

Metal Detective Monthly

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Great Teamwork Pays Off

I can't tell you all how very pleased I was with the way things turned out for the annual hunt. I volunteered to head it up with quite a lot of apprehension, being pretty sure that I would wind up doing most of it myself – because I didn't see a whole lot of volunteers stepping up to the plate to help.

Was I ever amazed to see that almost everyone pitched in, in some capacity or another. It was a real 'shot in the arm' for me. I'm not going to name names for fear that my senility might cause me to forget some that proved to be so helpful.

From the selection of the prizes, to the setting up at the hunt site, to the hiding of the targets, to the administration of the kid's hunt, to the cleaning up afterward, there was NO shortage of volunteers and help. It was truly a wonderful thing to behold.

There are three, however, that I absolutely must recognize. One was Kay Alexander, Bud's delightfully cheerful (and longsuffering wife). Though not a member she helped a great deal in making sure the Marked Nickel hunt went on without a hitch. The second was Tony Castillo, who, even though he was not eligible to hunt, helped hide targets – a huge job this year with the number of targets we had on the hunt field. I'm sure Allan appreciated the help as well. Last, but not least, was Angie. Although she was unable to attend herself, her continuity book (and accompanying CD) was a HUGE help. We can't thank her enough for having created that little gem. It will make all future annual hunts easier to organize.

Especially to you three, thanks so much for all the help. You really added to the success of the hunt.

Speaking of the hunt, I was quite pleased with just about every aspect. I was delighted with the success of the Marked Nickel hunt. (I sure wish I could've witnessed Betty's run for her prize. Chuck remarked that 'she was running like she was in the Kentucky Derby!'. Would've liked to have seen that.

I've heard from a few that they liked the hunt (and from none that didn't like it). – I'll take that as evidence that the 3rd Annual Lionel Moisa Memorial Hunt was indeed a success. What with Angie's quick and easy 'How to Run an Annual Hunt' program, I can even envision doing some in the future. It wasn't anywhere near the challenge I had dreadfully anticipated.

The food was delightful, the weather darn near perfect, the camaraderie splendid. I do hereby declare the 2007 Annual Hunt a "Complete Success". Thanks to everyone who participated!!!

(For a complete listing of prizes, donors and winners, please check the Members Only section of the website. There will be an Excel file there with all that information. There will also be a listing of 'non-prize' targets found. I know some of you hunted more after the luncheon. If you have additional items to add to the list, please let me know – I'd like to have some ballpark percentage of items scattered and items found. This is the stuff like wheat pennies, silver coins, buffalo nickels, etc. – Thanks!)

Special Request: I do have a very special request for anyone who received prizes which were donated by Garrett Metal Detectors. Garrett has always been especially helpful when it comes to donating for our Annual Hunt. (From my experience with my Garrett machines – Garrett should be the example for customer service that all detector manufacturers should aspire to.) Anyway, the request is that everyone who received items which were donated by Garrett should email maryp@garrett.com and thank her for helping make our annual hunt a success. Mary has always been super each time we've asked for donations.

Actually, now that I remember it, EVERYONE should email Mary – in their donation package they donated enough can cozies and metal detecting books for everyone. I just forgot to pass them out at the annual hunt. You will be getting those items at the September meeting.

Club Overnighter Just Days Away!

Speaking of complete successes, I hope to be able to report in the next newsletter that the club overnighter was equally successful. Once again, participation will be the key. I know for a fact that I will be needing lots of help with this one.

The club will be providing wieners, buns, condiments (ketchup and mustard) and drinks for Friday night. It will also provide items such as muffins and fresh fruit for breakfast Saturday morning. I will ask participants to bring other items to share for both meals. This could include chips, dips, coffee (PLEASE!!!) or tea, etc. Everyone will be on their own for transportation to and from the hunt area and for their accommodations. I've seen room for RVs, tents, you name it. I'll either set up a tent for myself – I'll have room for one more person – or I'll sleep on a cot in my car. (I'll still bring the tent – just in case someone can use it.)

Special Hunt

Seems I need to do some work on how I hide the Special Hunt halves. The last two parks I have hidden them in have seen them recovered within the first couple of days. Trust me, the next Special Hunt park will be challenging if not downright maddening. I've already got the park in mind. It's a special park in my book what with its brass sprinkler heads and thin coating of pull tabs. There is even a couple of sections in that park that I don't even bother with unless I'm fresh going in and the weather is perfect. So..... Expect some serious work / metal detecting finesse if you plan to be successful for this next one. Many of you saw at our last meeting the prize that is up for grabs. I hope to see it on the website soon.

Score now is: Julie (5), Dick (4), Terry (3), Dan (2), John (2), Jim (2), Mike (1), Regina (1), Bob (1), George (1), Robert (1).

Don't forget, the winner of this 'competition' will become the owner of a **4-ounce gold-plated silver round** in addition to the other goodies they find while searching!

Please put on the website posting area any finds you make, including interesting finds made while searching for the special halves.

August Minutes and Treasurer's report

Are now available for your perusal on the website www.amdaclub.com .

Bragging rights

Coin-Robert Wilson-1945 large penny (British?)

Jewelry-Terry Ellis-Texas A&M school ring

MISC. Terry Ellis-little truck

Congratulations, winners!

Winners should be reminded to have their winning entries photographed before the end of each meeting.

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.

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

Purpose of our club:

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 the companionship of its members. Provide a service to the community in finding lost items of value and importance.

Meetings:

AMDA meets at 6:30 pm the second Tuesday of each month at Los Griegos Center, 1231 Candelaria NW. For more information, call Phillip Chappell at (505)363-4694.

Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics

1. Never Trespass. Always obtain permission prior to entering private property or mineral claims.
2. Fill all holes. Regardless of location and never dig in a way that will or may damage 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.

ALL METAL DETECTORISTS AND TREASURE HUNTERS ARE JUDGED BY YOUR EXAMPLE. Conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others.