



AMDA NEWS

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Sign Up for Annual Hunt

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

Sign up sheets will be at each meeting.

Remember to bring food donations each month for the Center.



April Hunt-Ski Area



April Hunt-Dwayne Argaud



Rings found by Terry Ellis in 2009

As of 5/11/2009, Terry has found 23 rings.

Metal Detecting Tips

BACKUP HEADSET

We are always reminded not to take a chance on spoiling a detecting outing by forgetting to carry extra batteries or even a back-up detector.

Chances are, though, if anything is going to break it will be your headphone cord or connector. This may be hard to repair out in the middle of nowhere so keep your eyes peeled for an inexpensive headset to throw in the car with your other "emergency" items...**it could save the day for you!**

IDEAL PROBING TOOL

If you are having trouble using a screwdriver to probe for coins, etc., the ideal probing tool is a **stainless steel welding rod embedded in an old mop handle.** You can make it as long or short as you want it.

INEXPENSIVE GLOVE

Rubber kitchen gloves (Playtex Living, for example) are an inexpensive way to obtain a great glove for Metal Detecting that is thin enough for dexterity, yet tough enough to keep you safe from broken glass and other digging hazards.

They will eventually "give up the ghost", but it's easy enough to move on to the next pair. And they are much less bulky than the average work glove. We all know how bulky pockets and cases start to get with all the accessories we bring at times.

June Newsletter will be late.

Due to other obligations for the newsletter editors, the June newsletter will not be sent out until on **Sunday (July 12th) before the July meeting.**

Special Hunt Being Planned

Gary Tom is working with the members on planning a special hunt where his family lives. It was discussed that the special hunt maybe the last of September. The location of the hunt is 200 miles from Albuquerque.

The members would go on Friday. The two days of hunting would be on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday night the Club would furnish the hot dogs for a cook out. Gary said there is plenty of room to bring your campers, trailers, motor homes or tents to camp out. This area is a beautiful part of the state.

Watch for any updates on this special hunt and plan to attend the meetings to find out all the details. The Club appreciates Gary Tom offering the members this opportunity to have an over night metal detecting trip.

Raffle for Annual Hunt

Dick and Julie King donated six items for a special raffle to raise money for our Annual Hunt. **Dick & Julie's raffle raised \$50.00.** Thank you for your donation and helping the Club to raise money.

Below are the winners of the raffle items.

Raffle

1954 Ben Franklin HalfAllan Veitch
1864 2 cent piece.....Allan Veitch
2000 Lincoln PennyTom Murray

Token – Railhead SaloonBetty Veitch
Tombstone Ariz. Territory

TokenRay Alexander
Colorado Sales Tax

Token.....Jim Westmoreland
Oriental Gaming



Mickey Cone Finds at Menaul School



Tony Castillo Finds at Menaul School



May Hunt



Julie King Finds at the May Hunt

May Monthly Hunt

Report from Julie King (Hunt Master)

We had a grand total of 5 members for the Socorro dump and fairgrounds hunts held on May 16th. Those in attendance were Dick & Julie King, Tom Murray, Dwayne Argaud and Jim Westmoreland.

The weather starting off was cloudy with a good breeze and then out came the sun. The dump hunt was from 8:30 until 11:10.

During the dump hunt, Dwayne & I were hunting the south area for about an hour when Dwayne called to me and said he **spotted a rattler** and that I should come over and **test my "snake guardz"**. I politely declined the invitation and we both departed that area for the north side of the road where Tom & Jim were working. Not much was found at the dump.

When we arrived back at vehicles, Jim suggested we go to the Socorro County Fairgrounds in town to look for a lost locket (a friend's granddaughter had lost) which we all decided to give it a try. We hunted the fairgrounds for about 35 minutes or so but did not find the locket. It was an enjoyable day.

The following were the finds of the day.

Jim Westmoreland – bottles, lipstick tubes, toothpaste tube, single blade razor, 2 clad quarters, 3 dimes and 2 memorial pennies.

Dwayne Argaud – belt buckle, door hinge, rope ring, bead, 1 quarter, 1 dime & 1 penny.

Tom Murray – 1954 Mexican Cinco Centavos, 1 quarter, 4 pennies.

Julie King – 1960 nickel, 2 wheaties (1956/1957), 3 pennies, 1 pendant, small shoe buckle, 2 metal buttons, zipper pull, key, old bottle opener, wire mesh utensil (?), spoon, 2 bullets.

Dick King did not hunt.

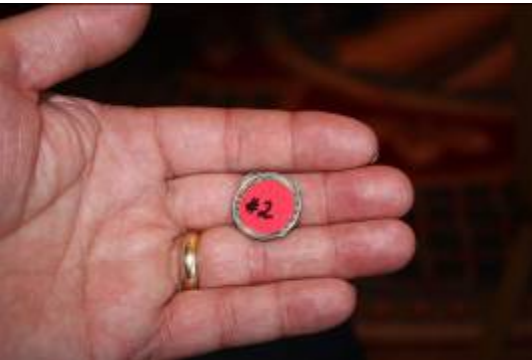
Thanks, Julie, for being the May Hunt Master and doing the hunt report.



Great Southern Beach Shootout Hunt



Terry Ellis was one of 187 hunters.



Terry Ellis-Found Token #2 of Top 50 Tokens



Prizes for the top 50 Tokens

Great Southern Beach Shootout

Terry and Lucille Ellis attended the 7th Annual hunt for the Great Southern Beach Shootout (GSBS) metal detecting hunt in Daytona Beach, Florida. The hunt was on the beach in back of the Plaza Resort & Spa on April 3 through April 5. **This is the world's largest beach metal detecting event.**

There was a Kellyco hunt on Friday afternoon, 2 hunts on Saturday and 2 hunts on Sunday with **187 hunters competing in the hunts.** This event is one of the richest hunts. The top prize was \$5000.00 in cash. The two hunts on Sunday had 50 top tokens planted. **Terry found Token #2 being in the top 50.**

All of the hunts went fast and the one hour hunts were over in 6 minutes. Terry found 100 targets in 4 hunts.

Everyone that found the top 50 tokens lined up according to the number of your token 1 through 50. They had 50 identical brown envelopes on the table and you came up in order and selected an envelope and opened it. The prizes were metal detectors, gold coins, silver rounds, silver bars and cash. Each prize value was \$100 or more.

Terry was number two to select an envelope. He selected envelope # 5 winning 6 – 1 oz. Silver Rounds from White's. The top prize was in envelope #33.

This event was a great hunt. Their website has pictures from the 2008 event. The 2009 pictures will be posted at a later date.

www.gsbsdaytonahunt.com

The 7th annual hunt was the last event that they will be doing. Due to the economy they will not have the hunt next year. Several hunters had attended all seven hunts. There were a lot of disappointed hunters when it was announced that this was the last hunt.

One morning Terry got up early to hunt the beach. He found 5 twenty dollar bills all rolled up together. That started his day off good. You just never know what you will find while metal detecting especially on the beach.

2009 Annual Hunt

The entry fee for the annual hunt is \$25.00. If you pay the day of the hunt the entry fee will be \$35.00 in cash.

If you pay early you have a chance to win your entry fee back. A drawing will be held at the September meeting. The following schedule is how many tickets you will receive if you pay early. **The member with the lucky ticket will receive \$25.00 cash.**

Pay at May/June meeting - 10 Tickets

Pay at July Meeting – 5 Tickets

Pay at August Meeting – 1 Ticket

Jim Westmoreland, Ray Alexander and Terry Ellis are on the annual hunt committee. Several prizes have been purchased. The committee is working on getting donations for prizes.

Since the membership voted not to have any fund raisers in 2009 for the annual hunt, the committee is working with a limited budget.

If any member has anything you would like to donate as a prize, see Jim Westmoreland or any one on the annual hunt committee. Any donation to the annual hunt will be greatly appreciated.

Donations of \$90.00 have been donated to the annual hunt fund. Thank you, Dick & Julie, for your raffle donation which raised \$50.00 of this donation. A complete list of donated prizes or cash will be in the newsletter at a later date.

Treasurer's Report

May 11, 2009

Beginning Balance\$848.93

Income:

Membership Dues 50.00

Raffle Ticket Sales 37.00

Annual Hunt Donation..... 20.00

Expenses:

Annual Hunt Prizes (300.00)

April Snacks Reimb. (20.00)

Printed Checks (29.40)

Ending Balance \$606.53

Is There Any Buried Treasure In New Mexico?

Before, during and after the Civil War millions of dollars in stolen loot was buried around New Mexico. Some has been found. A few treasure hunters are still searching for the hidden fortune. This is a great activity for anyone with time on their hands and a sense of adventure.

The following class is going to be held at the CNM Montoya Campus.

Class EMGN 7615

Cost \$13.00

Instructor: Max Macauley

Location: Montoya Campus, 4700 Morris NE

Telephone: 224-5551

Section 201: **Saturday June 20th**

Time: 1:30-3:50 PM

This class was found by Julie King in the CNM Community Education Academy - Schedule of Classes for May – August 2009.

Snake Guardz

Julie King gave a talk at the May meeting about her snake guardz that she had purchased in Arizona. She passed her snake guardz around the room for all the members to feel how light they are. Julie said they are very comfortable to wear.

Snake Guardz are great to use when going into snake country. They easily fit over your pants and boots with quick release buckles.

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

Welcome New Members

Dan and Vera Rossbach

Jan Gossett

AMDA Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Terry Ellis, Vice-President.

No Guests.

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes by Julie King, 2nd by Robert Wilson.

The treasurer's report was read by Lucille Ellis. She gave an ending balance of \$606.53. Motion to accept by Ray Alexander, 2nd by Dwayne Argaud.

Old Business

Still need volunteers to bring snacks to the meeting.

Gary Tom has made arrangements to hunt the "Four Corners" area that is on his Grandma's property. The hunt will probably be the end of September. It will be a special hunt that will be an over night stay. It is approximately 200 miles one way between Thoreau and Farmington, NM.

Reminder that members can check out videos on metal detecting.

The Club received a thank you card from Carol Teyssier and family in regards to Chuck Teyssier funeral and all the support the club gave the family.

After break, Jim Westmoreland will continue the video about "Real World Techniques" by Thomas Dankowski.

New Business

Julie King volunteered to be HUNT MASTER for the May monthly hunt.

Suggestions for a hunt area: Socorro dump by Julie King and Santa Fe ski area by Jim Westmoreland. Socorro dump won by a vote of 7 to 2 for the dump.

Julie King gave a short talk about the "snake guardz" she purchased in Arizona for about \$50.00.

Jim Westmoreland, Ray Alexander and Terry Ellis are on the Annual Hunt Committee. The annual hunt is scheduled for September 19th at Oak Flat picnic area at the Locust site. Betty and Allan Veitch volunteered to bring ham to the annual hunt for the main course.

Annual Hunt fee will be \$25 if paid before the 19th of September and will be \$35 on the day of the hunt. If you pay in May or June you get 10 prize tickets- pay in July you get 5 prize tickets- pay in August you get 1 prize ticket-pay at September meeting you get no tickets.

Need a volunteer to get new club cards. Check the website for the free cards.

We took a break at 7:15 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:31 PM

The monthly hunt will be at the Socorro dump at 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 16th. We will meet at McDonalds in Socorro between 7:30-7:45.

Center Donation Drawing
1930 Walking Liberty Half – Allan Veitch

Raffle 50/50

\$24.00 – Won by Lucille Ellis

The club watched another chapter of the video "Real World Techniques".

Motion to adjourn by Ray Alexander, 2nd by Gary Tom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Murray, Secretary/2009

Members Anniversary

Eddie & Jeannie Crisp 10 years
George Baca..... 5 years

Annual Hunt Committee

Jim Westmoreland
Ray Alexander
Terry Ellis



Happy Birthday

May

Sharon Alexander.....May 29

Research Committee

Tony Castillo

Membership Committee

Julie King
Jim Westmoreland

Officers

PresidentMickey Cone
Vice President Terry Ellis
SecretaryTom Murray
TreasurerLucille Ellis

Refreshment Schedule 2009

JuneGary & Cherie Tom
July.....Dan Rossbach

May refreshments were provided by Tom Murray. Thank you!

Executive Committee

3 year Vacant
3 year Vacant
2 yearDwayne Argaud – 1st yr
2 yearGary 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

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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 2009

January 17.....February 21
March 14.....April 18
May 16June 13
July 18August 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.

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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