

# Metal Detective Monthly

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Newsletter July 2007 Albuquerque Metal Detector Association

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## Challenge to the membership

While many of us enjoy hunting parks, schoolyards, playgrounds and the like, I think the one thing that our club needs above all else is members actively looking for new and exciting places to go. This could best be handled through an active and aggressive Research Committee. Suggestions on possibilities could be passed to them from the general membership.

Some people have this notion that research is hard work and time consuming. And there is without a doubt some research that is, BUT there is also research like talking to friends, relatives and neighbors about properties which we might gain permission to search. There is the internet – a veritable treasure trove of information on places we might go. There are local history museums and historical publications specific to our state. Then there is simply observing as you travel; actively looking for areas that might present some detecting opportunities. Research can be many things, but the final result should be additional places for the club to hunt.

Until we have formed a Research Committee, please offer any ideas you may have to the club officers or Mike Reddy. As we are already doing things for the club, we are not volunteering to additional responsibilities. But we all share the desire to get the club moving in some new directions. Let us know if you have any ideas.

I will be asking for volunteers soon. Please think about how you can help the club in this endeavor.

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## Saturday Hunts Only!!!

*I'm delighted to announce that, due to a unanimous vote, AMDA hunts will be on Saturdays only for the foreseeable future. (Even Robert was agreeable!!!) I hope this doesn't inconvenience anyone, but lately we have seen much better participation for Saturday hunts than for Sunday hunts. So be planning your Saturdays following the meetings to come on out and join the fun.*

I left this announcement here from the previous newsletter because of how oddly it struck me that we had so few participants in the July hunt. I don't know whether it was the location or the time or that most of the club had plans for that Saturday, but there were only **SEVEN** participants in the July hunt!!! Well, technically, you could call it nine, if you count the two 'sleepyheads' (Mike and me) that arrived way late!

.....Not a great way to start out the Saturday only hunts!!!

I sure hope we see more at the coming Saturday hunts!

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## Special Hunt

Well, once again, I have to admit 'dropping the ball' somewhat regarding the special hunt. But rest assured, there will be two more halves hidden very soon (likely this weekend)!

Julie found one of the two hidden at the last special hunt park. Later Betty told me that a kid in the park told her someone else (not in the club) had found the other. He described it pretty accurately so I'm going to check to see if it's still there or not. I'll let you all know if it **IS** still there.

Score now is: Julie (4), Dan (2), Dick (2), Mike (1), Terry (1), Bob (1), Jim (1), George (1).

Don't forget, the winner of this 'competition' will become the owner of a **4-ounce silver bar** in addition to the other goodies they find while searching!

Please put on the website posting area any finds you make, including interesting finds made while searching for the special halves.

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## July Hunt Record

Hi Phillip. Here is my July 2007 AMDA Hunt Report.

AMDA Monthly Hunt - 14 July 07 at Roosevelt Park, Albuquerque, NM - 7:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m..

What a beautiful setting for our monthly hunt. The grass was glistening from the early morning watering as the sun shone through the big old trees. As an added treat, a couple of hot air balloons drifted over - all most touchable. (no camera - darnit). For those who did not make this hunt missed out on a very enjoyable time.

Hunt participants were: Mike & Regina Kinsky, Cole Smith, John Pinkston, Kathryn Hamilton, Dick & Julie King. Phillip Chappell & Mike Reddy arrived later. Mike R. did not hunt but did take a group photo after jesting with me for not taking hunt photos (he had asked me to take some pictures of this hunt and next meetings, I said I would). However, I forgot my camera (darnit #2). Smile Mike - I am and I WILL have my camera for the next activities.

Hunt Finds as follows:

Kathryn H. - a 1940-50s Albuquerque Bus Company Token in excellent condition, watermain nut

(blue) & an iron what is it piece & trash.

Regina K. - 3 pennies & lots of trash.

Mike K. - .53 cents & trash.

Cole S. - .30 cents, 1 button - Marine Corps (date 1821 - 1860 (Civil War era). It could be

#MC 9 button listed in A. H. Albert Uniform Buttons Book. A very old neat button.

John P. - \$2.24, ring - Harley Davidson "ride to live - live to ride", "antique rolled gold lady's watch" as described by John.

Dick K. - \$2.22, pin " I am 4 years old today", ring - gold - wide band.

Phillip Chappell - .12 cents (in 20 minutes)

Julie K. - \$1.72, button "equipment militaires" & a cartridge R. P. 45 auto.

\*\*\*End Hunt Report\*\*\* Finds of the Month Judge (FOTMJ) Julie

SPECIAL REPORT: A nice story by Mike Kinsky regarding a request to look for a "gold ring - heirloom" by a man who lives near "Ed Leslie Park" (AMDA special hunt park a while back). Mike was detecting the park looking for the marked half dollars when this man requested help in finding his ring and that he would pay Mike \$300 if he found it. Mike said he would metal detect the area in question. So off they went and in a short time Mike located the ring. The man wanted to pay Mike but Mike refused any payment for his service. Way to go Mike. A nice "community service" you provided this man without compensation. The club is very proud of all your actions in this matter. Julie.

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### Lost and found

Lost: Several members whose absence has been felt. If you happen to encounter these members, please remind them of the annual hunt and invite them to join us both for that and beyond. These members might respond to the following names: Dwayne, Marty, David, moss, terry, Lucille, bud, gary, cherie, jim, or Daniel.

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## Annual Hunt

Less than two weeks from everyone receiving this newsletter, we will all be enjoying the annual hunt! And I think it will be a memorable one. One thing I'm absolutely sure of – it will be different!!!

I hope everyone is planning to bring some delicious items to share. [Julie – think **potato salad!**] We'll be having brisket and ham and drinks (provided by the club) and hopefully enough side dishes to satisfy the hunger brought on by a lively hunt. Make sure that your side dishes are a portion large enough to share!!! The club will also be providing plates, napkins and plasticware. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the August meeting so you can see what dishes others are planning to bring. (Since all the club officers are diabetic, it sure would be nice to see some low-carb desserts!!!)

Also, be reminded that this and the Christmas party are the two club events where everyone is invited to bring families along (although only members can participate in the actual hunt).

I would like to see several volunteers show up early to help set up. We've always had good help before the hunt and I'm counting on it again.

Let me just put here some things I will need volunteers for:

1. Setting up our dining area – arranging tablecloths, plates/plasticware, dishes, etc.
2. Setting up the hunt area – placing flags, drawing lines (for the kid's hunt area)
3. Taking money/giving tickets for the raffles
4. Signing in participants
5. Clean up afterward – this should not be a volunteer effort – it should include **EVERYONE**. By golly, if you participate, you darn well better hang around to help clean up – none of the 'take our stuff and leave' garbage that I have seen in previous years. I'll not be quiet about it this year as I have in years past. Don't make me embarrass you by calling you back to help! Don't imagine for a second that I won't do it!

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## **July Minutes and Treasurer's report**

Are now available for your perusal on the website [www.amdaclub.com](http://www.amdaclub.com) .

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## **Bragging rights**

All I got for the bragging rights was that John and Robert were the winners. (Dan, we're going to have to cut your pay if you can't give me more information!!!) I'm sure hoping some pictures were taken of the winning items.

Congratulations, winners!

Winners should be reminded to have their winning entries photographed before the end of each meeting.

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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.

## **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, 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.