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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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March 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 **March 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>

Our program for March will be presented by Clint McKenzie, who has served as the Chairman of the South Texas Archeological Association. Mr. McKenzie has worked with the City of San Antonio on a number of interesting excavations and will share some of his experiences in working in this field.

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 **March** 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 **April 6** 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.

February Meeting:

Our own Larry Vickers presented a program about search coils. Larry brought in a number of coils to show as examples and explained how each kind/type of coil operates and what they are best used for when searching. He used a black board to illustrate the coils and search field and how they pick up target signals. There were a number of relevant questions from the audience, and I think everyone gained a better understanding of the uses and limitations of coils.

Club Activities:

Gulf Texas - Several club members met down at the ghost town of Gulf Texas for a two day hunt on Feb. 11 and 12. In spite the wind and cold, the hunters braved the conditions and located a variety of remarkable targets – including old coins i.e. standing liberty quarter, half, some Indian Head cents, buffalo nickels etc. Also found were trade tokens and an old French sword. This hunt was arranged by Bill Fogelsanger who was able to obtain permission to hunt from the owner of the property.

Spicewood Archeological Hunt - We had a great turnout on Saturday, March 4 for the archeological hunt project at the old homestead in Spicewood. We hunted in three designated areas and flagged targets according to signal – iron, mid –range and high range (coins, silver etc.). We later dug the targets and ID'ed and bagged the ones of significance. This hunt was organized by Bob Wishoff, who has done extensive work and research in archeology as well as the Spicewood area. Finds will be donated and put in a display at the future Spicewood library.

March Executive Meeting:

Spicewood Hunt:

We worked out the details for the hunt on March 4, and Blaine will email Bob Wishoff with some last minute questions.

Political Action Committee:

Scott, Blaine and Randy met on Feb. 25 to further work on the committee's goals. We drafted a club Mission Statement as well as a revised club Code of Ethics. These were distributed to the Board for review and comment. The committee is putting together a portfolio for the club which can be shared with any group or entity we might work when

Work Day and Pot luck at Vickers :

Our Austin club will have three booths at the upcoming Texas Council Treasure Show in April, and we plan to make up a special back drop using the antique metal detectors that were donated by Ruth (Truman) Smith. These detectors need to be cleaned and assembled – so we will combine a work time, potluck and fun hunt at Larry and Betty Vicker's house on Saturday, March 11. We will meet at 10:00, have lunch (everyone bring a dish), followed by a fun hunt in the large yard. The Vicker's live at 13306 Wright Rd. in Buda.

Civil War Museum:

Daniel noted that there is a new Civil War museum open in Fort Worth. This might be of interest to persons going up to the show – also in Ft. Worth. We will get details about the museum to share with the club.

Find of the Month Rules:

Scott will retrieve the most recent set of rules for the "Find of the Month" to distribute to members, as there was some question as to which version we are using.

Upcoming Events:

March 11– pre-show work day, pot luck and fun hunt 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	Feb
1	Blaine Nelson	61	34	27
2	Scott Hegel	58	34	24
3	Ed Newsom	55	32	23
4	Roy Stahl	54	28	26
5	Larry Vickers	41	25	16
6	Ray Knowles	26	0	26
7	Everett Preslar	25	0	25
8	Jim Lawhon	24	0	24
9	Daniel Mireles	14	8	6
10	Michele Pliler	12	12	0
11	Dennis Gans	9	0	9
12	Art Tiemann	3	3	0
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NOTE: Please save foreign coins to donate for the Texas Lion's Camp hunt for the kids – coming up in June.

Finds Entered - February 2006

U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin	
1	Everett Preslar - 1900 Cent	1	Scott Hegel - 1975 10 Cents - Bahamas
2	Roy Stahl - 1957 Cent	2	Jim Lawhon - 1976 1 Pfenig - Germany
3	Larry Vickers - 2005D Nickel	2	Larry Vickers - 1985 1 Cent - Canada
3	Blaine Nelson - 1994D Half	2	Blaine Nelson - 1970 5 Sentimos - Phillipines
3	Ray Knowles - 1955 Dime	3	Roy Stahl - 2000 2 Cent - Euro
3	Ed Newsom - 2000P Dollar	3	Ray Knowles - Chinese Cash
	Scott Hegel - 1963D Nickel	3	Daniel Mireles - 1986 1 Cent - Canada
	Jim Lawhon - 1962D Dime	3	Ed Newsom - 1 Penny - England
	Dennis Gans - 1967 Dime		Everett Preslar - 5 Yen - Japan
	Daniel Mireles - 1947S Cent		
Token		Ring	
1	Everett Preslar - Twilight Zone Arcade	1	Blaine Nelson - 1978 Meridian HS Class Ring
2	Roy Stahl - Head I Win/Tails You Lose	2	Jim Lawhon - 10K Ladies with Diamond
3	Jim Lawhon - Celebration Station	3	Scott Hegel - 10K White Gold Luck Ring
			Larry Vickers - Silver
			Ray Knowles - Copper with Blue Stone
Jewelry			
1	Jim Lawhon - Silver Cross		Roy Stahl - Silver with Heart
2	Ray Knowles - Silver Earring with Large CZ		Ed Newsom - Silver
3	Scott Hegel - Lucky 13 Belly Button Ring		
3	Roy Stahl - Picture Charm	Artifact	
3	Larry Vickers - Small Gold Earring	1	Scott Hegel - Mini Ball
3	Blaine Nelson - Silver Double Link Bracelet	2	Blaine Nelson - Duraglos Medicine Bottle
3	Everett Preslar - Silver Earring	3	Jim Lawhon - 45 cal Pistol Mini Ball
3	Ed Newsom - Earring	3	Everett Preslar - 1900 Cent
			Roy Stahl - Tie Clasp
			Dennis Gans - Pipe
Toy			
1	Roy Stahl - Lead Dog		Ray Knowles - Ladies Clasp
2	Daniel Mireles - Baseball		Ed Newsom - Toe Plate
3	Jim Lawhon - Front End Loader		
3	Blaine Nelson - Swimming Frog	Button	
3	Ed Newsom - Marble	1	Ray Knowles - Buckskin Breeches
	Scott Hegel - Toy Car	2	Roy Stahl - Brass 2 Hole
	Ray Knowles - Bottle Top	3	Scott Hegel - Venezia Jean 2 Hole

	Dennis Gans - Fishing Float	3	Blaine Nelson - Small Metal 4 Hole
		3	Ed Newsom - Hercules
	Most Unusual		Jim Lawhon - Snap
1	Blaine Nelson - Mini Harmonica		
2	Ed Newsom - Winston Lighter		
3	Jim Lawhon - Mini Ball		
	Larry Vickers - Large Gold Earring		Non-Metal
	Everett Preslar - Copper Washer	1	Scott Hegel - New Castle - Shenango Tea Cup
	Ray Knowles - Copper Washer	2	Larry Vickers - Plastic Bracelet
	Dennis Gans - Metal Thing	2	Ed Newsom - Kelloggs Bottle
	Scott Hegel - Round Metal	3	Dennis Gans - Rock Thing
	Roy Stahl - Broken Rosette		Roy Stahl - Broken Pencil
			Jim Lawhon - Winnie the Pooh Pacifier
	Oldest U.S. Coin		Blaine Nelson - Die
1	Everett Preslar - 1941 Nickel		Everett Preslar - Plastic Whistle
1	Ray Knowles - 1941 Nickel		Ray Knowles - Ball
2	Roy Stahl - 1943P Nickel		
3	Larry Vickers - 1950 Dime		Oldest U.S. Cent
	Scott Hegel - 1961D Nickel	1	Everett Preslar - 1884
	Blaine Nelson - 1965 Quarter	2	Ray Knowles - 1900
	Dennis Gans - 1980 Quarter	3	Jim Lawhon - 1930
			Ed Newsom - 1940S
	Most Valuable U.S. Coin		Scott Hegel - 1951D
1	Ed Newsom - 1924D Nickel		Roy Stahl - 1954D
2	Ray Knowles - 1950 Quarter		Blaine Nelson - 1960D
3	Blaine Nelson - 1980 Dollar		Larry Vickers - 1964
3	Everett Preslar - 1971 Dollar		Dennis Gans - 1976D
	Scott Hegel - 1970 Quarter		
	Larry Vickers - 1965 Quarter		
	Dennis Gans - 1991 Quarter		
	Roy Stahl - 1956D Cent		
	Jim Lawhon - 1966 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: _____ # _____