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# Albuquerque Metal Detector Association

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## *Hunt for Halves, Two Hunts Down, Two to Go*

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**2010 Annual Hunt; Great Weather and Comaraderie**



**Thanks to Mama's Minerals for donating the White's  
Coinmaster Metal Detector for the Top Prize !**

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## AMDA ANNUAL HUNT

# SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

story from the editor's perspective

The monthly hunt for September was the Annual Hunt. The weather was perfect and the sun was climbing into the sky for another beautiful southwest day. Club members had mostly arrived by the time I swung my Honda into the parking lot on the south side of Oak Flats Picnic Area 8.4 miles south of Tijeras, New Mexico. I had my Igloo cooler set to heat, and was trying to keep the baked beans hot for the pot luck lunch that we would consume after the hunt. I knew that the cigarette lighter power to the unit would stop when I turned off the engine, but I hoped that the sun and the cooler insulation would work to keep the dish hot. I wasn't really thinking about what I might have forgotten that I would need during the hunt.

When I took my metal detectors up to the pavilion, I saw the competition would be tough; a handful of seasoned veteran's were already tuning up their machines in preparation for the hunt. The prize table was overflowing with goodies, but the display case was covered with newspaper to preclude most prying eyes. Robert Wilson was doing his best to size up the prizes, and apparently noted that some of the larger items that were too big to conceal had numbered stickers on them. I didn't pay much attention, since I was already behind on my machine setup. I brought a primary and backup, both capable machines for a planted hunt. I had learned from planted hunts with the El Paso club that the best machine is not necessarily the best machine for a planted hunt. Highly sensitive machines that pay off in ghost towns and 'hunted out' parks, are subject to interference from the many concentrated machines and coils in a tight hunt area like Oak Flats. I had already decided to use my White's XLT as a primary machine and keep the Minelab Explorer Pro as a backup. The XLT, a machine I bought used in early 1997, was more than capable. It had gotten me within 35 points of winning the Hunter of the Year award in my first year hunting (1997), and had provided me with a \$6000 day (13 saloon tokens in one hole) returning a lot more than the \$600 I paid Clevenger for it. I couldn't discount the years of enjoyment and many other good finds, but it was a very good pinpointing machine, and that would be important for speed in a planted hunt. The Minelab, which is a deeper hunting machine than the XLT, was going to have to play second fiddle this time, since it was harder to pinpoint and had a Sunray probe mounted on it that would make it heavier and harder to swing quickly. Further, the microprocessor in the White's is set to process signals faster... an advantage in a planted hunt over a microprocessor that processes signals more diligently. Yup, it was going to be the XLT! It had done pretty well the year





before, so it was going to be my choice. I probably should have brought the Bounty Hunter, a machine that demonstrated an ability to plow through interference when even the XLT failed to reject noise. It is not that the Bounty Hunter is 'better', it is that the Bounty Hunter is less sensitive and therefore in some circumstances it will find more than a much more expensive machine.

Although I have rechargeable batteries for the XLT and the Minelab, I am convinced I get better results from fresh alkaline batteries. Buying them in bulk at COSTCO or SAM's Club makes it much easier to justify the cost difference, especially when there are good prizes on the line as opposed to just hunting clad in the park. Even there, the difference between a signal from rechargeable batteries and fresh alkaline batteries could mean the difference between finding a gold ring and missing it. That being said, I loaded up new batteries for the Annual Hunt. I didn't want to miss any critical targets, and I didn't have any idea how the marked targets would be distributed. If all marked targets were quarters, they would be easier to find and harvest than if they were all pull tabs.

I guess I didn't pay close attention when I loaded up that morning. I forgot my pinpointer... but as I looked at the ground and realized it wasn't particularly muddy, I knew I would be ok. A muddy field like the year before would be tough without a pinpointer, since the mud would stick to the target and make it harder to separate from the soil. Besides, I would have one less thing to juggle while trying to move quickly through the hunt field.

Finally the time was at hand! The hunters gathered at the perimeter of the field, and waited for the starting whistle. Betty Veitch signaled the start of the hunt, and



we started swinging coils. I started in the same place I had started the previous year. In 2009 I had been fortunate to find a number of marked targets in the opening minutes, concentrated in a single area. It provided encouragement and gave me the confidence that my coil was working properly. This year, however, with the exception of some pesky pennies on the surface, I wasn't finding anything. Panic set in, and I didn't have any coins in my pocket to test the machine other than the pennies that were not likely to be marked targets.



I swept the coil faster. Sweeping faster in a natural hunt environment is not a good thing, but this was a planted hunt, with targets planted at an average of two inches. Fast under these circumstances is good enough, and will result (at least for an XLT) in a tell tale chirp that can be investigated further once detected. I generally don't use the strap on my metal detector, but in order to swing the coil faster, I tightened the velcro strap over my wrist. I knew Robert Wilson would be swinging a fast coil, and others... and was determined to push myself for the entire hour and one half to stay competitive.



At about 30 minutes I reviewed my progress. I had a number of targets, but no big brass targets that had been big winners the year before. I had found a few targets with stamped numbers, and had noted some with magic marker numbers on them, but felt that I was not doing anywhere as well as the year before. I quickened my pace and swung the coil faster. The trigger in conjunction with the oscillating tone on the XLT made pinpointing a snap. Whatever the target, it was always dead center on the standard 10 inch coil, which had a hole in it that helped identify the exact spot to dig. Further, because my legs are shorter than the rest of my body proportionately, I can bend over at the waist and dig without taking a knee. This makes knee pads unnecessary, and at the same time it actually results in a faster recovery. This is about the only advantage to being short that I have ever found. I kept moving.

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Finally the whistle blew signaling the end of the hunt. I was ready to quit. I had targets in both pockets, and somehow there seemed to be a decent number of targets in each one.

I recovered my beans from the car and they seemed to have stayed hot in the heated cooler. I put them on the serving table with a serving spoon, some chopped onions and paper bowls to keep the beans contained on the plates... and keep them from making the potato chips soggy. I grabbed a drink from my cooler. The hunt had been under sunny skies and I was thirsty. Finally I sat down to examine the contents of my pockets.



I had lots of pennies, and started to stack them in groups of five. The pennies weren't worth anything, so I wondered why I had picked them up. You never knew if a particular year would be a prize, so the general rule is to pick up everything. I had two Eisenhower dollars that were wrapped in tin foil. These looked like they would be good prizes. I had a half dollar, a bunch of quarters and dimes and a number of nickels. Some of the nickels and dimes had markings. I was behind in counting the targets up. Everybody seemed to have already accomplished this, but I had lost some time to chasing the beans and getting them to the pot luck table. I only had 11 marked targets... this seemed considerably fewer than last year, but I hoped I might get a silver dollar or something good out of the collection. The previous year I had as many marked targets as anyone, but this year it was obvious that I had fewer than some. I did have 81 targets though, and the next closest I heard about was Bob Lipinsky with 76. Maybe the most targets would be good for something.



Betty was diabolical. Instead of grouping all the good targets together, she had them totally randomized. I found as some of the lower numbers were called that I would gladly pass up the Indianhead penny and the Buffalo Nickel and hoped that my numbers would get something good.



My first marked target netted a shield nickel, but then the silver started to fall. I got a Morgan and two Peace dollars



Special thanks to Huntmaster, Betty Veitch, for an Outstanding Hunt!



and a Barber half dollar! Pretty good I thought! And then Betty said something about ‘hating’ the people who got the next few prizes. Given her love of Morgan’s, I assumed we probably would have a few Morgan’s. That would be good, since I had a number coming up quickly. It was number 52. There was some confusion with number 51, but when that was sorted out, I was eager to see if I could get a Morgan. Then Betty called number 52 and announced the prize to be a WHITE’S COINMASTER METAL DETECTOR! It wasn’t a Morgan, but I couldn’t complain. I was stunned. I never win the big prize... but it was in my hands. At that point I thought about buying a lottery ticket on the way home. It didn’t make much difference what the rest of the marked targets translated into, I was going to have a good day. It seemed like I had not done as well as the previous year, but that changed in an instant. It turns out that I had been right, the largest number of targets was worth something. This year it meant the Kellyco trophy and a silver round! I was suddenly glad I had bothered to pick up all those pesky pennies and dimes on top of the ground. I even got the last numbered prize, number 175. I don’t remember what it was, but I could find out by checking the prize list included in this issue. Everybody seemed to have a good time, When you have good food, good friends, and lots of prizes, everybody wins!

My goal was to at least win enough prizes to get my entry fee back. I succeeded beyond my wildest expectations. Five ounces of silver, a metal detector, and a trophy to put with last year’s trophy. The best part of the trophies was that my wife and daughter had both won two trophies each at El Paso club hunts. I never had been able to get past Dan Kaiser who manage to win about everything down there. I had taken lots of ribbing from my family members about their trophies and my lack of metal detecting trophies. It had taken time, but I could finally answer their quips with trophies of my own.

Trophies or not, however, everybody who attended the Annual Hunt had a good time. It is the club’s highlight of the year, and I was reminded why.

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## 2010 AMDA ANNUAL HUNT

### PRIZE LIST

Item #	Description	Donated By	Winner
1	1963 Proof Set (mounted)	AMDA	Julie King
2	1963 Proof Set (mounted)	AMDA	Robert Wilson
3	Confederate Half Dollar Reproduction	AMDA	Albert Lopez
4	1887 Seated Liberty Dime	AMDA	George Baca
5	1927 Buffalo Nickel	AMDA	Julie King
6	1968s Lincoln Cent	AMDA	Julie King
7	1928 Mercury Dime	AMDA	Julie King
8	1961 Franklin Half Dollar	AMDA	Jim Rainey
9	1930 Mercury Dime	AMDA	Colin Crawford
10	1897 Barber Quarter	AMDA	Bob Lipinsky
11	1916d Barber Quarter	AMDA	Ray Alexander
12	1897 "V" Nickel	AMDA	Linda Argaud
13	1912 Barber Dime	AMDA	Julie King
14	1906d Barber Half Dollar	AMDA	Dan Rossbach
15	1864 2 Cent Piece	AMDA	Julie King
16	1886 Shield Nickel	AMDA	Tom Murray
17	1926 Buffalo Nickel	AMDA	Colin Crawford
18	1918 Buffalo Nickel	AMDA	George Baca
19	1909 Wheat Cent	AMDA	Dwayne Argaud
20	1908 "V" Nickel	AMDA	Rich Ruble
21	1925 Mercury Dime	AMDA	Albert Lopez
22	1929 Mercury Dime	AMDA	Bob Lipinsky

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23	Canadian Centennial Dollar	AMDA	Colin Crawford
24	1953d Washington Quarter	AMDA	George Baca
25	1906 Barber Dime	AMDA	Robert Wilson
26	1916 Barber Quarter	AMDA	George Baca
27	1905 "V" Nickel	AMDA	Rich Ruble
28	1924 Buffalo Nickel	AMDA	Robert Wilson
29	1927 Buffalo Nickel	AMDA	Linda Argaud
30	1920 Buffalo Nickel	AMDA	Rich Ruble
31	1883 "V" Nickel	AMDA	Cameron Crawford
32	1869 Shield Nickel	AMDA	Dan Rossbach
33	1872 Shield Nickel	AMDA	George Baca
34	1937 mercury Dime	AMDA	Colin Crawford
35	1892o Barber Dime	AMDA	Albert Lopez
36	1939d Walking Liberty Half	AMDA	Allan Veitch
37	1988s Olympic Liberty Dollar	AMDA	Colin Crawford
38	1957 Franklin Half Dollar	AMDA	Ray Alexander
39	1892 Barber Quarter	AMDA	Tom Murray
40	1871 Half Dime	AMDA	George Baca
41	1862 Half Dime	AMDA	Ray Alexander
42	1858 Seated Liberty Dime	AMDA	Colin Crawford
43	AD 337 Roman Coin	AMDA	Rich Ruble
44	1900 Barber Dime	AMDA	Dan Rossbach
45	1953s Washington Quarter	AMDA	Jim Rainey
46	1895 Indian Head Cent	AMDA	Tony Castillo
47	1942 Mercury Dime	AMDA	Jim Rainey

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48	1883 Shield Nickel		Jim Rainey
		AMDA	
49	1907 Barber Dime		Cameron Crawford
		AMDA	
50	1935d Mercury Dime		Colin Crawford
		AMDA	
51	1889 Indian Head Cent		Colin Crawford
		AMDA	
52	White's Coin Master Metal Detector		*****Dan Rossbach*****
		Mama's Minerals	
53	1880 Morgan Dollar		George Baca
		AMDA	
54	1888 Morgan Dollar		Ray Alexander
		AMDA	
55	1896 Morgan Dollar		Julie King
		AMDA	
56	1900 Morgan Dollar		Dan Rossbach
		AMDA	
57	1921 Morgan Dollar		Rich Ruble
		AMDA	
58	1921 Morgan Dollar		Dwayne Argaud
		AMDA	
59	1925 Peace Dollar		Bob Lipinsky
		AMDA	
60	1926 Peach Dollar		Dan Rossbach
		AMDA	
61	1902 Half Dollar		Albert Lopez
		AMDA	
62	1979s Proof Kennedy Half		Robert Wilson
		AMDA	
63	2002 Painted Tennessee Quarter		Albert Lopez
		AMDA	
64	2002s Mississippi Clad "Gem Proof" Quarter		Colin Crawford
		AMDA	
65	1982s Proof Quarter		Betty Veitch
		AMDA	
66	1990s Proof Dime		Ray Alexander
		AMDA	
67	1900 Barber Dime (BU)		Colin Crawford
		AMDA	
68	1919s Mercury Dime (VG)		Dwayne Argaud
		AMDA	
69	1914 Barber Dime (Good)		Tony Castillo
		AMDA	
70	1942d Mercury Dime		Robert Wilson
		AMDA	
71	1907 Indian Head Cent		Colin Crawford
		AMDA	
72	California One Fare Token		Tony Castillo
		AMDA	

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73	Nevada Tax Token		George Baca
		AMDA	
74	Amusement Token (BU)		Bob Lipinsky
		AMDA	
75	Amusement Token		Julie King
		AMDA	
76	Moose 10 cent Token		Rich Ruble
		AMDA	
77	Oasis 10 cent Token		Ray Alexander
		AMDA	
78	Tool 21 Chit		Tony Castillo
		AMDA	
79	Joie Chitwoods Token		Ray Alexander
		AMDA	
80	1980 Proof Set		George Baca
		AMDA	
81	1976 US Mint Proof Set		Dwayne Argaud
		AMDA	
82	1984 US Mint Proof Set		Cameron Crawford
		AMDA	
83	1969 US Mint Proof Set		Betty Veitch
		AMDA	
84	Kellyco Coin Pouch		George Baca
		The Veitch's	
85	Strange But Tru Lincoln/Kennedy 2 Coin Set		Albert Lopez
		?	
86	2000 50 States Comm. Qtrs. - Gold Edition		Cameron Crawford
		?	
87	2002 50 States Comm. Qtrs. - Gold Edition		Robert Wilson
		?	
88	1892 Indian Head Penny		Bob Lipinsky
		Tony Castillo	
89	1906 "V" Nickel w/1944 War "D" Nickel Set		Allan Veitch
		Tony Castillo	
90	1906 Indian Head Penny		Julie King
		Tony Castillo	
91	1964 Quarter		Cameron Crawford
		Tony Castillo	
92	1895 Indian Head Penny		Dwayne Argaud
		Tony Castillo	
93	1902 Indian Head Penny		Robert Wilson
		Tony Castillo	
94	1901 "V" Nickel		Robert Wilson
		Tony Castillo	
95	1776-1976 Bicentennial Half		Bob Lipinsky
		Tony Castillo	
96	Pick Axe w/Holder (1)		Colin Crawford
		Tony Castillo	
97	Pick Axe w/Holder (2)		Robert Wilson
		Tony Castillo	
98	ROC Men's Gloves - Blue		Linda Argaud

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99	ROC Women's Gloves - Green	Tony Castillo	Ray Alexander
100	Great West. Numismatic Assn. We The People Coin ?	Tony Castillo	Julie King
101	Power Cap W/LED Lights	The Kings	Bob Lipinsky
102	\$10.00 Cash (1)	The Kings	George Baca
103	\$10.00 Cash (2)	The Kings	Rich Ruble
104	Knee Pads Set	The Kings	Tony Castillo
105	AMDA Maroon Cap	Tony Castillo	Albert Lopez
106	O'Hares Grille and Pub Cert. (1)	AMDA	Bob Lipinsky
107	O'Hares Gille and Pub Cert. (2)	The Veitch's	George Baca
108	American Silver 1 Troy oz. bar	The Veitch's	Julie King
109	1923 S Peace Dollar	AMDA	Albert Lopez
110	American Legends 5 cent Buffalo Stamp/Nickel	AMDA	Dwayne Argaud
111	1981 Worldwide Mint Silver Round	AMDA	Cameron Crawford
112	1872 Half Dime Seated Liberty	AMDA	Bob Lipinsky
113	1926 D Peace Dollar	AMDA	Robert Wilson
114	Englehard 1 Trou oz. Silver Bar FN35214	AMDA	Bob Lipinsky
115	1859-1959 Colorado Comm. Centennial Coin	AMDA	George Baca
116	1983 Liberty Silver 1oz.	AMDA	Bob Lipinsky
117	1991 Coin Set	AMDA	Albert Lopez
118	1926 S Peace Dollar	AMDA	Dan Rossbach
119	1 year subscription to American Digger Magazine	AMDA	Sharon Alexander
120	Civil War Relic Hunting Book	AMDA	Julie King
121	AMDA T-Shirt - Lg.	The Veitch's	Cameron Crawford
122	AMDA T-Shirt - XLG	AMDA	Robert Wilson
123	Englehard 1 Troy oz. Silver Bar FA86048	AMDA	Colin Crawford
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124	Small Change		Allan Veitch
125	1883 Racketeer Nickel	AMDA	Jim Rainey
126	Furr's \$25 Gif Card (Dinner for Two)	AMDA	Tom Murray
127	Villa De Capos Gift Certificate	Tony Castillo	Bob Lipinsky
128	Souper! Salad! Gift Certificate	Tony Castillo	George Baca
129	Lindy's Café Gift Card	Tony Castillo	Dan Rossbach
130	Souper! Salad! Gift Certificate	Tony Castillo	Julie King
131	Cen-Tech Hand Held Metal Detector	Tony Castillo	Tony Castillo
132	Garrett Backpack (1)	The Kings	Bob Lipinsky
133	Garrett Backpack (2)	AMDA	Colin Crawford
134	Garrett Backpack (3)	AMDA	Colin Crawford
135	Garrett Backpack (4)	AMDA	Julie King
136	Garrett Boxed Headphones (1)	AMDA	Rich Ruble
137	Garrett Boxed Headphones (2)	AMDA	Ray Alexander
138	Garrett Boxed Headphones (3)	AMDA	Colin Crawford
139	Garrett Boxed Headphones (4)	AMDA	Rich Ruble
140	Garrett Boxed Headphones (5)	AMDA	Bob Lipinsky
141	Garrett Headphones - Bag	AMDA	Cameron Crawford
142	Garrett All Purpose Bag (1)	AMDA	Tom Murray
143	Garrett All Purpose Bag (2)	AMDA	Julie King
144	Garrett All Purpose Bag (3)	AMDA	Tony Castillo
145	Garrett All Purpose Bag (4)	AMDA	Dwayne Argaud
146	Garrett All Purpose Bag (5)	AMDA	Dwayne Argaud
147	Garrett All Purpose Bag (6)	AMDA	Dan Rossbach
148	Garrett Coin Digging Kit (1)	AMDA	Albert Lopez
149	Garrett Coin Digging Kit (2)	AMDA	Cameron Crawford

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150	Garrett Coin Digging Kit (3)	AMDA	Albert Lopez
151	Garrett Retriever (1)	AMDA	Cameron Crawford
152	Garrett Retriever (2)	AMDA	Tom Murray
153	Garrett Retriever (3)	AMDA	Rich Ruble
154	Garrett Digging Trowel (1)	AMDA	Dan Rossbach
155	Garrett Digging Trowel (2)	AMDA	Colin Crawford
156	Garrett Digging Trowel (3)	AMDA	Rich Ruble
157	Garrett Digging Trowel (4)	AMDA	Dwayne Argaud
158	Garrett Clear Sound Headphones (1)	AMDA	Albert Lopez
159	Garrett Clear Sound Headphones (2)	AMDA	Bob Lipinsky
160	Garrett Clear Sound Headphones (3)	AMDA	George Baca
161	Garrett Clear Sound Headphones (4)	AMDA	George Baca
162	Garrett Clear Sound Headphones (5)	AMDA	Cameron Crawford
163	Garrett Clear Sound Headphones (6)	AMDA	Tony Castillo
164	Kellyco Baseball Cap (1)	AMDA	Jim Rainey
165	Kellyco Baseball Cap (2)	AMDA	Ray Alexander
166	Kellyco Baseball Cap (3)	AMDA	Bob Lipinsky
167	Kellyco 3 Pocket Coin Pouch (1)	AMDA	Julie King
168	Kellyco 3 Pocket Coin Pouch (2)	AMDA	Rich Ruble
169	Kellyco 3 Pocket Coin Pouch (3)	AMDA	Dan Rossbach
170	Kellyco Towel (1)	AMDA	George Baca
171	Kellyco Towel (2)	AMDA	George Baca
172	Kellyco Towel (3)	AMDA	Dwayne Argaud
17	Kellyco FiberComp Scoop Digger (1)	AMDA	Bob Lipinsky
174	Kellyco FiberComp Scoop Digger (2)	AMDA	Dwayne Argaud

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175	Kellyco FiberComp Scoop Digger (3)	AMDA AMDA	Dan Rossbach
	Least Finds - 1966 Australian Silver Half		Dick King
	Most Finds - 1978 Mexican Troy Oz. Silver Peso	AMDA AMDA	Dan Rossbach
	Most Finds Trophy		Dan Rossbach
	Door Prize - 2003 BU Kennedy Half Dollar	AMDA	Dan Rossbach
	Door Prize - 2004 BU Kennedy Half Dollar	AMDA AMDA	Allan Veitch
meeting	Previous Year Numbered Token		Tony Castillo - To be awarded at AMDA
meeting	Previous Year Numbered Token		Colin Crawford - To be awarded at AMDA

KUDOS TO ALL THE WINNERS. I HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT TIME!!!!!!!

Betty



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# AMDA Meeting Minutes

## September 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order at: 6:30 PM

Guests: Bob Eaton  
John Krusick

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as is by Ray Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie King.

The Treasure's report was read by Dwayne Argaud and gave an ending balance of \$620.23.  
Motion to accept by John Mead, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Colin Crawford.

### **Old Business**

The special hunt on Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> at Spruce park, puts Albert Lopez and Colin Crawford tied with two half's each and Julie King with one half.

Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> , seven members have signed up to hunt for the crashed B-24 at the Santa Fe airport. The volunteered are Dick and Julie King, Richard Ruble, Dwayne Argaud, Ray Alexander, John Mead and Tom Murray. Volunteers will meet at the Santa Fe airport at 9am.

The annual "CHUCK TEYSSIER" hunt will be this Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> at the LOCUST picnic area in the Manzano Mts., sign in at 9:00AM.

### **New Business**

Mickey Cone has resigned as president of AMDA . Richard Ruble is acting president until elections in November.

Volunteers are needed to write a PROFILE of AMDA, with a 500-800 words profile for American Digger Magazine.

We took a break at 7:17 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:34 PM

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**Raffle**

Center Donation Winner: Allan Veitch ..... Eisenhower Dollar

Ticket Drawings Winners: John Krusick ..... 1989 "S" Kennedy Half  
Tom Murray ..... 1908 Barber Quarter  
Barbara LaMont ..... 1932 1 Rapper  
Dwayne Argaud ..... 1917 "S" Mercury Dime  
Albert Lopez ..... 1935 Buffalo Nickel  
Albert Lopez ..... 1904 Indian Head Penny  
Dick King ..... Maverick Token

The next SPECIAL HUNT will be October the 2<sup>nd</sup> .

There will be elections in November for : Treasure, Secretary, President and Vice President.

Motion to adjourn by Dwayne Argaud, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Mead .

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murray  
Secretary/2010

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# Treasure's Report

Month of September 2010

*Beginning Balance* \$620.23

## INCOME

Membership Dues

Raffle Ticket Sales \$90.00

Club Hats/Shirts

Donations:  
T-Shirts \$220.00

Annual Hunt Fees \$350.00

Sub-total \$1,280.23

## EXPENSES

Newsletter Printing

Newsletter/other Mailing

Raffle Prizes

Bank Charges

Other: \$0.00

*Ending Balance*  
\$1,280.23

## GUESTS

Total #:

Total #: 3

Bob Eoden

John and Jan Krusic

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## **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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# SPECIAL HUNTS - PARK HUNT

## MCDUFFIE PARK

story recounted by the editor

The 2010 Special Hunt for Halves started with the August Hunt for Halves in a small park just west of the University of New Mexico. The second week, however, used all of a large park (often called "Hidden Park") near Girard and Lomas. In addition to the 5 halves planted, Rich Ruble planted six tokens.

Although halves are usually found on Saturday, the size of the park helped to keep two halves and a token unclaimed after the first day. Colin Crawford, who was tied for the lead after the first hunt with Albert Lopez maintained the lead by putting in a hard day in the Park. Colin was already there when I entered the park at about 7:05AM, as was Albert. When I left at about 8:20 AM with token 23 in hand, no one had found any halves. I returned after putting in several hours of work at Kirtland AFB, and resumed the hunt. Still no halves...



During the next four and one half hours, I found two more tokens, Numbers 24 and 25 and half marked '203' as well as a half that was wrapped in a ball of deteriorated tin foil. It appears the half may have been marked '85' or '86' but it was not one planted by Richard who was sitting about twenty yards away and took the photo (right) when I pulled it up. Julie's records indicate it was probably part of a 2007 club hunt that also used the same park. When I left between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM, only 203 had been found.

Julie had made an appearance but had limited time to hunt. She concentrated on the north part of the park, but didn't find any of the planted items.

Albert headed home next, with two tokens but no halves, while Colin stayed late, and made the time pay off finding two halves in the south part of the park. The next morning, I arrived at 6:05 with a headlight I had gotten on sale at REI some months earlier. I had my second half within 5 minutes, using Richard's Christmas Tree clue. I had suspected the tree would be involved, and had hunted it the day before. I even tried to pattern hunt that area, but without flags, I apparently drifted off line and missed the half on day one. This time I started at the small blue spruce and spiraled outward, using the dew in the grass to

mark where I had been. Meanwhile, Albert used other clues to pick up the other half in the north park along with the remaining token. After Albert watched me put something in my pocket near the tree, he suspected all of the targets were found, but since I hadn't seen Colin's post from late the night before, I headed off to the Christmas tree lights on the southeast corner of the park.



When Albert told me that Colin had found two halves the night before, we realized that except for local clad, the hunt was over. Some of the other members came out after seeing Richard's clues from Saturday night, but by the time they got into the park, the remaining items had been found.



Tally for Special half hunt for September at McDuffie (Hidden) Park

Halves	Tokens
Dan- 2	3
Colin - 2	0
Albert -1	3

Running Tally for Special Hunts for Halves (cummulative total)

- Colin - 4
- Albert -3
- Dan- 2
- Julie - 1

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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ANNUAL HUNT.

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## **(2) Metal Detector Manufactures:**

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

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

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