

# Albuquerque Metal Detector Association Newsletter

## January 2007

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### Happy New Year!!!

It's beginning to look like this may be one banner year for our club. Even lacking a vice-president, I think we are definitely headed for "greener pastures". All sorts of good things are presenting themselves to us – programs, research, new hunt sites, new types of hunting opportunities, the list goes on and on....

I sort of cornered our former club treasurer into providing us with a program for next month's meeting. John Pinkston is going to provide us with a description of privy digging. I'm sure he will give us a good idea of such things as how to locate the privies, items you might expect from digging the privies, what tools are needed, etc. Plan to be at the February meeting to hear more about this fascinating subject!!!

Speaking of programs...our website ([www.amdaclub.com](http://www.amdaclub.com)) has led us to an individual who uses his metal detector to locate meteorites. He expressed an interest on our site's chat area to get in touch with others in our club who may have similar interests. Soooooo.... He's going to be providing the program in March – on locating, recovering and identifying meteorites. For those that don't know, some meteorites are more valuable than gold!!! This should certainly be a program worth our attention!

I'm also hoping that we will get some other speakers/programs for the following months but don't have any lined up just yet. If there's a subject you'd like to see covered, either drop me an email or better yet, mention it in a message on our website chat area. [Click 'What's new' then click the dot next to 'Welcome / chat with members'. All you need to include is your name and your message – email address is entirely optional.]

Programs that I'd like to see involve nugget-hunting using detectors, bottle types and how to assess their approximate age (for dating a site) and possibly one on types of projectiles we're likely to find and how to date them. Pancho did this for us once, but I'd like to see it again.

One of the most exciting things I get to announce is that we are going to once again have a research committee!!! For those of you who can remember having had one, the purpose of the research committee is to locate and gain permission for us to hunt new and exciting locations. At present our committee will be composed of Mike Reddy and Tish D'Arcy with occasional input from me and others. Mike and I have found some really great possibilities. Mike and Tish will be following up on these and others.

As I said, things are really looking up. You will notice some other changes as well. As far as the newsletter goes, the President's corner will pretty much be done away with since my thoughts are injected throughout the newsletter as a whole. Also, the 'Who Am I' is going to be suspended temporarily, at least until I have several to pick from. Also, I'm still hoping for some guest editorials.

A few comments on the 'brainstorming' session we had at the last meeting – definitely some good ideas tossed around there:

- 1) I'm going to try very hard to have at least one overnight hunt. I think I have the place already in mind. We're going to have some fun with this one – it will likely include a planted or scavenger hunt. Details later this spring.
- 2) I'd sure like to see good participation in the FMDAC hunt – we had about 10 from the club year before last and had a great time. Only those who have paid FMDAC dues can participate.
- 3) We will definitely be having at least one nugget hunt and one meteorite hunt. One of these could be an overnighter (Rosedale for nuggets/artifacts).
- 4) Expect to see a much different annual hunt this year. I'm estimating 30-40 pretty nice prizes as opposed to 100+ smaller prizes. While I think Angie did a phenomenal job with last year's hunt with the money we had, I'd like to see us go back to annual hunts that don't require so much planning and attention to detail.
- 5) Marty presented the idea last year to the executive committee that we should spread around our resources throughout the year rather than having the two big events (annual hunt and Christmas party). Although we didn't do too much with the idea at the time, I for one think it's definitely a plan we should act on – and I plan for us to do that very thing.

Anyway, I thought our brainstorming session was time well spent. We got some great ideas and it got everyone there thinking about how our club could be better for everyone. We developed some ways to broaden our

horizons in this hobby and hopefully this new detecting venues will lead us to even more exciting finds. I know I'll be looking forward to some nugget and meteorite hunting. These things might even get me out of the parks!

Minutes for meeting on January 9, 2007

*Meeting call to order-6:40 PM*

*Did everyone get a newsletter? All newsletters will be sent out by e-mail or at the monthly meeting we will have hard copies to be picked up.*

*Motion to approve minutes—1<sup>st</sup> Betty Veitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Ellis.*

*Visitors-Tony Castillo, Rodger Jessen, Mike Kinsky*

*Motion to accept Treasurer's Report—1<sup>st</sup> Betty Veitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pancho Sanders*

*OLD BUS.---no hunting at old dumpsite off 2<sup>nd</sup> street per Robert Wilson Betty Veitch-donation to center. Check to community center for \$100. Vote was taken and a unanimous vote by the club. Motion was taken to give community center the donation; it was 1<sup>st</sup> by Betty Veitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Teyssier*

*AMDA coin count per Mike Reddy as of Dec. 31, 2006 is \$1838.71. Mike gave report on coin count.*

*New Bus.—Hunt dates Sunday and Saturdays. 4 Sunday hunts and 8 Saturday hunts.*

*Sign up for snacks for 2007.*

*Raffle items for next year have been purchased.*

*FMDAC—Please sign up for membership, dues are an additional \$5.00 this is an annual fee. FMDAC has 2 hunts per year. One hunt is coming up in May in Mesa, Arizona. There is a website available.*

*Mike Reddy and Phillip Chappell have updated the club website. There is a new button available for a Preservation page. This page is to present the club as an archeological resource. Please remember to always ask for permission to hunt a fenced in area. Fence jumpers will kill this hobby. The current state park ordinance is specific to forbidden to metal detecting. Stan Jankowski wrote a letter to push for legislation to help us get back into the state parks. Phillip suggested we use our contacts to try to help*

*push this through. A good suggestion is to remember to document all hunts and include what was found and where it was found. Add what was on the ground surface any and all information is crucial and important. Any field notes, sketches will be helpful. These types of documentation bring integrity and credibility to our finds and hobby.*

*Meteorite information from Betty V. and Cheri T. they tell that there is huge money in these types of finds.*

*John Pinkston shared about a coke bottle vintage 1914 that he found and sold on e-bay for \$876.00. He recommends we look for privys using a probe and digging.*

*Next meeting John Pinkston will do a presentation on hunting privys and old out houses.*

*An explanation of finds table and the finds of the month. Robert Wilson a civil war bullet, John Pinkston bottles.*

*A suggestion was made to list the monthly finds in the November newsletter for the December vote on the yearly finds.*

*Phillip used a dry erase board to try to brain storm How the club is run, changes in the club, activities for the club, annual hunt, ideas about an annual hunt with 30/40 nice items to find, also a spring hunt idea, need ideas from the group, we need ideas on programs we can present. Changes in type of items for raffle.*

*Tonight a 1921 Morgan dollar will be raffled off.*

*During the break please pay for annual club dues.*

*Discussion on monthly hunts for visitor's info.*

*Mike Reddy started a discussion on whether finds need to be metal to qualify for find of the month. A vote was taken and the decision was for the find of the month it must be metal.*

*On the club website under what's new? Please put on the message board suggestions for things the club can do. You can ask questions, make comments, this is a good source for input from our members.*

*7:40 pm BREAK.....Be back at 5 after 8:00 pm*

*Meeting re adjourned—8:10 pm*

## Brain Storming Session—

*Anything on how club is run?---Nothing*

*Activities?—Over night hunts in the spring-summer  
Social activities for club members, also check on other dumps in local area  
and in near by towns.  
Check for hunts in ski basins. Have a cookout.*

*Programs? Dig or no dig by marker  
Educational Programs-booth at gem/mineral show  
Nugget hunting  
Raffle needs more variety of coins  
Use a separate table for non-metal item display.*

*BRAGGIN' RIGHTS—1914 plain Barber dime-Robert Wilson, Jewelry-gold  
chain-Robert Wilson, Relics-silver war bullet-Robert Wilson.*

*RAFFLE- 1953s wheat penny-Chuck Teyssier, 1927 Buffalo nickel-Phillip  
Chappell, 1945 Mercury dime-Jim Garcia, 1938 Washington quarter-Mike  
Kinsky, 1902 Barber ½ dollar-Tony Castillo, Canadian token 1854-Allan  
Veitch, Chuck Teyssier Morgan dollar.*

*Monthly hunt this Sunday Jan. 14, 2007 Vote-Belen dump-7 votes, Socorro  
bottle dump-4 votes, Johnson field-zero votes. Belen Dump is winner meet  
at dump at 9:00am Julie King is the finds judge*

*Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM*

## **January Monthly Hunt – Belen Dump**

Here is the AMDA hunt report. Seven BRAVE members attended the AMDA January 07 hunt held at the Belen dump. It was really COLD - 25 degrees per Terry's car thermometer and the wind was blowing, sun shining but that did not stop us from hunting for 3 hours. Attendees were Julie, Terry & Lucille, Chuck and Roger Jessen (grandson-in-law), Jim Garcia and guest Mike Kinsky. Finds as follows:

Terry - 1956D wheatie, zippo lighter, 6 lipstick tubes, 1947 NM license plate (excellent condition except for a slight oops)  
Lucille - Fine wire necklace (neat - someone took a lot of time to make it)  
Chuck - Chevrolet car emblem and lipstick tube

Roger - Good Luck Penny Horseshoe charm from the First National Bank of Belen

Jim - White glass and a piece of neat sandstone

Mike K - Lidded white cream jar and lipstick tube

Julie - Wristwatch (US Time #05L65 stopped at 1155 hrs), Schwinn bike emblem, bottle top sprinkler head without cork, 2 zipper pulls, small lipstick tube, butter knife, crimped tag "Cryovag", Half tag - ???6, non-metal small white porcelain pot w/Gent's - Japan and a figurine head .

## **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.

### Monthly hunts (Saturday unless noted otherwise)

February 17

March 17

April 15 (Sunday)

May 12

June 16

July 15 (Sunday)

August 18 (Annual Hunt - Saturday)

September 15

October 14 (Sunday)

November 17

December 15

### Refreshment Schedule:

February – Jim Garcia

March – Terry & Lucille

April – Gary & Cherie

## **Treasury report:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
MONTHLY REPORT AS OF: January 19, 2007

	Expenses	Income
Beginning Balance		\$644.35
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Membership Dues		\$190.00
Raffle Ticket Sales		\$65.00
Club		
Hats/Shirts		
Donations		
FMDAC Memberships to be paid		\$45.00
Reimbursement for Christmas Dinner from guests		\$158.00
New Income		\$458.00
Sub Total		\$1,102.35
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Christmas Dinner (Furr's)	-\$248.07	
Sub Total	-\$248.07	
Ending Balance		\$854.28

## Vacancies!?!

Look at the list of officers below – and especially note the large number of “VACANT” slots. Folks, this should not be! Everybody needs to contribute something of their time or effort for this club to work well. Please consider replacing one of those vacant slots with your name and let me or one of the officers know.

AMDA 2006 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 (1 <sup>st</sup> year) Chuck Tessier (1 <sup>st</sup> year)
2-year	Betty Veitch (1 <sup>st</sup> year) Vacant
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 Monday 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.

Dan Salazar has been kind enough to offer to print off multiple copies to distribute at our meetings. Thanks Dan!!!