

Metal Detective Monthly

Newsletter September 2007 Albuquerque Metal Detector Association

President Laid Out by Back Injury

I don't know if this is necessarily a newsworthy item, but, hey, I'm the newsletter writer so I guess it goes in. Plus it partially explains the lateness of the newsletter.

So.... Here's the straight poop: I have apparently had a herniated disc in my back for some time. While it was just an annoyance, apparently it ruptured the day before our September meeting leaving me in quite a lot of pain. I spent much of that morning writhing in pain and after I passed out the second time, my wonderful wife insisted on taking me to the emergency room. They gave me a morphine block and a prescription for some heavy duty painkillers. Two doctors and an MRI later, the doctor decided to treat it with cortisone injections, the first two weeks ago and the second today. The first made a huge difference and I'm hoping the second will be equally effective. I'm still hobbling around, but I'm so, so much better than I was.

Anyway, while I spent most of last month laid on my back, I was so whacked out on painkillers, I couldn't write anything with any clarity for most of the time. During the brief periods of lucidity that I had, my laptop was in the shop and there was no way I could sit it a chair long enough to do it on the desktop. One rotten month, all things considered. So this is really my first attempt at producing a newsletter, late though it may be. Anyway, before we get to the tough stuff that I had hoped to touch on in the September meeting, let's talk about the fun stuff going on in the club past and future:

Guest Speaker in October

I'm delighted to announce we will have a speaker for the October meeting. The speaker is one of our newest members – none other than Tony Castillo. Tony is going to be presenting us with one of the newest innovations in our hobby. He was kind enough to come by while I was convalescing and show me what he had to share with the group. I think most of you will just love the possibilities this new innovation might offer.

I won't steal Tony's thunder so I'll leave it to him to tell you the subject of his talk. Trust me; it'll be worth the price of admission.

Still Up for an Overnighter???

I appreciated very much that everyone was willing to wait on the overnighter until I could participate. Problem is, I don't think I'll be swinging a detector for a couple of months at the least. While the swinging itself might not be a problem, the bending down to recover the target might be a little more back flexion than I'll be ready for.

All that being said, if you all are still up for an overnighter, I'd be happy to tag along just for the camaraderie. I believe with the cool temperatures we've had lately, we'd probably be better off going to the southern climes rather than the northern, but I'd be up to whatever the group wants to do.

One thing's for sure, I won't be toting any ice chests or anything similarly heavy around, so I'll be counting on others to take care of that kind of thing. Be thinking about the possibilities and we'll discuss it more at the meeting.

Special Hunt

It sure was nice to have a special hunt that really provided a challenge. Evidently this one did. There is still one waiting to be found so I'll give you a little hint. It's within ten yards of the curb, buried on edge. If no one finds it by next weekend, I'll tell you which half of the park it's in. Anyway, for now, Dick & Julie are tied at 5, but all participants are making some really good finds. I'm hoping they'll bring these items to show off.

Score now is: Julie (5), Dick (5), Terry (3), Dan (2), John (2), Jim (2), Mike (1), Regina (1), Bob (1), George (1), Robert (1).

Don't forget, the winner of this 'competition' will become the owner of a **4-ounce gold-plated silver round** in addition to the other goodies they find while searching!

Please put on the website posting area any finds you make, including interesting finds made while searching for the special halves.

September Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Phillip Chappell, president, was absent due to a back injury. Dan Salazar filled in as acting president. Bob McNicol read Phillip's email to the attendees.

Changes to the 8/2007 meeting minutes: Betty Veitch did not keep the computer software, but gave it back to the club to give out again. Terry Ellis motioned to accept the changes, Betty Veitch 2nd.

The treasurer's report was read by Bob McNicol:

Beginning balance	\$790.73
Income	671.00
Expenses	-0-
Ending balance	\$1461.73

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Jim Garcia, Terry Ellis 2nd.

New Business

Beginning 10-1-2007, the center that we hold our meetings in will be closing at 8:30 p.m. instead of 9:00 p.m. We will be adjusting our meeting time to coincide with the new time.

Jim Garcia presented a flyer for the insulator clubs upcoming show this month at the fair grounds.

Tony Castillo suggested that we consider more than one hunt a month.

Old Business

Bob McNichol discussed the annual hunt and asked for everyone to think about ways to improve the next one. Some of the ideas mentioned were:

- Have someone make sure all the food items are opened and ready to eat as soon as the hunt is over. Everyone agreed.
- Tony talked about getting ideas from other clubs. We have done this in the past.
- Tony also that we open the annual hunt to anyone. It was brought out that the annual Hunt is for members only and should stay that way.
- Jim Garcia talked about finding ways to increase the membership in order to increase Prize money and attendance to the annual hunt. One way was to set up a table at the Insulator show or even the rock and mineral show to let people know we are out there.
- Adding more side activities to the annual. Hiding other items like jewelry, relics, etc.
Maybe adding an early bird hunt, King of the Hill hunt and possible more.

Break at 7:20 p.m.

Meeting called to order again at 7:45 p.m.

No raffle was held because we did not have the tickets.

Cherie Tom brought door prizes that were given out as follows:

Lucille Ellis
Betty Veitch
Bob McNicol
Tony Castillo
Bud Alexander

Weekly Hunt

We will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. at Kit Carson Park located near the zoo.

Motion to adjourn by Terry Ellis, Tony Castillo 2nd. Meeting adjourned about 8:20 p.m.

Treasury Report

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONTHLY REPORT AS OF: September 11,
2007

	Expenses	Income	
Beginning Balance			\$1,461.73
INCOME:			
New Members			
CD of Club activities			
Raffle from meeting			
Donation Jar			
Hunt Fees			
Special Raffle at Hunt			
New Income		<u>\$0.00</u>	
Sub Total			<u>\$1,461.73</u>
EXPENSES:			
Annual Hunt Prizes (Cole Smith)	-\$285.00		
Sub Total	<u>-\$285.00</u>		
Ending Balance			<u>\$1,176.73</u>

September Hunt Report

Hi Phillip. Here is the AMDA September Monthly Hunt Report.

We had another beautiful morning for our monthly hunt at Kit Carson Park, Albuquerque, NM (8:30 a.m - 11:30 a.m.). Participating members were: Cole Smith, Cheri Tom, Dick & Julie King and Bud Alexander who arrived an hour later.

Finds as follows: Cherie - \$2.15 - 1 gold Hot Wheels car, metal dome button.
Cole - \$0.85 - New Mexico pin
Dick - \$4.12 - small bead chain, barrette, black hexagon magnet, key charm (made in Korea).
Bud - \$0.68 - trash
Julie - \$2.73 - earring w/simulated diamond, 2 magnets, flower charm, small chain necklace, hair clip, button.

Even though the attendance was "light" everyone enjoyed themselves.

*****END REPORT***** FOTMJ Julie

September Extra Hunt Report

Those who check their email frequently got in on a special hunt due to fellow member, Bud Alexander's efforts in getting us permission to hunt the fairgrounds again. Thanks, Bud! This is the kind of effort we need to make this club better for all.

Hi Phillip and All. Here is my report on the AMDA hunt at the NM Fairgrounds held today, 6 Oct 07.

Members participating in this hunt were: Bud, Cherie, Terry & Lucille, Dwayne, Cole, Dick & Julie. The weather was perfect. I will just say it was "penny" heaven all over the grounds, that said, here listed are the finds made in our 2 & 1/2 hour timed hunt:

BUD - 5 quarters, 2 dimes, 22 pennies, 1 movie token.

CHERIE - class ring (her first), silver ring, half dollar, bus token, faux pendant, 2 quarters, 4 dimes, 3 nickels, 37 pennies, pull tabs.

TERRY - butterfly ring, 2 earrings (1 silver with green stone), \$4.44.

LUCILLE - dime, earring, button (did not metal detect found all just looking).

DWAYNE - .91 cents, 1 kid's ring w/pink ice stone.

COLE - 1 cent and metal.

DICK - 6 quarters, 7 dimes, 32 pennies, 1 charm (2 cherries -red stones and painted green leaf), 1 key, beads, 1 religious medal, steel chunk, orange plastic spider.

JULIE - 2 quarters, 4 dimes, 25 pennies, 1 ring (14K gold) w/pink/purple? stone, pendant .925 silver -mosque (?) design, charm - heart w/ friends and flower w/blue stone, keychain fob - R.U. HURT, Attorney W. J.C.. Everyone enjoyed the hunt.

After seeing everyone's finds, Cole and Dwayne had to leave and the rest of us (6) had lunch at the fairgrounds and then Bud had to leave. Cherie, Terry, Dick & Julie wanted to hunt some more so off we went. Cherie & Julie headed to the north end of the grounds to try a new area. We hunted another 2&1/2 hours.

Needless to say we were "kaput" done for the rest of the day. Dick found the additional coins: 3 quarters, 9 dimes, 36 pennies. Julie had 2 more rings (1 silver w/turquoise stone & 1 butterfly ring), 1 charm - baseball design (flat), small cell phone style watch, 3 quarters, 4 dimes, 2 nickels and 32 pennies. Not sure as to what Cherie found and do not know what Terry found in this second go-around. Enjoyed the outing/hunt. Maybe next hunt we will have more members participating in our activities. Get BETTER soon Phillip. End Report - Julie

Bragging rights

Jewelry – Terry Ellis: ruby ring

Coins – Bud Alexander: 1957 English coin

Misc. – Terry Ellis: a silver dice charm with diamonds

Congratulations, winners!

Winners should be reminded to have their winning entries photographed before the end of each meeting.

Bombshell

Well, I've saved the best (or worst depending on your viewpoint). We're at the point in the year where we need to start selecting new officers. Unfortunately, for various different reasons, Bob, Dan and I will all be stepping down from our offices in the club.

For my part, I'm most likely going to be forced back to Thursday and Friday days off, so I'll probably not be able to take part in many Saturday hunts unless they are pretty close. This past month off cost me a lot of unplanned leave so taking leave to participate in the hunts will be unlikely.

I've got no regrets as far as my tenure goes beyond procrastinating so much on the newsletters. I feel this last year has been a great one for the club, seeing growth in numbers as well as financially. We've had some great times, tried some great new recreational hunts and gained some creative and clever new members. I'm most proud of this last year. I never could have done so well without the efforts of my fellow club officers, most notably Bob and Dan and Marty.

Sadly, we are also losing our website manager. Mike will be leaving the club entirely. While we can probably hire someone to manage the website, I'm still hoping for a volunteer. It's way beyond my abilities, but I think it would be fun. Bob, Dan and I will stay on in the club, but will not be serving as officers in the coming year. While we won't be officers, I can assure you that we will help the club's new officers. I also am going to give someone else the joy of writing the newsletter. I will write things for the new newsletter editor to include if he likes, but I will not be writing the whole thing anymore. Think about it – you all may get the newsletter in a timely manner when the new editor takes over!

So I guess the best thing to do for the next two months is to try to find suitable volunteers for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter editor and website manager. If we get no volunteers or insufficient volunteers, we will have the Christmas party and then meet in January to divide up the club's remaining funds and dissolve AMDA.

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.

Center use: Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the center in exchange for our use of the facility.

Purpose of our club:

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 the companionship of its members. Provide a service to the community in finding lost items of value and importance.

Meetings:

AMDA meets at 6:30 pm the second Tuesday of each month at Los Griegos Center, 1231 Candelaria NW. For more information, call Phillip Chappell at (505)363-4694.

Treasure Hunters Code of Ethics

1. Never Trespass. Always obtain permission prior to entering private property or mineral claims.
2. Fill all holes. Regardless of location and never dig in a way that will or may damage 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.

ALL METAL DETECTORISTS AND TREASURE HUNTERS ARE JUDGED BY YOUR EXAMPLE. Conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration for others.