vega, Texas. The hunt was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April and we all met at the courthouse in Vega. Kent had maps and instructions printed and ready for us. The weather was breezy and a bit cold, but that didn't dampen the hunters spirits one bit. Several members reported finding Wheat cents and Ed Pine found the only silver coin, a 1938 Mercury dime. Brinten Powell, The world's greatest grandson, according to Helen, found a sterling silver horse medal. We neglected to get any coin totals, but there were a lot found. One member found over \$9 at the courthouse. The hunt was a huge success and everyone had a good time.

#### In Memorium

Our friend, charter club member and board member, Virgil Wallen, has passed to another realm. Virgil had some health problems and contracted a staph infection. He passed away during a prospecting trip to New Mexico on April 27th. He was buried in Pampa, Texas

**He will be missed!**

~~~~~ Special thanks to Lynda Shedd, Twila Jones and Helen Elliott for the cookies. They were great.

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Dennis Gee and Bud Elliott will present the Program at the May meeting. They will demonstrate the proper setup, operation and recovery techniques of sluice boxes.

We also want to welcome new members Kevin Harbison and son Steven. They hail from Hereford, Texas and are looking forward to the club hunts.

There will not be a monthly mail out of the newsletter this month, however copies will be available at the meeting. Anita and John London are giving Helen a hand with the newsletter. We hope to find a suitable format and template so that the news is easier to get sent out. Please let us know what you think of the format.

The board will meet for business meeting before club meeting each month at 6:15 PM to 7:00 PM at the meeting place. Officers are required to attend to handle business that should come before the club. However, any member is welcome to present new business, suggestions or items of interest. Only paid members can vote on new business. There will be several items to be discussed during the board and general membership meeting. Among the items of discussion are hunt locations, general search agreements, this newsletter, monthly finds and classified ads.



Brinten Powell's Silver horse



Bud Elliott's

Gold Nugget

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And Silver*

Someone made a suggestion to me that I would like to pass on. He said that we needed people to write an article, a paragraph or so, on how one may transport his equipment to and from the different outings. There might be other things that some of you are wondering about and would like to find out how it is done. If you may have knowledge on how to do different things concerning treasure hunting or prospecting, share them with us.

If anyone has an idea to share or wants to make a suggestion, this is the place to get it done. As the editor, I only write or report what is given me. I need you, the members, to give me stuff to write about. If you read something in a book or magazine that you would like to share, please pass it along. We all need to get the word out about our club and invite people to come.

If you have found something while out digging that you would like others to see, either take a picture of it to be put in the newsletter or bring it for us to see and/or to get it photographed at the meeting. Let's see who can bring in the most items or the biggest or something special! We can make it fun and interesting.

If you would like to place an ad, send it to me. My phone number is 290-3627 and my email address is helliott4@suddenlink.net. The ads cost \$10 a month unless you are a member, then the ad costs only \$5 a month. The money is sent to Kathy Bragg. Her phone number is ??? and her email is sasekate@aol.com.

