

Metal Detective Monthly

Newsletter June 2007 Albuquerque Metal Detector Association

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.

Special Hunt

Where'd all the hunters go???. Not a lot of action on the website posting area. Has the warm weather beaten everyone out of hunting for the special halves?

There has been only one half found at the June special hunt park. (Dick King found one on the day of the June club hunt!) That means there is one more there, just waiting to be found.

Score now is: Julie (3), Dan (2), Mike (1), Terry (1), Bob (1), Jim (1), George (1).

I'll tell you right now, there are two already planted in a west side park. The word should've been released last Friday, but when that didn't happen, I'm opting for this Friday – be looking for the notice and then go looking for the halves.

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.

June Hunt Record

Hi Phillip. It has taken me a little longer to get this report to you as we got busy and then had family visit.

AMDA MONTHLY HUNT REPORT - Hunt date 16 June 2007 at the UNM Johnson Field, Albuquerque, NM.
 Attendance: 13 members as follows: Dick & Julie King, Mickey Cone, Chuck Teyssier, Robert Wilson, Sr., Roger Williams, Cole Smith, Terry & Lucille Ellis, Kathryn Hamilton, Phillip Chappell, Allan & Betty Veitch. Before the start of the hunt, Phillip gave us a list (read by Julie) of 18 numbered items which could be a possible winner of a silver round (3 rounds would be given out). RULES OF THE GAME: After the timed hunt (7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.) and when everyone had their finds recorded, Phillip would then roll the "bingo basket" to reveal a numbered item. The member who had the #d item won a silver round. To add to the excitement, 2 marked half dollars were somewhere on the field.

Hunt finds as follows:

Name	Coins	Other	Trash	Coin Value
Betty V.	1 - penny 1979	Battery	6	1 cent
Allan V.	1- penny 1985			1 cent
Kathryn H.	1 - quarter - 1973 4 - dimes - 1970 2 - nickels - 2000 9 - pennies - 1990		12	.84 cents
Lucille E.	1 - quarter - 1981 1 - nickel - 1989 4 - pennies - 1979 + ?		4	.34 cents
Terry E.	12 - quarters - 1965 17 - dimes - 1965 4 - nickels - 1978 22 - pennies - --	Pen - gold ink	20	\$5.22

Chuck T.	1 - quarter -- 2 - dimes - 1981 7 - nickels -- 21 - pennies --		10	\$1.01
Phillip C.	7 - quarters - 1985 7 - dimes - 2003 2 - nickels - 1995 22 - pennies - 1974		1	\$2.77
Dick K.	6 - quarters - 1977 2 - dimes - 1999 8 - pennies			\$1.78
Robert W. Sr.	7 - quarters - 1965 9 - dimes - 1967 2 - nickels - 1975 26 - pennies - 1919	Pendant/charm	6	\$3.01
Roger W.	1 - quarter - 1995 1 - dime - 1988 5 - pennies - 1975	nail, bolt, sunglasses	6	.40 cents
Cole S.	1 - quarter - 1985 1 - dime - 1972 2 - pennies		24	.37 cents
Mickey C.	1 - quarter - 2001 4 - dimes -- 6 - nickels - 1965 30 - pennies		23	\$1.25
Julie K.	1 - quarter - 1994 2 - dimes - 1980 4 - nickels - 1991 29 - pennies ---	ring w/stone earring medallion	14	.94 cents

NUMBERED ITEM SILVER ROUND WINNERS:

Terry Ellis - oldest dime - 1965
 Robert Wilson Sr. - closest to \$3.47 (without going over amount) - \$3.01
 Mickey Cone - oldest nickel - 1965
 Allan & Betty Veitch tied for the least amount of coins - 1 penny each. Betty won the silver round for the oldest coin - 1979

MARKED HALF DOLLARS: None found during the timed hunt. The planter, "tricky Chuck" had one right under our noses and the other one was a walk back on the field w/Chuck leading the way w/a few hunters following to point out where the second half was and Mickey C. came back with half in hand.

NOTE: As a special bonus for those who participated in the month's hunt, members were told that a Special Hunt Park had been planted with 2 marked half dollars. A few members hunted this park after the monthly hunt. Dick King found one of the marked half dollars in a relatively short time - in the shade of a tree.

FINDS OF THE MONTH JUDGE (FOTMJ) COMMENTS: With all the new & fun things happening at our monthly hunts, a lot of our members are missing out on the exciting activities our President Phillip is doing for our Club. It would be nice to see more participation by our members, if your time permits, on the fun and maybe you will win a prize in addition to your finds. Also, the Special Hunt Parks are challenging and fun. Actually, it is the "luck of the step" for all as to where the half dollars may be. So come on and hunt and join in the FUN.
 THANKS Julie. *****End Report*****

Annual Hunt

Well, now the annual hunt is only one short month away. Make plans now to attend. Our July meeting will be your last opportunity to pay for the hunt at the lowest price (\$15). Prices will be \$5 more at the August meeting and \$10 more the day of the hunt. Members only will be allowed to participate.

Our program for July will be an auction for the annual hunt. Please plan to bring not only items to auction, but also money to buy auction items with. Mickey Cone will be conducting the auction with both items to be offered in 'silent' auctions and a live auction. Should be a lot of fun. Thanks, Mickey!

I was delighted to get one offer (Thanks, Cole!) to help me organize the hunt. We will be purchasing prizes shortly, so if you have anything to donate, please advise us at the meeting or shortly after. As usual, my dad will be donating a gold coin.

I can already tell you, there is going to be at least one thing at this hunt that you've not seen before. I think it's going to add a lot to the fun ... and the challenge.

Club targets

Mickey's idea for items to bury to attract other hobbyists to the club is just the kind of 'outside the box' thinking this club needs. Not only did he come up with the idea, but he had some visual aids at the June meeting to show us some of his ideas. Great stuff, Mickey!

Rather than taking club time to decide which would work best, I'm going to save that decision for our next Executive Board meeting. Thanks again, Mickey, for the great idea. Keep 'em coming!

June minutes

Are now available for your perusal on the website www.amdaclub.com .

Bragging rights

Coins-Robert Wilson 1876 seated liberty quarter.

Jewelry—A tie between Julie and Dick King on their silver/amethyst and silver/lapis pieces.

MISC—Mickey Cone well bucket

Congratulations, winners!

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

Video presentation DVD

Wow! Was Mike's video presentation on DVD a doozy or what???

Lots of great memories there. Be sure to get your own copy for the low, low price of \$10. Remember all proceeds, less the cost of each copy goes toward the annual 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.

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.