

# Metal Detective Monthly

Albuquerque Metal Detector Association

February 2007

## February Hunt Huge Success

Judging by the turnout, February's hunt was quite a success. With a total of 19, it was the most I have ever seen at a club hunt with the exception of Annual Hunts, of course. The weather was absolutely perfect - clear skies, mid 60's with just a bit of a breeze. Beautiful! Although there was a misunderstanding of the rules in the Scavenger Hunt, all had a good time searching and the winners of the hunt worked quickly to win the prizes - a silver round for each team member.

Following the Scavenger Hunt, we met at the park where Bud Alexander, with improvised cooking utensils, cooked everyone at least one hot dog. Together with the array of sides that had been brought, we all got a very good meal as well as some good socializing. I think we all decided that Julie should bring her potato salad to any socials we have in the future. MMmm good!

Following lunch and a little digestion time, we enjoyed a planted hunt. Out of \$27.50 in coins planted, we took out just over \$21. What's left will be good 'seed money' for our next visit.

As much as I would like to take credit for the good time and the success of the hunt, it'd be wrong not to credit Mike Reddy for the idea of the scavenger hunt and Marty for the ideas of having multiple events through the year and for having a social where the club buys the main dish. Thanks guys!

Now let me turn you over to Julie for her much better rendition of the day's outing:

Hi Phillip. GREAT day yesterday. Here is my report on the AMDA February 2007 Monthly Hunt & Picnic & Seeded Hunt at ?????????????????????? Park.

Part 1: Three-hour Scavenger Hunt (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.) with 7 teams as follows:

Terry - Lucille - Marty  
 Dick - Julie - Bud  
 Betty - Allan - Cheri  
 Dwayne - David - Jim G.  
 Mickey - Denise - Jim P.  
 Phillip - Chuck  
 Robert W. Sr. - Audie

A list of 18 items was given to each team. 14 items had a 1 point value, 2 items had a 2 point value

and 2 items had a 3 point value. The first team to find items adding up to 10 points had to see/find Allan to verify items/points to declare a winner. Each winning team member received a "silver round".

Winning team members were Dick King - Julie King - Bud Alexander. Truly a team effort as each member found items to total 10 points in 55 minutes from start time. A list of finds in this hunt will be reported later in this report.

Part 2: Picnic at the ?????????????? Park. The Club furnished the hot dogs, condiments and sodas/water. Members supplied salsa, chips, potato salad, oranges, donuts/sweets, etc., (I hope I did not miss anything). Chef Bud Alexander supplied the BBQ grills and cooked hot dogs to your request, if you had one. Hardy appetites kept Bud a-cookin. Thanks Bud.

Part 3: The Seeded Hunt held \$27.50 in coins from half dollars to pennies. The goal was to be the first person to find EXACTLY \$1.83 and had to see Allan to verify. Terry Ellis was the winner of a "silver round". He found his goal in a very short time. Congratulations Terry. Our FUN day ended around 4:15 p.m. after cleanup, etc.. Thank You, Phillip for doing something different for our hunt day.

Now for the Finds Report: ??????????????

Lucille - 2 railroad buttons, horseshoe, harmonica parts, lantern part.

Terry - watch parts, harmonica part, lantern parts, Carhartt railroad button, small button "graft"??,

button - K.C. McC. U.S.A., pick tip.

Marty - 4 miner's tags, 3 RR spikes, watch back, good luck flat band, 3 suspender clips, 2 cuff links,

child's ring silver band, clay marble, Prince Albert can, 1 "fly" button plus other buttons.

Bud - some list items, lock, railroad button, boot button, watch part (Ansonia Pat'd April 17, 1888),

miner's lamp, plate & bullet.

Dwayne - none

David - RR spike, button, sardine can.

Jim G. - ?

Robert W. Sr. - list items and junk

Audie (guest of Robert) - 1901 Indian Head Cent

Mickey C. - railroad button, mine cart wheel, pick head, harmonica part, small pewter trophy cup,

2 large RR spikes, 1 small RR spike.

Denise W & Jim P. (guests of Mickey) - none

Dick - some list items - junk

Julie - some list items & 3 buttons - junk

I did not get finds from Phillip, Chuck, Betty, Cheri. Allan did not hunt, however, Thank You Allan for being the "go to man" during the hunts and for seeding the hunt field at the picnic site.

END of Report - Julie FOTMJ

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### **February Meeting:**

Although our scheduled guest speaker (John Pinkston) was called out of town unexpectedly, I was able to present some information based on what I had read on a website about privy hunting. That plus Robert's knowledge and comments seemed to answer some questions as well as encourage some interest in the hobby.

After speaking with our new contact at the Open Space office, I'm confident we will be doing some hunts for them in the future. I'm also hopeful that they might be able to make some of their properties available to club members.

I'd like to include here the Bragging Rights winners but don't have specific information on the items found. The only item I remember is Bob's pocket watch. Winners, please contact me with this information.

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March meeting: Please make plans to attend the March meeting - our guest speaker will be talking to us about meteorites and finding them with metal detectors. We also have a location where a meteor shower was reported years ago and we have permission to hunt it!!! Interestingly, this location also has some amazing mineral specimens and undoubtedly Indian artifacts. So keep your eyes peeled while you're detecting. This location may very well be one of the few places where you'll want to run your detector 'wide open' in all-metal mode. Enjoy!

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### Other matters

**Special hunt:** The special hunt seemed to make quite a splash. Terry Ellis was on it right away and came away not only with a pocketful of change, but one of the marked halves AND a class ring from Sandia High School. The other marked half was found several days later by Dan "Chick Magnet" Salazar. Congratulations guys!

Now, just so you know, your task is to find the marked halves to win the **4-ounce silver bar**. My task is to hide these halves so as to make it as challenging as possible for you to find them. I found it very encouraging that the second half wasn't found for several days after the hunt had begun, especially knowing that Julie had been hunting hard for it (She found a half in the park, but unfortunately for her it wasn't the marked half.)

**Donation jar for Annual Hunt:** Will be available at the next meeting. I'm not sure I can match Marty's 'hermetically sealed' jar, but I will do my best. Please give generously - all of these proceeds will go toward the annual hunt.

**Publication of Newsletter:** It is my plan to produce two newsletters each month. One will be like the one you are reading now - all the information I can put in it. The other will be abridged somewhat - no exact hunt locations, no hunt dates, no private information. The second type will be available to all who visit our website. Our website has certainly proven itself to be valuable to us in gaining new members. I think our published newsletter will enhance that effect tremendously. I've already been asked by Dick Stout to furnish him (and Lost Treasures magazine) with our newsletter. Could be just the exposure we need.

Website: [www.amdaclub.com](http://www.amdaclub.com) If you haven't checked it recently, you're missing out on a lot. Got some great pictures from the February hunt. Also, this will be where the Special Hunt parks are announced. If you want to increase your chances of success in the Special Hunts, you might want to check the website every day.

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## 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.

*Minutes for meeting on 2/13/07*

*Meeting called to order-6:37 PM*

*Approve minutes from January—Betty V. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert W.*

*Visitors-Dave Rodgers, Dwayne Argaud, Mickey and Virginia Cone*

*Treasurer's Report by Bob M.-Motion to Accept 1<sup>st</sup> Betty V. 2<sup>nd</sup> By Chuck T.*

*Old Business- Terry E. any news on hunt? No*

*A couple of new areas to look into for future hunts are ??????????????*

*Phillip C. spoke with some folks about allowing us to hunt for a Cultural Resource Recovery or assessment in the ???????? Mountains.*

*New Business-Marty presented this idea last year and we will pursue it this year. This was to do an overnight hunt.*

*This month's hunt 1<sup>st</sup> choice will be ??????????. After the hunt participants would go to an old picnic ground and cook some hot dogs and socialize. Possibly a planted hunt could be done. A special hunt which would include teams that could win a silver round. Needed for hunt are a small table top for grill. Bud A. can provide his grill for hot dogs. The Club will provide hot*

*dogs and condiments and drinks. Participants can bring other foods to share with group. Guests are welcome. Only members can be eligible for prizes. If anyone has firewood for a fire please bring it to the hunt. Bring a lawn chair to sit on. Does anyone not want to hunt at ??????? for the Feb. hunt? Betty V. mentioned that it might be too cold to hunt in Feb. and can we make it for April? A vote was taken and 7 people voted to go to ???????. We will meet at Burger King in Socorro at 8:30 am and leave Burger King at 8:45 am. The hunt will be for 3 ½ hours then we will have hot dog lunch/picnic.*

*Our speaker on Privy hunting cancelled this month.*

*A report from Phillip on privy digging was put together from a website called privy.com Tools needed are a probe, shovel, and 5 gal. Bucket also a long handle spade, trenching shovel and garden rake. Look for a mound or caved in area or a sidewalk leading to nowhere. The privy holes can be lined with bricks. Wood or concrete. Look for lime, burnt items. The dirt in the privy can be ¾ layers.*

*Break at 7:22 pm meeting re-called to order 7:50 pm*

*Monthly Bragging Rights-Coins-Robert Wilson Jewelry-Bob McNicol and MISC.-Bob McNicol*

*Next month will be a talk on Meteorites*

*RAFFLE-1901 V-Nickel-Phillip C. 1897 Barber Dime-Betty V. 1944s half dollar-Dan Salazar 1923 Peace Dollar-Chuck T. Special Prizes- Lucille E. Silver Certif. Dollar and Bud A. 1964 year set.*

*A mystery hunt will be done each month at a local park to find half dollars. Phillip will plant the half dollars and clues will be on the WEBSITE each month. This will begin in March. At the end of the year a 4 oz silver bar will be given to the member with the most half dollars.*

*Question: Is there a website that has NM metal detecting laws? Phillip C. "not that I am aware of".*

*Snacks for March are Terry and Lucille*

*Meeting adjourned 8:02 PM*

### AMDA 2007 Officers

President

Phillip Chappell

Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Dan Salazar
Treasurer	Bob McNicol
Newsletter Editor	Phillip Chappell
Prize Official	Vacant
Finds Judge	Julie King

### Executive Committee:

3-year	Terry Ellis (2nd year) Chuck Tessiyer (2nd year)
2-year	Betty Veitch (2nd year) Julie King (1st year)
1-year	Vacant

### 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, contact Phillip Chappell at [phillipchappell@hotmail.com](mailto:phillipchappell@hotmail.com).

## 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.