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Club Purpose

- Maintain and support a club to further the interests of its members in historic artifacts.
- Compile, record, and preserve historic data.
- Recover lost or hidden relics and artifacts.
- Provide recreational activity and companionship of its members.
- Provide a service to the community in finding lost items of value and importance.



Special Half found – Phillip Chappell

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New for April, 2008

(1) May Special Hunt – Saturday, May 3rd
Check e-mail on Friday, May 2nd for park location (after 7:00 PM).

(2) Vote on change to Bylaws. (See Page 4)

(3) The Auction to raise money for the Annual Hunt will be continued at the May meeting.

(4) Annual Hunt sign up sheet will be at the May meeting.

(5) We need members to sign up for refreshments for June through November.



Special Half found – Dwayne Argaud



Special Half found – Mike Kinsky

AMDA Member Spotlight for April Eddie & Jeannie Crisp



Eddie & Jeannie

Eddie and Jeannie have been members of AMDA since May 1999. When they first joined the club, they were spending their summers in Moriarty. For several years, they have been Full Time RV'ers spending the winter months in Las Vegas, Nevada and traveling during the summer. They have family that lives in Moriarty so they pass through Albuquerque nearly every year. Eddie and Jeannie attend our club meetings and our hunts every chance they can. They are planning to spend this summer in Moriarty.

Eddie has been metal detecting since 1970. **This is Eddie's story of how he got into metal detecting.**



Eddie on Power Pole

I was in Ely, Nevada in 1970 building power lines to areas that had no electricity. (I was an electrical lineman). I was on a pole that over-looked the ghost town of Cherry Creek, Nevada. At that time, there were still buildings there. Down below I saw a man and woman get out of their car and start hitting the brush with what I thought was a stick. They were looking for stuff you find around old structures. All of a sudden, the lady started screaming - we thought a rattlesnake had bitten her, as there are many snakes in the area. We were about 30 miles from a medical help. So having a radio that would reach help and a first aid kit with a rattlesnake kit, we raced down to the people to help in any way we could. **"There was no snake, she had found a \$20.00 gold coin under the ground with a "Metal Detector."** Right then and there I had to have one and have not been without one since.



Eddie & Jeannie- Annual Hunt

Jeannie does not metal detect that often but when she does metal detect she wins big. At AMDA's annual hunt in 1999, Eddie let Jeannie use his new Minelab Detector. He gave her 15 minutes of instructions on how to use it just 30 minutes before the annual hunt started. Jeannie went out on the hunt field and came back a big winner. She was the top hunter that day finding the most tokens receiving a beautiful trophy. Some of the prizes she won were two display cases, silver quarters and one oz. silver bar.

Eddie is a member of Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada and a member of FMDAC. He has attended their hunts in Laughlin, Nevada and Sandusky, Ohio. In Laughlin, one of the prizes he won was a gold coin. Eddie has metal detected in every state from Michigan west to California.

Because of their life-style and traveling, they cannot be active in the club but they have helped in every outing they attended. When Eddie first joined, he helped the Research Committee look for new sites to metal detect. The club had a great hunt at a ranch in the Torrance area that Eddie got permission for the club to hunt in 1999. When they were in town, they were also at the state fair helping with AMDA's booth.

Eddie's has had some great finds in the 38 years he has metal detected. Some of them are:

- (1) **1873 Liberty Seated Dime** with arrows s-mint mark in perfect condition in a gravel area - valued around \$400.00. If it had been a cc-mint, it would have been worth \$1500.00.
- (2) Another great find was a **Railroad lock from the Central New Mexico Railroad**. The railroad was only in existence for 5 years around 1870. Eddie believes this is the only railroad lock for that railroad that exists.
- (3) **1855 Seated Liberty Dime** that he won AMDA's bragging rights on in August 1999.
- (4) **5-cent Saloon Token** found at a Ghost Town in July 1999.
- (5) He found his **daughter's ring** 2 years after she lost it at Elephant Butte Lake (had to wait until the water went down).
- (6) In Las Vegas, Nevada he found a **class ring**.
- (7) (Note: He is still waiting to find his first gold coin)



Eddie's Treasures



Sandusky, Ohio

He has four metal detectors, Minelab Water Machine, Excaliber Land Sovereign, Fisher Gold Bug and Tesoro Golden U-Max. Eddie was the first member in AMDA to buy a Minelab detector.

Eddie's hobbies are metal detecting and playing poker. He used to be into field trial hunting with Labradors and a member of the Albuquerque Retriever Club. Jeannie loves decorating their motor home. They also stay busy keeping their great grandchildren.

Eddie and Jeannie's special message to the members in our club:

"The people involved with AMDA are friends to us. A person has many acquaintances throughout life, but few friends. Everyone in our club is a special friend to Jeannie and I, and we only wish we could attend more club activities."

Thanks Eddie and Jeannie for being members all these years. ●

Metal Detecting Tips
Clothes Lines

When you are hunting an old home, try to find a tree with growth scars from having a clothes line attached. Then figure where the clothes line ran. Go slow on all metal mode under the old clothes line area. Many coins/jewelry are left in the pockets, and make it through the wash to the clothes line where the wind shakes them out on the ground. Also if there is an old wringer type-washer on an old porch, check around the washer. They often did their laundry on the porch and let the wash water run out on the ground beside the porch, along with whatever was in the washer. ●

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – April 2008

Recommendations to amend the AMDA Bylaws – Article III Membership

A. To become a member in AMDA, a prospective member must attend 2 meetings and 1 hunt prior to becoming a member and be willing to participate in Club meetings, activities, committees, etc..

B. All members must conduct themselves in a friendly, responsible and respectable manner.

C. Any member in violation of these Bylaws shall be subject to disciplinary action such as TERMINATION of membership in AMDA and no refund of dues; warning and/or reprimand.

D.& E. No change recommended.

F. Recommendation to CAP membership in AMDA at 65. (agree - do not agree - other).

G. **Out-of-Country Membership:** Recommendation is NOT to allow Out-of-Country Membership. However, if a person/s travels to the United States and to Albuquerque, he/they are most welcome to be our guest at our monthly meeting and participate in our monthly hunt (excluding our Annual Hunt).

H. **Out-of-State Membership:** Recommendation is NO Out-of-State membership. However, the Out-of-State members we now have (Baca, Beers, C.T. Chappell, Crisp, Rainey & Young) be Grandfathered in as members. No new Out-of-State members accepted effective 14 April 2008.

I. How to handle Research Committee recommendations if limited number of members may participate in these hunts versus the entire Club participation:

1. Draw names and have alternates.
2. First to sign-up. Number to be stated by the Research Committee for specific hunt.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS:

WEBSITE PASSWORD: When to give a potential member the "Members Only" password?

1. After the requirements of attending 2 meetings and 1 hunt have been met and the year's dues paid.
2. Password given to members who only have paid dues.

REJOINING AMDA: Any member who has not previously met the AMDA requirements of 2 meetings and 1 hunt OR who have been observed not filling their holes on Club hunts/activities, have not met AMDA standards, therefore, they can not be AMDA members.

At the May meeting the members will vote on the above changes to the Bylaws. We encourage all members to be at the meeting so you can vote. No proxy votes will be allowed (Per Bylaws).

As of April 2008, AMDA has 52 members. ●

**AMDA Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

Guests: Ed Leute
Rick Dwyer

NOTE: Cole Smith, President, was out-of-town so the meeting was conducted by Terry Ellis, Vice President.

There were no corrections to the previous meeting minutes. Motion to accept by Marty Hrivnak, 2nd by Robert Wilson, Sr.

Lucille Ellis gave a shortened version of the treasurer's report due to time issues. The full report will be in the newsletter. Motion to accept by Phillip Chappell, 2nd by Chuck Teyssier.

Reminders

Don't forget to sign up for snacks, and please support your annual hunt. The donation bucket is located on the raffle table. Thanks to all who have already contributed!!

Old Business

The March special hunt was a success. All three special hunt halves were found. Phillip found the most items. Mike Kinsky found a 1942 silver quarter that wasn't planted.

The next special hunt will be on 5-3-2008....details will be posted on the members only site the Friday before the hunt.

New Business

Membership Committee - Julie King presented the recommendations for amendments to the bylaws. She handed out a list to the members present. This list will be posted in full in the newsletter. Please read carefully and be ready to vote.

The annual hunt auction was conducted until the break. Thanks to all who brought items to sell!!!! We had a lot of fun.

Took a break at 7:45 PM.

The meeting resumed at 8:01 PM

Due to time running out, the remainder of the auction items will be auctioned at the next meeting.

Bragging Rights

Coin Terry Ellis – Kelly Token
Jewelry Robert Wilson, Sr. – Old Cross
Misc. Robert Wilson, Sr. – Saloon Token

Raffle

Center donation Mickey Cone - \$2 bill
1921 Morgan Dollar Dick King
1959 Franklin Half Alicia Montoya
1897 Indian Head Penny Jim Trentham
1919 Buffalo Nickel..... Jim Trentham
1923 Mercury Dime..... Mike Kinsky
1927 Barber Quarter..... Jim Garcia
1977 Eisenhower Dollar Dick King
1965 Coin Set Dick King

The hunt site for April will be the Torrance County Park.

Motion to adjourn by Julie King, 2nd by Robert Wilson, Sr.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Veitch, secretary.



**Kelly, New Mexico Token
Found by Terry Ellis**

Annual Hunt

The auction for our annual hunt was a great success. **During the April meeting, we made \$183.00 & at the monthly hunt we made another \$35.25 for a total of \$218.25.** We did not have time to auction all the items at the April meeting. These items will be auction at the May meeting. Thanks to everyone that brought & bought items. Thank you Mickey for being the auctioneer.

Several prizes have already been purchased for the annual hunt.

- 8 Silver Rounds (1 oz.)
- 4 Silver Rounds (1/2 oz.)
- 2 Maximilian Gold Tokens
- 4 US Proof Sets
- 4 Indian Head Pennies (1881-1886)
- 8 Marshall Island Tokens
- 2 Ring Sizers
- 20 Eisenhower Dollars
- Hydration Pack
- 2 Americana Series President
- 1969 US Coin Set

The cost of the 56 prizes is \$410.82.

We also have 18 prizes that members have donated.

- Robert Wilson – 5 Barber Dimes, Half Dime
- Gary & Cherie Tom – Tumbler
- Chuck Teyssier – 5 Roman Coins
- Jim Rainey - \$25.00
- Dick & Julie King-Canadian \$1 Coin
- Terry & Lucille Ellis – 2 Club T-Shirts
- Jim & Sylvia Westmoreland – Trivia Game & Country Cottage Journal

Thanks to the members that have donated.

At the May meeting we will have a sign up sheet for the Annual Hunt. The sign up sheet will help us know how many prizes to buy & also we need the annual hunt fee to buy prizes before the August meeting. If you have a job that you will not know until the day of the hunt, please let us know. Below is the fee for the annual hunt.

- \$15 – If paid at May or June Meeting
- \$20 – If paid at July Meeting
- \$25 – If paid at August Meeting
- \$30 – Day of the Hunt
- Children 8-17 years - \$5 less than adults
- Children 2-7 years (Separate Hunt) \$10

Special Hunt

The special hunt for April was held on April 4th at Del Sol Park. We had 11 members with 9 members hunting. The weather was great for metal detecting.

There were 21 targets, 10 pieces of jewelry and three half dollars planted. Fifteen targets were found leaving six in the field. A drawing was held for the six prizes. Seven pieces of jewelry was found.

Phillip Chappell, Dwayne Argaud & Mike Kinsky each found one of the special half dollars. Phillip Chappell found the two grand prize targets winning a 1921 Morgan Dollar and Silver Round (Donated by John Pinkston). Mike Kinsky found a silver quarter.

- Dick King: 3 Targets, 74 pennies, 3 nickels, 11 dimes, 1 quarter
- Dwayne Argaud: **Special Half Dollar**, 24 pennies, 4 nickels, 6 dimes
- Julie King: 5 Targets, 73 pennies, 15 nickels, 5 dimes, 2 quarters, 6 foil, 2 pull tabs
- Mickey Cone: Pendant, 120 pennies, 21 nickels, 7 dimes, 2 foil, 2 pull tabs
- Mike Kinsky: **Special Half Dollar**, 3 Targets, Ring, 50 pennies, 11 nickels, 4 dimes, 3 quarters (**One a silver**)
- Phillip Chappell: **Special Half Dollar**, 2 Targets, Ring, 49 pennies, 14 nickels, 2 dimes, 7 quarters
- Ray Alexander: 2 Targets, Ring, 22 pennies, 1 nickel, 1 dime, 2 quarters, 3 foil
- Regina Kinsky: 19 pennies, 11 nickels
- Steve Paul: Gold Chain, Ring, Earring, 18 pennies, 4 nickels, 2 quarters, 3 pull tabs

Our 50/50 Raffle was a great success with \$92.00. Steve Paul (another new member) had the winning ticket receiving \$46.00. The money the club received from the raffle will be used to purchase 20 prizes for the May hunt.

The May Special Hunt will be on Saturday May 3rd from 9 to 12. You will receive an e-mail on Friday, May 2nd between 7-9 PM with the location of the park. We will be having another 50/50 Raffle for the June hunt prizes. Tickets will be 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10.

We hope that more members will be able to go to the May hunt. Each member still has a chance of winning the **4 oz. Silver Bar** in November since we have a five-way tie as of the April hunt. ●

Hunt Master Report

AMDA Monthly Hunt for April 2008 was held at the Torrance County Park. Fifteen members attended the hunt. The park was shared with 200 Boy Scouts that had spent Friday night in tents.

- Allan Veitch: 2 tent stakes, pull tab, bullet, bottle cap, 2 pennies
- Betty Veitch: 6 tent stakes, 5 bottle caps, 3 bullets, nut, clothespin, 2 bullet brass, guitar pick, earring, screw, nail, part of tent stake, aluminum
- Cherie Tom: tent stake, 3 muzzle loaders (bullets), 2 pennies, dime, 2 round beads, decorative bead, brass grommet, junk
- Chuck Teyssier: 2 pennies, 2 modern bullets
- Dick King: No finds
- Dwayne Argaud: Grand Outlandish Pendant XXXII, kid's ring, junk, 3 pennies, 1 quarter, 2 dimes (**one 1964 silver dime**) **Dwayne's first silver coin. Congratulations Dwayne!!!!**
- Gary Tom: dime, 3 pennies, pull tabs, bullet case
- Jim Westmoreland: 2 Roman Medallion, 4 coins, 3 lead musket balls, bullet fragments, many old bottle caps, lots of junk
- Julie King: 2 rings with black stones, one is 925 silver, quarter, dime, nickel, 2 pennies, button with woman face XLII, 5 shells, 4 lead bullets, 5 bullets, 2 large steel tent pegs, junk
- Marty Hrivnak: 23 pennies, nickel, 7 dimes, 3 quarters, earring, junk
- Moss Tallant: ring, 3 Grand Outlandish Pendants (2 #34, 1 #31), 9 pennies, 2 dimes, 2 Sacagawea Dollars,
- Phillip Chappell: Grand Outlandish Pendant XXX1, modern bullet
- Terry Ellis: Silver 925 Ring dark purple black stone, Ear ring (colorful fish), part of a charm, Baby spoon, stainless fork, hand made sq. nail, 3 pennies, 1 quarter, small bell, 2 round disk, musket ball, bullets lead and copper jacket, bullet casings, 5 tent stakes large and small, pull tabs, soda can, magnifying glass plastic.
- Tom Murray: dime, musket ball, medical clip, glass pipe, buckle, beer can, tent bag
- Lucille Ellis: No finds (did not hunt)

Treasurer's Report

April 14, 2008

Beginning Balance \$714.58

Income:

Membership Dues..... 40.00
 FMDAC Fees 5.00
 Raffle Ticket Sales..... 125.00
 Raffle Special Hunt 50/50..... 46.00
 Club Caps 64.00
 Bank Adjustment70

Expenses:

FMDAC..... (15.00)
 Coins-Special Hunt..... (46.00)
 Coins-Annual Hunt..... (125.00)
 Jim Coad-Coins (197.00)

Ending Balance \$612.28

USE A GPS!

Don't get lost even in bad weather or in the dark. Use a GPS unit for preplanning your trip so that you can quickly get to spots where you suspect are good places to check out. Use it to avoid dangerous territory but if you get into trouble use a GPS unit and a two-way radio to communicate your exact position to rescue teams.



Hand Held GPS Unit

Members Anniversary

Robert Wilson..... 6 years



Happy Birthday April

Tom Murray.....April 6
Marty Hrivnak April 9
Gary TomApril 30

Refreshment Schedule

May John Pinkston

April refreshments were provided by Mike & Regina Kinsky. Thank you!

Officers

PresidentCole Smith
Vice President Terry Ellis
SecretaryBetty Veitch
TreasurerLucille Ellis

Executive Committee

3 yearChuck Teyssier - 3rd yr
3 yearPhillip Chappell - 1st yr
2 year Julie King - 2nd yr
2 yearGary Tom - 1st yr
1 year.....Dwayne Argaud

Other Positions

Newsletter Editor..... Terry & Lucille Ellis
Web Site EditorMike Reddy
Prize OfficialCherie Tom
Hunt Master..... Terry Ellis
Photographer.....Julie King

Finds of the Month

At each meeting, finds found since the last club meeting are displayed by the hunters. The members vote on the best coin, best jewelry & miscellaneous that is selected by the hunters. Pictures of the finds of the month are posted on the website. In December members vote on the best find for the year in each category. You may still show your finds even if you do not wish to compete in the Finds of the Month.

Annual Hunt Committee

Terry Ellis
Phillip Chappell
John Pinkston
Robert Wilson
Tony Castillo

Research Committee

Phillip Chappell
Mike Reddy
Chuck Teyssier
Tony Castillo

Membership Committee

Julie King
Cherie Tom
John Pinkston

Meetings

AMDA meets at 6:30 PM the second Monday of each month at Los Griegos Center, 1231 Candelaria NW.

For more information call Phillip Chappell at (505) 363-4694.

Club Mailing Address

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Let us know if you have anything of interest to add to the newsletter. You can see us at the meeting or drop us an e-mail at: tellis106@comcast.net

Monthly Hunt Schedule 2008
January 12.....February 16
March 15April 19
May 17June 14
July 19August 16 (Annual Hunt)
September 13.....October 18
November 15.....December 13

Reminders
Aluminum
Allan Veitch collects aluminum from club members to benefit the Annual Hunt. Please bring your cans and other aluminum scraps in bags to each meeting for Allan (or Betty) to pick up.

Food Donation to the Center
Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the center in exchange for our use of the facility.

We will have a drawing each month for the members that bring in donations for the center. The prize for the April drawing was a two dollar bill.

FOR SALE– AMDA CAPS
Cost is \$8 per cap. If you pay by cash, please bring the exact amount.

For Sale
Club members can advertise items for sale here. If you have something for sale, let us know & we will put it in the newsletter.

AMDA Website
Be sure and check out our club website often – <http://www.amdaclub.com>. Our website allows club members to post items of interest and look at club activities, tip etc. To check out “Member Only” section you will need the user name and password. If you do not have this information, please e-mail the newsletter editor at tellis106@comcast.net.

WORD OF CAUTION – there is a section on the forum (what’s new) that is open to anyone interested. If you choose to post or reply in this section, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

REMINDER – Please do not share the password with non-members.

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.