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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.

Welcome New Members

Ray & Sharon Alexander
 Jack & Mary Beers
 Alicia & Elisa Montoya
 Jim & Sylvia Westmoreland

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AMDA'S Caps for Sale

President's Corner

Cole Smith



Those of you that missed the Carthage hunt missed a good time. The weather was a little rough when we left Albuquerque and at the start of the hunt.

However, after we were at the hunt site for an hour or two, the weather became beautiful and some nice finds were made. A day of metal detecting sure beats a day of staring at a computer screen or doing necessary chores around the house. ■

New for February, 2008

(1) There will be a **50/50 Raffle** at the Special Hunt Park on March 1st.

(2) AMDA has **new e-mail & contact telephone number** with G mail.

Phone: (505) 233-7067 (Please leave a message)

E-mail: AMDA.Club@gmail.com

(3) **New Release Form** for AMDA and land owners.

(4) AMDA has **new business cards** for members to give out with the new e-mail & contact telephone number.

(5) The Club will have **caps for sale** at the Special Hunt on March 1st. The cost is \$8 per cap. If you pay by cash, please bring the exact amount.

AMDA Member Spotlight for February Dick & Julie King



Dick & Julie King started metal detecting in January 1980 after joining the “Eureka” Metal Detecting Club in Denver, Colorado. Their first detector was a White’s 5000D which they shared. It wasn’t long before they were hooked on metal detecting. However, Julie had the treasure hunting bug before knowing about metal detectors. As a youngster she was eyeballing the ground. She even buried some of her prized marbles in a jar along with some other goodies. One day she hopes to get back home to ask the homeowner if they could metal detect the land to find the jar.

They arrived in Albuquerque in February 1991 and joined the Albuquerque Treasure Club (now AMDA) in November at which time there were 7 members.

Dick enjoys metal detecting, going to new & different types of hunting areas, researching new areas and checking out the history of the area. His enthusiasm is great for detecting. Dick’s best find was a 24K gold ID bracelet.

Julie is HAPPY with whatever she finds but gets a lot of joy when her first probe on a beep hits the target. The fact that Julie does not have a meter or depth indicator keeps the surprise element of treasure hunting at a peak until she pops the gem out of its hiding place. They like metal detecting, whether it is parks, schools, ghost towns, beaches, special hunts (i.e. police, sheriff, State Police and archeological assistance), community service such as calls from people requesting help to find a ring, keys, pipes, etc.



They hunted the Old Armijo School Project & the Hubbell House Restoration Project (ABQ Open Space Project) for items to be on display in the community center & the visitors building. Some of their finds are/were displayed in the Old Armijo School Community Center located on Isleta Blvd.

Dick & Julie enjoys going to the paid hunts & have always come home with a lot of great prizes. Some of the prizes are silver coins, silver bars, silver rounds, wheaties, 1945 Mexican Dos Pesos Gold Coin, Buffalo nickels, silver certificates in bullet shells, & several other prizes. Dick won a White’s Amphibian II metal detector at the Pikes Peak Hunt in Colorado.

At a FMDAC Hunt in Laughlin, Nevada, Dick won 2nd prize (100 oz silver bar) and Julie won a 4 oz silver round along with other prizes. They have attended several of the FMDAC Hunts in Arizona & Nevada.

In their traveling, Dick & Julie have hunted in 15 different states, British Columbia & Calgary, Canada.

Over the years Dick and Julie have searched for a lot of missing items & returned them. They had 10 requests to search for lost items they did not find (8 rings, 1 key & 1 necklace).



1996 Finds

Julie's best find found in February 1997, was the 1978 UNM WAC Basketball Championship ring returned to the owner, Phil Abney. With the help of Channel 7 Sports Director, Terry McDermott, she was able to return the ring to Phil. The ring had been in the ground for 10 years. Julie said it was a good feeling to return the ring to him.

Some of the items they have found & returned are:

- (1) **10K gold Cross-pen** found at a soccer field.
- (2) Lost **wedding ring** found for owner in the Zuzac area (East Mountains).
- (3) Lost **earring** found at the park at E.G. Ross Elementary School. The lady had lost it during a family reunion.
- (4) **Ring** found with "Chestnut Hill College" Phila, PA. With help from the computer the ring was returned to its owner in PA.
- (5) 1977 Rye **High School ring** - It took them 8 yrs to find the owner who lives in Pueblo, CO. Rye High School is located in Rye, CO just south of Pueblo.
- (6) Dick found a "**Questa High School**" **ring** (red stone with name "Lonnie 1980"). When they finally located the owner he was coaching in Colorado Springs. They received a letter from Lonnie with a touching story of his ring.
- (7) While hunting the Zozobra Park, a couple came by and requested help in trying to find an **earring**. The lady lost it while attending the Zozobra burning the night before. Julie found the earring for her.



2000 Finds

While detecting the dump, Julie found a token: Otero-Garcia Post 72 American Legion – good for 5 cents in trade. The Legion Token was older than the 1940s. After being an American Legion member, she decided to give this token to Post 72 via AL Adjutant Dept of NM.

One day while metal detecting in a park, a teacher asked them if they could show her regular and special needs children

what metal detecting was all about. So on the scheduled day, they met the teacher at the park with her 14 students from Inez Elementary School. The students were very interested in what they were wearing (knee pads), tools (trowel & probe) and what is that (metal detector). The teacher had previously given them 36 dimes to plant. Every time the beep sounded they got excited that they had found them a coin. Dick & Julie were glad for the opportunity to introduce the students to our metal detecting hobby.

Dick and Julie have always been very active in our Club. They have held several positions in the Club during the 16 years being members. Over the years Dick has been President, Newsletter Editor, and presided over the drafting of the new Bylaws.

Julie has always helped out where someone was needed. She has been an Executive Committee Member, Newsletter Editor, Finds Judge, and Photographer. Other things Julie has helped with are Raffle & Annual Hunt Prizes, Annual Hunt Planter & Potluck Coordinators. She is on the Executive Committee and the Photographer for 2008. Julie won the Hunter of the Year in 1999 & Member of the Year in 1999 & 2004.

They stay very busy with all their other hobbies. Together they enjoy golf and bowling. Dick loves reading and singing with the Barbershop Chorus. When Julie isn't outdoors metal detecting, you will find her doing puzzles & wood carving.

Our Club is very fortunate to have members like Dick & Julie who are always willing to help when needed. Thanks for always being there for our Club. ■



1914 Wheat Penny



1937 Wheat Penny



1999 Memorial Penny



Aluminum Penny Never put into circulation

Lincoln Penny “Cent”

The one-cent coin is often called a "penny", but the U.S. Mint's official name for this coin is "cent". The Lincoln cent was the first cent to include the motto “In God We Trust”.

This is the last year for the Lincoln Memorial penny, 2008 will be the 49th anniversary, and last year that the Lincoln Memorial will be on the penny. In 2009 the cent will get a one-year, four-coin commemorative program marking the 100th anniversary of Lincoln being placed on the cent, and the 200th anniversary of his birth. In 2010, the cent will be completely redesigned, with a new, permanent design being released into circulation. Lincoln, however, will remain on the coin. The composition for circulating issues will be copper-plated zinc.

The Lincoln penny has had two designs, the obverse has featured the profile of Abraham Lincoln and the reverse has featured wheat ears (wheatie) from 1909 to 1958 and the Lincoln Memorial from 1959 to present.

The Lincoln wheat ears cent was produced from 1909 to 1958. The coin was designed by Victor D. Brenner. The designer's initials (V.D.B.) appear on the reverse of a limited number of the 1909 cents. Due to public outcry the initials were removed, but were later restored in 1918 to the obverse side on Lincoln's shoulder.

Only 484,000 of the 1909S VDB cents were produced by the San Francisco Mint and are quite valuable. Even lower grade quality cents are worth hundreds of dollars. The Philadelphia mint issued 28 million 1909 VDB cents, so they are less valuable. Another key date is 1914-D, with a low mintage of under 1.2 million.

All of the Lincoln wheat pennies were made of 95% copper, with the exception of the 1943 popular “steel wheat” pennies minted during World War II. These pennies were 100% steel plated with zinc and were produced to conserve copper during the war effort.

There are no rare dates in Lincoln Memorial pennies, as most dates had mintages in the billions of coins, and an entire collection of Memorial cents can still be formed from circulation, a few dates are noteworthy for being slightly scarcer. These include the 1960-D Small Date and the 1982 (plain, minted at Philadelphia) zinc cents. Any 1982 and earlier copper Lincoln Memorial pennies are worth setting aside, as the value of the copper bullion in the cents is around 3 times face value now. ■

Minutes February 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

New members: Jim Westmoreland
Ray Alexander
Alicia Montoya
Elisa Montoya

Visitor: E. R. Tapia

There were no corrections to the previous meeting minutes, motion to accept by Phillip Chappell, 2nd by Chuck Teyssier.

Lucille Ellis gave the treasurer’s report. Motion to accept by Phillip Chappell, 2nd by Chuck Teyssier. (Actual report to follow).

Event reporting:

Research committee – Phillip Chappell reported that they are looking at 4 to 6 new sites coming up for this year.

Caps – Julie King researched and presented her finding on getting new caps. We will be getting them from RJ, and they will be maroon with white lettering on the front and velcro on the back.

Old Business:

Please don’t forget to bring your food donations for the center.

Special hunt – Terry Ellis went over this again to let new and old members know that we will be following the same format as last year, but he will be planting 3 halves (2 easy and 1 hard). He will also be planting other items as well. Prizes for different categories will be awarded. The first hunt will be 3-1-08 from 9:00 to noon. The hunt site will be sent out to the members before the hunt. You don’t have to stay the whole time, but you do need to make sure that your finds are recorded.

New Business:

Cole Smith reported that we have a new release form for the club. We also have new business cards for members to give out. We also have a new G mail account (P.O. Box), and a similar account for the phone number. That way, no matter who the new officers are, the mail and phone number will stay the same.

As part of our code of ethics, members are reminded to re-acquire permission to hunt on their own, a site that was previously hunted by the club as a whole. We also don’t want people going to the hunt site before the club has a chance.

Associate memberships, for people recommended by club members, were discussed for out-of-state and out-of-country people.

Julie brought up a couple from Arizona who was original AMDA members that wanted to re-join as out-of-state members. Julie also spoke about the FMDAC hunt her and Dick King attended in Arizona. She also had pictures to show.

Phillip Chappell presented Mike Reddy’s idea about putting on the website in the members’ only area, profiles, pictures and finds of members, so everyone would know a little about each other.

Terry Ellis presented our spotlight member of the month.....Jim Rainey. He spoke about Jim and showed pictures of his many, many finds.

Took a break at 7:27 p.m.
The meeting resumed at 7:53 p.m.

A reminder that Mama’s Minerals would still like someone from the club to teach people who buy White’s machines from Mama’s how to use them. Still looking for a volunteer.

The hunt site for February will be Carthage.

Bragging Rights:

Coin Terry Ellis – James Madison \$1
Jewelry Terry Ellis – Gold ring
Misc.-Tie Terry Ellis – Batting Cage Token
Misc.-Tie Robert Wilson Sr. – Cowboy spur

Raffle:

Center donation winner.....Dick King – 1908 Barber half dollar
Year set 1966Ken Trentham
1930 Standing liberty quarterKen Trentham
1891 V-nickel.....Tom Murray
Year set 1964Robert Wilson Sr.
1899 Indian head cent.....Elisa Montoya
1916 Barber dime.....Mickey Cone
1899 Indian head cent.....Tony Castillo
Composite ProbeKen Trentham
Composite ProbeTerry Ellis
Copper MedallionE. R. Tapia
Motion to adjourn was made by Phillip Chappell, and 2nd by Chuck Teyssier.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Veitch, secretary. ■

Treasurer's Report

February 11, 2008

Beginning Balance\$1,277.90

Income:

Membership Fees100.00

FMDAC Fees..... 15.00

Expenses:

FMDAC(80.00)

Center Donation (100.00)

Coins-Special Hunt(80.00)

RJ's Apparel (Caps 50%) (220.00)

Ending Balance \$912.90

Special Hunt Parks

March 1st is the date of the first hunt for the special marked halves competition. **This is a hunt for MEMBERS ONLY.**

The location of the park will be announced on February 29th between 7:00 to 8:00. Members will receive an e-mail from Terry giving the location of the Special Hunt Park. If you do not have e-mail, please call Terry at 294-5296 after 8:00 PM for the location. It will be each member's responsibility to find out the location of the park. The chief planter will not be calling any members. Terry & Lucille's cell numbers are 249-0849 & 249-1058 if you need to call Saturday morning.

The hunt will be from 9-12. Please do not arrive at the park until 8:15 since all the coins are going to be planted that morning. If you can not stay until the hunt is over, just make sure that you have logged in your finds with Lucille. You do not have to be present to win the prizes.

There will be pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters & jewelry planted besides the three special marked halves. This hunt will be like a mini annual hunt. There will be between 15 & 20 prizes for specially marked coins that will be planted.

We will have a 50/50 Raffle drawing at the end of the hunt. The money from this raffle will be used for the April Special Hunt prizes. The tickets will be \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5. The 50/50 Raffle will give members a chance to win cash & also make our Special Hunts be successful hunts. A donation jar will be at the hunt for members that wish to donate the coins that they find for the next special hunt. It is not a requirement to buy raffle tickets or donate your coins to be able to hunt at the Special Hunt. This is just a fund raiser for the Club to be able to have the Special Hunts for members.

Annual Hunt

A donation jar will be at each meeting for the annual hunt prizes. We will have another jar just for coins to plant in the field for the special hunt and the annual hunt. We would like to set a goal to fill up the coin jar. All the donations from the members makes our annual hunt a great success.

Hunt Master Report

There were 10 members at the February hunt. The first hour of the hunt the members hunted with light snowflakes falling. The weather was 35 degrees when the hunt started but the sun came out & the wind was calm and it was 54 degrees at the end of the hunt. Carthage continues to produce nice finds.

- Cole Smith: Hat pin, miners tag, star rivet, bottle
- Dwayne Argaud: Part of miners lantern, old spoon, RR ties, chain link, button (blouse)
- Kathy Hamilton: Bullet casings, metal junk
- Marty Hrivnak: Watch parts, 5 small spikes, 4 pieces of jewelry, misc. buttons, glass stopper, small horse shoe
- Mike Kinsky: Civil War Button, Idsnty Medal, 2 engine buttons, watch parts, harmonica parts, 2 shot gun brass, 3 shell casings, suspender clip
- Ray Alexander: 2 Bullets, Levi button, door plate, watch wheel, salt shaker top, spoon, 2 square nails, spike
- Robert Wilson: 4 coins (1906 Indian Head Penny, 1900V Nickel, 1900 Barber Dime & 1902 Barber Dime), two miner tags, Lady's head, 5 buttons, watch parts, suspender clip, toy elephant nose
- Tom Murray: Junk
- Terry Ellis: Toy Soldier (Spanish American War), button, Watch parts, Lantern parts, Harmonica parts, Miner tag, Harness rivets, and pocket knife parts.
- Lucille Ellis: 2 Horse shoes, 2 RR Spikes, Porcelain doll body, Handihook dated 8/22/1905 (did not metal detect-just looking)

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.

Members Anniversary

Dan Salazar 3 years
Dwayne Argaud..... 1 year
Mickey Cone 1 year



Happy Birthday January & February

Sylvia Westmoreland..... January 8
Jack Beers..... January 8
Cherie Tom..... January 24
Moss Tallant January 28
Linda Solomon February 4
Kathy Hamilton February 5
George Baca February 12

Refreshment Schedule

March Gary & Cherie Tom
April Mike & Regina Kinsky

February refreshments were provided by Cole Smith. Thank you!

FMDAC Registration

The following AMDA members registered with FMDAC in February:

Dan Salazar Mike Kinsky

If any other members would like to join FMDAC please contact Lucille.

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 EditorMike Reddy
Prize Official.....Cherie Tom
Hunt MasterTerry Ellis
Photographer.....Julie King

Research Committee

Phillip Chappell
Mike Reddy
Chuck Teyssier
Tony Castillo

Annual Hunt Committee

Terry Ellis
Phillip Chappell
John Pinkston
Robert Wilson
Tony Castillo

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

Albuquerque Metal Detectors Association
P.O. Box 90205
Albuquerque, NM 87199



Special Hunt Grand Prize (4 oz Silver Bar)

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 February drawing was a Barber half dollar.

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.

**Advertisement format
Item for sale 2 lines max
Name & Phone Number**

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

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.