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Vote for Finds of the Year at the November 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.

AMDA is a FMDAC Club.

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Mike Kinsky-Found Special Half



Tom Murray, Julie King and Dwayne Argaud found October special halves



October Special Hunt



Laughlin Hunt

Laughlin, Nevada

The American Metal Detecting Association (AMDA) held their 2008 Rendezvous Hunt in Laughlin, Nevada on October 24, 25 and 26. The members from our Club that attended were: **Dick King, Julie King, George Baca, Jim Rainey, Terry & Lucille Ellis.**

There were six hunts during the event.

- (1) Early Bird Hunt on Friday
- (2) Silver Round and Silver Dollar Hunt
- (3) USA Challenge
- (4) Dimes and Dollar Hunt
- (5) AMDA Team Challenge Hunt
- (6) AMDA Big Money Hunt



Laughlin-Julie, Jim & Terry

Three of the hunts had big cash prizes. The USA Challenge cash prize was \$1600 divided among the top ten hunters that found the most pennies in 30 minutes. **Terry Ellis won 2nd place receiving \$297.00 in cash.** The hunter that won first place only beat Terry by two pennies. The last hunt was the Big Money Hunt with \$500 cash being the top prize.



Terry Ellis won \$297.00 in Cash

The AMDA Team Challenge Hunt was divided into four hunters on a team that was selected by the hunt master. Terry Ellis & Jim Rainey were on the same team. Their team was beat out by only three pennies for first place. The cash price for first place was \$200 with each team member winning \$50.00.

Token Prizes won by Members

Dick King Morgan Dollar
George Baca Morgan Dollar & Mexican 2 ½ Pesos Gold Coin
Jim Rainey Morgan Dollar, Subscription W& E Magazine
Julie King Silver Round & Two Morgan Dollars
Terry Ellis Two Silver Rounds & Two Morgan Dollars

Coins Found

Member	.25	.10	.05	.01	Total	Silver Dimes	Hunts	Tokens
Dick	26	76	62	5	169	4	6	1
George	51	115	63	0	229	4	6	2
Jim R.	78	152	62	13	305	6	6	2
Julie	76	174	136	6	392	3	6	3
Terry	114	171	242	79	606	9	6	4
Lucille	17	22	47	0	86	2	1	0
Total	362	710	612	103	1787	28		12



Laughlin-Dick King

Eddie & Jeannie Crisp were on vacation in Laughlin during the hunt but did not hunt.

Everyone had a great time. It is a great hunt to attend.



October Monthly Hunt - Torrance County Park



October Monthly Hunt - Torrance County Park



Primitive Fire Making Kit found by Dwayne Argaud



Found by Jim Westmoreland at Torrance

Hunt Master Report

The **October hunt** was at the Torrance County Park on October 18th. Thirteen members were present. It was a beautiful fall day to metal detect. The weeds were higher than the last time we were there. Everyone just had to watch for snakes.

Jim Westmoreland and Dwayne Argaud each found a ring. Dwayne found the prize of the day finding a primitive fire making kit.

- **Cherie Tom:** 4 Buttons, quarter, 11 pennies, thin wire rusty bracelet, bottle caps, bullet casing, pull tabs
- **Chuck Teyssier:** Dime, penny, ceramic bead, junk
- **Cole Smith:** 3 Pennies, quarter, small metal disk
- **Dick King:** 3 musket balls (1 flat)
- **Dwayne Argaud:** **Primitive Fire Making Kit, Silver 925 ring**, 2 dimes 2 pennies, lots of lead
- **Gary Tom:** **Pendant**, penny, 2 nickels, dime, 12 bullet balls, 6 small metal disks, nail, 4 pull tabs, safety pin
- **Jim Westmoreland:** **Ring (Silver 925)**, 16 small bells, dime, penny
- **Julie King:** Key pendant, nickel, penny, 3 metal disks, 15 musket balls, 3 bullets, 4 shells and junk
- **Michael Gibson:** Bullets, junk
- **Mickey Cone:** **Beaver Pendant** 7 pennies, buckle, Grand Outlandish Pendant XX1X, 28 bullets
- **Terry Ellis:** 3 pennies, 3 dimes, **Deer Pin(Pewter)**, 16 musket balls, 32 bullet casings, 12 bullets, 11 pull tabs, small metal disk, button with colored stones, 3 large tent stakes, junk
- **Tom Murray:** 5 pennies, 4 musket balls, 3 bullets
- **Lucille Ellis:** 2 nickels, 2 pennies, 2 buttons, bullets, small key chain, 2 small metal disks (did not hunt-just looking)

Several members meet at the Chili Hills Restaurant for breakfast. The next time you eat pancakes, put some peanut butter on them. **We heard that peanut butter is really good on pancakes.**

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FMDAC Beach Bonanza Winner

Lucille Ellis won 2nd prize at the FMDAC raffle that was held on October 12th in Wildwood, NJ. The prize was **4 oz. Silver Round**. Terry and Lucille now have his and her 4 oz. silver round!! Terry won his 4 oz. silver round in 2007 for finding the most special halves.



Found by Dwayne Argaud at Torrance



October Special Hunt



Picnic at the October Special Hunt



Ring found by Julie King at the October Special Hunt

Special Hunt for Halves

The special hunt for October was held on October 11 at Netherwood Park. We had 11 members with 10 members hunting. A pot luck picnic was enjoyed by all the members after the hunt with the Club furnishing the fried chicken. It was a windy day for hunting & a picnic but everyone had a great time.

There were 20 targets, 10 rings and four half dollars planted. Eleven targets were found during the hunt leaving nine in the field. A drawing was held for the nine prizes. Five rings were found during the hunt.

One special half was found during the hunt by Mike Kinsky. Dwayne Argaud, Julie King and Tom Murray each found one of the halves on October 15th.

Congratulations to Mike, Dwayne, Julie and Tom for finding the October special half dollars.

We now have a two way tie for first place. Julie King and Tom Murray each have found five halves.

Jim Rainey is still in the lead for second place finding four halves during the hunts.

Coins Found

Member	1.00	.25	.10	.05	.01	Total	Tokens	Rings
Chuck	0	3	1	11	52	1.92	2	1
Cole	0	0	2	3	6	.41		
Dick	0	3	2	6	48	1.73		2
Dwayne	0	0	0	0	18	.18		
Jim W.	0	0	1	1	12	.27		
Julie	0	2	0	4	51	1.21	1	
Mike K.	0	1	2	12	60	1.65	4	
Ray	0	3	2	5	16	1.36	1	1
Terry	0	4	3	2	36	1.76	1	
Tom	1	2	5	0	26	2.26	2	1
Total	1	18	18	44	325	12.75	11	5

Other Finds

- Dick King: Lighter, pin
- Dwayne Argaud: Ear ring, dog tag
- Julie King: **Band with Stones**, charm, Lucky horse shoe, 1944 wheatie, button
- Terry Ellis: Ear ring, button, sunglasses

Julie King wins big again (4 times in a row). Our 50/50 Raffle was a great success with \$87.00. Julie King had the winning ticket receiving \$43.50.

October Bragging Rights

- MiscChuck Teyssier
- CoinChuck Teyssier
- JewelryDick King

Metal Detecting Tips

DISPLAY YOUR TREASURES

Need a cheap & quick display board for some of your finds?

Use a piece of Styrofoam about an inch thick...other dimensions to your needs....wrap it in a piece of felt (purple looks "royal") and keep it in place with straight pins or hot glue. Mount tokens or other finds with more pins at the edges to hold it in place. The pin heads are almost invisible, and arrangement of items is a snap. Fashion an easel or simply prop it up against something. **Very impressive and rich looking display for your treasures.**



Chuck Teyssier – 1938 Chauffer Badge



Chuck Teyssier – 1899 Indian Head Penny



Dick King - Silver Ring

45 DEGREE ANGLE

When searching around old trees and foundations, try this one. Tip your search coil up to a 45 degree angle, to "fire" the signal under these obstacles.

Many times, trees have covered targets with roots, and you cannot get the coil close enough to pass over these targets. Also, many good finds have been made under old foundation stones.

Using this method, you can hunt under the foundation, without constantly bumping your coil against it. You will lose a lot of depth, but targets in these areas will usually be shallow, since they have been protected from surface traffic.

Treasurer's Report
October 13, 2008

Beginning Balance	\$668.87
Income:	
Membership Dues	10.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	90.00
Club Caps	16.00
Raffle Special Hunt 50/50	43.50
 Special Hunt Prizes	 (43.50)
Monthly Raffle Prizes	(135.50)
 Ending Balance	 \$649.37

2008 Finds of the Month

These are the members that have won the finds of the month from January through October. The November finds of the month will be voted on at the November meeting.

At the end of the November meeting, members will vote on the **Finds of the Year for the Coins/Tokens, Jewelry and Miscellaneous. The winners will receive a 1 Oz. Silver Bar at the Christmas Party.**

Requirements for the Finds of the Year are that the member must be present at the November meeting with their finds of the month (no pictures will be voted on).

Members	Finds of the Month	Month Won
Bob McNicol	Davis Derringer	July
Chuck Teyssier	US Forest Service Pin	May
	1899 Indian Head Penny	October
	1938 Chauffer Badge	October
Cole Smith	Gold Ring with Diamonds	May
Dick King	Silver Ring	October
Jim Westmoreland	Bataan Mem. Button	August
Mickey Cone	Green River Whiskey Token	July
	Silver Ring	July
	Tag Hauer Watch	August
Phillip Chappell	1899 Barber Dime	January
Robert Wilson	1911S Barber Half	March
	Old Cross	April
	1899 Dog Tag	January
	Cowboy Spur	February
	Saloon Token	April
Terry Ellis	James Madison Dollar	February
	Kelly Token	April
	1976 Kennedy Half	May
	1907 Barber Dime	June
	German Token	August
	1952D Wheatie	September
	Diamond Ring	January
	Gold Ring	February
	14K Gold Ring	March
	Gold Ring with pink Stone	June
	10K Class Ring 2008	September
	Batting Cage Token	February
	1888 Toy Soldier	March
	SAK Label Handbag Tag	June
	Gold Resale Replica	September

All the pictures for Finds of the Months will be on the website before the November meeting. An e-mail will be sent to all the members when the pictures are on the website.

**AMDA Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

Guests: Bruce Owens

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as is by Julie King, 2nd by Mickey Cone.

The treasurer's report was read by Lucille Ellis. She gave an ending balance of \$649.37. Motion to accept by Chuck Teyssier, 2nd by Ray Alexander.

Old Business

Cole Smith talked about the Club's G-mail. He will be monitoring it.

Terry Ellis gave a report on the Oct. special hunt.

Mickey Cone had checked on our Club hunting the Belen Fair Grounds. The members that will be hunting at the fair grounds will need to sign a waiver. Mickey will check to see if we will be able to hunt there on our November Monthly Hunt date.

Mickey Cone was wondering if anything had been done on getting tokens to plant in the parks for non members to find. This would be a way to get visitors to come and check out our meetings.

Cole had one pin pointer left to sale that he had ordered for club members. Terry said that Harbor Freight had gotten in a new shipment of them. He had purchased one for one of the Special Hunt prizes.

Terry reminded the members that the finds of the year will be voted on at the November meeting, and the winners will be announced at the December party.

New Business

Julie King talked out our **Code of Ethics #6** (NEVER LITTER. Always pack out what you take in, and **remove all trash dug in your search**). In the parks, members have found that someone else had dug the target & found it was trash & just covered it up. **Please remove all the trash you dig (Code of Ethics).**

It was also discussed maybe at the hunts we could give special prizes for the most trash or unusual trash. Maybe this will be something we can do in 2009.

Gary & Cherie Tom talked about their recent visit with Gary's family. They are working on getting a Special Hunt on Gary's family property at the Four Corners area in April or May of 2009. The hunt will have to be limited to a group of 5 or 6 members for one of the hunt area. There maybe another area that more members could hunt. This will be discussed at a later date.

Mickey Cone talked about his recent vacation hunting for gold in the Arkansas River in Colorado. **Mickey found his first Gold.**

We took a break at 7:15 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:40 PM.

The monthly hunt will be at the Torrance County Park on Saturday, October 18th. We will meet at the Chili Hills Café in Edgewood at 8:15 & leave at 8:30. Members will meet at the Café earlier for breakfast.

Bragging Rights

Coin.....Chuck Teyssier – 1899 Indian Head
JewelryDick King – Silver Ring
Misc.....Chuck Teyssier – 1938 Chauffer Badge

Raffle

Center donation-Eisenhower \$.....Mickey Cone
1891 Morgan Dollar.....Cole Smith
1938 Walking Liberty Half.....Dick King
1892 Indian Head Penny.....Lucille Ellis
1928 Buffalo Nickel.....Jim Westmoreland
1914 Barber Dime.....Cole Smith
1894 Barber QuarterCole Smith
1974 Eisenhower DollarCole Smith
1989 Coin Set.....Cole Smith

Motion to adjourn by Julie King, 2nd by Gary Tom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Ellis, Treasurer
In the absence of Betty Veitch, Secretary

Members Anniversary

Betty & Allan Veitch..... 5 years
 John Pinkston 5 years
 Cole Smith..... 4 years
 Moss Tallant..... 4 years



Happy Birthday October

Jim Garcia October 3
 Robert Wilson October 4
 Dwayne Argaud October 25

Refreshment Schedule

November Gary & Cherie Tom

October refreshments were provided by Cole Smith. Thank you!

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 Mickey Cone
 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
 Lucille Ellis
 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 Terry Ellis at (505) 294-5296.

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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 October 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.

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/>
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(3) Interest Links:

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