

This month's drawing winners!

Midge Goad won the 50/50 drawing

Jim Nichols and Bud Elliott won the Blue ticket drawings.

Every month we have two drawings. A 50/50 drawing for all attendees and a Blue ticket drawing for members only

50% of the proceeds from the 50/50 goes to the club.

Bud Elliot's

Gold Nugget

<i>Fine Gold Jewelry</i>	<i>Gold Wire Jewelry</i>
<i>Jewelry Repair</i>	<i>Colored Stones</i>
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Club News

Welcome to the December 2008 edition of the Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Newsletter



The meeting for December was held at Furr's cafeteria on Soncy Road.

Our weather had turned bad with snow, ice and many wrecks along Interstate 40 for forty miles. Several members were a bit late due to the road conditions. The buffet meal got started at 5:30 and had about every kind of food and desserts that we could possibly want.

What a super party/meeting this was! After the excellent meal we had a "White Elephant" style gift exchange. 39 members in attendance brought a gift. Each member got a number and as a number was drawn, that person chose a gift. This exchange was a hoot and everyone got a neat present. Through the evening a different set of numbers were drawn and the hunter with that colored number won a specific prize. The drawings took all evening as there were lots of gifts and prizes.

Santa was good to us all that night. Everyone won a good prize.

Grand Prize winners were: Betty Hixon- Bounty Hunter metal detector

Roy Finley-Keene sluice box & a Garrett Gold pan set. June Newberry- A Whites Bullseye pinpointer. See pictures below.

Special thanks to Whites Electronics for all the prizes that they donated.

Thanks to Bud Elliott for the hand crafted ring and to Tom Stout

For the commemorative silver round coin.

What a wonderful party.



The January 2009 meeting will be held at 2200 W. 7th @7:PM.
Board of directors will meet at 6:00 PM.



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The Pictures above are from the clubs Christmas party and below are also from the party and Ceta Canyon in early December.

We had a second Ceta Canyon hunt on the 6th of December. We met early for coffee and at 8:00AM drove the 40+ miles to the hunt site.

The Weather could not have been any better with temperatures in the low 70's and almost no wind. Nine hunters enjoyed the day and found quite a few coins. At around 4:00 PM everyone was ready to call it a day. Coin totals were 150 coins including 4 silver and 5 wheat cents. We could not have had a better day for our final club outing of 2008. All in all, a very good year.

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The program for January 2009 will be a review of 2008 by the club officers. There are many topics to cover in the general discussion including the wheat cent raffle, hats, the club dry washer project and our up-coming club outings.

Happy New Year

See you all at the meeting!

A note from Rodney  
Here is the picture for the Raffle.

The first 500 Lincoln Cent Raffle tickets will be offered to APTHA members. Each membership in good standing in the club may take raffle tickets to sell or keep. Cost is \$5 per ticket. Drawing will be as soon as all tickets are sold. Tickets will be offered ONLY in the following denominations, 1;5;or 10. We believe all the tickets will be sold in January.

Tickets will be available at the club meeting Tuesday January 13, 2009.

Should you not be able to make the meeting call and reserve your tickets BEFORE the meeting. Some have already done this.

Call Rodney at (806) 570-7367, Jim Nichols at (806) 383-3257 or John London at (806) 231-7366. Go to our website [www.amadetectors.org](http://www.amadetectors.org) and look for raffle hunt for information about prizes.

We have 54 memberships at the end of 2008. Members who have paid dues for 2009 are in good standing and may have up to 10 tickets per membership.

You may pay your dues at the Jan. 13 meeting or send your dues check to Kathy Bragg.

You will not want to miss our first big club raffle.

Rodney



### Lincoln Cent

Obverse: The bust of Abraham Lincoln, designed by Victor D. Brenner, has been on the penny since 1909 which was the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The Lincoln cent was the first U.S. circulating coin to bear a president's image. Why does the portrait of Abraham Lincoln face to the right when all of the other presidents' portraits face to the left? Lincoln faces right not because of a law, but simply because Lincoln happened to face right in the image Brenner used to design the coin.

Reverse:

From 1909 to 1958, the Lincoln obverse was paired with a reverse that featured a wheat design in which two sheaves of wheat flanked the words "One Cent" and United States of America. This coin is commonly known as the "wheat penny."

Since 1959, the reverse on the penny has been an image of the Lincoln Memorial designed by Frank Gasparro. It commemorated the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

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A Texan looks at Lincoln on the 200th anniversary of his birth

By J D Murrah

The 200th birthday of Lincoln celebrations

2009 marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin. Both men were responsible for shaping the way that people looked at themselves. Both men made radical changes in their perspective fields. The bicentennial of Lincoln's birth is the focal point of many political pundits. With the approaching bicentennial of his birth, people will examine who he was and what he did.

Throughout the State of Illinois and Washington D. C., plans are being made to commemorate the birth of this politician who is an icon in American and International politics. Several national polls (Gallup-2007, ABC -2000) ranked him the most influential and best president. In the polls where he is not first, he is often considered in the top three of Presidents considered the "best".

Scheduled Celebration Events

In Washington, D.C., the following events are scheduled as part of the celebrations:

- February 12, 2009, Lincoln's Birthday Tribute and Wreath Laying
- February 12, 2009 - Reopening of Ford's Theatre
- April 12, 2009 (Easter Sunday) Re-enactment of Marian Anderson's Easter Concert
- April 16, 2009 Emancipation Day Parade

April 16-19, 2009 American Association of Lincoln Presenters

· May 30, 2009 Re-Dedication of the Lincoln Memorial

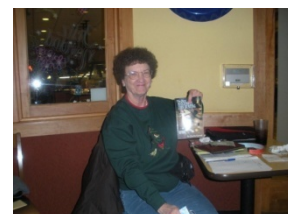
There will also be two versions of a commemorative penny. The commemorative coin will emphasize the childhood of this political figure. Besides coins, there are commemorative plates and other items marking the bicentennial of Lincoln. The commemorative penny will feature scenes associated with Lincoln's past on the obverse side of the coin. This is not the first Lincoln commemorative coin. On the centennial of his birth, a half-dollar coin was minted to mark the occasion.

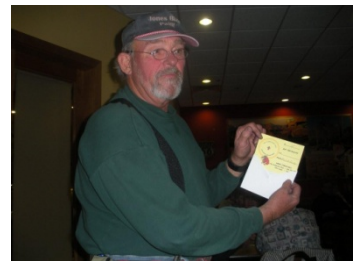
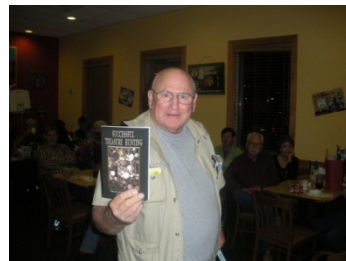
The famous Lincoln Logs are also planning a commemorative edition of their product to mark the bicentennial of this President.

Celebrations are also planned at the University of Illinois and Loyola University and other locations throughout the States of Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana.

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More Club Pictures





We, the club officers, thank everyone for their participation and support this past year. It has been a heck of a good ride.  
 Let's make 2009 an even better year than 2008 .