

**AMARILLO PROSPECTORS &  
TREASURE HUNTERS ASSOCIATION**

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**This month's 50/50  
drawing winners!**

Mark Davey won the donated  
Silver coin, A 1986 American  
Eagle 1oz

Ron Newberry won \$35.50 in  
the Blue ticket drawing

Every month we have a drawing in which  
you can purchase raffle tickets for the  
coin drawing and/or the 50/50 drawing.

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

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**Club News**

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

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The program at the June meeting was conducted by Dennis Gee. Various panning methods were discussed along with clean up procedure.

George Baca and Jim Rainey reported on the coin hunt in Albuquerque N.M. They are both members of that club group. Tom and Kathy Bragg are members of the El Paso club and Rodney belongs to a Demming N.M. club. These affiliations with other clubs are healthy for our club and provide an influx of new/ different ideas for us to try.

There were 22 members and guests at the meeting  
We welcome New member Ron Newberry.

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The July meeting will be held @ 7:00 PM on Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2200 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The program is going to be put on by Dennis Gee & Keith Ferguson. They will have a "hands on" demonstration of gold panning with water and black sand. All members are asked to come at 7 O' clock to our meeting room. We will have a short meeting and then adjourn to the panning site.

We will also discuss our Club sponsored hunt in Channing, Texas on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

This is one hunt we will all want to attend, as we will be allowed to hunt the XIT Ranch building in Channing.

## Coin finds by Jim Nichols at Will Rogers Park



On Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> eight club members met at Will Rogers Park to hunt coins. With a little help from recent rains, a lot of coins surfaced. There were even a few older wheat cents Dug. The oldest that came up was a 1917 wheatie. There was one ring with a Tiger eye stone found. Everyone found quite a few coins with about 40 per hunter being about average. This kind of impromptu gathering can't help but make our club stronger. It all starts with a call or an e-mail!



The Prospectors pointing  
the Gold!!!!!!!



Please come to the meeting Tuesday July, 8<sup>th</sup>  
For more prospecting tips.



On July 5<sup>th</sup>, 13 club members met at John Stiff Park to check out the leavings by the celebrants the night before. We met at 6 or 6:30 and started finding coins right away. There were several jewelry items found, including two rings and a sterling silver chain. A pair of binoculars, a camera bag and two pair of sunglasses also turned up, along with a few golf balls and 5 marbles. Coin totals were about 90 total. At 8:30 we adjourned to Hud's restaurant for burritos and hot coffee. What a great way to spend a Saturday morning.

## WHERE TO LOOK?

I have put together a list of suggested sites to help you decide on locations for your hunts. There are, of course, many, many more. I would like to grow this list and so I encourage you to send in your suggestions for the list and I'll add them on.

<b>ATV trails</b>	<b>Old swimming holes</b>
<b>Baseball fields</b>	<b>Old trees</b>
<b>Beaches</b>	<b>Outdoor concert areas</b>
<b>Bike trails</b>	<b>Parking lots</b>
<b>Bus stations</b>	<b>Party spots</b>
<b>Camping areas</b>	<b>Picnic areas</b>
<b>Club houses</b>	<b>Playgrounds</b>
<b>Construction sites</b>	<b>Racetracks</b>
<b>Construction dump sites</b>	<b>Railroad stations</b>
<b>Craft show sites</b>	<b>Revolutionary and Civil war related sites</b>
<b>Demolition sites</b>	<b>River banks</b>
<b>Fair grounds</b>	<b>Roadside parks</b>
<b>Flea markets</b>	<b>Sand pits</b>
<b>Ghost towns</b>	<b>Schools</b>
<b>Hiking trails</b>	<b>Scout camp and surrounding areas</b>
<b>Historical sites</b>	<b>Sidewalk construction</b>
<b>Lake and dam area</b>	<b>Sidewalks</b>
<b>Lawns</b>	<b>Sledding areas</b>
<b>Lovers Lanes</b>	<b>Snowmobile trails</b>
<b>Municipal parks, swimming pools and ball fields</b>	<b>Train depots</b>
<b>Old Churches</b>	<b>Train tracks</b>
<b>Old drive-ins</b>	<b>Traveling carnival sites</b>
<b>Old farms and houses</b>	<b>Under bridges</b>
<b>Old fishing spots</b>	<b>Vacant lots</b>
<b>Old home stead's</b>	<b>Your own yard</b>

### ***The Internet should be your first hunting ground***

The Internet is a useful tool for researching any subject. Often, it has been described as an online encyclopedia. People who take up metal detecting as a hobby can start with the Internet to locate a location, such as a park, private property or a business. Using free online tools like Yahoo Maps or Google Earth you can use some satellite imagery instead of just a map to actually see the lay of the land. Keep in mind the public database of satellite imagery is several years old so the vacant lot you found promising may have a new car wash or something on it when you put eyes on it. With some practice at looking at this imagery you can see traces left behind by people, old foundations or their transportation (Buggy trails for instance).

You want to know about history of an area the Local library has many online services that can aid you in your hobby. Photo archives, maps and history of the areas you want to hunt. Amarillo Public Library has some very good tools. College Libraries sometimes have even better tools to help research an area and its history.

As far as getting permission to hunt a specific property the Internet can possibly get you the owners name and phone number. In Amarillo/Canyon area the Potter and Randal County Property District lets you look up properties on the public tax records with owners and their address. If you just know the address use the SEACH BY STREET link. A list of addresses and owners will come up. Choose your target address; get the owners name and their address if different than the property you want. Then a quick WWW.ANYWHO.COM search will give you the listed number for that owner. The Internet when used creatively can be a huge tool for people in our hobby. The search for places to search can be as fun and you do it from the comfort of your chair. Good luck and safe hunting

Jim Nichols

**AISSD Schools  
Compiled by Ed Pine**

Horace Mann Middle School, 610 N. Buchanan St., was built in 1910.

Glenwood Elementary School, 2407 S. Houston St., was built in 1921.

San Jacinto Elementary School, 3400 W. Fourth Ave., was built in 1922.

Sanborn Elementary School, 700 S. Roberts St., was built in 1923.

Wolflin Elementary School, 2026 S. Hughes St., was built in 1926.

Humphrey's Highland Elementary School, 1301 S. Dallas St., was built in 1927.

Summit Elementary, NW 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, was built in 1927.

Alice Landergin Elementary School, 3209 S. Taylor St., was built in 1928.

Margaret Wills Elementary School, 3500 W. 11th Ave., was built in 1928.

Forest Hill Elementary School, 3515 E. Amarillo Blvd., was built in 1930.

Sam Houston Middle School, 815 N. Independence St., was built in 1930.

Pleasant Valley Elementary School, 4413 River Drive, was built in 1930.

Lee Bivins Elementary School, 1500 S. Fannin St., was built in 1931.

Emerson Elementary School, 700 N. Lincoln St., was built in 1940.

North Heights Center, 607 N. Hughes St., was built in 1948.

Will Rogers Elementary School, 920 N. Mirror St., was built in 1948.

Carver High School, 1905 NW 12<sup>th</sup> Ave, was built in 1959.

Robert E. Lee Elementary School, 119 N.E. 15th Ave., was built in 1950.

Stephen F. Austin, 1808 Wimberly, was built in 1951.

Mirabeau B. Lamar Elementary School, 3800 S. Lipscomb St., was built in 1951.

Avondale Elementary School, 1500 Avondale St., was built in 1951.

Whittier Elementary, 2004 N. Marrs, was built in 1953.

**My thanks to Jim Nichols and Ed Pine for these submissions**

As The summer rolls on and prospecting and coin hunting get into full swing,

I would remind everyone that this is your prospecting and treasure-hunting group.

The club officers and board of directors are here to help the club grow and function in an efficient manner.

We welcome all suggestions and submissions. Please, keep the e-mails and calls coming.

John London

