



Metal Detecting Club



Meeting Information

Place:

Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Menchaca Rd.
Austin, TX

Day: 2nd Thursday each month

Time: 7:00 pm

Membership: \$20

August 2026

Club Officers:

President

Andrew Phillips

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Board Members

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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 pm.



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July Meeting

At the July meeting, members tested their skills with Paul Krugler's Target ID game. All of the participants enjoyed the exercise.

Scott Hegler provided a treasury report.

A brief discussion concerning the clue(s) to the cached target was had.

Scott also ran down the list of Lost and Found items for the month of June.

The Find of the Month winners were announced.

For Sale

There are no items for sale at this time.

Passing Bell

Remembering Denise Scioli

(1956-05-23 - 2026-08-05)

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Denise Giroux Scioli left this mortal coil while doing underwater metal detecting - something that she loved - with close friends. As is fitting for her, she perished while James, Nyssa, and she were searching for someone's lost ring.

Denise loved fun, adventure, her friends, and her family. She loved to laugh and always wore a smile. She was a skilled artist (drawing, painting, and quilting), a dedicated teacher (art education, art therapy, and special education), curious, warm, energetic, outgoing, and enthusiastic about anything that caught her attention. There were no strangers in her company.

One member of The Robot Group recalled attending at meeting, feeling uncomfortable, not knowing anyone. Denise introduced herself and proceeded to introduce him to every one of the dozens of people attending that night. He recollected that, at the end of the night, he had a new family.

Perhaps, then, it is not surprising that she ran in so many interlinked circles. She met with members of The Robot Group, Inc. at an exhibition in 2000 and called me to come out to meet them. That led to a 25 year association that continues to this day.

One of those members led her to try Hawaiian outrigger canoeing at the end of the 2004 season. She got me to give it a try the next season. We have both been members through the current season.

Passing Bell

Remembering Denise Scioli
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Through The Robot Group, Inc., Denise met James Delaney and Nyssa Hughes. They introduced her to metal detecting, Tom Ashworth, The Highland Lakes Metal Detecting Club, and to the Austin Metal Detecting Club. That is how I became to be the newsletter editor. She called it being "voluntold". It was an honor to commit to the role and it pleased her greatly.

Denise loved to sew. She sewed all of the outfits for the bridal party at our wedding and she designed, hand-pieced, and hand-stitched beautiful quilts. That led to an association with the Austin Area Quilt Guild for some years now.

Our relationship began just before Thanksgiving 1987. I knew that she was part of a package deal that included Sulekha, her adopted daughter. How could I have known that the relationship would blossom the way that it did? We married in June of 1994 and we had one helluva run. It was a wild and wonderful ride. All rides end but we did not foresee such an abrupt, tragic, and untimely end.

Had I been told 39 years ago that the woman with the most enchantingly beautiful eyes and a face that made my knees grow weak, would perish like she did, I'd still have bought the admission ticket a million times over. I was the luckiest man in the world.

The number of folks that have reached out to tell me how much she meant, how much she touched their lives, is amazing.

Passing Bell

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Denise is survived by her husband of 32 years, Mike, her daughter, Sulekha ('Suki'), grandchildren, Lukas and Olivia, sisters, Yvonne and Sharel, two nieces, Sonoma and Myra, one grandniece, Madison, one great grandnephew, Liam, and a host of grieving friends. She will never be forgotten.



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Lost and Found

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.

July #1

Carrie lost her Aggie Ring at a volleyball court - Mitch found it

July #2

JR lost his wedding ring in the backyard - after a lengthy search, Denise found it. Coincidentally, Vera, the wife, had observed us searching at Brook Elementary where she taught and J.R. recognized Denise from his postal route.

July #3

Lori lost her wedding and engagement rings - Denise searched the Austin Nature & Science Center parking lot, but no luck

July #4

Hannah lost her Texas State Class ring off a boat dock in Granite Shoals - the floods came and Tom Ashworth will schedule a search when everything settles down

July 2026 4 wins, 5 losses, 2 draw, 1 pending

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July #5

Wilson lost his gold ring off a dock into the pond at Butler Park - by the time we could arrange a search, Wilson recovered it himself

July #6

Leah lost her gold ring in her backyard - Debbie and Paul searched and found it

July #7

Hunter lost his ring in his backyard - Terry tried, but no luck - later Mitch tried, but no luck

July #8

Rick's wife lost her wedding ring at an AIRBNB in Austin - Debbie searched the yard and nearby area, but no luck - As they were cleaning up to vacate the property, the ring was found on the floor next to the oven

July #9

Yoav lost his ring in the backyard - Terry searched, but no luck

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July #10

Aditi lost her silver ring between Cafe Creme and the Pfluger Pedestrian Bridge - Scott searched, but not luck

July #11

Jesse lost his wedding ring while mowing the yard - Mitch searched, but no luck

July #12

This search did not originate from our website - Denise's neighbor lost a diamond and sapphire silver bracelet at Barking Springs (next to Barton Springs Pool) - Denise & Mike searched a long time, but no luck - as they were packing out, a young girl asked what they were searching for and produced the bracelet she had found in a crevice between two rocks.



July #2 The couple and the recovered ring.

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Events

September 12, 2026 : Chicago Dig Fest by Illinois-Iowa Treasure Hunters & Metal Detecting at Wilmette, IL

September 20, 2026 : Mo-Kan's 49th Annual Treasure Hunt by Mo-Kan Search & Recovery at Lathrop, MO

September 26-27, 2026 : Three Forks' 39th National Treasure Hunt by Three Forks Treasure Hunters at Pryor, OK

October 3, 2026 : Fall Super Hunt by Atlantic Treasure Club at Jones Beach, NY

October 3, 2026 : Diggin 2026 "Open Beach Hunt" by Staten Island History Hunters MD Club at Staten Island, NY

October 10, 2026 : 53rd Annual Deep South Treasure Hunt by Warrior Basin Treasure Hunters Association at Cullman, AL

October 10, 2026 : Friou Allen Memorial Open Hunt by Central Texas Treasure Club at Brownwood, TX

October 10-11, 2026 : Indiana Open Treasure Hunt by Wrays Treasure Shop at Seymour, IN

October 17, 2026 : Leon Johnson & Paul Kennedy Memorial Open Relic Hunt by Tri-State Coin & Relic Hunters Club at Booneville, MS

Links and new information can be found on the AMDC [Webpage](#)

Finds of the Month

Display	Terry Sayther
Foreign Coin	Terry Sayther : 1944 – 2 Franc (Swiss)
Token	Debbie Young : Chung Lee Soo
Ring	Terry Sayther : 1939 class ring
Jewelry	Terry Sayther : Romania World Cup pin
Button	Denise Scioli : Military button
Artifact	Debbie Young : Hubley Kiddie Toys 1950's Terry Sayther : Merry Christmas Sharon 1985
Wild Card	Terry Sayther : Tiny Timex
Oldest US Coin	Terry Sayther : 1887 dime
Most Valuable Coin	Terry Sayther : 1942D half dollar US
All Categories Filled : Debbie Young, Terry Sayther	
Newsletter Question : None	
Visitor Drawing	Jonathon Steele
Member Drawing	Rick Bocock



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FIND OF THE MONTH

DISPLAY _____ # _____

FOREIGN COIN: _____ # _____

TOKEN: _____ # _____

RING: _____ # _____

JEWELRY: _____ # _____

BUTTON: _____ # _____

ARTIFACT: _____ # _____

WILD CARD: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

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

Name _____ Month _____