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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676
Membership: \$20.00

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June 2018

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **June 14th** 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 hot June...It's been a hot one out the last month or so. If you decide to go detecting wear some sun screen and keep hydrated.

Looking forward to seeing all you at our Membership meeting on Thursday night. We will have a speaker talking about "Lost Spanish Missions of Austin" He will be bringing some of the books he wrote for sale so bring extra money if you think you might be interested.

Let's all take a short minute out of our busy schedule and say a prayer for Carrie Rogers mother who passed away last week.....

Jim Lawhon

Winner!

Daniel Mireles won the ACE 250 that was the prize for our club fundraiser. Congrats, Daniel!



June Meeting

Our June meeting will feature a special guest speaker, Michael Barnes, writer for the Austin American Statesman. Mr. Barnes will be talking about "The Lost Spanish Missions of Austin" – should be fascinating! Mr. Barnes will also be bringing copies of his two books for sale, "Indelible Austin: Selected Histories" and "Indelible Austin2: More Selected Histories" You won't want to miss this presentation!

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

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.)



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! Our web site is:
<http://www.amdconline.com>

Lost and Found Efforts

Since the last report the Search Team has been going crazy! We have had SEVEN requests to search for lost items. The first request was to search for a ring in a yard. After a couple of attempts to contact the requestor, there was no response, so the search was closed.

The second request came from a lady in Buda, who said that she had hidden two guns in her home, and now can't find them. Blaine talked with her, but explained that this inside search would not be do-able.

A third search request was to locate buried electric lines in aluminum casing at a home in Spicewood on the Pedernales. Blaine went out to search, and after about 45 minutes, could not locate any valid signals. She learned that the pipe was at least 2' down, so the detector would not pick it up anyway! The two discussed alternate ways to locate the tubing, so the requester was encouraged, and appreciative of the help.

The fourth request was for an Aggie ring lost on the Austin Green Belt, in the water. Scott attempted to contact the requestor, but got no response to calls and texts.

The fifth request came from a realtor in Lakeway, for assistance in locating steel piers in a home. These were supposed to be part of the structure of the home, and Dennis went out to search and was able to locate them, to confirm that they were indeed built into the home.

A sixth request came from a newlywed groom, whose ring was lost at the wedding! The story goes, that the groomsmen were joking around, jumping and dancing, and the ring flew off a groomsman's finger! Blaine went out to the event center in Dripping Springs, and was able to locate this tungsten wedding ring within a few minutes. The couple then stood under the outdoor altar, and the bride placed the ring on her new husband's finger.



The last request (seventh) is to locate a man's wedding ring that got lost in the river when his canoe tipped over on the Colorado River near Smithville. Scott is working with the powers that be to get access and permission to get to the location in the river.

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:

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: *How many searches did the Search Team have since the last report?*

April FOM Winners

Display	Blaine Nelson
Foreign Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer
Token	Blaine Nelson – Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority
Ring	Blaine Nelson – .925 with Sparkles
Jewelry	Blaine Nelson – .925 heavy link ID Bracelet
Button	Blaine Nelson – Gold Tone Decorative Button
Artifact	Blaine Nelson – Skeleton Key
Wild Card	Blaine Nelson – 1943 Steel Cent
Oldest US Coin (tie)	Blaine Nelson – 1918 Wheat Cent
Most Valuable US Coin	Josh Graham – 1876 CC Quarter (\$45.)
All Categories Filled	Blaine Nelson

NOTE: Bring your finds – some of the categories only had one or two entries – thus making the winnings rather lopsided.

Article submitted by Jim Clary:

Are you interested in searching for something more exciting (but probably more elusive) than coins and lost jewelry? Then perhaps research some of the following Buried & Sunken Treasures in Texas and try your luck at finding one. For details of each, go to:

<http://www.texasescapes.com/FEATURES/Texas-Buried-Treasures.htm>

and click on the story title to get the full story.

- [Steinheimer's Treasure](#) by Clay Coppedge
- [How Potosi Got to be Potosi](#) by Mike Cox
Potosi's pot of gold.
- [The Lost Spanish Mine](#) by Michael Barr
For centuries the legend of the Lost Spanish Mine has lured fortune hunters into the Texas Hill Country. That legend began on a hill south of Llano.
- [Mystery of the Spider Rocks](#) by Clay Coppedge
"The thing that keeps academics and treasure hunters alike interested in the rocks is that people in the area keep finding stuff..."
- [The Endless Search for Texas Cannon](#) by Murray Montgomery
- [Bad Luck Creek](#) by Mike Cox
Unlike many treasure tales, this one seems to involve a real person.
- [Sunken Treasure and the Wreck of the Steamer New York](#) by Mike Cox
"Overpowered by the hurricane, the New York went to the bottom. Thirty-six people managed to survive, but 17 passengers and crew, including five children, drowned. In addition to the loss of human life, the New York carried some \$30,000 to \$40,000 in silver, gold and bank notes..."
- [Found Horns and Lost Gold](#) by Mike Cox
For a time in the 1920s and '30s, a Southerner who got to Texas as soon as he could reigned as Texas' "Horn King."
- [Plunder In The Pines](#) by Dana Goolsby
Just beneath the surface of the Pineywoods, buried treasure is said to be scattered. One of the many fortunes left behind is believed to be in southern Anderson County. Mexican gold bars, gold coins and jewels have eluded treasure hunters for well over a century, but some still believe there is buried treasure in Elkhart, Texas.
- [The Sword in the Tree](#) by Mike Cox
The story Todd heard as a kid is classic folklore: A Spanish mule train laden with gold coins from Mexico is shadowed by Indians. Desperate to lighten their load and escape attack, the teamsters bury all the gold on the bank of a stream that would come to be called Walnut Creek.
- [A Hero Named Tom](#) by C. F. Eckhardt
We don't know much about Tom's background, because Tom was a slave. He belonged to William Snyder, a plantation owner in East

Texas... James Adams, Lucien Daly, and Snyder set out from San Antonio for the Big Bend country in the early summer of 1852. They were hunting what most men who went into the Big Bend country before 1865 were hunting—gold...

- [Hughes Springs and Trammell's Treasure](#) by Mike Cox
More than 300 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico, the community of Hughes Springs owes its existence to a fanciful pirate story and one man who believed it.

- [Looking for hidden treasures](#) by Bob Bowman
Fortune-hunters have been searching for buried and hidden riches for as long as there has been a Texas. The Spanish often hauled silver and gold bars, coins, and jewelry long distances to reach their destination, but often without success and the occasional loss of life.

- [Gold is in men's hearts, not mountains](#) by Britt Towery
The Catalinas are between our home in the copper company town of San Manuel and the ever-exciting historical city of Tucson. These mountains are not known for ghost or lost gold mines, but the earliest visitors sure looked for it from time to time...

- [Jean Laffite](#) by Clay Coppedge
Before Texas was known as a haven for Old West outlaws it was a haven for pirates... Laffite was the best known and casts the longest shadow across Texas history...

- [Ranger Silver](#) by Mike Cox
Most treasure stories lack any physical evidence, but in this case, there are traces of the mine...

- [The Snively Expedition](#) by C. F. Eckhardt
Jacob Snively was either a con-man, a fool, or probably the unluckiest man on earth. It's hard to tell which. He claimed to be a mining man who'd prospected the Sierra Madres. He also claimed he'd found one of the richest gold mines on the continent in the mountains below El Paso, on the Texas side of the Rio Grande...

- [Joe Pruno](#) by Mike Cox
The story of Joe A. Pruno reads like a Victorian-era dime novel, complete with ample exaggeration, outright fabrication and historical inaccuracies... [He] was buried in the town's Catholic cemetery. If he ever had a tombstone, it has not been located. Neither has his treasure.

- [Steamship Texas Ranger](#) by Mike Cox
In the summer of 1875, a nameless storm off the lower Texas coast battered a vessel with a famous name. She was the Texas Ranger, a coastwise steamboat.

- [Steamship Texas Ranger - 2](#) by Mike Cox
More recent additional information after Steamship Texas Ranger

- [O. Henry and the Shoal Creek Treasure](#) by C. F. Eckhardt
"...While Santa Anna was trying to put down the Texas rebellion of 1836, two high-ranking Mexican officers—one was, so the story goes, the paymaster, the other a high-ranking general—decided to steal the entire payroll for the Mexican Army in Texas. They planned to bury it in an area not frequented by white men, either from Mexico or the US, and leave it until an opportunity arose to get out of the country with it..."

- [Disappearing Cows](#) by Mike Cox
"...But at night, especially when the moon bathed the landscape in a light far cooler than day, the energy level rose. Not only did the animals

move, many believed that unrested souls flitted about. Strange things were said to happen..."

- [The Ranger's Creek of Gold](#) by C. F. Eckhardt

In the first chapter of what was the treasure-hunter's bible for many years, J. Frank Dobie's CORONADO'S CHILDREN, there is a story called "The Rangers' Creek of Gold." Dobie told this tale as 'once upon a time a long time ago in a land far away.' Yet in the story there are, if you read it critically, enough clues to tell you what time of year it occurred, where in Texas it occurred, approximately what year it occurred, and the exact location of the creek of gold.

- [Llano Gold](#) by Mike Cox

Washed in golden sunset, from a distance Llano County's Sharp Mountain looks like a giant Paleolithic flint hide scraper lying on its side. At 1,594 feet above sea level, the landmark barely deserves its mountain designation... Few today know about the long-abandoned mine shafts the mountain hides...

- [The Lost Treasure of Padre Island](#) by Murray Montgomery

- [Bosque Treasure](#) by Mike Cox

Maybe he thought stringing law enforcements officials along with a tale of buried treasure could save him from being strung up, but Daniel H. Evans ran out of rope just the same. Described by one newspaper as a "handsome young man," the 20-year-old convicted murderer-robber left behind "respectable connections in Tennessee, Missouri and Texas" as well as a long forgotten legend of hidden loot.

- [Texas Gold Rush](#) by Mike Cox

Only four years after thousands of Forty-niners flocked to California in search of riches, a wave of Fifty-threers headed for the Hill Country in a little known ... Texas gold rush...

- [Tyrant's Gold](#) by Mike Cox

- [Fort Teran](#) by Bob Bowman

HAVE FUN & GOOD LUCK!!



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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 _____

