



AMDA NEWS

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Special Hunt Picnic October 11th

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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Top News for September 2008

- (1) AMDA in Lost Treasure on-line newsletter.
- (2) AMDA's May Newsletter was mentioned in Western & Treasure October issue.
- (3) Christmas Party-Reservation has been made at Furr's on Wyoming NE.
- (4) Drawing will be held at the Christmas Party for 3 Morgan Dollars. (Page 3)
- (5) October Special Hunt & Picnic (Page 2)



Jim Westmoreland-Found 2 Special Halves



Dick King-Found Special Half



September Special Hunt

Annual Hunt Disks & Pictures

At the September meeting, members that participated in the Annual Hunt received a disk of pictures & prints taken during the Annual Hunt. These pictures were taken by the Ellis Family, Julie King and Tony Castillo. Terry & Lucille made the disks and prints.

The total cost of the disks & prints was \$20.36. This was paid by AMDA from the Annual Hunt Raffle Funds.

October Special Hunt & Picnic

The October special hunt will be on Saturday, October 11th from 8:00 to 11:00. There will be **20 tokens** planted for prizes & **4 special halves**. We will also have our 50/50 raffle.

The picnic will be from 11:30 to 1:30. The Club will furnish the Chicken and paper items. Members are asked to bring a side dish or desert. Also drinks for your family.

The location of the Park will be sent out by e-mail the end of next week.

Welcome New Member

John S. Parra

AMDA featured in the News

Lost Treasure Magazine

Our Club's Annual Hunt was featured in the Lost Treasure "Good Hunting" section of their online newsletter dated 9/16/08.

Western & Eastern Magazine

Our Club was in **Dick Stout's Club News & Views** in the October 2008 issue of the Western & Eastern Magazine. Dick's article was **Marketing Your Club** in reference to our May newsletter that had the article about our Club.

If you have a subscription to Western & Eastern Magazine, be sure and check out **Dick Stout's Club News & Views** each month. He always has interesting finds and things about other clubs in his column.

CLASS RING FOUND AND RETURNED

Mickey Cone was metal detecting on August 30, 2008 when he found his second class ring. The class ring was a 1986 Los Lunas High School with a football player and tiger on the sides with the name Philip on the ring. Mickey contacted the school and was able to locate the owner (Philip Garcia). The ring was returned on September 3 to Philip's twin brother Andy Garcia. **Congratulation on a great find!!!!**

In May of 2008, Mickey found his first class ring which is featured in AMDA's May newsletter. Mickey also found the owner and returned the 2001 Manzano High School ring.

Lost Treasure Token Winner

A drawing was held at the September meeting for the Lost Treasure token that was not turned in at the Annual Hunt for the prize of a one year subscription. **Robert Wilson was the lucky member that won the subscription.**

September Bragging Rights

Jewelry Terry Ellis
 Misc. Terry Ellis
 Coin..... Terry Ellis



Class Ring 10K



Gold Reale Replica



1952D Wheatie

Morgan Dollars

Three separate drawings will be held at the December Christmas Party for 3 Morgan Dollars. To be eligible for the drawings you must have participated 50%.

Morgan Dollar Drawings (Must be Present to Win)

Center Donations..... Donated 5 months or more
 Monthly Hunts..... Attended 5 or more hunts
 Special Hunts (Halves)..... Attended 4 or more hunts

Each member that is eligible for the drawings will receive one raffle ticket for each month they brought food donation or attended the monthly or special hunts.

We appreciate all the members that have participated in all 3 of these activities & by having a drawing for the Morgan Dollars it will give something back to these members. **Below is the schedule as of 9/30/08.**

| Morgan Dollar Drawings | Center Donation | Monthly Hunt | Special Hunt |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| # Months | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| To Be Eligible | | | |

Members' Totals

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|
| Betty Veitch..... | 7 | - | 3* |
| Cole Smith..... | - | 6 | 3* |
| Dick King | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Dwayne Argaud..... | - | 5 | 3* |
| Jim Rainey | - | - | 4 |
| Jim Westmoreland..... | - | 5 | 3* |
| Julie King | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Lucille Ellis | 9 | 5 | 7 |
| Marty Hrivnak | - | 5 | - |
| Mickey Cone | 7 | 5 | - |
| Mike Kinsky..... | 4* | - | 5 |
| Ray Alexander..... | - | 3* | 4 |
| Robert Wilson | - | 6 | 3* |
| Terry Ellis | 9 | 5 | 7 |
| Tom Murray | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| Virginia Cone | 6 | - | - |

Not Eligible* (Need 1 or 2 Months)

| | | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| Allan Veitch | 4 | - | 2 |
| Chuck Teyssier..... | - | 3 | 2 |
| George Baca | - | - | 3 |
| Kathy Hamilton | - | 4 | 2 |
| Phillip Chappell..... | - | - | 3 |
| Regina Kinsky | 4 | - | 3 |
| Tony Castillo | 4 | - | - |



August Special Hunt

Special Hunt for Halves

The special hunt for September was held on September 6 at Altura Park. We had 8 members with 6 members hunting. Three special halves and ten rings with quarters were planted. All three halves were found and four of the rings.

Jim Westmoreland found the **first half dollar** in just a few minutes into the hunt. **Dick King and Jim Westmoreland** found the other **two halves during the hunt.**

Congratulations to Jim Westmoreland and Dick King for finding the September half dollars.

We still have a three way tie for first place. Jim Rainey, Julie King and Tom Murray each have found four halves.

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



August Halves-Julie King (2) Jim Rainey (1)

Coins Found

| Member | .50 | .25 | .10 | .05 | .01 | Total * |
|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| Julie | 0 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1.42 |
| Tom | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | .91 |
| Jim W. | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | .88 |
| Ray | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | .72 |
| Dick | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 14 | .39 |
| Cole | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | .08 |
| Total | 3 | 10 | 14 | 3 | 35 | 4.40 |

* Special Halves not included in the total.

Other Finds

- Dick King: Ear ring, birthday pin, bullet, Lt. bar, measuring tool, Canadian quarter, Century Theater token
- Jim Westmoreland: Ring with quarter, candle holder
- Julie King: Ring with quarter, large ear ring
- Ray Alexander: Ring with quarter, pet name tag, St. Francis Metal
- Tom Murray: Ring with quarter, stick pin, plastic nickel



Chuck Teyssier-September Monthly Hunt



Julie King - Tie Bar Found at Belen Dump



September Monthly Hunt-Belen Dump



Julie King - Belen Dump



September Monthly Hunt-Belen Dump



Cole Smith, his Daughter and Family

Hunt Master Report

The September hunt was at the Belen dump on September 13th. Ten members were present and five guests (Cole’s family). The Belen dump continues to produce wheat pennies. **Four members each found one wheat penny.**

- Chuck Teyssier: **1944 Wheatie**, key
- Cole Smith: **1952D Wheat Penny**, **1949 Turkish Kurus Coin**,
- Julie King: **Tie Bar**, green marble, ladies pin, needle threader (Japan), 2 buckles, hair roller, key, junk
- Mary Hrivnak: **1950 Wheatie**, 3 buckles, whisky calendar, hair clip, ear ring, 2 spoons
- Mickey Cone: Rouge case, bottles, cookie framer (Christmas Tree)
- Robert Wilson: **1956 Wheatie**, 2 marbles, 2 keys, lipstick, belt buckle, Sharkskin tag
- No finds were recorded for Dick King, Tom Murray, Jim and Sylvia Westmoreland.
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Thanks, Cole, for being the hunt master in the absence of Terry. ●

Metal Detecting Tips

Hard to see Coin Dates

If you have trouble reading dates on your coins, try rubbing the coin with a **pencil eraser**. It will remove the dirt and even put a little shine on it without scratching. This works with wheat pennies, older nickels and the newer coins that are tarnished. It also works on some jewelry.

Keep Them Sharp

There are many different tools and methods for retrieving finds, most of them work best when kept sharp. Knives, trowels and even plug cutters dull quickly out in the field. Always **carry a file** in your car or pack to freshen that edge when necessary.

Easy Digging

Spray some WD 40 on your digging tool for hard ground.



Eddie Crisp-Fair Grounds Hunt

Special Hunt – State Fair

The Club had a special hunt at the state fair grounds on Tuesday, September 23 from 12:00 to 4:30. There were 9 members present. The weather was great for hunting. The hunting at the state fair grounds was different from last year. The grass was not as high and a lot of the grass had already died. Any thing that was lost during the fair probably was found by someone just walking and seeing it on the ground. **It was a penny hunt with 164 pennies found.**



Tom Murray-Fair Grounds Hunt

Coins Found

| Member | .50 | .25 | .10 | .05 | .01 | Total |
|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Julie | 0 | 8 | 12 | 1 | 38 | 3.63 |
| Terry | 1 | 4 | 12 | 6 | 61 | 3.61 |
| Dick | 0 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.55 |
| Ray | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 22 | 1.32 |
| Tom | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 8 | .93 |
| Eddie | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 27 | .77 |
| Lucille | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .61 |
| Cole | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | .37 |
| Total | 1 | 21 | 49 | 10 | 164 | 12.79 |

Other Finds

- Dick King: **Ring**, token, **State Fair Pin (50th Anniversary)**, button, water spout, washers
- Julie King: Token (Planet Fun), **charm (Kizmo)**, tiny flower hair clip, **Sipapu ski pin**
- Ray Alexander: Toy arm & leg, watch band part, handle, aluminum ruler
- Terry Ellis: Button with Stones, **Kid’s Ring (Big Red Stone)**
- Tom Murray: Key, brass
- Tony Castillo: No finds recorded.



Tony Castillo-Fair Grounds Hunt

Treasurer’s Report

September 8, 2008

Beginning Balance \$660.23

Income:

Annual Hunt Raffle 272.25

Raffle Ticket Sales 110.00

Annual Hunt Pictures & Disks (20.36)

Annual Hunt Prizes (202.10)

Annual Hunt Supplies (18.15)

Monthly Raffle Prizes (133.00)

Ending Balance \$668.87



Terry Ellis-Fair Grounds Hunt

**AMDA Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

Guests: Mary Jane Brodie
John Parra

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

The treasurer's report was read by Lucille Ellis. She gave an ending balance of \$668.87. Motion to accept by Marty Hrivnak, 2nd by Chuck Teyssier.

Old Business

Terry Ellis gave a report on the special hunt at Altura Park. He also gave a report on the annual hunt at Oak Flats.

New Business

Cole Smith talked about getting a debit card for the club. This would make it easier to buy item off the internet. Lucille will check into this.

Mickey Cone suggested a credit card instead of the debit card. It would serve the club the same, but with more security.

The club voted to go ahead with checking into this idea.

Cole also mentioned about getting another person to help Mike Reddy, & be a back up for the webmaster when needed. Terry Ellis volunteered to help out. Motion was made to accept Terry Ellis as webmaster back up by Mickey Cone, 2nd by Robert Wilson.

Cole talked about getting some of the new probes that Jim Westmoreland gave a presentation on previously. He bought six for some of the club members.

Terry Ellis talked about the Christmas party. We will be going to the Furr's on Wyoming. The cost will be \$5.00 per member and the club will pick up the balance. All guests will pay the full price.

The finds of the year will be voted on at the November meeting, and the winners will be

announced at the December party.

The American Metal Detecting Assn. will be holding a hunt in October, in Laughlin. If anyone is interested in attending, Terry has information on the hunt. It was noted that the hotel rates are very comparable.

Julie King told the club about the passing of Angie Young's husband, Jim. Angie is a former AMDA member.

Robert Wilson won the special drawing for the third subscription for the Lost Treasure magazine that was not awarded at the annual hunt.

We took a break at & 7:20 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:40 PM

The monthly hunt will be at the Belen Dump on Saturday at 9:00 AM.

Bragging Rights

Coin.....Terry Ellis – 1952D Wheatie
JewelryTerry Ellis – 10K Class Ring -2008
Misc.....Terry Ellis – Gold Reale Replica

Raffle

Center donation-Eisenhower DollarTom Murray

1889 Morgan Dollar.....Gary Tom
1917 Walking Liberty Half.....Mickey Cone
1889 Indian Head PennyRobert Wilson
1929 Buffalo Nickel.....Julie King
1914 Barber Dime.....Cole Smith
1896 Barber QuarterTom Murray
1972 Eisenhower DollarTerry Ellis
1981 U.S. Coin Set.....Cole Smith
American Digger Magazine.....Tom Murray

Motion to adjourn by Moss Tallant, 2nd by Gary Tom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Veitch, Secretary

Members Anniversary
September..... None



Happy Birthday
September

Dan Salazar September 16
Bob McNicol..... September 19
Julie King September 22

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

Refreshment Schedule
October..... Cole Smith

September refreshments were provided by Tom Murray. Thank you!

Research Committee
Phillip Chappell
Mike Reddy
Chuck Teyssier
Tony Castillo

Officers
PresidentCole Smith
Vice PresidentTerry Ellis
SecretaryBetty Veitch
TreasurerLucille Ellis

Membership Committee
Julie King
Cherie Tom
John Pinkston

Executive Committee
3 yearChuck Teyssier - 3rd yr
3 yearPhillip Chappell - 1st yr
2 year Julie King - 2nd yr
2 yearGary Tom - 1st yr
1 year.....Dwayne Argaud

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 EditorMike Reddy
Prize OfficialCherie Tom
Hunt Master.....Terry Ellis
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 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 September 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/>
White's Metal Detectors <http://www.whiteelectronics.com/>

(3) Interest Links:

Mama's Minerals <http://www.mamasminerals.com/>



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