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Next Meeting Monday February, 11th at 6:30

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

Michael Gibson
 Larry Linik
 Tom Murray
 Jim Trentham
 Ken Trentham

New for 2008

Food Donations to the Center

We will have a drawing each month for the members that bring in donations for the center. The prize for the January drawing was a peace dollar. We want to encourage our members to help the center by giving food donations.

The research committee is active again!

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President's Corner

Cole Smith



This is a new experience writing something for the President's corner, but here goes.

This club has a history of people responding to the needs of the club by volunteering, and it needs all the volunteers it can get so the club can function. In return for the efforts of the club members this club provides an opportunity for like-minded people to get together and discuss and participate in a subject that is fascinating to us: i.e. metal detecting.

Many of us have trouble finding time to metal detect and the club is a good way to get us outdoors. Although it will be an ongoing discussion, one of the directions the club will go this year is to develop new sites that are appropriate for club hunting by using the work of the research committee and the suggestions of club members. If any member has a site they think may be appropriate for a club hunt, then please share it with us so it can be evaluated. Some of the criteria for evaluating a club hunt site: the site be large enough (it's difficult to get 10 or 15 people hunting in a site the size of bedroom); we must be able to obtain permission to hunt the site as a club; significant human activity should have occurred at the site; unless it's an overnight hunt, it should be within reasonable driving distance from Albuquerque; it should be accessible to 2-wheel drive vehicles unless we can arrange car pooling in 4-wheel drive vehicles. Other criteria probably will be developed as sites we try prove to be relatively successful or unsuccessful. However, I feel is that even a fairly unsuccessful hunt outdoors associating with good people is better than getting to all those minor household repairs I manage to put off.

Let's look forward to a good year with many interesting finds. ■

Member Spotlight for January – Jim Rainey



Galveston, Texas



Jim Rainey of Amarillo, Texas has been a member of our Club since December, 1995. His first membership was a Christmas gift from his daughter-in-law that lives in Albuquerque. He had been metal detecting since 1979 & she thought it would be a great gift for him. Jim lives 4

hours from Albuquerque but he tries to attend one or two meetings a year, the annual hunt & Christmas party. Jim is a member of FMDAC and has attended hunts in Arizona & Nevada.



Galveston Finds 2007

Jim started water detecting in 1985 where he would spend anywhere from a week to a month each year hunting in the ocean at South Padre Island, Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas, Galveston, Texas or Waikiki Beach, Honolulu, Hawaii. The past several years he has gone to Galveston, Texas. During his 28 years of metal detecting, Jim has experienced his greatest successes while water hunting. He has recovered hundreds of rings and pieces of jewelry which included 6 platinum wedding bands.



WAIKIKI FINDS 1995

When Jim was hunting in Waikiki Beach, Honolulu, Hawaii, he found a man's 18K gold and platinum (pt900) ring with nineteen diamonds to two carats. Jim was hunting with Mickey Yewell another experienced water hunter. They hunted six to eight hours a day and some at night. They hunted in the surf and wet sand. Josephine was blowing in the Gulf of Mexico but that didn't stop these two from finding rings.

In March, 1991 Jim had a ring that was featured in Western & Eastern Treasures Magazine as one of the 10 Best Finds of 1990. It was a 14K gold ring with three 1/4 carat diamonds, lined with rubies valued at \$2000 which was on the cover of the magazine. The article about his ring had a picture of Jim showing 191 rings he had found.



Airbase Finds

The Amarillo paper did an article in 2004 on his metal detecting call Treasure with a Touch of Class. The article was too large to put in the newsletter but here are some of the high lights. Class rings are one of Rainey's specialties. He collects them and tries to find the owner. He has 28 and counting, he said. The oldest class ring I've found is from Reagan High School in Houston Class of 1941. Rainey also has found four rings from Mexico and one from the University of Texas with a name and Social Security number engraved inside.



Cavalry Ring

On August 5, 2004 The Moore County News Press did an article on Jim Rainey & George Baca, another member in our club. They were metal detecting in a park when a lady noticed them using their metal detectors to search for treasure. She went up to them & asked them if they would look for her Mother's ring which had been missing for several years. George's first signal was her lost ring. The article listed several of Jim's great finds over the years. One of the class rings Jim found had been lost for 36 years. He has located several of the owners of the rings he has found.

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Jim and his wife, Joy, were on vacation visiting family in Pennsylvania last year when he decided to do some metal detecting. His first day of hunting and the second signal was a 1749 Spanish Milled Dollar.

One of Jim's favorite places to hunt in Amarillo is an Old Air Base. Jim had a close in counter with a rattlesnake during one of his hunts at the base. Even rattlesnakes do not keep Jim from metal detecting.

Jim has another hidden talent that most of our members do not know about. He plays the guitar & he can really entertain you with his songs. Jim & Joy have a Motor home that they enjoy traveling in.

Our Club is very fortunate to have Jim as a member. He has helped several members in our Club with the water detecting. To sum it up, Jim Rainey has the perfect retirement staying busy with all of his hobbies. Thanks, Jim, for sharing your stories with us about your great finds. ■

A book with pictures & articles of Jim's great finds will be on display at the February meeting.



Happy Valentine



Dave Receiving His Recovered Ring from Terry



Ring 6" Deep in Snow

THANK YOU!

We want to thank Phillip, Dan & Bob for doing a great job in office. Phillip served 3 years as President, Dan & Bob served two years as secretary & treasurer. Thanks guys for all your hard work.

Lost Ring Found

Gold wedding band found by Terry Ellis for the owner.

I was checking a new hunt site, for a special hunt, when I was approached by Dave Wiethoff wanting to know if he could pay me to hunt for his lost wedding ring. I told him, I would be glad to hunt for it but would not accept any money for trying to find it. All I would want would be a picture of it, if I found it.

Dave had lost his wedding ring (14k gold) while snow sledding at the Sandia recreation area. When we got to the area where he lost his ring, he showed me where he felt it come off his finger. In 45 minutes his lost ring was found about six inches deep in the frozen snow. Dave was thrilled to see his ring in the deep hole. He had worn it for 23 years. It meant a lot to him that his ring was found.



This was a first time experience for me finding a lost ring with the person right there. I have hunted for several rings that people have lost, but this is the first one that I have found. This is one of the great rewards of metal detecting being able to give back something of great sentimental value. ■

Minutes January 8, 2008

- The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.
- Visitors: Michael Gibson, Larry Linik, Tom Murray, Jim Trentham, and Ken Trentham
- There were no meeting minutes for December 2007, and no treasurer's report.
- Event reporting:
 - Phillip Chappell (research committee), reported one new firm hunting site, and one possible that they are still checking out. The firm site is a small town that once stood southeast of Elephant Butte Lake.
 - Cole Smith reported that Terry and Lucille Ellis did a hunt history on the club about the places we have hunted in the past, and how many times.
 - Phillip also suggested that if anyone sees or hears about a potential place for a future hunt, please let the research committee know and they will check it out for the club. We need all the help we can get in finding new places to hunt.
- Lucille Ellis reminded everyone that our 2008 club dues are due now. A single membership is \$20.00, a family membership is \$30.00, and FMDAC membership is \$5.00.
- The snack sign up sheet will be on the front table for those who wish to help out by bringing snacks.
- Flyer's for FMDAC hunts for this year were read to the membership. They are:
 - 1st weekend in May in Oklahoma
 - Western chapter's hunt is on 2-10-08 in Phoenix
 - There was also a flyer for the "Rush to the Rockies" hunt in Central City, Colorado in July.
- The donation jar for the 2008 annual hunt is on the raffle desk. All contributions are very important.
- Old Business:
- **The meeting day will be going back to the 2nd Monday of the month beginning with the February 2008 meeting.**
- Hiding tokens with the club name in various parks around town has been tabled for now.
- Terry Ellis reported that we will continue to have the monthly special hunt for halves this year. This will begin in March. Three halves will be planted.....two easy plants, and one hard one.
- New Business:
- The 2008 officers introduced themselves to the membership.
- They are:
 - President Cole Smith
 - Vice President Terry Ellis
 - Secretary Betty Veitch
 - Treasurer Lucille Ellis
 - Raffle Cherie Tom

- Lucille Ellis reported that the club will add a drawing each month for those members who bring in food donations for the center. This month's prize will be a peace dollar, and the prizes will vary each month.
- Terry Ellis volunteered to head up the 2008 annual hunt committee with the help of Phillip Chappell, John Pinkston, Tony Castillo, and Robert Wilson.
- Dick Stout, founder of FMDAC, has been very helpful in getting our club advertised. Terry Ellis will see that he gets added to our newsletter mailing list.
- We need to get the contact information on our website updated.
- Also, when you buy a detector from Mama's Minerals, they are telling people that AMDA offer's a training class. We need a volunteer to do this training class, or get Mama's to stop telling their customer's that there is one.
 - Any volunteers?????
- Terry Ellis gave a two minute drill with a demo on diamonds and how to identify them. He also offered that if you have a find and you don't know if the stone is real, he will be glad to help you find out.
- Took a break at 7:30 p.m.
- The meeting resumed at 7:53 p.m.
- The hunt choices for January were new hunting site and the Belen dump. We will be going to the Belen dump.
- **Bragging rights:**
 - **Coin Phillip Chappell – 1899 Barber dime**
 - **Jewelry Terry Ellis – Diamond ring**
 - **Misc Robert Wilson – Albuquerque 1899 dog tag**
- Raffle:
 - Center donation winner Betty Veitch – Peace dollar
 - 1935 Buffalo nickel Mickey Cone
 - 1910 Barber dime Phillip Chappell
 - 1941-D Walking Liberty half Phillip Chappell
 - 1889 Morgan dollar Lucille Ellis
- Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Wilson, and 2nd by Chuck Teyssier.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Veitch, secretary.

Note from newsletter editor:

The name of the new hunt site was omitted from the minutes until the Club has a hunt at this site.

Treasurer's Report

December 16, 2007

Beginning Balance\$1,146.81

Income:

Cash for cans30.00

Re-imburement for Dinner120.00

Expenses:

HomeTown Buffet(240.00)

Plaque(56.75)

Coins/silver/website (Mar-Sept)(205.16)

Postmaster-Annual P.O. Box(68.00)

Ending Balance\$726.90

Treasurer's Report

January 15, 2008

Beginning Balance\$726.90

Income:

Membership fees430.00

FMDAC fees70.00

Raffle sales51.00

Ending Balance\$1,277.90

Two treasurer's reports are printed for January. The December 16, 2007 report was not available for the January meeting.

Special Hunt Parks

This will be the second year for the special hunt halves completion. Since Terry Ellis found the most marked halves in 2007, he will be the chief planter & non-participant for 2008 in the specially marked half.

These hunts will start in March and run through November. The date for the special hunt will be announced at the meeting. All hunts will be on Saturday. The location of the park will not be known until Friday evening before the hunt. 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.

The Special Hunt Parks will be discussed at the February meeting.

Annual Hunt

A donation jar will be at each meeting for the annual hunt prizes. At the meeting in February we will have another jar just for coins to plant in the field at 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

Our January hunt was at the Belen dump, 11 members were present. The weather was 26 degrees when the hunt started but the sun was out & the wind was calm. This made for a perfect day to hunt in January. The Belen dump continues to produce nice finds.

- Mickey Cone: license plate NM 1933, Water fill & Frazier whisky bottle, trash
- Jim Trentham: key
- Ken Trentham: key
- Michael Gibson: trash
- Dwayne Argaud: lock (part), watch band (part), old ballpoint pin, buckle, razor blade dispenser, bottle opener
- Marty Hrivnak: 1902 Indian Head penny, 1954 wheatie, belt buckle, 2 small rail spikes, 3 1/2 marbles, compact, key, cooler plug, Lee coverall button
- Tom Murray: trash
- Julie King: modern coins (dime, nickel, 4 pennies), 2 spoons, draw pull, blue metal jack, shotgun shell, key, work clothes button, RR button with heart design (Carhartt)
- Robert Wilson: keys, ear ring, 3 belt buckles
- Terry Ellis: 2 spoons, brass belt buckle, single edge safety razor, door lock, Mother of Pearl silver button, part of pin, coffee pot lid
- Lucille Ellis: 2 spoons, marble, railroad man's work clothes button-Head Light (did not metal detect-just looking)

Monthly Hunt Schedule 2008

January 12 February 16

March 15 April 19

May 17 June 14

July 19 August 16 (Annual Hunt)

September 13 October 18

November 15 December 13

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

Terry & Lucille Ellis..... 9 years
Marty Hrivnak 4 years
CT Chappell..... 3 years
Jim & Angie Young 2 years



Happy Birthday

Betty VeitchJanuary 29

Refreshment Schedule

February.....Cole Smith
MarchGary & Cherie Tom

January refreshments were provided by Betty and Allan Veitch. Thank you!

FMDAC Registration

The following AMDA members are registered with FMDAC:

Dick King	Julie King
Terry Ellis	Lucille Ellis
Betty Veitch	Allan Veitch
Cole Smith	Mickey Cone
Dwayne Argaud	Tony Castillo
Phillip Chappell	CT Chappell
Eddie Crisp	George Baca
Jim Rainey	John Pinkston

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 EditorTerry & 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.

REMINDER – Starting in February all meetings will be on the second Monday of each month – NOT ON TUESDAY.

Club Mailing Address

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Albuquerque, NM 87199

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

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.

Message from Peter

Hi David (Rogers)

Thanks for the mail. Hope u r all well. Look forward to returning and gold hunting. I'm feeling lucky. will be looking 4 a VW CAMPER VAN when I return, used of course. I wonder if u would keep an eye open if u see one for sale anywhere. I'm not sure if they are made still, they were first made in 1947 flat fronted and air cool engine do you know the the type? I wonder if I brought some coins in may with a suggestion for a little rally with things buried on a site of the clubs choosing. These would of course be common to me but not to club members, with perhaps a couple of tokens with good prizes supplied by me .Would you care to suggest this to the committee? All the very best to all
REGARDS PETER H.

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

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.

Our club would like to thank Mike Reddy for making our website so outstanding.

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.