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Annual Hunt September 19th

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.

AMDA is a FMDAC Club.

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Great Finds Found in July and August

Terry Ellis found the necklace at Torrance County Park during the August hunt.

Jim Westmoreland found the Boy Scout scarf slider and silver ear ring at Torrance County Park during the August hunt.

Terry Ellis found the 1910 V-Nickel at the Walk's Camp (north of Limon, Colorado) after the Rush to the Rockies Hunt.

See Page 5 for other great finds.



Great Find -Terry Ellis



Great Finds - Jim Westmoreland



Great Find - Terry Ellis

**AMDA CHUCK TEYSSIER
MEMORIAL ANNUAL HUNT**
By Jim Westmoreland

Almost all prizes for the hunt have been acquired. **The grand prize is a 6 ounce walking liberty silver round.** The next prizes are **four-one ounce silver rounds and two-one ounce silver bars.** Lots of Morgan dollars, walking liberty halves, mercury dimes, silver quarters, Indian head pennies, coin sets and a lot more prizes.

Garrett has really stepped up to the plate with a nice Propointer, Ace 150, headsets and other goodies. Way to go Garrett.

Don't forget the **Annual Hunt is on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at the Oak Flat Locust Picnic Area.** Same place as last year come rain or shine. Good hunting, good comradery, good eats, and great prizes are hard to pass up. A good time will be had by all.

The Annual Hunt Committee really appreciates the AMDA members' donations for the Annual Hunt. Thank you.

A reminder that the meal is pot luck. Ham and roasted chicken is the main course. The club will provide bottle water, eating utensils, paper plates and such.

See you at the Annual Hunt.

Annual Hunt Committee

Annual Hunt Drawing

At the September meeting, there will be a drawing and the winning ticket will be for \$25.00 (Hunt fee back). Members that qualify for the drawing will be given their tickets at the meeting. You do not have to be present to win.

Welcome New Members
Colin, Donna and Cameron Crawford

Getting Ready for the Annual Hunt

When getting ready for the annual hunt, remember to get your equipment ready well ahead of time. **Most important make sure you have good fresh batteries.** Use a detector that you know the best and you know what that target is before you dig. This is not the time to try out a new detector.

Adjust your detector on the mild side. None of the targets will be planted deep and you will know what most of the targets are before the hunt starts. Turn down the sensitivity and gain. You don't need to detect deep targets. A stable setting will usually work on all the targets. Set your discrimination for the targets in the hunt field. **Check your machine and make sure that it is working properly before the hunt master says "Go".**

This is just to refresh your memory. Most of you already know this information.

Special Hunt for Halves is back!

The membership voted unanimous to continue with the special hunt for halves. The first hunt will be on August 29th and the last hunt will be the end of November. If possible the hunts each month will be on the last Saturday of the month except for November.

Seven marked halves will be planted in a different park each month. **Terry Ellis, hunt master, will send an e-mail to members on Friday night before the hunt with the location of the park.**

Post on AMDA's website under "What's New" - Welcome / Chat With Members when you find a marked half. Do not post the name of the park just the # on the half.

Bring the halves found to the next meeting so you can get credit for finding them.

At the December Christmas party, the winner will receive a prize which will be published later.



Lost Treasure Subscriptions -Winners.



Jack Ellis showing a coin he found.



Terry Ellis - Rush to the Rockies Hunt.



Start of the hunt - Rush to the Rockies.

Rush to the Rockies Hunt

Terry, Lucille & Jack Ellis attended the annual “**Rush to the Rockies**” planted hunts on July 17-19. The Eureka Treasure Hunters Club of Colorado is the host for this hunt. It was at the Walks Camp north of Limon, Colorado. The Walks Camp is a beautiful area of Colorado & had plenty of parking for anyone that wanted to stay there in their tent, camper, trailer or motor home.

There were 5 different hunts. Instead of planting prize tokens, they plant all of the coins, nuggets and silver in the ground.

Hunts:

1. The Great White Buffalo Hunt –

Thousands of coins, silver rounds and silver bars. If you found one of the white buffalos you received a gold coin

2. Pikes Peak or Bust Hunt – A spectacular hunt filled with large and small silver coins, and other novelty items.

3. 10,000 Silver Cascade Hunt- 10,000 silver coins and variety of silver caches.

4. Gold Nugget Hunt – Gold nuggets with wheat pennies and other targets.

5. Silver Bonanza Hunt – Loaded with silver coins, bar of silver and silver rounds.

Terry found 256 coins (132 of the coins were silver) and nuggets. In the second hunt, he was one of the three that found the token for a subscription to Lost Treasure.

They also had a great kid’s hunt that Jack hunted in finding 3 tokens and several coins.

After the final hunt on Sunday, the hunt master gave everyone permission to hunt the hunt fields. Terry found a silver round under a cactus that had been missed and a 1910 V-Nickel that had not been planted. He also found 44 silver coins that had been missed.

The Rush to the Rockies is a great hunt to attend. <http://www.eurekathc.com/>

Research Committee Guide Lines

To be on the Research Committee, a member must be appointed by the President of AMDA. A requirement to be on the Research Committee is to be a member in good standing for one year or longer. Any members being in AMDA less than one year can assist the research committee.

The following are the guide lines of the Research Committee.

1. Research for new hunt sites that AMDA club members can hunt.
2. Acquire permission from the land owner (written permission if possible).
3. Notify the President or Vice-President of the possible new hunt site.
4. A research committee member and one officer checks out the hunt site before the hunt site is presented to the membership.

Per Bylaws, Article VIII, Field Trips, #1 - AMDA officers and members of committees that identify hunt sites shall be on their oath not to reveal site locations to any member, nor shall they search such sites ahead of the general membership once the site has been deemed an official AMDA hunt site.

5. Present the new hunt site to the membership but do not give the detail location of the site until the membership votes to go on a hunt at the new hunt site.
6. When the membership votes to go to the new hunt site, one of the research committee or the officer that checked out the hunt site has to be the hunt master.
7. Give the membership as many details about the new hunt site as possible. For example: distance, road conditions, possible things they could find with their metal detector and any possible danger that they might encounter.

The research committee is a very important part of AMDA. Please follow the above guide lines to find new hunt sites for the Club especially getting permission from the land owners.

If any member finds or knows of any possible hunt sites, please notify the research committee or one of the officers.

**AMDA's Research Committee
Tony Castillo
Jim Westmoreland**



Great Find – Eddie Crisp



Great Find – Colin Crawford



August Monthly Hunt



Tom Murray – August Monthly Hunt

August Monthly Hunt

AMDA's Monthly Hunt for August, 2009 was held at the Torrance County Park with a great turn out.

Seventeen members and three guests attended the hunt. Members attending were: Terry & Lucille Ellis, Allan & Betty Veitch, Colin and Cameron Crawford, Dan Rossbach, Dwayne Argaud, Eddie Crisp, Jim Westmoreland, Jim Trentham, Ken Trentham, Ed Trentham, Ray Alexander, Richard Ruble, Robert Wilson, and Tom Murray. Guests were: Chris Lewis, John Mead and Terry Santolia.

The weather was just great for four hours of metal detecting. The weeds were not as high this year so you were able to see if there were any snakes where you were hunting.

We had several members and guests that had not been to Torrance County Park. Everyone enjoyed the big open area to hunt.

Most of the finds were things that we have found in the past hunting there. There were a lot of musket balls, lead bullets, modern bullets, shell casings, tent stakes, pull tabs and bottle caps found. Several members found the Grand Outlandish Pendant with Roman numbers on them (great finds)

Several modern coins were found by all the members. Colin Crawford found \$1.80 and Terry Ellis found \$1.84 finding the most in total value.

Some of the neat and great finds were:

Colin Crawford	Silver Pendant with Stone
Eddie Crisp	Tiger Knife
Jim Westmoreland	Silver ear ring and Boy Scout scarf slider
Lucille Ellis	Turkey Foreign Coin
Richard Ruble	Ring
Terry Ellis	Silver Pendant with chain and Sacagawea Dollar

Lucille Ellis was the hunt master with the help of Terry.

Metal Detecting Tips

TARGET ID

When you get a "mixed signal" on your Target ID machine, such as "Penny" + "Half dollar", use the following method to narrow the ID down.

Once the target has been pinpointed, hold the coil motionless on the ground until the machine goes back to search mode. Wait a second or two, then quickly sweep the coil off center from the target. This will cause the machine to respond only one ID, and it is invariably closer to the target's actual identity. This is very useful for telling dimes from pennies!

ELIMINATE BROWN SPOTS

To eliminate brown spots when detecting lawns, cut your plug in a wedge or pie shape leaving one side to hinge the grass. Leaving the roots connected like this while retrieving the target will encourage growth and eliminated the dreaded brown spots

LIVE AMMO

When hunting rural areas that are used by hunters you may come across numerous spent and unspent cartridges which can present a hazard if one is not careful while digging.

Whenever retrieving coins, relics etc. be careful in removing what may appear to be "a harmless piece of brass", it may turn out to be a live cartridge that could explode in your face if you happen to hit the primer by mistake with you trowel.

Wireless Headphones

Tony Castillo gave a talk and demonstration on wireless headphones. Thanks Tony.



Tony Castillo - Wireless Headphones

Volume Hunting

Lloyd Coke from Oklahoma was at the Rush to the Rockies Hunt. Lloyd had an article in the January 2005 issue of Western & Eastern Treasures Magazine about **Volume Hunting**.

In January 2003 he set a goal to find 25,000 coins for the year. He met that goal in September, averaging 16 hunting days per month. He detects in highly productive areas such as schools, football fields, under bleachers, concession stands and state fairgrounds.

Lloyd doesn't just set goals, he surpasses them. **In 2003 he found a total of 36,462 coins.** Some days he would find between 400 and 500 coins in one day. **The face value of the 36,462 coins was \$1,804.77. Besides all the coins, he also found 178 rings and many other items of jewelry.** One of his favorite finds was a state championship ring that he hopes to return to its owner.

After viewing his records, he realized that he should have set his goal at 50,000 coins for the year.

Lloyd had practiced several weeks for the hunt at the Rush to the Rockies. He was the top hunter finding the most coins in nearly every hunt. And he did not mind telling people he was 72 years old.

If you don't have the January 2005 issue to read Lloyd's article, you can find it on Western and Eastern Treasures Magazine website.

Metal Detecting is fun and great exercise. Set your goal high, work hard and enjoy the results of high-volume hunting.



Eddie Crisp, member from out of state, was at the August Hunt.

**AMDA Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Terry Ellis, Vice-President.

Guests: Chris Lewis
Cameron and Colin Crawford
George Campbell
John Mead
Terry Santolia

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes by Julie King, 2nd by Betty Veitch.

The treasurer's report was read by Lucille Ellis. She gave an ending balance of \$800.91. Motion to accept by Tony Castillo, 2nd by Betty Veitch.

Old Business

Tony Castillo is still trying to arrange a hunt at Memorial Hospital at I-25 and Central.

Terry Ellis and Jim Westmoreland checked out The Rainbow Gathering camp site in the Jemez Mts. for a possible hunt – looked promising.

New Business

A vote was taken to have "Special Hunts" again. The vote was unanimous for the hunts. Park locations will be e-mailed to club members on the Friday before the hunt.

Send a photo of your finds to Terry Ellis and they will put it in the next monthly newsletter, if there is room to do so.

Dick Stout of the Western & Eastern Magazine will no longer be writing articles for the magazine after October.

Tony Castillo gave a talk and demonstration on wireless headphones.

We took a break at 7:35 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:45 PM

The monthly hunt will be at the Torrance County Park at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 15th. The club will meet at Chilly Hills Restaurant in Edgewood between 7:00 and 7:30 to caravan to the hunt site. Lucille Ellis volunteered to be hunt master.

**Center Donation Drawing
1889 Indian Head Penny – Tom Murray**

**50/50 Raffle
\$40.50 – Julie King**

**Auction: The club raised \$57.00 for the AMDA
Chuck Teyssier Memorial Annual Hunt in
September.**

Motion to adjourn by Ray Alexander, 2nd by Dwayne Argaud.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murray
Secretary/2009

**Treasurer's Report
August 10, 2009**


Beginning Balance.....	\$636.11
Income:	
Membership Dues	10.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	30.00
Annual Hunt Fees.....	50.00
Annual Hunt Auction	181.00
Sale of aluminum cans	60.00

Expenses	
July Snacks Reimb.	(20.00)
Annual Hunt Prizes	(135.00)
Display Case-Menaul School.....	(11.20)
Ending Balance	\$800.91

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

Members Anniversary
Tony Castillo 2 years

Annual Hunt Committee
Jim Westmoreland
Ray Alexander
Terry Ellis


Happy Birthday
August

Ray Alexander August 20
Virginia Cone August 29
Mickey Cone August 30

Research Committee
Tony Castillo
Jim Westmoreland

Membership Committee
Julie King
Jim Westmoreland

Officers
President Mickey Cone
Vice President Terry Ellis
Secretary Tom Murray
Treasurer Lucille Ellis

Refreshment Schedule 2009

September Robert Wilson
October Allan & Betty Veitch

No refreshments were provided for the August meeting

Executive Committee
3 year Vacant
3 year Vacant
2 year Dwayne Argaud - 1st yr
2 year Gary Tom - 2nd yr
1 year Jim Westmoreland

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

For more information call Terry Ellis at (505) 294-5296.

Other Positions
Newsletter Editor Terry & Lucille Ellis
Web Site Editor Terry Ellis
Prize Official Betty Veitch
Hunt Master Monthly sign up sheet
Photographer Julie King

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Monthly Hunt Schedule 2009

January 17.....February 21
March 14.....April 18
May 16June 13
July 18August 15
September 19.....October 17
November 14.....December -No Hunt

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.

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.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR ANNUAL HUNT.

Site Links (AMDA Website)

(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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