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Peter (From England) will be Guest Speaker at June Meeting

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.



April Special Hunt

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2 Special Halves found – Jim Rainey

New for May, 2008

- (1) June Special Hunt – Saturday, May 31
- (2) Change to Bylaws. (See Minutes)
- (3) The Auction to raise money for the Annual Hunt made \$288.00.
- (4) Annual Hunt sign up sheet will be at the June meeting.
- (5) We need members to sign up for refreshments for July through November.
- (6) Great finds found in May (Pages 4, 5, 7)
- (7) Peter's Rally (Page 4)



Special Half found – Mike Kinsky

AMDA Spotlight for May – Our Club



Hubbell House Before

Instead of writing about a member in our club this month, we have decided to write about our club **“The Albuquerque Metal Detector Association known as AMDA”**. AMDA was formed in the 1980s to provide fellowship among all members, to be of service to the community, (including law enforcement agencies and historical societies) and the preserving of historic data. Our club promotes friendship, fun, and expertise through organized metal detecting activities, special events, and sharing treasure-hunting experiences.

AMDA has a website created by Mike Reddy, Web Master. This website contains anything you want to know about metal detecting or hunting in New Mexico. Our Club has gained several new members that found our club on the internet. This website is something that you want to check out daily for all the new things the Web Master adds to it.



Hubbell House after the renovations

Our Club Members have always done a lot of community service. We have members certified with the Albuquerque Police Department to help hunt for evidence for cold and current cases. These members have traveled to several different areas all over New Mexico to give their time & knowledge to assist the Police in locating items of evidence in various investigations. AMDA has three members that have found evidence that did help in solving three different cases. In 2000, the Police Department asked AMDA members to help find evidence with the Girly Chew Hossencofft case along with tracking dogs, helicopters and people who specialized in finding evidence in mines. This case was one of the top stories in the news that day. **All the members that have been involved in doing this community service have truly enjoyed the opportunity to give something back to the community.**



AMDA Display at The Hubbell House

Another community service that our members have been involved in is assisting the public in finding lost articles. A few years ago, several members went to the balloon festival to try to find a lost diamond ring for a woman. Unfortunately, they did not find the diamond ring. The park is a place where people will approach a member metal detecting & ask if they could help them find what they had lost. Not only do people need help in finding jewelry but other things too. Our members have used their Metal Detectors in finding lost keys, pipes for second base on a ball field, check walls for metal and bullets, location of pipes and numerous other things. These are just a few of the things our club members have helped people find. Some members have traveled several miles to help people find lost items in snow or rain. The question people always ask is “How much will you charge me to help find my lost item.” **It is just a community service we do for the community.**

Our club has displays at The Hubbell House Restoration Project (Bernalillo County Open Space Project) & the Old Armijo



State Fair Booth in 2000

School Project. Dick and Julie King were at the Hubbell House Restoration Project Open House on May 17 and they have written an article about it for the newsletter. At the Old Mill Museum in Cimarron, New Mexico, AMDA club members are responsible for numerous displays in the Dawson exhibit. Thanks to all the members that gave their time in finding these items to be on display.

In 1996, a few of our members went to the Pecos National Historical Park to help in an archaeological dig for Civil War artifacts during the Camp Lewis Survey. Camp Lewis was a Civil War Encampment This was an honor for our club members to do this.

In the past AMDA members would have a booth at the New Mexico State Fair. A display case showing several great finds were always on display for the public to see along with information about our hobby. Club members would have their metal detectors with targets for the public to test. This booth always gave our club a lot of exposure and we gained several new members from seeing our display.



Terry Ellis – Elephant Butte Lake

Our hobby fascinates young children. When you are at a park or school play ground the children run over to you and ask what you are digging for or what you have found. Two of our members had a teacher asked them if they would show her class with regular and special needs children about metal detecting. Showing the children about metal detecting was a great opportunity to introduce the students to our hobby and do another great community service for the community.

Club Members were on a monthly hunt in January 2003 at Elephant Butt Lake when a Park Employee told the club members that they could not hunt on the beach. He said a law had been past in January 2003 that disallowed metal detecting at all New Mexico State Parks. This was a big disappointment for our hobby and club. Some of our members had found some great finds at Elephant Butt Lake. We had an over night trip there in 2000 when one of our members found a chain & kept digging and digging and eventually found an anchor attached to the chain. What a great find on the beach that day!



FMDAC Hunt –Laughlin, Nev. 2005

AMDA has nineteen members that are members of FMDAC (Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs Inc.). Some of these members have attended FMDAC hunts in Arizona, Nevada, Louisiana and Ohio. Our club had nine members that went to Arizona in 2007 and 12 members that went to Laughlin, Nevada in 2005 for FMDAC hunts. The FMDAC members that attend these hunts have a great time metal detecting with people from all over the United States and Canada.

When you turn on your TV to watch the news you never know if one of our members might be in the news Metal Detecting. One member was in the news metal detecting when they were



Annual Hunt Picnic

featuring all the people enjoying the great weather being outdoors. We had one member in the news returning a UNM 1978 WAC Basketball Championship ring to the owner in February 1997. In August 2005, the West Side Edition of the Albuquerque Journal did an article on our club writing about what a great hobby metal detecting is and what we give back to the community.

When you think about a metal detecting club you only think about a group of people getting together for a meeting and going metal detecting together. Our club offers a lot more than that. It is a great club for families to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. We have two big events each year for all the family members. In August, we have our annual hunt with a hunt and picnic. At Christmas, we have a great Christmas party for all the members and their families. In the past years, we have had over night trips for the monthly hunts. In 2008 with the special hunt for half dollars, we started having mini annual hunts each month with prizes. Being a member of AMDA gives you & your family the opportunity to see a lot of the beautiful scenery of New Mexico. It is a club that we are very proud to be members.



**Found by Mike Kinsky
May Special Hunt**

With your metal detectors, you hunt for treasure. However, your true treasures are the friends that you make while enjoying such a great hobby. **Thanks to all of our members for making AMDA a great club. A special thanks to Dick & Julie King for helping with the article about our club. ●**



Peter's Prizes



**Found by Robert Wilson
May Special Hunt**

June Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for June will be Peter from England. Be sure to mark it on your calendar not to miss the June meeting. He has some great stories to tell about his metal detecting in England.

Peter brought around 200 prizes for a rally (hunt) for our Club. Some of these prizes are several hundred years old. We will have 100 of the prizes on May 31 (Special Hunt) & the other 100 at our Monthly hunt on June 14. The picture above shows some of the Prizes that Peter brought. ●

AMDA Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

Guests: Nancy Rudolph
Michelle Briand
Gordon Goodnight

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as is by Marty Hrivnak, 2nd by Moss Tallant.

Lucille Ellis gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept the treasurer's report as is by Dan Salazar, 2nd by Bob McNicol. The full report will be in the newsletter.

Note: Robert Wilson, Sr., and Terry Ellis need to bring their finds-of-the-month for April, to the next meeting for pictures.

Old Business

The membership changes will be considered and voted upon as a whole package. Julie King read all the proposals again to the night's attendee's. The whole package of proposed changes was accepted with a unanimous vote by the membership present.

The special hunt at Netherwood Park was a hit. Many rings, besides coins, were found.

Terry Ellis spoke about the article that Dick Stout of FMDAC wrote about AMDA. Dick commended AMDA on the way we spotlighted a different member each month in our newsletter.

Items are still available for sale from the annual hunt auction.

New Business

The June special hunt will be on 5-31-2008.

The annual hunt will be on Saturday, 8-16-2008, at Oak Flats – Locust campground. The schedule of events is available with prices.

Took a break at 7:16 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:35 PM.

More items were auctioned off.

Bragging Rights

Coin.....Terry Ellis–1976 Kennedy Half
Jewelry.....Cole Smith–Gold Ring with Diamonds
Misc.Chuck Teyssier–US Forest Service Pin

Raffle

Center Donation winner.....Mike Kinsky –
Eisenhower Dollar

1903 Barber HalfLucille Ellis
2007 President Dollar SetMike Kinsky
1880 Indian Head Penny.....Jim Westmoreland
1899 V-NickelKen Trentham
1905 Barber Dime.....Ken Trentham
1897 Barber QuarterMike Kinsky
1977 Eisenhower DollarBetty Veitch
1972 U.S. Coin SetMoss Tallant
Can of Brasso CleanerJim Trentham
Can of Brasso CleanerJim Garcia

The hunt site for May will be at Johnson Field at UNM.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Kinsky, 2nd by Dwayne Argaud.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

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



Special Hunt

The special hunt for May was held on May 3 at **Netherwood Park**. We had 17 members with 15 members hunting. The Club had another great day for metal detecting.

There were 20 targets, 10 pieces of jewelry and three half dollars planted. Only Five targets were found leaving fifteen in the field. A drawing was held for the fifteen prizes with each member receiving one prize. Four pieces of jewelry was found during the hunt.

Jim Rainey had a great day of hunting. He found two of the special half dollars putting him in first place with a total of three. The hunt master e-mailed a clue on May 7th for the third special half. Mike Kinsky found it the next day putting Mike in second place with a total of two. Congratulations on finding the halves.

- **Betty Veitch:** 11 pennies, 1 nickel, 1 dime, 1 quarter, 3 foil
- **Chuck Teyssier:** 29 pennies, 2 nickels, 3 dimes, 4 quarters, 3 keys
- **Cole Smith: 14K Gold Ring with 8 diamonds,** ear ring, 7 pennies, 3 nickels, 9 foil, 10 pull tabs **(Congratulations, Cole)**
- **Dick King:** 33 pennies, 4 nickels, 3 dimes, 5 quarters, knife
- **Dwayne Argaud: Ring, Cross,** 19 pennies, 2 nickels, 4 dimes, 2 quarters, 4 foil, 1 pull tab
- **George Baca: 2 Jewelry (Planted),** 55 pennies, 5 nickels, 5 dimes, 10 foil, 3 pull tabs
- **Jim Rainey: 2 Special Half Dollars, 2 Targets, 2 Jewelry (Planted),** 62 pennies, 7 nickels, 6 dimes, 2 quarters, 9 foil, 1 pull tab
- **Jim Westmoreland: 1 Target,** 25 pennies, 2 nickels, 1 quarter, key, 5 pull tabs
- **Julie King: 1 Target,** 35 pennies, 7 nickels, 2 dimes, 2 quarters, 9 foil, 7 pull tabs,
- **Kathy Hamilton: Jewelry-Star Pin,** 15 pennies, 3 nickels, 1 foil, 4 pull tabs
- **Mike Kinsky: Special Half Dollar** (Found after the hunt) **Silver Ring,** 34 pennies, 8 nickels, 2 dimes, 2 quarters, 8 pull tabs
- **Phillip Chappell:** 43 pennies, 6 nickels, 7 dimes, 7 quarters, 7 pull tabs
- **Ray Alexander: 1 Target,** Bracelet, 17 pennies, 2 nickel, 2 dime, 1 quarter, 9 foil, 3 pull tabs
- **Robert Wilson: Ring-Silver 925 with blue stone,** Heart Locket, 74 pennies, 9 nickels, 1 dime, 3 quarters, 10 foil, 15 pull tabs
- **Tom Murray:** 8 pennies

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, 2 pieces of jewelry that was planted but also a ring that was silver 925 with a clear stone.

Our 50/50 Raffle was a great success with \$135.00. Julie King had the winning ticket receiving \$67.50. The money the club received from the raffle will be used to purchase 20 prizes for the June hunt. Cole Smith donated \$10 toward the June prizes. Thanks, Cole.

The June Special Hunt will be on Saturday May 31st from 8 to 11. The location of the park is Hoffman Park located Phoenix & General Arnold NE.

We hope that more members will be able to go to the June hunt. Each member still has a chance of winning the **4 oz. Silver Bar in December.** ●

Hubbell House by Dick & Julie King

On 16 Aug '03, 24 Jan '04 and 5 Apr '05 several AMDA members volunteered to metal detect the Hubbell House located in Pajarito, Albuquerque South Valley, at the request of the Bernalillo County Open Space Coordinator, Chip Berglund. The Hubbell House was a home, trading post, etc. in 1867. A Post Office started in 1886 and the store (Trading Post) ran until 1920s.

The Bernalillo County Open Space Office/Department purchased the property after years of neglect by the owner/renter, to preserve it as a historical property. The Hubbell House would be a community center with active farming areas after the renovations.

On 17 May '08, we happened to be going south on Isleta Blvd. approaching the area near the Hubbell House and noticed a lot of activity on the property so we decided to check it out. The renovations on the House were complete and it was open to all visitors this day with a "Local Food Festival and Field Day". In the field were many tents where one could buy fresh vegetables, honey, jams, plants, etc. When we arrived, a band was playing adding to the festivity.

Upon entering through the east front door, the room to the right had the AMDA display case (made by an AMDA member for the County Open Space Dept) of detected items found by AMDA on dates noted above. What a nice surprise to see the display case with the Information Book describing some of the found items on a table with photos of the Hubbell family. The inside renovations were with beams & wood flooring, adobe walls, etc., to replicate its original design. The outside of the building is adobe with a metal roof. ●

Hunt Master Report

AMDA Monthly Hunt for May 2008 was at the Johnson Field. Thirteen members attended the hunt and two guests, Gordon & Pam Goodnight. The members have always found a lot of coins & nice jewelry at Johnson Field. **Everyone had a great day hunting especially Mickey Cone.**

Coins Found

Member	.25	.10	.05	.01	Total
Marty	10	22	6	15	\$5.15
Terry	13	14	5	23	\$5.13
Dick	8	5	2	32	\$2.92
Mickey	6	6	3	43	\$2.68
Robert	5	3	3	42	\$2.12
Julie	1	5	6	44	\$1.49
Tony	4	2	2	8	\$1.38
Cole	3	5	1	3	\$1.33
Tom	2	4	1	13	\$1.08
Dwayne	2	3	1	8	\$0.93
Jim W.	1	3	0	18	\$0.73
Kathy	1	1	2	6	\$0.51
Total	56	73	32	255	\$25.45

Other Finds

- Mickey Cone: Class Ring
2001 Manzano High School
Congratulations on a great find!



- Cole Smith: Pin, Bike weight
- Dick King: Cleat
- Dwayne Argaud: 1993 Tony Tiger Pin, key
- Jim Westmoreland: Star Charm
- Julie King: Silver Ring 925 with mountain design, ear ring, 2001 Mexican fifty cent, football cleat
- Marty Hrivnak : Ring, Bus token
- Robert Wilson: Ring
- Terry Ellis: Pendant, Fish pin, Religious medal, part of necklace, key, button
- Tom Murray: Key

- Tony Castillo: 2 Wheat Pennies (1949 & 1952), charm

Annual Hunt

The auction for our annual hunt was a great success. During the May meeting we made \$69.75 for the auction. **This brought our total for the auction to \$288.00.** Thanks to everyone that brought & bought items. Thank you Mickey for being the auctioneer.

Thanks to the members that have donated prizes or money.

At the June meeting we will have a sign up sheet for the Annual Hunt. The sign up sheet will help us know how many prizes to buy & also we need the annual hunt fee to buy prizes before the August meeting. If you have a job that you will not know until the day of the hunt, please let us know.

Annual Hunt Fees


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

Treasurer's Report

May 12, 2008

Beginning Balance	\$612.28
Income:	
Annual Hunt Fees	15.00
Annual Hunt Auction.....	234.75
Annual Hunt Donation	25.00
Raffle Ticket Sales.....	89.00
Raffle Special Hunt 50/50.....	67.50
Special Hunt Donation	10.00
Club Caps	16.00
Coins-Special Hunt.....	(77.50)
Coins-Annual Hunt.....	(115.70)
Printing	(4.00)
Ending Balance.....	\$872.33

Members Anniversary
 Eddie & Jeannie Crisp 9 years
 George Baca 4 years



Happy Birthday
May

Elisa Montoya May 6
 Cole Smith May 19
 Sharon Alexander May 29

Refreshment Schedule

June Kathy Hamilton

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

Executive Committee
 3 year Chuck Teyssier - 3rd yr
 3 year Phillip Chappell - 1st yr
 2 year Julie King - 2nd yr
 2 year Gary Tom - 1st yr
 1 year Dwayne Argaud

Other Positions
 Newsletter Editor Terry & Lucille Ellis
 Web Site Editor Mike Reddy
 Prize Official Cherie 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 Phillip Chappell at (505) 363-4694.

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 19August 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 May 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.

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.