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Ghost Town Hunt Gives Up Coins

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TOKAY NOT HUNTED OUT YET!

Members of the Albuquerque Metal Detector Association met at Tokay, NM on the Fite Ranch to try once again to wrangle treasures from the earth. For more see page 5.



Richard's near complete pocket watch



The Hunters



Julie's 1888 Indianhead penny

AMDA Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order at: 6:32 P.M.

Guests: Dick Shaffer
Rich Saunderson
George Malanga

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as is by Julie King, 2nd by Robert Wilson.

The Treasure's report was read by Dwayne Argaud and gave an ending balance of \$698.29.
Motion to accept by Robert Wilson, 2nd by Albert Lopez.

Old Business

Julie King showed off the 1/4oz. gold nugget won by Dick King in Arizona.

Micky Cone asked that all members pay there annual club dues by the April meeting.

Micky Cone is also trying to get a BLM employee to speak at the April meeting about hunting on BLM land in New Mexico.

The club still needs two volunteers to be on the executive committee.

Micky Cone asked the members to be more active on the club web site under "what's new", so visitors won't think the site is dead.



New Business

Robert Wilson has a new granddaughter as of the afternoon on March 8, 2010.

Micky Cone purchased \$200. worth of coins to be given as door prizes for the CENTER FOOD DONATIONS and RAFFLE TICKETS.

Julie King: Hunting at
“KELLY” is free before the
“KELLY MINE SIGN”, after
the “SIGN” it will cost \$.

Jeff Baptist and Linda Lepisto-
Baptist became new club
members tonight.

We took a break at 7:09.

The meeting resumed at 7:31

The monthly hunt will be at
“Tokay”. The club will meet at
McDonalds in Socorro on Sat. and leave at 9:00am for “Tokay”. Marty Hrivnak will be hunt
master.



Raffle

Center Donation Winner: Betty Veitch Roosevelt silver dime.
Betty Veitch Mint Mark Collection.
Cameron Crawford 1917 Walking Liberty half.
Micky Cone 1886"O" Morgan dollar.

Ticket Drawing: Betty Veitch 1911 “V” Nickel.
Barbara LaMont 1930 Bufallo Head Nickel.
Micky Cone 1898 Barber Quarter.
Barbara LaMont 1935"s” Walking Liberty Half.
Dick Schaffer Sakagua coin book.
Rich Sanderson GEO Cashing Hand Book.

Motion to adjourn by Robert Wilson, 2nd by Richard Ruble.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murray
Secretary/2010

Treasure's Report

Month of

MARCH 2010

Beginning Balance

\$698.29

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$150.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$86.00
Club Hats/Shirts	\$0.00
Donations:	\$0.00
Annual Hunt Fees	\$0.00

Sub-total \$934.29

EXPENSES

Newsletter Printing	\$0.00
Newsletter/other Mailing	\$0.00
Raffle Prizes	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00
Other:	\$0.00

Ending Balance

\$934.29

NEW MEMBER LIST

Total #: 4

Jeff Baptist
Linda Lepisto-Baptist
Heath LaMont
Barbara LaMont

GUESTS

Total #: 3

Dick Shaffer
Rich Saunderson
George Malanga

Dwyane Argaud

MARCH MONTHLY HUNT AT TOKAY

Tokay gave up three wheat pennies and one 1888 Indianhead penny in a three hour club hunt in March. An almost intact pocket watch, cuff links, marbles, buttons and a whole bunch of “whatisits” rounded out the finds. Tokay, an old coal town that mined seams of coal for the the Kinney Brick yards in Albuquerque

According to: Samuel W McWhorter “The state had to have a name for the town and Kinney was already taken. They



were at the train station where the coal was shipped from and on a car were Tokay grapes, so he picked Tokay for the name of the town. He built a general store (had his own coins made), post office, bunk houses, his house.”The bunkhouse of the Tokay Coal Company is now part of the Fite Ranch B&B.

There are lots of treasures in those old coal piles, but you have to be able to pull them out from the trash.

My best luck at these has been screening the piles and areas around the foundations. Although it is not strictly an activity limited to a metal detector, it is a very effective method.

Much of the coal of the area was used to fuel the steam locomotives of the AT&SF lines throughout New Mexico. Tokay, Carthage and Fraley, towns with common roots in the area supported mining activities from the early 1900's to periods into the 30's when mines in Dawson, Madrid and Arizona produced coal in greater quantity than the mines in the White Sands area.



Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics

1. **NEVER TRESPASS.** Always obtain permission prior to entering private property or mineral claims.
2. **FILL ALL HOLES,** regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage or be damaging to property.
3. **NEVER DESTROY** priceless historical or archaeological treasures.
4. **DO NOT** build fires, camp or park in non-designated or restricted areas.
5. **LEAVE** all gates and other accesses to land as found.
6. **NEVER LITTER.** Always pack out what you take in, and remove all trash dug in your search.
7. **DO NOT** damage, deface, destroy, or vandalize any property (including ghost towns and deserted structures). Never tamper with any equipment at the site.
8. **RESPECT AND UPHOLD** all finders, search and salvage agreements.
9. **ABIDE** by all laws – national, state, county and local.
10. **ALL METAL-DETECTORISTS AND TREASURE HUNTERS ARE JUDGED BY THE EXAMPLE YOU SET.** Conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others.

Can't Mail your Dues In? The snail mail address for AMDA is:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ANNUAL HUNT.

Site Links (AMDA Website) <http://www.amdaclub.com>

(1) On-line Treasure Magazine:

American Digger Magazine <http://www.americandigger.com/>

Lost Treasure <http://www.losttreasure.com/>

Western & Eastern Treasures <http://www.treasurenet.com/westeast/>

(2) Metal Detector Manufactures:

Garrett Metal Detectors <http://www.garrett.com/>

Minelab Metal Detectors <http://www.minelabusa.com/>

White's Metal Detectors <http://www.whiteelectronics.com/>

(3) Interest Links:

Mama's Minerals <http://www.mamasminerals.com/>

