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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

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February 2006

Austin Metal Detecting Club meets at Woodlawn Baptist Church Singles House 4614 Manchaca at **7:00** on the second Thursday of each month. Our meeting this month is **February 9th** 2006. The Singles House is adjacent to the Woodlawn Baptist Church (4600 Manchaca), and is right next to the church parking lot. Below is a link showing a map to the church. Visitors are always welcome.
<http://www.woodlawNBC.org/directions.html>

Note: At the time of the sending of this newsletter, the program for Feb. has not been confirmed, but be assured we will have topics of interest to the group.

At each meeting, finds are displayed by category. Members earn points for entering finds and more points for winning in a category. The rules and entry form are available at each regular meeting. Remember, items found since the last meeting until the upcoming meeting may be entered in the **February** Find of the Month contest. You may still show your finds even if you do not wish to compete in the Find of the Month.

Please visit AMDC's web site (<http://www.amdconline.com>) often. New items are added and changed frequently, so to keep up, visit the web site. The newsletters are posted there.

Our executive meeting will be on **March 2** at Luby's, 1410 E. Anderson Ln. The meeting starts at 6:30. Executive meetings are held on the **first Thursday** of each month and all are invited.

January Meeting:

Bob Wishoff presented a most interesting program about archeology. Bob has had a multitude of experience in working with archeological digs and various archeological groups. He is a real advocate for the public and shared his thoughts about how metal detecting can be of benefit to archeology. He noted that we have "group power" and encouraged us as a club to volunteer efforts to this field. Bob spoke of the importance of being prepared when you go out to a site and to document what you find. He noted that there are a number of web sites and forms one can access to gain further information and obtain forms. Bob also talked about the use of GPS units to chart the location of finds and said that archeology is all about patterns. He commented that archeologists are interested in the location of the find, and documentation of the find. Bob's email address is dirtbro@dirbrothers.org. He invited us to get involved and our club is looking into participating in some joint projects.

January Activities:

A number of club members met out at Krause Springs on Sunday, January 15 to hunt the grounds. Everyone found a number of coins, as well as other interesting items. I believe Cecil found an old Chevy carburetor in good shape after all these years! A good time was had by all.

February Executive Meeting:

Web Site:

We are continuing to add links and information to our web site. There is now a link to meeting information. We hope to add the membership list and list of library books to the "Member's Only" site, and also a "Lost Item Recovery" link for the public to access to request help locating lost items i.e. wedding rings. We will poll the membership for volunteers at the upcoming meeting. **It is important for all members to register on the web site to access the Member's Only section!** If you have not yet registered, do so ASAP or you will miss important information.

Texas Council Treasure Show:

The big TCTC show will be held in Fort Worth at the end of April. Our Austin club will have three booths and we plan to make up a special back drop using the antique metal detectors that were donated by Ruth (Truman) Smith. To accomplish this, we plan two work days – one at Larry Vicker's place to clean and assemble the detectors, and the second at Jim Lawhon's (tentative) to work on making the back drop. We can include a social activity i.e a meal and possibly a coin hunt out at Larry's. The first proposed date for work at Larry's is the weekend of March 11-12 at All club members are encouraged to participate in these activities and in the upcoming show.

Work with Archeological Scan:

Our club will have the opportunity to participate in an archeological scan of an old homestead out in Spicewood. Randy and Blaine are working with Bob Wishoff to set this up. The club would be using metal detectors to locate and flag targets. Items ultimately dug would go into a special display in the Spicewood library. This is another wonderful opportunity for our club to be of service and show that we are really pretty OK folks! More information is forthcoming.

GPS Unit:

We discussed the possibility of the club purchasing a GPS unit. After some discussion, we agreed that this is not a priority at this time; however we can poll members to see who does have a GPS unit. The units vary, and there is a training issue involved if we have one for general club use.

Club Dues:

2006 Club Dues are now due! If you have not yet paid, please see Scott at the meeting. Dues are \$20.00 a year. If you joined late in '05 and paid full dues, your '06 dues will be pro-rated. You may also mail your dues to Scott if you cannot make the meeting. Folks who do not pay by March 1 will be dropped from the club rolls.

Upcoming Events:

February 11 (Saturday) – Club Hunt at Lakeway Heritage Park. Meet at 9:00.

March 11 or 12 – pre-show work day at Larry and Betty Vicker's house

April 29 & 30, 2006 – Texas Council of Treasure Clubs Annual Show – Fort Worth

Find of the Month Rank – 2006

Rank	Name	Total	Jan.
1	Blaine Nelson	34	34
2	Scott Hegel	34	34
3	Ed Newsom	32	32
4	Roy Stahl	28	28
5	Larry Vickers	25	25
6	Michele Pfliler	12	12
7	Daniel Mireles	8	8
8	Art Tiemann	3	3
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Finds Entered - January 2006

U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin	
1	Ed Newsom - 1910 Nickel	1	Scott Hegel - 1994 500 Pesetas - Spain
2	Roy Stahl - 1964 Quarter	2	Blaine Nelson - 2002 1 Euro
3	Scott Hegel - 1947D Nickel	3	Daniel Mireles - 1979 Quarter - Canada
3	Blaine Nelson - 1939 Dime		Roy Stahl - 1995 500 Shillings - Uganda
3	Michele Pliler - 1996D Dime		Larry Vickers - 500 ? - China
3	Larry Vickers - 1967 Quarter		
Token		Ring	
1	Roy Stahl - Good Luck with Linda Irvine 1958	1	Larry Vickers - Platinum Band with Diamonds
2	Scott Hegel - Good for 5 Cent Drink - Hutto	2	Ed Newsom - 14K Wedding Band with Stars
3	Blaine Nelson - Scooby Doo	3	Scott Hegel - Silver/Gold with large CZ
	Larry Vickers - Austin Park & Pizza	3	Blaine Nelson - 14K James Avery
			Roy Stahl - Silver Body Ring
Jewelry		Artifact	
1	Blaine Nelson - 14K Religious Pendent		
1	Ed Newsom - Onk Cross	1	Ed Newsom - Star Heel Plate
2	Scott Hegel - 14K Bracelet	2	Scott Hegel - Broach
3	Roy Stahl - Silver Cowboy Hat Earring	2	Art Tiemann - Plow Part
	Larry Vickers - Earring	3	Blaine Nelson - 1950 Survey Marker
		3	Michele Pliler - Broken Metal Spike
		3	Larry Vickers - Iron Buckle
Toy			Roy Stahl - Rosette
1	Roy Stahl - 1957 T-Bird		
2	Blaine Nelson - Wheel from old Toy Truck		
2	Ed Newsom - 1954 Toy Quarter	Button	
3	Scott Hegel - Game Piece	1	Ed Newsom - Old Anchor
	Michele Pliler - Green Bat	2	Blaine Nelson - Gold Decorative
	Larry Vickers - Air Needle	3	Roy Stahl - Brass Shield
			Scott Hegel - Small Metal 2 Hole
			Larry Vickers - Blue Plastic
Most Unusual			
1	Larry Vickers - Jim Beam 200th Year Watch Fob		
2	Scott Hegel - Large Nickel		
2	Michele Pliler - Pipe Fitting	Non-Metal	
2	Roy Stahl - Paul Key holder	1	Ed Newsom - Black & White Bead
2	Daniel Mireles - Toyota Emblem	2	Scott Hegel - Plastic Flower
3	Blaine Nelson - Alligator Tag	2	Larry Vickers - Die
3	Ed Newsom - Suspender Buckle	2	Daniel Mireles - \$5.00 Bill
		3	Michele Pliler - Green Barbie Bike Helmut
			Blaine Nelson - Shell
			Roy Stahl - Kid's Bracelet
Oldest U.S. Coin			
1	Scott Hegel - 1943S Nickel		
2	Blaine Nelson - 1944P Nickel		
3	Roy Stahl - 1949D Dime	Oldest U.S. Cent	
	Larry Vickers - 1960D Nickel	1	Ed Newsom - 1919
		2	Blaine Nelson - 1941D
		3	Roy Stahl - 1942D
Most Valuable U.S. Coin			
1	Blaine Nelson - 1982D Half		Scott Hegel - 1945

2	Scott Hegel - 2000 Quarter		Michele Pliler - 1964
2	Larry Vickers - 1995 Quarter		Larry Vickers - 1964D
3	Roy Stahl - 1943S Nickel		
	Michele Pliler - 1977D Cent		

Find of the Month Entry Form

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

FOREIGN COIN: _____ # _____

TOKEN: _____ # _____

RING: _____ # _____

JEWELRY: _____ # _____

ARTIFACT: _____ # _____

TOY: _____ # _____

BUTTON: _____ # _____

MOST UNUSUAL: _____ # _____

NON-METAL: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. CENT: _____ # _____

MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN: _____ # _____