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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)
111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676
Membership: \$20.00

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May 2018

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date - **May 10th** 2018
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M - 103/104

Officers:

President - Jim Lawhon
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Dennis Gans, Leon Prause
Daniel and Susie Mireles, Ed
Newsom, Larry Vickers

A Word from our President:

Happy May to everyone...all your officers are freshly back from the 2018 Treasure Show in Temple. If you missed it you missed another GREAT show. Susie and Mary did a great job on the theme for our booth "Super Heroes". Please take a minute at the membership meeting to thank the two of them. Also many thanks to the members who took time out of their schedules to set up and man the booth. As a club we had a very poor showing of club members for it being so close, you missed a great time and awesome opportunity. Hopefully we will see you at our membership meeting. **Remember we are drawing a ticket for the ACE 250 that Larry Vickers donated.**

Jim Lawhon

May Meeting

This month Blaine Nelson will present a program on Water Detecting. She will have a handout of tips to share, and will bring a few displays of items she's found in the water.

We will have our Find of the Month competition featuring items found since the April meeting. The FOM form is the last page of this newsletter, and Daniel and Susie will have copies at the meeting.

TAMDC SHOW!

Another great Treasure Show this year over the weekend of April 20-22! The show was held at the convention center in Temple, and was attended by metal detector enthusiasts from all over the state and elsewhere. Most of the Texas clubs set up booths. In addition, many of the metal detector manufacturers and vendors were on site, there were workshops, a banquet and fun all around. Of course the hunt on Sunday morning is always a hit, searching for silver coins and tokens for prizes.

Our AMDC booth was amazing. Kuddo's to Susie and Mary for coming up with the idea for the "Super Hero" booth theme, and doing all the preparation and leg work for getting it together. Thanks also to the members who helped set up, man, and take down the booth. This is an important part of what we are as a club, and we will encourage more participation next year.

Below are just a few pics of the booth!



Executive Meeting

Our meetings are the first Thursdays of most months, at 6:00. We meet at the Bill Miller's at 709 E. Ben White (right at I-35). All are welcome at any Board meetings. We usually come early to visit and grab a bite; the meeting begins at 6:00.

AMDC "For Sale" Table

We have a table for members to sell items they no longer want or need. We are limiting the items to metal detectors and detecting accessories. If you are interested, bring you item, with a card or small sign with the name of the item, price you want to sell it for, and your name. If you are selling, you may want to bring change, and/or decide whether you would accept checks. We will try this for a couple months to see how it goes.

You may still list items for sale to be listed in the Newsletter – let Blaine know what you have.

FOR SALE

"I am relisting for sale my White's Beach Hunter detector and lowering the price to only \$500.00. This detector is practically brand new and still has one year left on its two year warranty. Please click on the link below to view this detector.

<https://youtu.be/wVByzA9hW6U>

Also for sale my new Garrett AT Max. After trying it for a month, I have decided this is more than I can handle. I went from my old faithful Garrett Ace 250 to the Max, it felt like I went from my Hyundai to a Maserati... I am offering the AT Max for only \$640.00 and it still has everything that came in the box, including the AT Max baseball cap (I did not wear it) and owner's registration card to fill out and mail in." If interested, please call Johnny Guevarra at 210-296-9995, in San Antonio! (Johnny is an AMDC member.)

FOR SALE – Garrett Z-Lynk Wireless System – to go wireless using your favorite headphones. These are brand new (won at a hunt). List price on most sites is \$127.46. Selling for \$90 (firm). Contact Blaine at 512-470-8756 or Punkin4048@aol.com. Will be at the meeting on For Sale table.

FOR SALE – Garret Ace 250 – Brand new – won at hunt. Sale price is \$212.45. Selling for \$160 (firm) Contact Blaine 512-470-8756 or Punkin4048@aol.com Will be at meeting on For Sale table.



AMDC is on Face Book! Be sure and check out and "Like" the Group

Be sure and check the Face Book page often, as we put pictures and news of club goings on.

AMDC Website

Remember to check our web site often to see what's there!
<http://www.amdconline.com>

Our web site is:

Lost and Found Efforts

Since the last report the Search Team has only had one request to search for lost items. The request was to search for a ring lost in the back yard. Mitch Landon was prepared to go out, but before he could get out there, he was notified that the ring had been found.

Many thanks to those who serve on these searches. It takes a lot of time and effort to go out, but it is always appreciated – even if the item(s) are not located.

Newsletter Contest!

We continue our drawing for a prize at the meetings. If you can answer the mystery question correctly taken from information in the newsletter, your name may be drawn.

Good luck!

Upcoming Events:

May 12 – AMDC Club Hunt at Morris Park in Elgin, Texas – 9:00 a.m. This is a 14 acre park located in the older part of Elgin. Jim says we will seed some tokens that if found, will be worth a prize. The park is located at **802 North Ave C, Elgin**. More about this hunt at the meeting.

June 20-21 - Lions Camp (service project with kids) Kerrville, Texas

October 6 – Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club Hunt, Fort Worth, Texas

October 27 – Lone Star Club Hunt – Garland, Texas

November 10 – AMDC 2nd Annual Veteran's Day Hunt – Old Settler's RV Park – Round Rock

Question: Which two members designed our booth for the show this year?



Metal Detecting School Yards

By Blaine Nelson

How many of us detect at schools? The first question newbies often ask is, "Is it permissible to detect on school grounds?" The answer to this question is varied, but in general, it is usually OK to detect Public School grounds if you follow some simple and logical guidelines. First, never detect when school is in session. Weekends or early evening are usually good bets. If the school yard is fenced and locked, do not attempt to enter the grounds or fenced in areas. It is also good to stay at least 20' away from the school buildings. Of course, do not dig holes. If you can use a screwdriver or very narrow spade to retrieve, that is the best bet – covering all holes completely. All it takes is one careless detectorist to ruin things for us all.

What might you find on school grounds? The playgrounds are “easy and clean” most of the time. Meaning, they are filled with cedar chips, pea gravel or sometimes shredded rubber tires, making it easy to retrieve targets. There is usually a minimal amount of trash on MOST school grounds. The most common treasures you will find are coins, and trinkets. Schools do usually not produce expensive jewelry or old coins, but you never know. I have found both on school sites over the years.

One of the things I like to do, especially when traveling, is locate older schools, or school sites and spend a lot of time methodically detecting in the grass. This method has turned up a few silver coins, buffalo nickels and silver rings. If you find items that a student would obviously miss – set of house keys, sentimental item, do contact the school to see if they can be returned.

April FOM Winners

Display	Josh Graham
Foreign Coin	Scott Wilkins - 1925 – Chinese Coin
Token	Ali Vassef – Saloon Token
Ring	Josh Graham – .925 Signet Ring
Jewelry	Ali Vassef – Silver Military Pin
Button	Josh Graham – Texas Star Button
Artifact	Ali Vassef – Marking check, est. 1869
Wild Card	Scott Wilkins – Religious Hand Pin
Oldest US Coin (tie)	Scott Wilkins – 1883 Nickel Josh Graham – 1883 Seated Dime
Most Valuable US Coin	Ali Vassef – 1907 Half Dollar (\$18.)
All Categories Filled	NONE



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FIND OF THE MONTH 2018

DISPLAY _____ # _____

FOREIGN COIN: _____ # _____

TOKEN: _____ # _____

RING: _____ # _____

JEWELRY: _____ # _____

BUTTON: _____ # _____

ARTIFACT: _____ # _____

WILD CARD: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN: _____ \$ _____ # _____

Name _____ Month _____

