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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.



AMDA is a FMDAC Club.

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AMDA Changes in 2009

The officers and the executive committee have been working on stream lining the club's functions. The changes will be presented to the membership at the February meeting.

We want to encourage all members to be at the February meeting so you can have a vote in the Club's future.

We are going to put all of the problems that have been brought up since the January meeting behind us and go forward. We have a great group of people in our Club & we want to continue to have a fun and friendly club.



Finds of the Year Winner for Misc.
Bob McNicol
1 oz. Silver Bar

Monthly Hunts

AMDA follows the Bylaws and the Membership Application which all members sign stating that they agree to abide by the Bylaws. The membership application states one field trip per month (except December) to metal detect at sites that are usually in New Mexico. The sites include city parks, schools, ski areas, and ghost towns. **The Club hunts are for all the members, not a chosen few that will only hunt the Ghost Towns.**

The hunt location is voted on at the monthly meeting by the members. Each member has one voting right. If members are not at the meeting to vote and make suggestions for the hunt site, **it is not the Club that is making the wrong choice.**

In 2008 the gas price went from \$2.69 to \$3.89. **The members at the monthly meetings voted to go to hunt sites close to Albuquerque.**

Below is a recap of the Monthly Hunt locations for the last five years.

Monthly Hunts

Years	04	05	06	07	08
Park Hunts	3	2	2	3	2
Ghost Towns	5	3	3	2	1
Belen Dump		3	2	1	2
Torrance County			2		2
Ski Resorts	2	1		1	1
Private Land		1		2	
State Fair Grounds			1		
Valencia County Fair Grounds					1
Pecos River				1	
Drive In					1
Total Hunts	10	10	10	10	10

This schedule is really interesting. Even with the high cost of gas in 2008, the club only had **two in town park hunts.** Last year we went to one Ghost Town. In 2007 we went to two Ghost Towns.

The Club went to two new hunt sites that Tony Castillo and Mickey Cone obtained permission

to hunt. Tony Castillo also obtained permission for another new hunt site that was a Special Hunt. Thanks Tony and Mickey for doing this for the Club.

In 2008 E-mails were sent out to all members after the club meeting with the location of the monthly hunt. The Vice-President will not be doing this in 2009 due to the Club is stream lining what the volunteers will be doing due to the lack of volunteers. **If you are not at the meeting, it is your responsibility to contact the Hunt Master to find out where the monthly hunt will be.**

If the Club is not meeting your needs by where we go on the Monthly Hunts, you need to be at the meetings and exercise your vote and volunteer to be Hunt Master.

Note from the Editors

In 2009 Terry and Lucille Ellis will continue with their current positions in the Club which includes Vice-President, Treasurer, Newsletter Editors and the Website. This is a full load in its self. **We will not be doing any other volunteer duties.**

When some members became unhappy with the Club, **we were the target for them saying their needs were not being met and funds were not being spent properly.** These members (**you know who you are and we do too**) caused one officer to resign.

We do not give up that easy and we will try to stay in the Club.

Recap of 2008

Annual Hunt

There were 1577 targets and coins planted in the field. There were 68 top prizes and 137 other prizes plus the 43 prizes remaining from Peter's hunt. Our annual hunt had prizes with values of over \$3000.00. Every paid hunter received two door prizes. The annual hunt raffle had 9 prizes. The Club also had their annual pot luck picnic.

Special Hunts for Halves

There were 9 special hunts with 7 of the hunts having 221 prizes with values of over \$510.00. The Club had two picnics at these hunts.

Christmas Party

A total of 9 top prizes were presented at the Christmas party for year end prizes with values of over \$255.00. Members only had to pay \$6.00 for their dinner with the Club paying for the balance.

Peter's Hunts (Rallies)

Peter from England brought 201 prizes for the Club to have a rally. The hunts were at Hoffman Park, Santa Fe Ski Area and the annual hunt.

Monthly Raffles

Each month there were 8 prizes for the raffle and one prize for the Center Donation Drawing.

Recap of Hunts & Prizes for 2008

Activities	Hunts	Prizes	Cost
Annual Hunt	1	205	3000.00
Special Hunts (Halves)	9	221	510.00
Peter's Hunts (Rallies)	3	201	
Christmas Party		9	255.00
Monthly Hunts	11		
Special Hunts	2		
Total Hunts & Prizes	26	636	3765.00

Statistics and figures do not lie.

AMDA DID HAVE A GREAT YEAR IN 2008.

Every member that participated in these events walked away with a lot of good prizes. The volunteers worked hundreds of hours putting these events on. Time was spent on buying coins after coins and checking out parks for all the special events

Members' needs that were not met were not due to lack of activities or prizes in 2008.

Special Hunts for Halves – Park Hunting

AMDA had 9 Special Hunts for halves at different parks in 2008. We had members in the Club suggest we have **two hunts a month**. This was a Club activity that was organized by Terry & Lucille Ellis to fulfill that request. It was up to each member to choose if they wanted to participate in this event.

The special hunts prizes were funded by the raffles. The annual dues did not pay for any of the Special Hunts or prizes.

The members that did not participate in this event missed a lot of good metal detecting and most of all the friendship with the members. **This is what AMDA is about, metal detectorist getting together and enjoying the Hobby.**

If you did not attend these hunts, you can not say that they were not good for the Club. **The hunts may not have met some of the members needs but it did meet the needs of the majority of the members.**

As the saying goes "Don't knock something if you haven't tried it".

AMDA Membership

The Officers and Committee members are volunteers. **It is not a paid job for them.** Everyone is in the Club to have a good time and **not be the target for some members that are unhappy about the activities of the Club.**

If members do not like the way the Club is being run, **YOU NEED TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE and volunteer. Don't just complain about it.**

This year when someone suggests some activity or something they would like the Club to do, **we are going to assume that person is volunteering to take charge of that suggestion.** This way everyone will be participating in the Club and their needs will be met. **Do not expect another member or officer to volunteer for something you suggest.**

Speakers at the Meetings

Several members have suggested that we have speakers or educational programs at each meeting. Below is what the Club did in the past for speakers.

The Club had a sign up sheet for each month. The members would sign up to be the speaker or provide a speaker. Members would talk about their finds, metal detector, give demonstrations or whatever. AMDA has 30 different videos that members can use for an educational program during the meeting.

Our Club is a volunteer Club and if you want your needs met with having monthly speakers, step up and volunteer.

AMDA will have a sign up sheet at the February meeting.

Hunt Master for our Monthly Hunts

The Hunt Master shall be in charge of AMDA hunts during field trips. He/she will provide hunt instructions, to include start and stop times, and any other special requirements.

The Hunt Master would be at the meeting place and be the lead vehicle or designate someone to lead the group to the hunt site and assign someone to bring up the tail end. At the hunt site the Hunt Master would make sure everyone has signed in and tell everyone the time of the hunt. Also they would remind members to fill holes, wear head phones and if they have to leave early to let someone know. They would also be in charge of the First Aid Kit.

It will be up to the Hunt Master if he/she chooses to continue the E-mails about the location of the hunt after each meeting. This is not a requirement for the Hunt Master.

If the Hunt Master can not attend the monthly hunt, they will need to contact another member to be the acting Hunt Master.

Members will not be recording their finds at the monthly hunts in 2009. If members would like their finds to be recorded in the newsletter, they can take a picture of it and e-mail the information to the editors. **We just want relaxing hunts.**

Finds of the Month & Finds of the Year In 2009 the Club will not have finds of the month or finds of the year. This will eliminate needing a volunteer to over see the finds of the month and the finds of the year.

The Club will still have show and tell. The finds you bring in does not have to be found since the last club meeting.

There will be no record keeping of the finds. If you found something you would like to put in the newsletter, e-mail the information with a picture of it to the newsletter editors.

**AMDA
2008 Cash Account**

Dues & Club Expense			Fund Raisers and Events	
Dues	840.00		Raffle (Monthly)	1,001.00
			Annual Hunt Fees & Donations	445.00
Box Rental	(70.00)		Auction for Annual Hunt	288.00
Website	(71.00)		Aluminum sales	90.00
Center Donation (2007 & 2008)	(150.00)			
Office Supplies	(13.35)			
Printing	(24.36)		Annual Hunt Prizes	(1,152.27)
Award	(42.69)		Annual Hunt Supplies	(69.25)
Picnic	(45.98)		Raffle (Monthly) coins & misc.	(376.97)
Christmas Party (Food & Party)	(192.33)		Special hunts prizes	(190.00)
Caps (16 in Inventory)	(222.62)		Prizes-Year End	(255.80)
Net Dues & Club Expenses	7.67		Net Fund Raisers and Events	(220.29)
Beginning Bank Balance 1/1/08	726.90		Ending Bank Balance 12/31/08	514.28
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Net Fund Raisers & Hunts	(220.29)		Outstanding Bills 12/31/08	
			Website-Phillip Chappell	(71.70)
Ending Bank Balance 12/31/08	514.28		Website-10/08-1/09	(51.80)
			Office Supplies	(50.00)
2008 Cash Decrease	(212.62)			
2007 Center Donation	100.00		Balance 12/31/08	340.78
Caps in Inventory	128.00			
2008 Cash Increase	15.38			

The above schedule was prepared due to two members felt like the Club's funds were not being spent properly. This is a summary of all the transactions for AMDA's cash account in 2008. The treasurer (Lucille Ellis) worked for a CPA firm for 25 years doing a lot of audits. **Believe me, I can provide any member with any detail they want of the Treasurer Report.**

The members' annual dues paid all the club expenses. The raffles and any fund raisers paid for the annual hunt and other events. **As noted on the schedule, the Club's cash account increased \$15.38 in 2008.**

The cash balance at the end of 12/31/08 less outstanding bills was \$340.78. This balance was not too high to carry over into 2009. The balance as of 12/31/08 was a lot less than the balances carried over in prior years. **As you can see above, the balance on 1/1/2008 was \$726.90.**

The treasury report is another example how members complain when they do not understand. Each month the treasury report was read at the meeting and published in the newsletter. If any member had any complaints about the Treasurer's Report, the meeting was the place to discuss it.

AMDA Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

Guests: Jack Gilbert

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes by Julie King, 2nd by Ray Alexander.

The treasurer's report was read by Lucille Ellis. She gave an ending balance of \$514.28. Motion to accept by Julie King, 2nd by Ray Alexander.

Old Business

Bob McNicol received a 1 oz. Silver Bar for his Davis Derringer which won the Miscellaneous Finds of the Year.

New Business

Cole ask for suggestions as to WHERE and WHAT the club could do to interest old and new members to participate more in club activities.

Members' suggestions were:

Mickey Cone ... Scavenger hunts in ghost towns.

Julie King:..... Over night hunts (Possible Sites- Camp Cody, Columbus & Deming)

Tony Castillo... Invite guest speakers to the club meetings.

Cole Smith appointed himself to the research committee with Tony Castillo and Chuck Teyssier to explore a couple of new hunt areas. Old "Sunset Drive-In" and the four corners area with Gary Tom to his Grandmother's property were suggested.

Terry Ellis said that there would only be a couple of "special hunts" and picnics this year and no grand prize unless there were more volunteers to help with all the functions.

We took a break at & 7:35 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:52 PM

The monthly hunt will be at the Carthage Ghost Town. Meet at McDonalds in Socorro between 8:30-9:00. Leave McDonalds at 9:00

Bragging Rights

Coin Terry Ellis- 1 Ruble (Russian Coin)
Jewelry..... Terry Ellis - 2003 Class Ring
Misc Terry Ellis - Military Metal

Raffle

1879 Morgan Dollar..... Dick King
1954 Franklin Half Dollar..... Cole Smith
1895 Indian Head Penny..... Tony Castillo
1899 V- Nickel..... Allan Veitch
1898 Barber Dime..... Cole Smith
1898 Barber Quarter..... Gary Tom
1974 Eisenhower Dollar..... Lucille Ellis
1992 Coin Set..... Cole Smith

Coin Books donated by Dick & Julie King won by Ray Alexander and Dwayne Argaud.

Motion to adjourn by Robert Wilson, 2nd by Tony Castillo.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murray
Secretary ●

Treasurer's Report

January 12, 2009

Beginning Balance..... \$705.32

Expenses:

P.O. Box Rental (70.00)

Center Donation (50.00)

AMDA Award..... (42.69)

Monthly Raffle Prize (15.00)

Office Supplies (13.35)

Ending Balance \$514.28

Members Anniversary

Terry & Lucille Ellis..... 10 yrs.
Tom Murray..... 1 yr.



**Happy Birthday
January**

Sylvia WestmorelandJanuary 8
Betty Veitch.....January 29

Refreshment Schedule 2009

February..... Dwayne Argaud
March Mickey & Virginia Cone

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

Officers

President Vacant Terry Ellis acting
Vice President Terry Ellis
Secretary Tom Murray
Treasurer Lucille Ellis

Executive Committee

3 year Vacant
3 year Betty Veitch- 1st yr
2 year Mickey Cone - 1st yr
2 year Gary Tom - 2nd yr
1 year..... Dwayne Argaud

Other Positions

Newsletter Editor..... Terry & Lucille Ellis
Web Site Editor Terry Ellis
Prize Official Mickey Cone
Hunt Master Vacant
Photographer..... Julie King

Rejoining AMDA:

In 2008 AMDA formed a membership committee. If any prior members apply for membership, the committee will determine if their application will be accepted.

There could be several different reasons why a prior member's application would be turn down. Such as, prior members who had displayed undesirable traits and disrespect for any Club member during meetings, activities and hunts **need not apply for AMDA membership as you do not meet AMDA standards.**

Any member who has not previously met the AMDA requirements of 2 meetings & 1 hunt OR who has been observed not filling their holes on Club hunts/activities, have not met AMDA standards, therefore, they can not be AMDA members. When they were prior members they must have conducted themselves in a friendly, responsible, & respectable manner at meetings & hunts.

The above paragraph is in AMDA's Bylaws.

Research Committee
Tony Castillo

Membership Committee
Julie King

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 2009
January 17.....February 14
March 14.....April 18
May 16June 13
July 18August 15
September 19.....October 17
November 14.....December -No Hunt

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/>
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(3) Interest Links:

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