



# AMDA NEWS

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## Spring is Here

### 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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### AMDA Needs Your Help

Members need to volunteer for the following:

1. Monthly Snacks
2. Monthly Programs
3. Hunt Master
4. Monthly Food Donation to Center

Sign up sheets will be at each meeting.



**AMDA 2009 Officers**

**Tom Murray – Secretary**

**Mickey Cone - President**

**Terry Ellis – Vice-President**

**Lucille Ellis - Treasurer**



**AMDA's March Meeting**

## Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics

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AMDA's Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics is published in each monthly newsletter.

Due to the incident at the February Monthly Hunt it is also being published on Page 2 for **all members to read again especially #7.**

AMDA abides by this Code of Ethics.

## Metal Detecting Tips

### ***UNDER HEDGES***

Don't overlook the areas UNDER old hedges and bushes. On old home sites these can be quite large, and difficult to search under/around. If it's hard for you to get to, it probably discouraged others as well, and they went on to easier pickings.

You may have to do some crawling to hunt under old bushes, but there maybe good finds in hard hit areas. As an added bonus, these targets will usually be shallower, due to reduced surface traffic.

### **CACHE HUNTING**

One series of caches was located by noting a small difference in fence posts. Many times old tin cans are nailed over the top of wooden fence posts to prevent splitting. One alert hunter noticed in a certain fence row that a few cans were nailed in place, and then the nails were sealed with tar. Beneath each can treated this way, a roll of bills was discovered! **It pays to notice the small details!!**

In addition to burying a cache outside, there are many good inside areas to check. In the floor of barn stalls & chicken houses is a great place to look for caches, as the animals made a great warning system, alerting their owners to trespassers.

Beneath the floorboards in a doorway was another popular hiding spot. Also check under & behind any stairways, especially those in basements & cellars.

Caches were also marked/protected by piles of barbed wire inside barns or grain silos.

**Just a few spots to check that have been proven in the past!**



## AMDA

### Changes made in 1993

On May 25, 1993 a Name Change Committee met at the Owl Café to discuss a name change for the **Albuquerque Treasure Club**.

Tony Lyke was the Chairman for the Name Change Committee. The members on the committee were Kevin McDevitt, Dick and Julie King, Mildred Benton, Dorothy and Frank Giaquinto.

The committee had to select a name from 27 name suggestions made by the members. The final three suggestions were:

1. AMDA (Albuquerque Metal Detector Association).
2. Albuquerque Historical Detectors Club
3. E.R.S. (Electronic Recovery Specialists)

Tony Lyke had suggested Name #1 and #3. Mildred Benton had suggested Name #2.

**The club members voted to change their Club name from Albuquerque Treasure Club to AMDA (Albuquerque Metal Detector Association).**

AMDA still has three members in the Club that was on the committee changing the name. Dick and Julie King are active members and Dorothy Giaquinto is an inactive member who has a life time membership.

**Dick King was the President of AMDA in 1993.** There were four new committees established that year.

1. The Research Committee - first chairperson was Vice President Kevin McDevitt.
2. The Executive Committee for By-Law and Policy Review chaired by Vice President Kevin McDevitt.
3. Membership Committee chaired by Tom Bretz
4. Name Change Committee chaired by past President Tony Lyke.

In 1993 AMDA had a steady growth of new members. They started the year with eleven members and ended with twenty-seven members.

Dick and Julie King helped with writing of the original Bylaws dated August 11, 1997.

AMDA is the Metal Detecting Club that it is today due to members like Dick and Julie King.

This is a peek at AMDA's history and how the Club's guide lines have evolved and matured over the years. **AMDA is a Club that every member can be proud that they are part of.**

If you do not have a copy of the bylaws the latest version is on AMDA's website.

**Thank you, Dick and Julie, for helping make AMDA what it is today.**

### AMDA

Our club is like most organizations. There are folks who are active and volunteer to keep the wheels turning and others on the periphery, who mainly observe.

Please consider what you can do to become more involved with our club in 2009. At coming meetings you will have an opportunity to suggest ideas and offer your talents in various areas.

**As a member, you will get so much more out of the club when you actively participate. It is the best way to get to know others and share this wonderful hobby.**

### Guest and New Members

We are still having guests and new members every month. If you see someone that looks new, speak to them and **make them feel welcome.**

If we have not seen your smiling face for awhile, we have missed you. **Hope to see you at the next meeting.**

**AMDA Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

Guests: Jan Gossett

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

The treasurer's report was read by Lucille Ellis. She gave an ending balance of \$940.93. Motion to accept by Dwayne Argaud, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie King.

**Old Business**

Tony Castillo is still trying for permission to hunt **Menaul School** and an old **Drive-In Theater** in the south valley.

There was a short discussion about the incident at the **Tokay hunt** and the severity of the infraction. No names were mentioned.

**New Business**

The Club's post office box keys were given to Mickey Cone & Tom Murray.

Mickey Cone has permission for himself only to hunt the Belen Hotel and possibly the Club at a later date.

Mickey Cone's hobby is collecting Bottle Openers.

Marty Hrivnak's hobby is collecting Old Gasoline Pumps.

The Club was encouraged to visit Chuck Teyssier at his home and take him old Western & Eastern magazines that you may have. Chuck is recovering from an operation.

The Club still needs a "Hunt Master" and "Speakers" at the meetings.

We took a break at & 7:00 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:22 PM

The monthly hunt will be at the Hyder Park at 9:00 AM on Saturday.

**Raffle**

Center Donation  
1899 Quarter ..... Allan Veitch

50/50  
\$28.00 ..... Betty Veitch

Motion to adjourn by Robert Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie King.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Murray  
Secretary/2009

**Treasurer's Report  
March 9, 2009**

<b>Beginning Balance.....</b>	<b>\$743.78</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
<b>Raffle Ticket Sales .....</b>	<b>85.00</b>
<b>Membership Dues .....</b>	<b>190.00</b>
<b>FMDAC Dues .....</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Annual Hunt Donation.....</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Club Hats.....</b>	<b>16.00</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Website (Jan.-March).....</b>	<b>(38.85)</b>
<b>Monthly Raffle Prizes .....</b>	<b>(20.00)</b>
<b>Jan. Snacks Reimb. ....</b>	<b>(20.00)</b>
<b>Feb. Snacks Reimb. ....</b>	<b>(20.00)</b>
<b>Refund Membership Dues .....</b>	<b>(20.00)</b>

<b>Ending Balance .....</b>	<b>\$940.93</b>
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**Get Well Card  
for Chuck Teyssier  
From AMDA**

You are surrounded by  
warm thoughts and  
well wishes.



**Nothing we can say  
will take away your pain,  
but if there's anything  
we can do to help,  
please let us know.**

**Get Well Soon!!!!**

**From all your Metal Detecting Friends**

## April Meeting

**Jim Westmoreland** has volunteered to do the April monthly program.

**He will be showing the Club a portion of Tom Dankowski's Metal Detecting video.**

If you own a metal detector, you owe it to yourself to get the most out of your detector. The training and techniques that are presented in the video will make each metal detecting hunt more enjoyable by helping you to find more and better stuff. If you know more, you will find more!

The DVD features nine Test Garden sections and eighteen Real World Hunt scenes, packed with demonstrations of techniques and data that will help you find more and better stuff!

**This video is a Great Metal Detecting Video & one you do not want to miss.**

## March Monthly Hunt

The March monthly hunt was at Hyder Park. Due to the cold temperature, several members did not attend.

At the April 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 March hunt.

## Tip of the Month

### Dig Unlikely Targets

Be sure to **dig targets that come up as "trash"**. This is especially important if the place you are hunting is one that you frequent. If you clear the area, next time you will be able to find the real targets.

**Also don't forget that some of those "trash targets" might be good finds like rings and tokens.**

## Upcoming Event

### Rush to the Rockies 2009 Treasure Hunt July 17 – 19, 2009

Hosted by the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club of Colorado at Historic Walks Camp Park, an authentic 1870s Buffalo Hunting Camp **near Limon, Colorado!!**

Ten Thousand (10,000) silver coins in one hunt.

There will be three hunts on Saturday and two hunts on Sunday. Also nationally known speakers.

This is a great hunt to attend. See their website below for the details and pictures of last year event.

<http://www.eurekathc.com/>

### Spring is near & bad things are out there.

1. Snakes are irritable.
2. Bugs are hungry.
3. The sun can harm unprotected skin.
4. Poison Ivy needs to spread its pollen.
5. Muscles have been idle.

**Be safe when metal detecting.**

**Members Anniversary**

Bob McNicol ..... 4 years  
Gary & Cherie Tom..... 4 years

**Annual Hunt Committee**

**Jim Westmoreland  
Ray Alexander  
Terry Ellis**



**Happy Birthday  
March**

Chuck Teyssier .....March 4

**Research Committee**

**Tony Castillo**

**Membership Committee**

**Julie King**

**Officers**

**President .....Mickey Cone  
Vice President ..... Terry Ellis  
Secretary .....Tom Murray  
Treasurer .....Lucille Ellis**

**Refreshment Schedule 2009**

April .....Dick and Julie King  
May.....Tom Murray

March refreshments were provided by Mickey & Virginia Cone. Thank you!

**Executive Committee**

3 year ..... Vacant  
3 year .....Chuck Teyssier- 1<sup>st</sup> yr  
2 year .....Dwayne Argaud - 1<sup>st</sup> yr  
2 year .....Gary Tom - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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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 2009**  
January 17.....February 21  
March 14.....April 18  
May 16 .....June 13  
July 18 .....August 15  
September 19.....October 17  
November 14.....December -No 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.  
**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.

**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.**

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# 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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