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Happy New Year

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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Top News for December 2008

- (1) Christmas Party
- (2) Family Treasures
- (3) Members' Outstanding Finds for 2008
- (4) Thank you for a great year in 2008



Special Half Winner
Tom Murray – 4 oz. Silver Bar



Special Hunt-Most halves during timed hunts
Jim Rainey – 2 oz. Silver Round



Special Hunt Winner – 2nd Place
Julie King - 1 oz. Silver Round



**Finds of the Year Winner
Jewelry & Coins/Tokens
Terry Ellis – 1 oz. Silver Bars (2)**



AMDA 2008 Christmas Party



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Christmas Party

AMDA's annual Christmas Party was held on December 8th, 2008 at Furr's on Wyoming. There were 22 members and 7 guests present. Members and guests present were: Terry & Lucille Ellis, Dick & Julie King, Jim & Joy Rainey, Allan & Betty Veitch, Tony & Sheree Castillo and son Patrick, Ray & Sharon Alexander, Tom & Chris Murray, Dwayne & Linda Argaud, Kathy & Barry Hamilton, Cole & Melinda Smith, Michael & Regina Kinsky, Mickey & Virginia Cone, Peter & Sheila Humphries, Chuck Teyssier & Jim Westmoreland.

Dick & Julie King helped Terry & Lucille Ellis decorate the tables with Christmas Cheer. The table decorations were 12 small Christmas trees with 5 rings on each tree as the ornaments and ribbons on top of the trees. In the center of the tables were placed 5 Santa dishes each having a bottle of Genuine Gold from Colorado with candy kisses in the dishes. Also placed on the tables as decorations were Million Dollar Bills with a Wheat Penny and Candy Cane attached to it. Each member and guest received one of the Million Dollar Bills as a gift which was handed out by Terry Ellis in his Santa's hat.

The following awards were presented after dinner: Special Hunt for Halves

4 oz. Silver Bar **Tom Murray**
2 oz. Silver Round **Jim Rainey**
1 oz. Silver Round **Julie King**

Finds of the Year

1 oz. Silver Bar for Coin/Token **Terry Ellis**
1 oz. Silver Bar for Jewelry..... **Terry Ellis**

Award to be presented at the January meeting

1 oz. Silver Bar for Misc. **Bob McNicol**

Special Drawings Center Donations

1889 Morgan Dollar.....Lucille Ellis
Bottle of Genuine Gold/Dish..... Regina Kinsky

Monthly Hunts

1885 Morgan Dollar Tom Murray
Bottle of Genuine Gold/Dish..... Dick King
Bottle of Genuine Gold/Dish..... Tom Murray

Special Hunts

1884 Morgan Dollar Dick King
Bottle of Genuine Gold/Dish..... Chuck Teyssier
Bottle of Genuine Gold/Dish..... Dick King

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Winner of Pig #1 – Jim Westmoreland

Christmas Party Continued

Pigs Coin Count

Terry had two small piggy banks filled with coins. These banks were placed by the sign in sheet for each member to guess the number of **wheaties in Pig #1** and **total coins in Pig #2**. Each bank had the same number of wheaties and total coins. The winners of the banks were:

Pig # 1 - # of Wheaties (60).....**Jim Westmoreland** (Guessed 51)
 Pig # 2 - Total Coins (129)**Mike Kinsky** (Guessed 126)



Winner of Pig #2 – Mike Kinsky

Winners of the Christmas Trees Decorations

Chuck Teyssier, Dick King, Dwayne Argaud, Julie King, Kathy Hamilton, Linda Solomon, Melinda Smith, Ray Alexander, Regina Kinsky, Terry Ellis, Tom Murray and Virginia Cone

A basket of gifts were passed around to the remaining members for them to pick a gift. All members and guests received at least one gift plus rings from the trees. Thanks Jim (Westmoreland) for finding the rings for the Club.

Appreciation Award was presented to Terry & Lucille Ellis from the Club for their contribution to AMDA in 2008. The award was presented by Julie King.



**Special Hunt Drawing Winner
 Dick King – 1884 Morgan Dollar**

Everyone enjoyed the good food and had a great time visiting with all the members. A special thanks to Jim & Joy Rainey for coming from Amarillo to join the Club for the Christmas party.



**Appreciation Award
 Presented by Julie King
 To Terry & Lucille Ellis**

Treasurer's Report

December 8, 2008

Beginning Balance \$784.86

Income:

Raffle Ticket Sales 97.00

Expenses

Christmas Dinner-Furr's (151.69)

Christmas Decorations (24.85)

Ending Balance \$705.32



**World War I Military I.D. (Dog Tag)
Lucille's Uncle**



**One Dollar Silver Certificate
Belong to Lucille's Grandmother**



**Okla. Token for Old Age Assistance
Belong to Lucille's Grandmother**



**Kansas Parking Token
Belong to Lucille's Grandmother**

Family Treasures by Lucille Ellis

When hunting dumps and the trash piles in Ghost Towns, I have always wondered how some items were lost especially wedding rings and tokens. Now I can tell you a personal story of how I believe some of the items ended up in the trash pile.

Twelve years ago my parents had to move in with my nephew due to bad health. My Brother had bought the family farm in Oklahoma & decided to build a large building on his property for our parent's things. After our last parent passed away seven years ago, we just left all of their things in the building and never seemed to have the time to go through them. Or maybe we just did not want to since it was the last things of our parents.

After my nephew inherited the family farm, my Sister and I decided it was time to go through all of our parent's things since my nephew needed more storage space. So the long dreaded task begun.

When going through trucks, boxes & boxes of things of our parents we discovered not only did we have things of our parents but both sets of our Grand Parents & Great Grand Parents. We found priceless items in cigar boxes, shoe boxes & all kinds of different boxes. Since metal detecting is a big part of our life the following items I found meant a lot to me. **Imagine finding these items and knowing you knew the people (Family) that they belong to.**

(1) Oklahoma Token for Old Age Assistance that was in my Grandmother's box of things which was probably issued to her during the 1930.

(2) Kansas Parking Token that belong to my other Grandmother who lived in Hutchinson, KS.

(3) World War I Dog Tag that was my Dad's Brother.

(4) 14K White Gold Wedding Band that was my Great Grandmother on my Mom's side of the family. It was in a box of jewelry that my Mom had received when my Grandmother passed away.

(5) One Dollar Silver Certificate Series 1928 found folded up in an old billfold. My sister & I had looked through the billfold & did not found anything. I gave it to Terry for one last look & his sharp eyes found a small folded up medicine holder with something barely showing. We could not believe it when he pulled it out. My Grandmother was a widow at a young age & raised three small children by herself. She probably had carried it for several years as her emergency money for her children.

(6) Rosary Beads that my Uncle had bought for his Mom when he was in France during World War II.



December Monthly Hunt



Mickey Cone's Finds at December hunt



Terry Ellis' Finds at December hunt



**1918 Service Badge
Found by Jim Rainey in Amarillo**

Family Treasures by Lucille Ellis Continued

My Sister and I have already spent 4 long days going through things and we still have a lot of boxes to go through. The task that we had always dreaded turn into an exciting adventure wondering what our Mom or Grandmothers had put in each box.

I just wanted to share with you our personal experience of finding family treasures that could have easily been taken to the dump thinking it was just a box of old clothes or items not worth keeping. So the next time you go to the dump or the Ghost Town trash pile think about how many families treasures may have been thrown away by mistake. **When you get that beep, you may have found a family treasure.**

Appreciation Award

We would like to **thank all the members of AMDA for the Appreciation Award** that you gave us at the Christmas party. The award is very special to us and it means a lot to us knowing that our hard work, time and efforts were appreciated by the members of the Club. It has been a very busy year for us doing things for the Club but we have enjoyed every minute of it.

Per Terry's quote – You go out with your Metal Detector to find treasures but the **true treasures are the people you become friends with while enjoying such a great hobby.**

We are looking forward to another great year with the Club.

Thanks again.

Terry & Lucille Ellis

2009 Volunteers

AMDA will have one new officer and one new executive committee member in 2009. **Tom Murray** will be the **secretary** and **Mickey Cone** will be on the **executive committee.**

Chuck Teyssier will be the **Hunt Master** for 2009.

Thanks for volunteering for these positions.

And a big thanks to **Betty Veitch, Julie King and Terry Ellis** for **holding these positions in 2008.**

Several members in our Club found outstanding finds in 2008. These items were found on vacation, special halves hunts, monthly hunts, Ghost Towns and individual hunts. **The finds listed below either won bragging rights for the month or was listed in the newsletters under the special halves hunts or monthly hunts.**

AMDA had five members that found and returned seven different items of jewelry to the owners.

Members outstanding finds in 2008

Bob McNicol:	Davis Derringer
Chuck Teyssier:	1938 Chauffer Badge, 1899 Indian Head Penny
Cole Smith:	Gold Ring with 8 Diamonds, 2 Gold Rings with Diamonds (Returned)
Dick King:	3 Gold Rings with Stones, Silver & Onyx Ring with Marcasite (pyrite), Steel NM License Plate
Dwayne Argaud	1964 Silver Dime (First silver coin), Primitive Fire Making Kit, Silver Ring 925
George Baca	Token from Carthage
Jim Rainey:	1918 Service Badge
Jim Westmoreland:	Sterling Silver Sunflower Pin, Silver Ring 925
Julie King:	Tie Bar, Band with Stones, Gorham Sterling Baby Spoon Handle Ring, 1935 Brass NM Tax Token 5 mil, 1977 Commonwealth of the Bahamas One Cent Coin
Marty Hrivnak	1902 Indian Head Penny
Mickey Cone:	Tag Heuer Dive Watch, 2001 Manzano High School Class Ring (Returned), 1986 Los Lunas High School Class Ring (Returned)
Mike Kinsky:	Civil War Button, Silver Quarter
Ray Alexander:	Gold High School Class Ring found in Hawaii (Returned)
Robert Wilson:	1906 Indian Head Penny, 1900 V-Nickel, 1888 Seated Liberty Dime, 1900 & 1902 Barber Dimes, 1911 Barber Half, \$50 Mexican Gold Piece on a Chain (Returned)
Terry Ellis:	Gold Wedding Band (Returned) , Platinum Ring, Manzano Class Ring, Gold Reale Replica, 1939 Chauffer Badge, 1888 Toy Soldier, Kelly Token, German Token, 1907 & 1914 Barber Dimes
Tom Murray	Class Ring

If you found something special during 2008 that we did not have, e-mail the information to us and we will put it in the January newsletter.

Congratulations to all the Members on all their great finds.

Finds of the Month

At each meeting, finds found since the last club meeting are displayed by the hunters. **In January the finds found since the November meeting will be voted on as January finds** of the month since we did not have finds of the month in December. **You may still show your finds even if you do not wish to compete in the Finds of the Month.**

AMDA Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2008

There were no minutes recorded for December since the December meeting was the Christmas party.

Hunt Master's Report

The **December hunt** was at the **Belen Dump** on December 13th. Due to the weather and being close to the holiday only five members were present. The members were able to hunt 2 ½ hours before the wind starting blowing real hard.

Finds:

- **Chuck Teyssier:** marble, cuff link
- **Cole Smith:** junk
- **Mickey Cone:** token with writing on it? (Mickey is cleaning it and will let us know at the meeting), penny, 1928 License Plate, rouge compact, lipstick cover, pulley, ear ring, watch part, junk
- **Terry Ellis:** Wheatie 1949D , Rouge Compact, Belt Buckle, Knife blade, 2 lipstick tubes, misc. items
- **Lucille Ellis:** Toy Jeep, Horse Shoe

2009 Dues

The membership dues for 2009 are due at the January meeting. Single membership is \$20 and the family membership is \$30. A member must have a family membership if any of their family plans to participate in the club's monthly hunts and the annual hunt.

FMDAC dues are \$5 per person. We would like to encourage all the members to join FMDAC. It is a National Organization that supports our hobby and if we ever had any legal problems with metal detecting they would be there for us. Also they have great hunts for members during the year. **The dues are due January 1st so if you plan to join FMDAC please pay by the January meeting. FMDAC dues will be mailed to them no later than January 15th.**

If you can not attend the January meeting and would like to mail your dues, please mail them to **Lucille Ellis at her home address.** E-mail Lucille if you need her address.

Thank you for a Great Year in 2008

AMDA had a great year in 2008. It takes a lot of members volunteering their time and effect to make our Club what it is. Some members may do a lot and some may only do one thing. If each member does at least one thing whether it is volunteering, attending meetings or hunts we will continue to have a great Club.

On page 8 of the newsletter you will see the long list of the volunteers (15 members) in 2008 doing the following positions.

Officers
Executive Committee Members
Newsletter Editors
Web Site Editors
Prize Official
Hunt Master
Photographer
Research Committee
Annual Hunt Committee
Membership Committee
Collecting Cans
Refreshments each month

The members that support the Club in buying raffle tickets and participating in the annual hunt auction is how we are able to have different events.

Thank You to all the Members of AMDA. You are the reason AMDA is a friendly and fun club to be in.

Refreshments for 2008

Thank you to the following members that brought refreshments in 2008.

Allan & Betty Veitch
Cole Smith (2 times)
Gary & Cherie Tom (2 times)
Mike & Regina Kinsky
Kathy Hamilton
Jim & Sylvia Westmoreland
Dick & Julie King
Tom Murray

Members Anniversary

Dick & Julie King 17 yrs.
Jim Rainey 13 yrs.



**Happy Birthday
December**

Birthdays None

Refreshment Schedule 2009

January Betty & Allan Veitch
February..... Dwayne Argaud

Officers

President Cole Smith
Vice President Terry Ellis
Secretary Betty Veitch
Treasurer Lucille Ellis

Executive Committee

3 year Chuck Teyssier - 3rd yr
3 year Phillip Chappell - 1st yr
2 year Julie King - 2nd yr
2 year Gary Tom - 1st yr
1 year..... Dwayne Argaud

Other Positions

Newsletter Editor..... Terry & Lucille Ellis
Web Site Editor Mike Reddy
Prize Official Mickey Cone
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
Lucille Ellis
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 Terry Ellis at (505) 294-5296.

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.

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.

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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