



AMDA NEWS

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Great Finds found in June and July

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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Great Finds Found in June & July

Terry Ellis found the **ring with nine diamonds** hunting the beach on Galveston Island.

Jim Westmoreland found these great finds while hunting at different sites in New Mexico. The **ring** has three cut rose stones and one clear stone with a couple of stones missing. The **small broach** has gold plating and amethyst cut stone. The **1919 Buffalo nickel** has been graded to be worth \$40.

Jim Westmoreland also found the **Hunter 29 Badge**.



Terry Ellis Found Ring with 9 Diamonds.



Jim Westmoreland Finds



Jim Westmoreland Found Hunter 29 Badge.

*Metal Detector Finds found by
The Albuquerque Metal Detector Association Members*



Close-up view of our finds from two Special Hunts, July 26, 2008 and April 11, 2009 donated by AMDA members

*Presented to Menaul School
June 24th 2009*



*Presenting our finds to Menaul School officials: (left to right), Mr. Lindsey Gilbert, President/Head of School, Ms. Tonya Wright, Director of Finance and Operations, and Tony Castillo, AMDA Member.
(Photos by: Tony Castillo and Mickey Cone)*



Terry Ellis using a small probe.



Mike Kinsky adjusting his detector prior to the hunt.



Menaul School

Menaul Hunts By Tony Castillo

Initially our club gained permission to hunt Menaul School back in the summer of 2008. Having introducing myself, I talked to Ms. Tonya Wright with our intentions as a club in metal detecting Menaul School. I proposed to her that our finds would be donated in a display case and given to the school.

As some of you may know Menaul School opened their doors in 1881 when New Mexico was still a territory. Knowing this I was hoping there would be older and significant finds for hunting with metal detectors unfortunately, that wasn't case. As a special request from Menaul officials, we were not allowed to dig no deeper than 4 inches and to use small digging tools to extract our finds.

Our first hunt was scheduled for Saturday July 26, 2008. It was a cool morning, perfect for metal detecting. There were 11 members present. The majority of the members finds were of common coins, a few interesting pieces of jewelry in which a couple of us found silver rings and those ever present pull-tabs. One member found a wheatie penny and another member found a bus token both from the 1950's.

Our second hunt was set for Saturday April 11, 2009 (sorry no pictures). It was stormy, windy and raining. Six of us braved the elements, but it really wasn't all that bad. Most of us covered our detectors with rain covers or plain old plastic bags. We ducked under cover from the rain twice but, by the end of our hunt, the sun came out. Getting to those older targets would seem less of a chore because the rain from the night before soaked the ground pretty good and made digging easier. We all had a great time and we were rewarded with some great finds.

I would like to thank all members that were present for both hunts in their generous donations to Menaul School. I look forward in continuing our friendships with the folks at Menaul so that we may come back to metal detect again in the future.



Terry detecting in the water



Terry detecting on the beach



Pier damaged by Ike



Some of Terry's water finds

Metal Detecting in Water

By Lucille Ellis

Terry and Lucille Ellis and their grandson, Jack, spent 23 days on Galveston Island, Texas in June and July. It has beautiful beaches to metal detect in the surf and on the sand. The main two beaches are Stewart Beach and East Beach.

Stewart Beach is a family beach where liquor is not allowed. On July 4th this beach had four rows of umbrella and chairs & the beach was so crowded with people you could hardly walk on the beach.

East Beach is the coolest and biggest beach in Texas. Famous for its great beach parties, East Beach has major outdoor concerts, special events, promotion, bikini contests, live bands, and other activities. This beach was the beach you could not hunt if you did not have a metal detector to discriminate out nails.

Galveston Island is where **Hurricane Ike** did a lot of damage on September 13, 2008. From the hurricane, the RV Park where we stayed had 11 feet of water from the bay and it took 3 days for it to go down. The City of Galveston had to bring in new sand for the beaches along the Sea Wall since the hurricane stripped all the beaches.

Terry metal detected for a total of 92 hours in the 23 days and found **843 different items** in the water and on the beach. **His best finds were three diamond rings and three diamond ear rings.**

He found 405 coins with a value of \$40.08. Also 24 pieces of other jewelry, 18 sunglasses and glasses, 28 keys, ipod, teeth, 3 foreign coins, 245 pull tabs & other items.

The metal detector that Terry used was a Minelab. He was able to discriminate out all the nails on East Beach with it.

Metal Detecting in the water is a different kind of metal detecting. You have to fight the waves a lot but you never know what the next beep will be. The swimmers love to get in the water with lots of jewelry on & when the waves take it off of them, **the only way it can be recovered is with a metal detector.**

Metal Detecting Tips

MAKE THEM FLEXIBLE

Here is a suggestion for a pair of detecting gloves: Buy a good pair of leather "driver's gloves" from your local home supply or hardware store, they will run you about \$15.00.

Wash them well with warm, soapy water and let them dry. After completely dry, soak them down with baseball glove conditioner, which you can buy at any sporting goods store for about \$2.00. Make sure that you saturate them well, and let them sit for a day. They will become very flexible, soft, and tough, as leather should be. Scrub them and re-coat them as the season goes on.

These gloves are the best thing to protect your hands from sharp metal objects and glass that you often find in your dig holes. Especially if you hunt old home sites, these gloves are the ticket. Because the baseball conditioner is oil, the gloves will also be fairly waterproof. These gloves will also protect your hands from drying out, as they will from all of the dirt.

HUNTED OUT

When metal detecting old sites that you feel are basically hunted out, go back over the site in all metal mode. You would be surprised what your detector discriminates out.

Raisin Remedy Eases Arthritis

BEST CHOICES Recipe FROM THE PEOPLE'S PHARMACY, written by Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon who have a weekly column in the Albuquerque Journal. The recipe is as follows:

- 1 box (15 ounces) golden raisins
- 1 pint good gin (2 cups)

Pour the gin over the raisins in a bowl. Cover with a towel and allow the gin to evaporate (it takes up to a week). Transfer the moist raisins to a covered jar and place it in refrigerator. Eat nine daily.

<http://www.peoplespharmacy.com/2009/07/20/raisin-remedy-e/>

Members have tried it and it does ease arthritis.

A Note from the Editors

AMDA is a volunteer club and like most organizations it operates solely upon the contributions and efforts of volunteers. We have had periods of time when we had lots of volunteers and other times where we did not. If the period of low volunteer efforts lasts awhile, the club loses ground from which it is very hard to recover.

Our Club has been struggling this year due to the lack of volunteers. In the 10 ½ years we have been in the Club, we have never had to ask for volunteers each month to be hunt master or to bring snacks.

The hunt master is a very important part of our Club. In order for our Club to have a monthly hunt we have to have a hunt master. **In all prior years, we had someone to volunteer for the year.** If that hunt master could not attend all the hunts, he/she would be responsible to get someone to stand in for him/her.

Not having a hunt master for the year adds more responsibility to the officers. The officers have to make sure the monthly hunt master has the **first aid kit and the sign in sheet (a blank piece of paper can not be used).**

All members enjoy the refreshments members bring in. **Why do we have months that members have not volunteered for when the Club pays \$20 toward the snacks???**

You should also ask yourself if you are doing all you can to help us grow and prosper. If not, volunteer right now! There are positions open you just might fit into. Remember it is all the members Club.

Annual Hunt Donation from Aluminum

Allan and Betty Veitch collects aluminum from club members to benefit the Annual Hunt.

At the July meeting Allan presented the Club with **\$60.00 from the sale of the aluminum** they had collected. **Thank you, Allan and Betty, for doing this.**

No Refreshments for the August meeting

There will be no refreshments provided for the August meeting since no one signed up to bring the snacks.

If you have not brought snacks this year and would like to bring them for the August meeting, **please let Terry and Lucille know so they can put you on the list.**

The Club will reimburse you \$20.00 for the snacks. Twenty dollars will buy chips, dip, cookies and bottle water which is enough for snacks.

AMDA Volunteers

It takes a lot of members to have a successful club. Below is a list of volunteers that it takes to make AMDA.

Officers and Executive Committee Members - 9
Newsletter Editors and Web Site Editor – 3
Prize Official, Hunt Master, Photographer - 3

Other Committees - 7
Annual Hunt, Research & Membership

There are 22 different volunteer positions. All of these positions and the volunteers are on page 9. The members below have volunteered for more than one position.

Terry Ellis (4) – Vice-President, Newsletter Editor, Web Site Editor and Annual Hunt

Jim Westmoreland (4) – Executive Committee, Annual Hunt, Research & Membership Committees

Lucille Ellis (2) – Treasurer & Newsletter Editor

Julie King (2) – Photographer and Membership Committee

If you are not one of the volunteers, please consider helping out by volunteering to bring snacks, being the hunt master or being the monthly speaker (everyone loves talking about their great finds).

AUCTION for Annual Hunt

AMDA had great success raising money for the Annual Hunt during the July meeting. The Club made \$121.00 with the auction and had \$60.00 donated toward the auction.

Time ran out before all the items could be auction off, so the remaining of the auction will be held during the August meeting.

Don't forget to bring back your items that were not auction off and also any other items you would like to donate.

Since Mickey Cone will be out of town we need a volunteer to do the auction. If you would like to do it, please contact Jim Westmoreland.

Thanks to all the members who brought and purchased items.

Great Finds – See Page 1 also.

Each month we hope to put pictures of items found by members during the month.

If you would like pictures of your finds in the newsletter, please e-mail the picture and description of the item to the newsletter editors. You do not have to put when the item was found.



Jim Westmoreland found this Air Force pin. The back says it is a "crown and cross".



1911 V Nickel found by Terry Ellis



Tony Castillo, Jim Westmoreland and Marty Hrivnak at July Hunt (Hyder Park).



Tom Murray showing guest how to recover target.



Welcome New Member – Richard Ruble

Park Hunting

Below is on the Membership Application that all members sign to be a member of AMDA:

The AMDA plans at least 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 area and ghost towns; sites are occasionally in remote areas, but are generally accessible by two wheel drive vehicles.

The membership is asked to nominate three different sites for each hunt. Then the membership selects the hunt site by a majority of votes on the three nominated sites.

If the Club is not going to the sites that you like to hunt, you need to be at the meeting so you can nominate the site you would like to go to and vote on it. **Do not complain about where the club hunts if you did not nominate or vote for the monthly hunt site. And please do not complain about park hunting where guests and new members can over hear.**

The Club is made up of all members not just the officers. As was stated in the July meeting all members are on the Research Committee for new hunt sites not just the two members listed as being on the Research Committee.

Ask yourself the question, “Have I found a new hunt site for the club or have I nominated a hunt site where I would like to go?”

Remember the hunt site is chosen by the majority of the votes from the membership.

AMDA CAPS

We still have AMDA caps for sale. **The cost is \$8.00 per cap.** If you pay by cash, please bring the exact amount.

**AMDA Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Guests: Mary Jane Brodie
Cameron and Colin Crawford
Ben Grossetete

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes by Julie King, 2nd by Jim Westmoreland.

The treasurer's report was read by Lucille Ellis. She gave an ending balance of \$636.11. Motion to accept by Ray Alexander, 2nd by Jim Westmoreland.

Old Business

We need volunteers to bring snacks to the meetings and also need speakers.

Mickey Cone and Tony Castillo presented a display case on June 24th to Menaul School with items that were found there on previous club hunts.

Possible hunt sites: The Rainbow Gathering camp site in the Jemez Mts. and the 5 points movie theater.

New "Club Cards" will not be purchased at this time.

Some of the treasures found by Terry Ellis on the beaches in Galveston, Texas: pull tabs, nails, sunglasses, teeth, Ipod, rings and necklaces.

Need someone to research the laws concerning hunting on federal land.

New Business

Jim Westmoreland – plans for the annual "Chuck Hunt" is going well."

The club had an "auction" to help raise money for the annual hunt.

We took a break at 7:25 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:40 PM

The monthly hunt will be at the Hyder Park at 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 18th. Mickey Cone will be hunt master.

**Center Donation Drawing
1902 Barber Dime – Lucille Ellis**

**50/50 Raffle
\$30.00 – Tom Murray**

Motion to adjourn by Lucille Ellis, 2nd by Tom Murray.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murray
Secretary/2009


Treasurer's Report July 13, 2009	
Beginning Balance.....	\$466.11
Income:	
Raffle Ticket Sales	90.00
Annual Hunt Fees.....	75.00
Annual Hunt Donation.....	25.00
Expenses	
June Snacks Reimb.....	(20.00)
Ending Balance	\$636.11

July Monthly Hunt
The July monthly hunt was at Hyder Park.
At the August meeting, we will get a report on the items found at the hunt and how many members attended.
Mickey Cone was the hunt master for the July hunt.

<p>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</p>

Members Anniversary
Daniel Hart..... 4 years

Annual Hunt Committee
Jim Westmoreland
Ray Alexander
Terry Ellis


Happy Birthday
July
None

Research Committee
Tony Castillo
Jim Westmoreland

Membership Committee
Julie King
Jim Westmoreland

Officers
President Mickey Cone
Vice President Terry Ellis
Secretary Tom Murray
Treasurer Lucille Ellis

Refreshment Schedule 2009
August.....None
SeptemberRobert Wilson

July refreshments were provided by Dan Rossbach. Thank you!

Executive Committee
3 year Vacant
3 year Vacant
2 year Dwayne Argaud – 1st yr
2 year Gary Tom - 2nd yr
1 year..... Jim Westmoreland

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.

Other Positions
Newsletter Editor Terry & Lucille Ellis
Web Site Editor Terry Ellis
Prize Official..... Betty Veitch
Hunt Master Monthly sign up sheet
Photographer..... Julie King

Club Mailing Address
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Monthly Hunt Schedule 2009

January 17.....	February 21
March 14.....	April 18
May 16	June 13
July 18	August 15
September 19.....	October 17
November 14.....	December - <u>No Hunt</u>

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.

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.

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/>
White's Metal Detectors <http://www.whiteelectronics.com/>

(3) Interest Links:

Mama's Minerals <http://www.mamasminerals.com/>




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