
Albuquerque Metal Detector Association

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ESTANCIA POND GIVES UP LITTLE!



The Albuquerque Metal Detector Association club hunt at Estancia Park was attended by ten members. We met in Moriarty at the Rt.#40. Some of the members went directly to the park. The Hunt master was George Malanga. Other attending members were Heath La Mont, Dwayne Argaud, Tom Murray, Jeff Baptist, Marty Hrivnak, Robert Wilson Sr., Bob Mcnicol, Dan Salazar and Richard Ruble. The weather started off rainy but by time we got to the park it had stopped raining. Interestingly enough, the site of the park had been the scene of the last public hanging in New

Mexico in 1922 and that person had been a woman. The pond was completely drained but rather soft to walk in certain areas. By coincidence the surrounding trees were occupied by two species of owls. Two great horned owls and one barn owl you can see in the accompanying photo. Dwayne Argaud found three rings. Dan Salazar found three dollars in modern change and I know another member found a silver ring with a piece of turquoise in it. George Malanga found about \$1.50 in change and a small silver heart shown in the photo. He also found a first aid kit that came in handy some days later when he fell over a curb. The hunt ended about 1:00 PM with most members departing.

George Malanga
Huntmaster

AMDA Meeting Minutes
APRIL 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order at: 6:36 PM

Guests: Richard Shaffer (paid membership tonight).

Doris Robbins

Peter Humphries (from England)

George Malanga

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as is by John Mead, 2nd by Colin Crawford.

The Treasure's report was read by Dwayne Arguad and gave an ending balance of \$934.29. Motion to accept by Julie King, 2nd by John Mead.

Old Business

FMDAC member-ship cards were given to paid members. AMDA will not join the NATIONAL FMDAC this year due to problems between the SOUTH WEST Chapter and the National Chapter.

Colin Crawford and Julie King brought their finds from the last Tokay hunt.

The Club still needs 2 volunteers to fill executive positions. Allan Veitch stepped-up tonight and took 1 of the positions, thank you Allan. The Club still needs one more volunteer for an executive position.

Micky Cone will give a copy of the Tokay hunt area to Linda and Dewey Brown, present property owners of the hunt site.

All members need to verify their E-mail address to assure getting a monthly news letter from Dan Rossbach.

An ANNUAL HUNT "hunt master" is needed soon if the Club is to have an annual hunt. The annual hunt is scheduled for the 18th of Sept. 2010 at OAK FLAT "LOCUST" picnic area in the Manzano Mts. There will be a pot luck and a main



course. The Club has two main events a year, annual hunt and Christmas, both events need to happen.

New Business

The Club may be asked to help hunt for a crashed B-24 airplane in the Santa Fe area. Julie King will be the point of contact for this event.

We took a break at 7:35 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:48 PM.

The monthly hunt will be at “the pond” in Estancia at 9:00 AM on Sat. the 17th of April. The Club will meet at McDonald’s in Moriarty and leave at 8:30 AM for Estancia. George Malanga will be hunt master.

Raffle

Center Donation Winner: Tom Murray 1971 Eisenhower dollar

Ticket Drawing: George Malanga 1907 Penny
Julie King 1936 Buffalo Nickel
Jeff Baptist 1911 Dime
George Malanga 1935 liberty ½ dollar
Tom Murray 1883 Morgan dollar

Motion to adjourn was made by Dwayne Argaud, 2nd by John Mead.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murray
Secretary/2010

Treasure's Report

Month of April 2010

Beginning Balance

\$934.29

INCOME

Membership Dues
Raffle Ticket Sales
Club Hats/Shirts
Donations:
Annual Hunt Fees

\$40.00

\$96.00

Sub-total

\$1,070.29

EXPENSES

Newsletter Printing
Newsletter/other Mailing
Raffle Prizes
Bank Charges
Other:

Ending Balance

\$1,070.29

NEW MEMBER LIST

Total #: 1

Richard (Dick) Shaffer

GUESTS

Total #:3

Doris Robbins
Peter Humphres
George Malanga

MEMBER RENEWALS — see attached renewal forms Total#: 4

Dwyane Argaud

A WALK IN THE PARK!

David H., a metal detector enthusiast from Texas, came to work in the Albuquerque area for a few weeks. A person he knew in Arizona gave him my e-mail. We finally got on the phone and set up a impromptu hunt. As soon as I knew where we were going I sent out a e-mail to the club so whoever could join us, could join in the hunt. We went for coffee before the hunt and Richard R. and David H. were already there before I got there.



I got my coffee and low-and-behold Ray A. walked in. We went over to a park in Los Lunas



and were setting up and George M. showed up also. It was a beautiful day. We hunted for about Two and a half hours, and I think we all had a good time. Between us all we found over \$12.00 and some small jewelry. Mickey

The Missing Wedding Band

Posted on the AMDA website in the 'Chat with Members' section was a young lady that had lost her wedding ring and was asking for help to locate it. Her name is Valerie. I returned her e-mail but it was incorrect. About the same time Mickey had also tried to get in touch with her. With Mickey's tenacity, contact was made. We found out that her dog Uno (so named because it was missing an eye) had killed a bird (not bad for a one-eyed dog) and she had buried the bird in the back yard. That's when she found her gold wedding



band was missing. Mickey and I met at her house in the early afternoon to see if we could find it. She met us in the front yard with a warm smile and Uno in her arms. After our greetings we went to the back yard on our missing ring adventure. The first thing I found was a 1946-D wheatie. Wow, this yard is going to give up all sorts of old coins. Unfortunately, that wasn't to be. I found 6 pennies and Mickey found 3 dimes and some new pennies, a token and part of a necklace. There was lots of extraneous metal. I believe Valerie was surprised to see how much metal was found.

Oh wait! This is about a missing gold wedding band. Mickey and I gave it all we had searching where she had buried the bird and the area where she thought it may be but as it turns out, a good set of eyes won the day. That's right; Valerie is the one who found her own ring at the edge of her yard. The look of joy and tears in Valerie's eyes was worth the best of my finds. Mickey agreed. To save face, Mickey and I decided that we eliminated much of the yard and it was just a process of elimination. We're still patting our own backs.



Thank you Valerie, for your generosity. That money will be donated to the club so you can pat your own back too.

Submitted by Richard Ruble

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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Albuquerque, NM 87199

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/>



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