

This month's drawing winners!

Charles Myers won the 50/50 drawing

Mark Davie, Bud Elliot and Clinton Struchen won the walking Liberty half dollars

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Club News

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



The program for October was presented by Jim Nichols, Dennis Gee and John London. Jims demonstration was on cleaning coins using, baking soda, salt and boiling water. Dennis, using salt lemon juice, or white vinegar was able to clean natural gold. John used a rock tumbler, coarse grit blasting sand and water to clean common date coins

Great job guys



At this month's meeting, we need to collect money for our hat order! Hats are \$15 each.



The "Cowpunchers Club hunt" is on for Nov. 15th. This will be a paid hunt with home cooked included. The cost is \$15 per hunter. The meal will consist of various types of chili, cooked by members. The cook's names will not be revealed until hunt time. There will be a prize awarded to the best chili cook. We will also have a guest speaker during our lunch break.

Don't miss this one as it looks to be a great hunt.



The November meeting will be held @ 7:00 PM on Tuesday Nov. 11th @ 2200 W. 7th Street.

This month JIM Nichols and John London will present "GPS methods" for prospectors and treasure hunters.

Don't miss it!

Board members meet @6:00. Please be there!



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The Pictures above are from the clubs hunt at Ceta Canyon on Nov. 2, 2008.

Club members gathered at the Ceta Canyon administration offices at 9:00 AM, for general information on the hunt area and lunch times.

Almost immediately hunters' added coin finds to their treasure pouches. There were reports of a few wheat cents and silver rings along with a lot of more modern coins. At 12:00 we gathered outside the dining area for show n tell and picture taking. We all enjoyed a lunch of "Chicken Fajitas", beans, salad and iced tea. Our thanks to the hosts at Ceta canyon for the great meal.

After lunch we all spread out across the property, looking for new areas. Several hunters moved to Ceta Glen and found good hunt territory. There was an abundance of coins and other interesting items found. At around 4:00 PM we had another photo session and a good visit.

All in all it was a very good and productive day. Group coin totals were about 461 total finds and 4 silver coins plus ??? silver rings. The temperatures and weather conditions could not have been better. We have plans for a December outing there and are hoping that our luck will hold. :o)

Novembers' plans include a Chili cook off and hunt at the "Cow Punchers" arena on the 15th. We will discuss the hunt at our meeting on Nov.11th.

See you all at the meeting!

Below is a list of some of the more popular issue key date coins.

INDIAN HEAD CENTS (1859-1909)

1909-S ONE CENT - INDIAN HEAD The 1909-S Indian Head Cent has THE lowest mintage of the entire series (at 309,000 pieces, the mintage is less than half that of the revered 1877 Indian Head Cent). Collectors love this date not only for its rarity but because it is one of only two dates struck at the San Francisco Mint (the other being the 1908-S). 1909 was the last year of production for the Indian Head Cent and fore-sighted collectors saved many nice examples, thus keeping the price of Uncirculated examples reasonable relative to their rarity. Many counterfeit examples of this date exist, so certification is a must.

LINCOLN WHEAT CENTS (1909-1958)

1909-S V.D.B. LINCOLN CENT The 1909-S V.D.B. Penny has long been considered one of the key dates in the series, filling the dreams of collectors young and old. While the mintage of 484,000 may seem high compared to many other American rarities, one must understand that there are millions of people who collect Lincoln Head Cents. There are simply not enough 1909-S VDB Pennies to satisfy all of the collector demand.

BUFFALO HEAD NICKELS (1913-1938)

1937-D "Three Legged" Buffalo Nickel A rare Three-Legged version was created when Mint personnel over-polished an already worn die.

MERCURY HEAD DIMES (1916-1945)

1916-D Mercury Head Dime This is the key to the series with a mintage of 264,000 and it is eagerly sought after in all grades.

STANDING LIBERTY QUARTERS (1916-1930)

1916-P Standing Liberty Quarter This is the key and is very scarce as a circulation strike with a mintage of 52,000. Proofs are extremely rare and have a satin, slightly matte finish.

WASHINGTON QUARTERS (1932-1998)

1932-D Washington Quarter This is the key to this series with a mintage of 436,800, although all of the 1932 quarters are semi keys.

WALKING LIBERTY HALF DOLLARS (1916-1947)

1916-S Walking Liberty Half Dollar This is the key to the series with a mintage of 508,000, although all of the 1916 Walking Liberty Half Dollars are semi keys.

MORGAN SILVER DOLLARS (1878-1921)

1893-S Morgan Silver Dollar This scarce 1893-S Morgan Silver Dollar is the key to the series with a mintage of 100,000 and is rare in all grades.

AMERICAN SILVER EAGLES (1986-PRESENT)

1995-W Proof Silver Eagle - This 1995-W Proof Silver Eagle is the key to the series with a mintage of 30,125

