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ANNUAL HUNT - AUGUST 16

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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New for July, 2008

- (1) Special Hunt at Menaul School (Page 5)
- (2) **Annual Hunt Raffle – Only for paid hunters (No raffle tickets will be sold to non-hunters, guests or children)**
- (3) **Annual Hunt for Children – Last day to sign up is at the August meeting.**
- (4) **Items Returned to Owners (Page 5)**



Betty & Allan at the Special Hunt



Julie King - Special Half Found



Tom Murray at Special Hunt



AMDA Annual Hunt Members Only



Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008
At
Oak Flat Locust Picnic Area

Schedule of Events

08:00 – 09:00 – Check-in/Raffle Sales (Only Paid Hunters)
09:00 – 10:30 – Main Hunt
10:30 – 11:30 – Brass Tokens & Peter's Prizes
11:30 – 12:30 – Potluck Luncheon/Socializing
12:30 – 01:00 – Kids Hunt (Last Day to sign up 8/11)
01:00 – 02:00 – Top Prizes & Raffle Drawings
02:00 – 03:00 – Trading of Duplicate Prizes
03:00 – 03:30 – Cleanup

Hunt Fees

Sign up by May/June Meeting - \$15 / kids \$10
Sign up by July Meeting - \$20 / kids \$15
Sign up by August Meeting - \$25 / kids \$20
Day of Hunt - \$30

Potluck Luncheon

The club will provide meat, bottle water,
flatware, paper plates & such.
Members are asked to bring a side dish or desert.
Also drinks for your family (Club will furnish Water)

Directions to Hunt Site:

I-40 east, exit 175 (Tijeras), go south on hwy
337 for 8.7 miles, turn left onto Oak Flat Rd (FR
413), go 1 mile, turn left and follow AMDA
signs to Locust Picnic area.

Hunt being held Rain or Shine



White Buffalo Winners



Jack's Finds



Silver Bonanza Hunt

Rush to the Rockies Hunt

Terry, Lucille and Jack Ellis attended the annual “Rush to the Rockies” planted hunts on July 18-20. The Eureka Treasure Hunters Club of Colorado is the host for this hunt. It was in Black Hawk/Central City Area at the Pickle Gulch Campground. There were 5 different hunts. Instead of planting prize tokens, they plant all of the coins, nuggets and silver in the ground.

Hunts:

- (1) 10,000 Silver Cascade Hunt – 10,000 silver coins planted in the ground.
- (2) Red Dolly Casino Hunt – Casino tokens, prizes and coins planted.
- (3) The Great White Buffalo Hunt – Thousands of coins, silver rounds and silver bars planted. 20 White buffalos were planted and the prizes were a 2 Peso Gold Coins.
- (4) Gold Nugget Hunt – Gold Nuggets planted with pennies.
- (5) Silver Bonanza Hunt – Loaded with silver coins, bar of silver and silver rounds.

Terry found 171 dimes (92 of them were Mercury Dimes) in the first hunt in one hour and 15 minutes. In the second hunt, he was one of the three that found the token for a subscription to Lost Treasure. He found one of the White Buffalos in the third hunt winning a 2 Peso Gold Coin. He also found nuggets, silver dollar, casino tokens and 174 coins (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and halves). Lucille did not hunt since she was taking care of their Grandson, Jack.

They also had a great kid’s hunt that Jack hunted in finding 2 tokens and 36 toys that they planted in the ground, trees and brushes.

The Rush to the Rockies is a great hunt to attend if you ever get a chance to attend it. Due to the location of the hunt, it is limited to 85 hunters so if you plan to go in 2009 you need to get your entry fee in early. The hunt sold out in 2008. The Eureka Treasure Hunters Club did a great job and made sure everyone had a good time. This is their website if you would like to see pictures of their hunt. <http://www.eurekathc.com/>

Pin Pointer

Jim Westmoreland gave a demonstration on an inexpensive pin pointer at the July meeting. He had bought it at Harbor Freight for \$16.99. The item is CEN-TECH Hand Held Metal Detector item #97245.

Thanks for sharing this information with the Club Members.



Harbor Freight Pin Pointer



Lost Pendant



Cole Smith Found Ring & Returned



Davis Derringer found by Bob McNicol



Ring found by Mickey Cone

Mudd Volleyball Tournament

The Mudd Volleyball Tournament was June 21. Every year several rings, necklaces and other items are lost in the Volleyball Pits during the games.

Several of AMDA's members have hunted the pits to try to find lost items. A woman lost a pendant at Pit #40. She is offering a \$50 reward to the person who finds it.

Contact Terry Ellis if you find the lost pendant and he will get you in touch with the owner.

Cole Smith found two gold rings with diamonds that he returned to the owners. To the left is a picture of the first gold ring with diamonds that he found and returned. The second gold ring with diamonds was found when the owner was at the Pit searching for it. Great finds, Cole!!!

Annual Hunt

The 2008 Annual Hunt will start one hour earlier and go one hour later (8:00-3:30). Main hunt will start at 9:00 and go to 10:30. See the hunt flyer on Page 2 for all the scheduled events. We have added one hour extra after the prizes for trading or selling duplicate prizes you receive.

The August meeting is the last day you can sign up children for the annual hunt. No children will hunt in the main hunt this year. Children under 18 years old will have their separate hunt (12:30-1:00).

The Annual Hunt Raffle will only be for paid hunters. No raffle tickets will be sold to non-hunters, guests or children.

Treasurer's Report

July 14, 2008

Beginning Balance\$774.34

Income:

Annual Hunt Fees 130.00

Raffle Ticket Sales 95.00

Raffle Special Hunt 50/50 35.00

Expenses

Coins-Special Hunt (35.00)

Coins-Annual Hunt & Raffles (180.00)

Prizes-Annual Hunt..... (213.69)

Ending Balance \$605.65



Menaul School Hunt

Special Hunt at Menaul School

AMDA had a special hunt at the Menaul School on Saturday, July 26. The hunt was 4 hours and 45 minutes. Seven members hunted for the entire hunt. Six members hunted for 1 hour to 2 hours. During the hunt, the members found a total of \$47.00 in change. A Wheatie was found by Bob McNicol.

Members found six rings and five other pieces of jewelry. Bob McNicol, Tony Castillo, Eddie Crisp, Jim Westmoreland, Mike Kinsky and Mickey Cone found one ring each.

Thanks to Tony Castillo for getting permission for our Club members to hunt the Menaul School grounds.



Some of the Finds at Menaul School

IMPORTANT

We can only hunt this hunt site as a Club with special permission.

Coin cache found in backyard

Article from the Amarillo Newspaper on June 27, 2008 sent by George Baca to AMDA.

The Case of the Missing 300 Silver Dollars, or What In The World Is Something Like That Doing In A Place Like This, likely will never be solved. That they were actually uncovered is astonishing enough, but to find out why 300 Morgan silver dollars from 1887 in mint condition were under a foot of hardened soil on former Amarillo Mayor Jerry Hodge's property, well, let your imagination be your guide

The rest of the story is on Amarillo Newspaper Website.
http://www.amarillo.com/stories/062708/new_10643262.shtml



Silver Dollar Cache found in Amarillo

Items Returned to Owners

The year of 2008 has been a great year for AMDA members doing community service returning lost items to the owners. Five members in our Club have returned six items.

Items returned

- **Cole Smith – Two Gold Rings with Diamonds**
- **Mickey Cone – Manzano Class Ring**
- **Ray Alexander – Class Ring**
- **Robert Wilson - \$50 Mexican Gold Piece on a Chain**
- **Terry Ellis – Gold Wedding Ring**

Thanks to all the members that have returned items to the owners. This is a great community service.

**AMDA Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M.

Guests: Jan McNicol

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes by Mickey Cone, 2nd by Chuck Teyssier.

The treasurer's report was given. Motion to accept by Dan Salazar, 2nd by Chuck Teyssier.

Old Business

Cole Smith reminded everyone of the snack sign up sheet. We still have a couple of meetings open for snacks.

Terry Ellis reported on the hunt at Inez Park. Julie King found one special half after the hunt was over. Terry Ellis found a gold ring with a diamond. Tom Murray found two halves along with the lost half from last years hunt.

Tom Murray is leading with four halves and Jim Rainey is in second with three halves.

Terry Ellis also talked about the annual hunt. We have many prizes including two metal detectors. Terry also reported that the format for this year's hunt would be a little different from before.

New Business

Cole Smith talked about finding two rings at the mudd pits, and returning them to their owners.

Robert Wilson, Sr. found a \$50 Mexican gold piece on a chain and returned it to the owner.

Mickey Cone found the owner of a 14K gold class ring. The ring belonged to Brian Lewis Dudley and was returned to his father.

Jim Westmoreland gave a short talk about pin pointers.

Tony Castillo reported on the research committee. The committee may have a new place to hunt.

Mickey Cone suggested a new place to hunt, the Valencia Fair grounds in Belen.

We took a break at 7:10 P.M.

The meeting resumed at 7:28 P.M.

Terry Ellis talked about being very careful when hunting in the city parks. Some cities are not allowing metal detecting anymore, and for everyone to be sure wherever they go, it is OK to hunt the local parks.

July's monthly hunt will be in town at Montgomery Park.

Allan Veitch turned in \$90 in can money for the annual hunt.

Bragging Rights

**CoinMickey Cone–Green River Whiskey Token
JewelryMickey Cone – Silver Ring
Misc.Bob McNicol – Davis Derringer**

Raffle

Center Donation WinnerRegina Kinsky–Eisenhower Dollar

1921 Morgan DollarRay Alexander
1907 Indian Head PennyMickey Cone
1928 Buffalo NickelMickey Cone
1906 V–Nickel.....Tony Castillo
1914 Barber Dime.....Ray Alexander
1894 Barber QuarterRay Alexander
1976 Eisenhower DollarDan Salazar
1969 U.S. Coin SetTerry Ellis

Motion to adjourn by Chuck Teyssier, 2nd by Dan Salazar.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M.
**Respectfully submitted by Betty Veitch,
Secretary●**



Watch found by Mickey Cone

Special Hunt Report

The special hunt for July was held on June 28th at Inez Park. We had 8 members and one guest (Kay Alexander)

Julie King found one of the Special Halves after the hunt ended. Tom Murray found the other two halves on Tuesday. Tom also found one of the halves that were not recovered in 2007. **Congratulations on finding the halves.**

Tom Murray is in the lead for the 4 oz. Silver Bar and Jim Rainey is in the lead for the 2 oz. Silver Round.

Below is the Special Hunt ranking as of July.

4 OZ.

Member	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Total
Tom M.				2	2	4
Jim R.	1		2			3
Mike K.		1	1			2
Julie K.				1	1	2
George	1					1
Dwayne		1				1
Phillip		1				1
Total	2	3	3	3	3	14

2 OZ.

Member	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Total
Jim R.	1		2			3
Mike K.		1				1
Tom M.				1		1
George	1					1
Dwayne		1				1
Phillip		1				1
Total	2	3	2	1	0	8

Julie King wins big again for the Third Month. Our 50/50 Raffle was \$70.00. Julie King had the winning ticket receiving \$35.00. Thanks to all the members that buy the raffle tickets. This helps fund the Special Hunt.

The member that finds the most halves during the hunt and after the special hunt will receive the **4 oz. Silver Bar in December.** And the member that finds the most halves during the hunt will receive a **2 oz. Silver Round in December.** ●

Hunt Master Report

AMDA Monthly Hunt for July 2008 was at the Montgomery Park. Nine members attended the hunt. **Mickey Cone had a great day metal detecting finding a Tag Heuer Dive Watch valued at \$1100.00. Picture on Page 6. Great Find, Mickey!!!**

Coins Found

Member	.25	.10	.05	.01	Total
Dick	6	2	2	6	1.86
Mickey	4	5	1	10	1.65
Mike K.	3	5	3	20	1.60
Jim W.	5	2	0	3	1.48
Eddie	3	3	3	2	1.22
Julie	3	1	3	10	1.10
Tom	2	1	0	6	.66
Kathy	0	1	0	1	.11
Cole	0	0	1	2	.07
Total	26	20	13	60	9.75

Other Finds

- Eddie Crisp: Sun Tran School Bus Token, Canadian Cent, Toy Car
- Julie King: Large Wire Star Earring, 10K Gold Wedding Band, ID Bracelet (MK Chain with Blue Stone)
- Kathy Hamilton: Heart Pendant, Button with Design
- **Mickey Cone: TAG Heuer Dive Watch, Shell Casing**
- Mike Kinsky: Sun Tran School Bus Token, Golf & Game Token, Toy Helicopter
- Tom Murray: Mood Ring, Key

The members found many pull-tabs along with several colored pull-tabs. The Guys had a game about who found what color pull-tabs. Mike found red & blue pull-tabs, Mickey and Eddie found green pull-tabs. The Club is all about having fun and that is what the members had hunting at Montgomery Park. **Thanks, Julie, for being the hunt master in the absence of Terry.** ●

Members Anniversary

Chuck Teyssier..... 14 years
Daniel Hart..... 3 years



Happy Birthday July

Regina KinskyJuly 12
Phillip Chappell.....July 22

Refreshment Schedule

August.....Dick & Julie King
September.....Tom Murray
October.....Cole Smith

July refreshments were provided by Jim & Sylvia Westmoreland. Thank you!

Officers

PresidentCole Smith
Vice PresidentTerry Ellis
SecretaryBetty Veitch
TreasurerLucille Ellis

Executive Committee

3 yearChuck Teyssier - 3rd yr
3 yearPhillip Chappell - 1st yr
2 year Julie King - 2nd yr
2 yearGary Tom - 1st yr
1 year.....Dwayne Argaud

Other Positions

Newsletter Editor.....Terry & Lucille Ellis
Web Site EditorMike Reddy
Prize OfficialCherie Tom
Hunt Master..... Terry Ellis
Photographer.....Julie King

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.

Annual Hunt Committee

Terry Ellis
Phillip Chappell
John Pinkston
Robert Wilson
Tony Castillo

Research Committee

Phillip Chappell
Mike Reddy
Chuck Teyssier
Tony Castillo

Membership Committee

Julie King
Cherie Tom
John Pinkston

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 2008
January 12.....February 16
March 15April 19
May 17June 14
July 19**August 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 July drawing was an Eisenhower Dollar.

FOR SALE
AMDA CAPS - \$8 each

FOR SALE
Coleman "Forester" Cot (new) Sleeps person up to 5' 10". Lightweight alum. 25"x72"x14". Reinforced center leg brace. **Paid \$35 asking \$20.**
Bought @ Sportsmen Warehouse. **Email Dick/Julie**

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.