



# AMDA NEWS

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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.



Special Hunt Picnic

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Tom Murray - Special Half Found

## New for June, 2008

- (1) Special Marked Halves Hunt – 2 oz. Silver Round has been added as a prize.
- (2) Annual Hunt sign up sheet will be at the July meeting. Annual hunt fee will be more at the July meeting.
- (3) Annual Hunt pot luck sign up sheet will be at the July meeting.
- (4) We need members to sign up for refreshments for Sept. through November.
- (5) Peter's Rally (Page 2)



Julie King - Special Half Found



**Peter Reading Newsletter**



**Peter's Rally**



**Peter's Rally Santa Fe Ski Area**



**Special Hunt Picnic**

### **Peter's Rally**

AMDA had two special hunts (rally) with prizes that Peter Humphries donated to the Club that he brought from England.

The first rally was on May 31 at Hoffman Park. Volunteers planted one hundred tokens for half of the prizes. Members hunted for one hour and found 31 of the tokens. The members that found tokens were Dick King (4), Jim Rainey (3), Jim Westmoreland (3), Julie King (2), Mike Kinsky (6), Robert Wilson (3), Terry Ellis (5), Tom Murray (1), and Tony Castillo (4). Each member got to choose their own prize by picking a prize from the prize bag.

Santa Fe Ski Area was the location of the second rally on June 14. Terry and Lucille Ellis planted 170 tokens for the remaining of the prizes. This hunt was for one hour and the hunters found 127 tokens. The members that found tokens were Cole Smith (19), Dick King (11), Jim Westmoreland (5), Julie King (13), Kathy Hamilton (3), Lucille Ellis (7), Ray Alexander (9), Robert Wilson (16), and Terry Ellis (21). The two guests also participated in the hunt. Their finds were John Parra (19) and James Gibbons (4). Everyone received several old and very interesting prizes.

AMDA will have another rally at the Annual Hunt on August 16 for the remaining 43 prizes. The members that were not able to hunt the first and second rally will still have a chance to win some very special prizes.

All of the members that participated in the two hunts had a great time. We would like to thank Peter Humphries for donating 201 prizes so that our Club members could have a rally with such special prizes.

### **Julie King's Prizes from Peter's Rally on May 31<sup>st</sup>.**



**Before Cleaning**



**After Cleaning**



Isaah Weeks & Ray Alexander



Class Ring returned to Isaah.



Ray with his nephew & niece



Sterling Silver Sunflower Pin Found by Jim Westmoreland

### Ray Alexander Returned Class Ring to Owner.

In late May and early June, Ray and Sharon Alexander went to Honolulu Hawaii to care for her parents while giving Sharon's sister a vacation break. Ray took his White's MXT along packed in a duffel bag. His first day of metal detecting was at Kailua Beach where mostly locals go frequently. Ray's niece and nephew, Baylei and Blaine Furman, enthusiastically dug his targets helping him find \$0.42 in coins.

The next day Ray went to Ala Moana Beach near Waikiki also frequented by mostly locals. His first finds were three dimes then **bingo he found a Gold High School Class Ring. This ring was Ray's first ring to find.** The ring had a name inscribed inside so Ray called the ring company's local representative. He explained the situation and they gave Ray the person's phone number. He was able to make contact and return the ring to a grateful Isaah Weeks who had lost the ring playing on the beach. Ray only has a picture of the first ring he found but he had the joy of returning the lost ring to the owner.

Congratulations on a great find. Thanks for sharing your story with our members.

### Annual Hunt

The Annual Hunt will be on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>. We have several prizes that have been donated by dealers to help make the Annual Hunt great for all members. Don't forget to sign up at the July meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

June 9, 2008

Beginning Balance .....\$872.33

Income:

Annual Hunt Fees ..... 175.00

Annual Hunt Auction ..... 53.25

Annual Hunt Donation..... 25.00

Raffle Ticket Sales ..... 95.00

Raffle Special Hunt 50/50 ..... 48.50

Club Caps ..... 8.00

Picnic 5/31..... (45.98)

Coins-Special Hunt ..... (48.50)

Coins-Annual Hunt & Raffles ..... (303.46)

Special Hunt Prize-2 oz. Silver Round ..... (35.80)

2008 Best Finds-3 Silver Rounds ..... (69.00)

Ending Balance ..... \$774.34



**Terry & Lucille Almost Stepped on this Rattler in May 2003**



**Snake Guardz™ / Gaiters**



**Marty Hrivnak's Snake Boots**

## **Rattlesnakes in New Mexico**

Spring is one of the most beautiful times of the year in the desert, but it can also be a time for caution. Rattlesnakes lie dormant during the cold fall and winter months and awaken from hibernation in the warm months of March and April. In the fall they are returning to their dormant homes for the cold winter months.

In the desert, when temperatures are high, rattlesnakes become more active at night. Rattlesnakes have no control system for their body temperature and cannot handle excessive heat, so they remain underground during the day, hidden in burrows, under rocks or in the shade of shrubs. In the spring and autumn, when daytime temperatures are milder than summer months, rattlesnakes are seen sunbathing on rocks or hunting for food during daylight hours.

## **How To Avoid Rattlesnakes**

- Walk or hike in areas where the ground is clear, so you can see where you step or reach with your hands.
- Use a walking stick to rustle the shrubs along the side of the trail to alert snakes and other animals of your presence.
- Wear protective clothing such as long heavy pants and high boots.
- Wear gloves when using your hands to move rocks or brush.
- Watch where you step, and never put your hands in areas where you cannot see.
- Ledges, cracks or holes are common areas where rattlesnakes can be found resting.

When bitten by a rattlesnake the victim experiences extreme pain at the location of the bite, nausea, sometimes diarrhea. Then the mouth and throat swell, making it difficult to breath. The victim gets lightheaded, collapses and goes into shock within minutes of the strike. Keep the victim calm, warm, and reassured. Seek medical attention immediately.

Snake Guards Gaiters are great to use when going into snake country. They easily fit over your pants and boots with quick release buckles. Cabela's website has several different styles of Gaiters. If you have any questions about the Gaiters, Julie King and Marty Hrivnak wear the Gaiters when they are hunting in snake country.

Below is an article that Marty found about Rattlesnake Bites.

Rattlesnake Bite Victims Showing Extreme Symptoms  
<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/story?id=4931459&page=1>

When hunting in snake country always be on the look out for the snakes. You never know when you might walk right upon one.

AMDA Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

Guests: Ed Trentham  
John Parra  
Peter (from England)

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes by Marty Hrivnak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie King.

The treasurer's report was given. Motion to accept by Chuck Teyssier, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie King.

**Old Business**

Sincere thanks from Cole Smith for a job well done, was given to Lucille and Terry Ellis for all they have done for the club.

Cole also thanked Peter from England for bringing all the "goodies" for us to plant and find.

Terry Ellis talked about the special hunt and how successful it was.

**New Business**

Terry Ellis announced that the club will be awarding a 2 oz. silver round to the person who finds the most specially marked halves on the day of the hunt. All will be added up and will be given at the end of the year.

Julie King gave a special talk about the Hubbell house.

Peter from England gave a talk about his different travels to Tunisia to collect Roman artifacts.

We took a break at 7:29 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:46 PM.

Peter continued his talk.

**Bragging Rights**

Coin ..... Terry Ellis–1907 Barber Dime  
Jewelry ..... Terry Ellis–Gold Ring with pink stone  
Misc. .... Terry Ellis–SAK label handbag tag

**Raffle**

Center Donation winner..... Tom Murray–  
Eisenhower Dollar

1900 Barber Half ..... Ed Trentham  
World War II Coins ..... Jim Westmoreland  
1891 Indian Head Penny ..... Terry Ellis  
1904 V-Nickel ..... Marty Hrivnak  
1925 Mercury Dime..... Ken Trentham  
1909 Barber Quarter ..... Dick King  
1978 Eisenhower Dollar ..... Allan Veitch  
1986 U.S. Coin Set ..... Jim Trentham

The hunt site for June will be the Santa Fe Ski Area.

Motion to adjourn by David Rogers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Alexander.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

**Respectfully submitted by Betty Veitch,  
Secretary●**

**Congratulations to Betty and Allan Veitch on the  
birth of their Grand Daughter, Alyssa Irene  
Burks.**



**Julie King's Hubbell House Presentation**

## Special Hunt

**Jim Rainey is still in the lead finding 3 special halves.**

The special hunt for June was held on May 31st at Hoffman Park. We had 12 members with 11 members hunting.

There were 20 targets, 6 pieces of jewelry and three half dollars planted. Seven targets were found during the hunt & 4 were found during the second hunt leaving nine in the field. A drawing was held for the nine prizes. Four pieces of jewelry was found during the hunt.

### Coins Found

Member	.25	.10	.05	.01	Tokens
Cole	2	0	2	10	
David	1	3	0	6	
Dick	3	5	3	40	1
Jim R.	2	6	7	54	1
Jim W.	2	1	0	28	1
Julie	1	2	3	44	3
Mike K.	4	1	3	51	2
Regina	0	0	0	2	
Robert	0	3	5	21	1
Terry	2	7	9	42	2
Tom	0	4	2	11	
Tony	1	2	2	15	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>11</b>

Tom Murray found one of the special marked halves during the hunt. The hunt master e-mailed a reminder about the clues on Wednesday, June 4th for the other two special halves. Tom Murray & Julie King found both halves the next day. Tom is tied for second place with Mike Kinsky each finding two halves. Congratulations to Tom & Julie.

Jim Rainey found the top token winning 1889 Morgan Dollar. Mike Kinsky was the lucky winner for the drawing of the prize receiving a 1921 Morgan Dollar.

### Other Finds

- David Rogers: Silver Ring, Jewelry (Planted), Set of Keys
- Jim Westmoreland: Charm, Trade Token, 2 Jewelry (Planted)
- Mike Kinsky: Lighter
- Tom Murray: Special Marked Half, Earring (Planted)
- Terry Ellis: Key

The hunt master always hunts (with his big foot) after the hunt to try to find any coins or jewelry that was not found during the hunt. He not only found several pennies, 1 piece

of jewelry that was planted but also a ring that was silver 925 with a turquoise stone.

**Julie King wins big again.** Our 50/50 Raffle was a great success with \$97.00. Julie King had the winning ticket receiving \$48.50. The money the club received from the raffle will be used to purchase 20 prizes for the July hunt which will be on Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 11.

**A 2 oz. Silver Round has been added for the member that finds the most halves during the 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.** ●

### Hunt Master Report

AMDA Monthly Hunt for June 2008 was at the Santa Fe Ski Area. Nine members attended the hunt and three guests. The three guests were Peter Humphries (From England), James Gibbons (Robert Wilson's grandson from Kansas) and John Parra. **Everyone enjoyed hunting in the mountains.**

### Coins Found


Member	.25	.10	.05	.01	Total
Terry	26	8	4	23	7.73
Dick	15	3	2	17	4.32
Julie	14	5	1	19	4.24
Robert	6	2	2	17	1.97
Jim W.	6	1	1	7	1.72
Cole	1	6	1	7	.97
Kathy	1	0	0	5	.30
Ray	0	2	0	3	.23
<b>Guests</b>					
John	5	6	2	8	2.03
James	0	1	0	0	.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>23.61</b>

### Other Finds

- Dick King: Necklace
- Jim Westmoreland: Sterling Silver Sunflower Pin (Valued at \$60) Picture on Page 3
- Julie King: Button, Snowboard Triangle
- Ray Alexander: 2 Bottle Caps, 2 Pull Tabs, 2 Zipper Pulls
- Robert Wilson: 1959 Penny
- Terry Ellis: Star, Pin (Rocky Mountain Professional Ski Instructors of America)

**Members Anniversary**  
 Jim Garcia..... 2 years  
 Kathy Hamilton..... 1 year

**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.



**Happy Birthday**  
June

Allan Veitch..... June 6  
 Jim Rainey..... June 17  
 Tony Castillo ..... June 19  
 Terry Ellis..... June 29

**Annual Hunt Committee**  
 Terry Ellis  
 Phillip Chappell  
 John Pinkston  
 Robert Wilson  
 Tony Castillo

**Refreshment Schedule**  
 July.....Jim & Sylvia Westmoreland  
 August.....Dick & Julie King

June refreshments were provided by Kathy Hamilton. Thank you!

**Research Committee**  
 Phillip Chappell  
 Mike Reddy  
 Chuck Teyssier  
 Tony Castillo

**Officers**  
 President .....Cole Smith  
 Vice President .....Terry Ellis  
 Secretary .....Betty Veitch  
 Treasurer .....Lucille Ellis

**Membership Committee**  
 Julie King  
 Cherie Tom  
 John Pinkston

**Executive Committee**  
 3 year .....Chuck Teyssier - 3<sup>rd</sup> yr  
 3 year .....Phillip Chappell - 1<sup>st</sup> yr  
 2 year ..... Julie King - 2<sup>nd</sup> yr  
 2 year .....Gary Tom - 1<sup>st</sup> yr  
 1 year.....Dwayne Argaud

**Meetings**  
 AMDA meets at 6:30 PM the second Monday of each month at Los Griegos Center, 1231 Candelaria NW.

For more information call Phillip Chappell at (505) 363-4694.

**Other Positions**  
 Newsletter Editor.....Terry & Lucille Ellis  
 Web Site Editor .....Mike Reddy  
 Prize Official .....Cherie Tom  
 Hunt Master..... Terry Ellis  
 Photographer.....Julie King

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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](mailto:tellis106@comcast.net)

**Monthly Hunt Schedule 2008**  
January 12.....February 16  
March 15 .....April 19  
May 17 .....June 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 June drawing was an Eisenhower Dollar.

**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](mailto: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.