



**Metal Detecting Club**

Since 1963



## Meeting Information:

*Place:* Woodlawn Baptist Church

4600 Manchaca Blvd.

Austin, TX

*Day:* Second Thursday of each month

*Time:* 7:00 pm

*Membership:* \$20

July 2024

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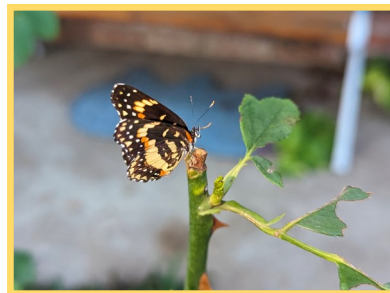
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## July is Prayers Month

### For AMDC Members

The Austin Metal Detecting Club has had some notifications of members passing and others with medical issues. Please consider offering up your thoughts and prayers to those you know in need and even to those you do not know.

A little love can go a long way.



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# June Meeting Program

The June meeting program was offered up by Randy Connell whose seemingly simple topic of “Metal Detecting Locations” covered a wide variety of topics. Starting with the obvious, where can you hunt and places he has hunted. He also shared information on what to look for when re-searching a site, and once you are on location, what types of landmarks, whether they are natural or man made would be likely places to find items.

Later in his talk he discussed other types of ways to find treasures, including a very popular activity called magnet fishing. This entails get a very strong magnet, attaching it to a length of rope and throwing it down wells, into rivers and other waterways, obviously while remaining legal and staying safe, and see what you drag up. There were a number of members who had heard of it before and related stories of videos found online showing the various riches people have found. Randy also cautioned using too strong a magnet could end up causing you to have to cut your losses, literally, if what you try to pullup does not budge and you have to cut your rope and leave the magnet and whatever metal item you found where it was.

Members had a few rounds of questions of Randy and he left some information on where one can go to sell off any broken gold. A round of applause was given to Randy as he concluded his talk.



Mary Prause has a few items she is looking to sell. If you are interested in any of these items, please contact her directly at [mprasuse\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:mprasuse@sbcglobal.net).

All items are new and in original packaging. If you need a starter metal detecting kit, this would be a great way to do it!

**\$325 for all** or items may be bought individually. See below.

Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector **\$175**

Garrett Waterproof Pinpointer AT **\$100**

Garrett Shovel **\$50**

Garrett Digger **\$25**

Garrett Sand Scoop **\$5**

Garrett Finds Bag **\$5**



## 7th Century Sword Pommel Found

[Story by Good News Network](#)

A stunning gold Saxon sword pommel that was unearthed in a field in Leicestershire, England by an 81-year-old woman has sold at auction for \$22,000 (£16k).

The rare 7th-century artifact was found in 2021 while the long-time metal detector enthusiast was searching a field during a local gathering of detectives.



They told her that there was nothing to be found in the field where she was searching, but she persevered and found the gold pommel seven inches beneath the ground.

Described as “a beautiful example of fine Anglo-Saxon gold”, the sword handle decorated by beaded wire filigree features two dragon-like beasts facing each other, with their heads and front paws touching, and an interlaced snake-like pattern on the reverse side (pictured below).

“This was a stunning piece,” said Nigel Mills, Artifact and Coin expert at Noonans Mayfair auction house. “The imagery displayed would have imbued a mystical power to the sword.”

“Further research has shown that the town where it was found, Billesdon, means ‘sword hill’.

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## Cartoon Caption Contest!

I will have AI generate a cartoon but I need you to come up with the caption! Each month will be a new cartoon and opportunity to win a prize! Below is the cartoon, come up with a short caption for the cartoon and send it too [newsletter@amdonline.com](mailto:newsletter@amdonline.com). The winner will be announced in the next months issue of the newsletter!







# Getting to Know: Jon Krider

## ***When did you first get interested in metal detecting and why?***

I remember it like it was yesterday. I was a small, inquisitive boy of about 8 years old, brimming with curiosity and dreams of adventure. The one thing I desired more than anything in the world was a metal detector. I had visions of uncovering hidden treasures in my backyard, of decoding the secrets buried beneath the surface. So, I did what any young boy would do - I wrote a letter to Santa Claus, asking him to bring me a metal detector for Christmas.

The anticipation was almost unbearable as Christmas approached. The night before, I could hardly sleep, my mind filled with dreams of the treasures I would discover. On Christmas morning, I woke up before dawn and rushed to the tree, my heart pounding with excitement.

And there it was. Not the Red Ryder carbine-action, 200 shot range model air rifle. It was a brand-new, shiny black metal detector from Sears.

## ***What was your first detector and what did you find with it?***

My initial detector was from Sears, but my first true metal detector was the Whites 6000/Di Pro. I was eager to start using it. I was fortunate to live in Canton, Ohio - Stark County, a place rich in history with numerous hunting spots. I discovered many old silver and copper coins.

## ***What are some of your favorite places to detect? Why?***

I enjoy exploring old farms and fields due to the abundant history waiting to be unearthed. The thrill lies in not knowing what I might discover next. However, living in Round Rock limits my exploration to parks, as I'm not familiar with many other hunting locations. I miss the historical richness of hunting sites back east.

## ***If you could go anywhere and detect, where would you go?***

My interest in detection spans two distinct locations. The first of these is the abandoned ghost towns scattered across the Western United States. These towns, once bustling with life during the gold rush era, now serve as remnants of the past, frozen in time. They are treasure troves waiting to be explored, filled to the brim with relics and artifacts that speak volumes about the region's rich history. Unearthing these hidden gems would not only be exciting but also provide a tangible connection to the fascinating chapters of our past.

The second location that has captured my interest is the expansive fields that stretch across various European countries. These fields are often the site of spectacular discoveries, unearthing relics and coins that date back to Roman times. The prospect of walking the same ground that ancient civilizations once did, searching for tokens they left behind.

## ***What was your favorite place that you were able to detect? What did you find?***

My first home, steeped in a rich history, stood as a testament to the passage of over on hundred years. Over the course of its existence, it had transformed from a simple log cabin to a lively saloon, a house of ill repute, and finally a general store. Given the colorful stories that the

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house held within its walls, I was utterly convinced that there was a high possibility of unearthing items of treasure on the property.

Initially, I began my treasure hunting journey with a basic metal detector, hoping to stumble upon hidden riches. I found a collection of old pennies, silver coins, and several historical relics. However, the value of these items was not as significant as I had hoped. Despite my repeated searches, I always ended up with my hands empty and my hopes

dashed. I started to consider the possibility that fill dirt might have been added over the years, which could have buried the coins too deep for my detector to find.

In the hopes of enhancing the effectiveness of my searches, I decided to invest in a Whites 6000/Di Pro, a more sophisticated metal detector. The first place I decided to use this new tool was none other than my own backyard. Within mere minutes of beginning my search, I started to find coins as if someone had recently sprinkled them across the yard.

My findings were extraordinary. I found approximately twenty dollars in clad coins, an old whistle, two rusted hinges, and the fragment of an old sleigh bell. Additionally, I discovered five silver dimes and three silver quarters, which were a significant increase in value compared to my previous finds. I also uncovered two 14K gold rings, a religious medal, a dog license from 1927, a medal from the 1904 World's Fair, and a Presidential coin also dating back to 1904.

The crown jewel of my treasure hunting efforts was a gold Swiss brooch watch, found buried 8" deep. Despite its age, it was in exceptional condition and, to my surprise, still functional. The brick that it was buried under must have provided adequate protection throughout the years.



This story was featured in **White's Guide to Electronic Treasure Hunting** marketing brochure, accompanied by my picture holding the brooch watch. I still have a few copies of it today.

### ***What is the best thing you have found while detecting and where did you find it?***

One of my greatest discoveries was at an old, abandoned farmhouse in Paris, Ohio. A friend and I scoured this farm, uncovering numerous relics and silver pieces. We even ventured into the house, searching cracks in the floors and the basement, a chilly cellar with a dirt floor. I discovered a few coins there, but the real treasure was under the front porch.

While we had searched this area previously, we overlooked the steps off the porch. The wood was rotting and unstable, so caution was necessary. I wedged my metal detector between a broken step and heard a beep. Although I initially thought it was just a large piece of brass, I moved the decaying wood to dig deeper. As I sunk my shovel into the ground, I heard the sound of breaking glass. When I lifted my shovel, silver coins spilled out everywhere!

I had unearthed two large mason jars filled with silver coins from the early 1900s. While I can't recall the exact amount, the image of those coins and the shattered mason jar is so vivid in my memory, like it was yesterday. It was my best find ever!



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**What was the hardest thing you have had to detect and was the result worth it?**

In the early 1980s, I was part of a team searching for the "Treasure of The Tuscarawas Trail" (also known as The Great Trail). The legend told of sixteen packhorse loads of gold and silver, taken from Fort Duquesne before its fall in 1758, that were believed to be buried in Minerva, Ohio, by ten French soldiers. The story says they were under attack by Indians, so they buried the treasure. I extensively researched this tale and spent a lot of time scouring the woods near the supposed burial site.

This search continued for several years until I had to relocate, which halted my involvement. I later heard that the team had narrowed their search to a large farm, and they thoroughly excavated the area, even using backhoes. They didn't find the treasure, but they claimed to have found fragments of old canvas packs and a couple of old shovels. However, it's unclear whether these items were genuinely found, so it's possible that the treasure remains undiscovered, waiting for someone to find it. Yes, all the research and groundwork was worth it. I learned a lot and have applied that knowledge to other hunts.

**What advice would you give to someone new in the hobby?**

Learn to understand the signals from your detector and be patient. If you're new to this hobby, it's crucial to be respectful and friendly. Treat the land as if it's your own, which means taking care of it. Dig small plugs and replace them carefully to leave no trace of your activity. Dispose of any trash you find while digging and even pick up visible litter. This is applicable to public places like parks as well. Park maintenance staff and rangers will appreciate this. I've often been thanked for such actions, and it's a good way to earn karma points. Remember to check local laws and always seek permission before detecting on private land. There's much more to share with newcomers, but these are some key points.

**How many detectors have you owned over your time in this hobby, are there any favorites?**

In the course of my hobby, I have had the privilege of owning five primary detectors. They've all served me well, but I must say, my favorites lean towards those from White's. Over the years, I've found their models to be reliable and efficient. One that still brings back memories of numerous successful runs is the 6000/Di Pro. It was a joy to use and made my hobby all the more exciting. My current exclusive go-to detector is the Minelab Manticore. I'm thoroughly enjoying this detector, almost as much as I did the White's models, and that's saying something.

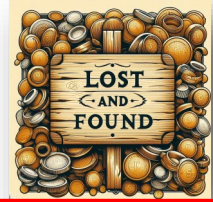
Back in the early 80s, my love for this hobby led me to open up my own store. There, I sold White's detectors. The shop was called "The Missing Link". Yes, I'm well aware that it may come across as a silly name. However, at the time, I was young and full of spirit, and the name seemed to embody the adventure and fun that metal detecting brought into my life.

**What is your favorite aspect of metal detecting that keeps you going?**

Embarking on the Thrilling Adventure of Treasure Hunting: Wondering what Treasures to be found Beneath the Surface!



# AMDC Search Team Results



The Austin Metal Detecting Club has a team of searchers that go out and attempt to find lost items. These are the results of our recent searches.



**The Story:** Please help!! I am from out of town working on a job site here, directly next to the Watering Hole Saloon. I've lost my knife, it fell right out of the sheath. We will be leaving this job site tomorrow night, and I have to find this knife. I'm not at financial liberty to buy a metal detector, so I'm outsourcing for EXTREMELY NECESSARY help. The knife was my grandfathers who died in 2016. It's extremely sentimental and I can't lose it. Please, I understand it's short notice but I don't know of anyone who can help. Myself and 3 other workers looked for it for hours and weren't able to find it. The handle blends in EXTREMELY well with the dead grass.



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**The Results:** Mitch went about midday and the heat and humidity, plus donating blood the day before left him too tired to search more than 35 minutes. That weekend Mitch, Alan and Scott went out. The trucks had been removed which was a good thing as Alan ended up finding the knife right where a truck had been parked, so Mitch would not have found it regardless.

**The Story:** Hi, I lost my wedding ring (I believe) while playing fetch with our dog in the backyard.



Would greatly appreciate if someone could take a look!

**The Search:** After about an hour and a half, Mitch, Alan and Scot had no luck finding the ring.



**The Story:** Flew off while walking to the car at some point. Did an initial search but there was too much grass and area to cover to find anything.

**The Search:** The brother found the ring with a flashlight.

If you are interested in joining those members on the *AMDC Search Team*, you can talk with Scott at the meetings. Requests for finding lost items come in on any given day and an email goes out to search team members and a day and time to search is arranged by one of the members, usually someone who is closest to the lost items location.

## Winning Cartoon Caption!



“This new Martian “beam it up” detector is great!

-Paul Krugler

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“So it’s very apt that the pommel—which we think would have belonged to an Anglo-Saxon chief who probably lost it in a battle with a Viking—was found there.”

Weighing 20.5 grams, the pommel—which the Leicester Museum declined to purchase—would have been fixed to the end of the sword handle both as a counterbalance and to stop the hand from slipping.

The woman who found the pommel, who wished to remain anonymous, has been metal detecting for 60 years. When she started detecting back in the 1960s people asked her what she was doing, and she always told them she was “looking for bombs”. Since then, she has found many Medieval and Roman coins, but the pommel discovery has been one of the most exciting.

“I was at a local detector meeting searching a field that everybody said had nothing in it when I had a signal from my Minelab Deus 2.”

“After digging to a depth of seven inches, I discovered a gold sword pommel.”

She will use her half of the sale price to buy a new car, while the other half will be given to the landowner.





<b>Display</b>	Debbie Young
<b>Foreign Coin</b>	Frank Vick – 1928 Canada Coin
<b>Token</b>	Scott Jacobsmeyer – Play Nickel
<b>Ring</b>	Debbie Young – Braided Silver
<b>Jewelry</b>	Debbie Young - Bracelet
<b>Button</b>	Scott Jacobsmeyer – Great Seal
<b>Artifact</b>	Scott Hegel – UMC Co Nitro No12 Shotgun Shell 1895-1899
<b>Wild Card</b>	Charles Goertz – Drawer Pull
<b>Oldest US Coin</b>	Wyatt Jacobsmeyer – 1899 V-Nickel
<b>Most Valuable US Coin</b>	Frank Vick – 1915 ???
<b>All Categories Filled</b>	Frank Vick
<b>Newsletter Question</b>	Tom Baum
<b>Visitor Drawing</b>	Alma Trevino
<b>Member Drawing</b>	Alan Ambuhl



# Upcoming Events



July 11- **AMDC Meeting**– Paul presents his target ID game. Bring your detectors!

July 13-20, 2024: 2024 Treasure Week at New Stanton, PA [Flyer](#)

July 19-20, 2024: Mel Fisher Days by Mel Fisher's Treasure Museum at Sebastian, FL [Flyer](#)

August 8- **AMDC Meeting**– TBD

August 17-18, 2024: 45th Annual Buckeye Championship Treasure Hunt by Don & Bill Hayes at New Concord, OH [Flyer](#)

August 30–September 1, 2024: 6th Annual Moonshine Open Treasure Hunt by Central Kentucky Research & Recovery Team, Metal Detecting Club at Crab Orchard, KY [Facebook Page](#)

September 12- **AMDC Meeting**– TBD

September 21, 2024: Midwest Silver shootout 2024 by Detecting Gear LLC and Jeffery Behnke at Kirklin, IN [Flyer](#)

October 10- **AMDC Meeting**– TBD

October 11-13, 2024: [Ka-do-ha Treasure Fest](#) 7 by Ka-Do-Ha Indian Village at Murfreesboro, AR

October 12, 2024: [CTTC Annual Open Hunt](#) by Central Texas Treasure Club at Brownwood, TX

October 20, 2024: Annual Open Hunt by Massachusetts Treasure Hunting Assn at Milton, MA

October 26, 2024: [Big Silver Hunt](#) by Lehigh Valley Treasure Hunters Club at Allentown, PA

November 1-2, 2024: [2024 Birthday Bash](#) by Gypsy Jewels & American Digger Magazine at Pittsburgh, TX

November 14- **AMDC Meeting**– Elections

November 16, 2024: Veterans Day Hunt by Austin Metal Detecting Club at Round Rock, TX

December 12- **AMDC- Holiday Party**

\*\*\*Meeting Topics Subject to Change\*\*\*

## BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are open to all Club Members. If you are interested in attending a Board meeting, please contact an Officer, Board Member, or the Webmaster for details. These are held via Zoom on the first Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m.



# AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

## FIND OF THE MONTH

DISPLAY \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

FOREIGN COIN: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

TOKEN: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

RING: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

JEWELRY: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

BUTTON: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

ARTIFACT: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

WILD CARD: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

OLDEST U.S. COIN: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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