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## 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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2009 Annual Hunt Hunters



Annual Hunt Committee-Jim, Terry, Lucille & Ray



2009 Annual Hunt



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## **Annual Hunt**

### **By Jim Westmoreland**

The 2009 AMDA Chuck Teyssier Memorial Annual Hunt held on September 19 was a rousing success. It was held at the Oak Flats picnic area in the Manzano Mountains. The day turned out to be beautiful. Storms were around us, but kept their distance. Who ever did the magic dance for that great weather, please do it again next year.

Early morning coin and token planting went as planned. The ground was initially a little too wet while planting, but at hunt time it was okay. The main planters were Ray Alexander, Terry Ellis and Jim Westmoreland who were assisted by Allan Veitch and Tony Castillo. Lucille Ellis during this time was doing essential behind the scenes organizing of the recording paper work and the prizes. Jim Westmoreland was exhausted by hunt time, but Lucille saved his life with an energy bottle of Gatorade. Now he knows why everybody else was eating solid food earlier.

The hunt this year had thirteen hunters. This was a smaller count of hunters than in previous years. The total number of people at the picnic was twenty. Chuck Teyssier's wife, Carol, daughter Sherry and two grandchildren, Missy and Megan, were honored guests.

The hunt lasted 1-1/2 hours. After the hunt, every hunter recorded their finds and submitted their list to Lucille, who now needed to do more behind the scenes work of consolidating each hunter's finds. Her help is highly appreciated. Lunch time was apparent as many people started munching on chips and dip in a big time way. When this was recognized, Chuck's family was formally introduced and a thanks for attending the hunt. Lunch was immediately started with the main courses being wonderful ham and zesty BBQ.

There were many great prizes to be won. A 6 oz. silver round, an Ace 150 and a Propointer from Garrett were some of the top prizes. Toward the end of lunch Lucille noticed that the tokens for the 6 oz. silver round and Ace 150 had not been found. What to do. The annual hunt committee put their heads together and decided to have an additional hunt of 30 minutes.

At the end of the 30 minute hunt, only the 6 oz. silver round token had been found by Terry Ellis. Now for a hand of fate story. The person (Ray Alexander) who planted the 6 oz. silver round token told Jim Westmoreland that at one time in the first hunt, his coil was over the 6 oz. silver round target and that he (Ray) could not believe that Jim didn't find it. Jim now thinks that a hearty breakfast could have made the difference in finding that 6 oz. silver round token.

The token for the Ace 150 was never found. A drawing was held and Tony Castillo won it.

In the overall totals for the main hunt, Terry Ellis was first in total finds and tokens. Robert Wilson and Dan Rossbach tied for second place finding the same amount of tokens. Robert Wilson was second and Julie King was third in total finds.

After all the prizes were handed out, it was time to close the big show. We all helped one another pack and carry things to our vehicles. Goodbyes were exchanged. The Hunt Committee and Lucille were exhausted to the point that they were probably thinking what they had gotten themselves into for this event.

The bottom line is that there was good hunting, good camaraderie, good prizes, good food, and good weather. The sum of this is a great hunt. What else could the club and metal detectorist want?

**From the Annual Hunt Committee**

**2009 AMDA Chuck Teyssier Memorial Annual Hunt Finds**

**Brass and Coin Tokens were planted in the field for the following prizes. The number of tokens planted was 146. A second hunt and a drawing were held for 29 tokens not found.**

**Main Hunt Winners:**

- Allan Veitch:** 1944 Quarter, 1905 V-Nickel, Mercury Dime Set, **\$25 Lindy's Cafe**
- Betty Veitch:** 1945 Half, Silver Quarters (2), 1944 Dime, **Kellyco Towel & Cap**
- Dan Rossbach:** 1880 Morgan Dollar, 1943 Half, 1988 US Proof Set, Indian Head Pennies (4), Silver Quarters (2), 1907 V-Nickel, Mercury Dimes (2), 1 oz. Silver Round, 1973 Coin Set, Gerber Diamond Knife/Sharpener, **Garrett Trowel Digging Metal (2), Garrett Coin Digging Kit, Kellyco Trophy**
- Dick King:** 1899 Morgan Dollar, 1901 Indian Head Penny
- Dwayne Argaud:** Indian Head Pennies ((3), 1957 Quarter, 1944 Dime, 1 oz. Silver Round, **Garrett Texas Twister Tool Set, Kellyco Cap**, 1943 Walking Liberty Half
- Jim Westmoreland:** 1941 Walking Liberty Half, 1 oz. Silver Bar, 1964 Quarter, 50 States Gold Quarters (2), **Garrett Headphone Master Sound, Garrett Treasure Sound Phones, Garrett Texas Twister Tool Set**
- Julie King:** 1 oz. Silver Round, 1936 & 1939 Walking Liberty Halves, Indian Head Pennies (4)
- Lucille Ellis:** 1886 Morgan Dollar, 1900 Indian Head Penny, **Kellyco Apron**
- Ray Alexander:** 1890 Morgan Dollar, 1900 Morgan Dollar, 1941 and 1943 Halves, 1901 Indian Head Penny, 1949 Quarter, **Kellyco Cap, Kellyco Apron, Kellyco Digging Tool, \$25 Gift Certificate-Furrs**
- Robert Wilson:** 1945 Half, Indian Head Pennies (2), Silver Quarters (2), Mercury Dimes (2), 1 oz. Silver Round, American Nickels, Gold State Quarters, 2010 AMDA Single Membership, **Treasure Sound Phones, Trowel Digging Metal, 1 year Subscription-American Digger and Lost Treasure, Batteries, Kellyco Apron, Kellyco Digging Tool, Garrett Detector Bag**
- Sharon Alexander:** 1942 Dime, 50 States Gold Quarters, 1901 Indian Head Penny
- Terry Ellis:** 1879 Morgan Dollar, 1880 Morgan Dollar, 1890 Morgan Dollar, Walking Liberty Halves (5), 1985 US Proof Set, Indian Head Pennies (2), Silver Quarters (3), 1939 Dime, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Coins, Survival Compass, Gold State Quarters, **Pro-Pointer (Garrett), Kellyco Digging Tool, 1 Year Subscription-Lost Treasure**
- Tony Castillo:** 1879 Morgan Dollar, 1941 Half, Indian Head Pennies (2), 1964 Quarter, **Towel**

**The tokens for the 6 oz. silver round and the ACE 150 were not found during the main hunt. After the picnic the Hunt Master gave clues and the members had 30 minutes to find the two top prizes. Terry Ellis was the lucky hunter to find the token for the 6 oz. silver round. Tony Castillo was the lucky winner of the drawing of the ACE 150.**



2009 -Terry Ellis won Garrett Pro-Pointer

## Chuck Teyssier Memorial Annual Hunt By Terry & Lucille Ellis

Terry Ellis presented a 9-Photo Collage Frame of Chuck taken at different AMDA events to Carol Teyssier, Chuck's wife. The collage of pictures was designed by Terry & Lucille.

The pictures included Chuck winning hunter of the year in 1997 and Chuck's last AMDA hunt in January, 2009 winning third place in the scavenger hunt. Other pictures included Chuck hunting at his favorite hunting sites, Ghost Towns and the annual hunts.



2009 Annual Hunt – Garrett Winners

The cake with a jelly bean in it was also done in Chuck's memory. Since Chuck worked at a bakery he had always brought a cake to the annual hunt with a jelly bean in it for a prize.

**Sharon Alexander** was the lucky winner with the jelly bean in her slice of cake winning an **Oklahoma Tax Token** donated by Terry & Lucille Ellis.

Chuck loved finding tokens so it was appropriate to have the token as a prize in his memory. Chuck had found many trade tokens over the years metal detecting. The members of AMDA will always remember the smile on Chuck's face when he would bring a token in for show and tell.

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2009 Annual Hunt–Lost Treasure Winners

## Thank You Note from Carol Teyssier

Thank you so much for having us to the picnic and hunt. It was very nice. It felt good to see that the cake with the jelly bean in it was still around. Chuck always had fun with that.

I love the picture. We have it on the living room wall. It is nice to know that Chuck is remembered by the club he cared so much about.

Thanks to you and share my thanks with the rest of the club.



2009 Annual Hunt – Kellyco Winners

## Welcome New Members

Chris Lewis  
John Mead  
Terry Santolla



**Sharon Alexander-Jelly Bean Winner.**

### **Annual Hunt Door Prizes**

**Dick and Julie King** donated the 1863 Civil War token that was the **top door prize** for all the paid hunters. **Jim Westmoreland** was the **lucky winner** to win the 1863 Civil War token. All the hunters received one door prize.

Garrett donated bags that each paid hunter received with a Garrett apron, Garrett bag clips and Garrett pins. Also in the bags were Kellyco sale flyer and Lost Treasure magazine.

**Thanks, Dick & Julie, for your donation to the door prizes.**

**And a special thanks to Richard Ruble for helping with the drawing of the door prizes and the tokens that were not found.**

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**Richard Ruble helping with drawing.**

### **Annual Hunt Pictures**

The following members took pictures at the annual hunt:

- Julie King
- Richard Ruble
- Terry & Lucille Ellis
- Tony Castillo

Thanks to all these members for taking the pictures for the newsletter and the website. Pictures of the annual hunt will be posted on the website at a later date.

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**Carol Teyssier with Photo Collage.**

### **AMDA's Video Library**

**Tony Castillo** donated a White's DVD to AMDA Video Library at the September meeting. The name of the DVD is **All About Spectra V3**.

**Thanks Tony, for donating the DVD.**

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### **Great Find**

Chris Lewis found a **1944 Mercury Dime** (his first silver coin). **Congratulations, Chris.**

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### **AMDA Caps for Sale - \$8**

AMDA has an inventory of 14 caps. We are trying to sell as many as we can before the end of the year. See Lucille at the meeting if you would like to buy one.



**1944 Merc Found by Chris Lewis.**



**Colin Crawford first half found.**



**Tom Murray second half found.**



**Jim Westmoreland found half.**



**Ray, Colin and Jim searching for half.**

## **Special Hunt for Halves**

On Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> the first special hunt for halves was at Ed Leslie Park (Montgomery & Marla NE). This park has an east park and west park with a street in the middle. Four halves were hidden in the east park and three halves in the west park.

**Colin Crawford** and **Tom Murray** were the two lucky members that found the first two halves. Clues were given after three hours of hunting. Jim Westmoreland and Colin Crawford found the next two halves. Colin found his third half before he took a break and went to lunch.

After lunch Julie King found the half that several members had missed. All hunters had passed over it several times. Cameron Crawford found the last half just before dark.

### **August Special Hunt Totals**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Colin Crawford</b> .....   | <b>3</b> |
| <b>Cameron Crawford</b> ..... | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Jim Westmoreland</b> ..... | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Julie King</b> .....       | <b>1</b> |
| <b>Tom Murray</b> .....       | <b>1</b> |

**Total Halves** ..... **7**

Congratulations to all the members that found the halves. It was a beautiful day for hunting in the park. Thanks to all the members that participated in the special hunt for halves.

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## **Congratulations**

### **Ray & Sharon Alexander**

**Jessie Nuela Kiele Alexander** was born on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. She was 7 lbs. 15 oz. and 20" long. The proud parents are Kaelo and Ana Alexander. The **proud grandparents** are **Ray and Sharon Alexander**. **Jessie Nuela Kiele** is Ray and Sharon's first grand child.



**Jessie Nuela Kiele**

**AMDA Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2009**

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

Guests: Paul Kouts

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as is by Julie King, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betty Veitch.

The Treasurer's report was read by Lucille Ellis. She gave an ending balance of \$709.58. Motion to accept by Tony Castillo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Alexander.

**Old Business**

The club website has a new button for the "special hunts" park locations for members only. The "special hunts" will be held on the last weekend of the month except for November. It will be the weekend before Thanksgiving. The grand prize is a 4 oz. silver bar.

Research: Tony Castillo has not been able to contact anyone about a hunt at the old "Memorial Hospital" at I-25 and Central.

Colin Crawford suggested Conchas Lake and Mt. Taylor.

Robert Wilson suggested the UNM dump by "The Pit".

**New Business**

The "Chuck Memorial Annual Hunt" will be held Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at Oak Flat in the Manzano Mts. The grand prize is a 6 oz. (troy) silver round. A photo display case of Chuck Teyssier will be presented to Chuck's family at the annual "Chuck Hunt" on Saturday.

The three vacant executive positions have been filled and voted on by the club. It passed unanimously. Julie King and Jim Westmoreland took the 3 year positions. Ray Alexander took the one year position.

Jim Westmoreland gave a short talk on his Minelab (quarto) and his Whites (DFX) metal detectors.

Colin Crawford talked about his finds on KAFB.

Julie King bragged about a 1996 silver dollar she purchased from a gas station for \$1.00.

Jim Westmoreland won his annual hunt fee (\$25) back through a ticket drawing.

We took a break at 7:20 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:41 PM.

The monthly hunt will be at the Oak Flat picnic area at 9:00 AM on September, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Center Donation Drawing  
1915 Barber Quarter – Dick King**

**50/50 Raffle  
\$33.50 – Lucille Ellis**

Motion to adjourn by Robert Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Alexander.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Tom Murray, Secretary/2009

**Treasurer's Report  
September 14, 2009**

|                                           |                 |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance .....</b>            | <b>\$800.91</b> |
| <b>Income:</b>                            |                 |
| <b>Dues.....</b>                          | <b>15.00</b>    |
| <b>Raffle Ticket Sales .....</b>          | <b>40.50</b>    |
| <b>Annual Hunt Fees .....</b>             | <b>25.00</b>    |
| <b>Annual Hunt Donations.....</b>         | <b>45.00</b>    |
| <b>Annual Hunt Auction.....</b>           | <b>57.00</b>    |
| <b>Expenses</b>                           |                 |
| <b>Prizes-Center Donation.....</b>        | <b>(11.79)</b>  |
| <b>Raffle Tickets .....</b>               | <b>( 6.88)</b>  |
| <b>Frame for Chuck's Pictures.....</b>    | <b>(21.36)</b>  |
| <b>Prize-Special Hunt for Halves.....</b> | <b>(78.24)</b>  |
| <b>Annual Hunt Prizes.....</b>            | <b>(121.50)</b> |
| <b>Annual Hunt Supplies .....</b>         | <b>(34.06)</b>  |
| <b>Ending Balance .....</b>               | <b>\$709.58</b> |

**Members Anniversary**  
September..... None

**Annual Hunt Committee**  
Jim Westmoreland  
Ray Alexander  
Terry Ellis

  
**Happy Birthday**  
**September**  
Dan Salazar ..... September 16  
Bob McNicol..... September 19  
Julie King ..... September 22

**Research Committee**  
Tony Castillo  
Jim Westmoreland

**Membership Committee**  
Julie King  
Jim Westmoreland

**Officers**  
President ..... Mickey Cone  
Vice President ..... Terry Ellis  
Secretary ..... Tom Murray  
Treasurer ..... Lucille Ellis

**Refreshment Schedule**  
October..... Betty & Allan Veitch  
November ..... Colin Crawford  
  
September refreshments were provided by Robert Wilson. Thank you!

**Executive Committee**  
3 year ..... Julie King - 1<sup>st</sup> yr.  
3 year ..... Jim Westmoreland - 1<sup>st</sup> yr.  
2 year ..... Dwayne Argaud – 1<sup>st</sup> yr  
2 year ..... Gary Tom - 2<sup>nd</sup> yr  
1 year..... Ray Alexander

**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](mailto:tellis106@comcast.net)

**Monthly Hunt Schedule 2009**  
January 17.....February 21  
March 14 .....April 18  
May 16 .....June 13  
July 18 .....August 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](mailto: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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