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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

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### **April 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 **April 13<sup>th</sup>** 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 April 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. (note – the newsletter incorrectly noted that Mr. McKenzie was to speak last month)

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 **April** 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 **May 4** 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.

### **March Meeting:**

Larry Vickers presented a program about the Garrett Ace 250 metal detector. He demonstrated the use of the detector and pointed out all the features. There were a number of relevant questions from the audience. We discussed the plans for the upcoming Texas Council Treasure Show April 29-30. Our club will have 3 tables for our booth and we need members to bring items to display. Following the break we had the monthly Find of the Month activity and club fundraiser for a silver dollar and detector bag donated by Larry.

### **Club Activities:**

#### **Work Day and Pot Luck at Vickers:**

On Sat. March 11, a number of members met at Betty and Larry's to make the back drop for our club treasure show booth and clean and assemble the antique detectors that were donated to the club. These detectors will be hung on the back drop to make an interesting display for our booth! We enjoyed brisket and pot luck dishes after the work was done.

#### **Camp Tex-Lake Clean-up:**

The club participated in a beach clean-up at the Camp Tex-Lake Girl Scout Camp on Sunday afternoon, April 9. We pulled out about TWENTY five gallon buckets of trash. In addition to trash, a few cool treasures were found. Come see at the meeting. Thanks to Scott Hegel for arranging this event.

### **April Executive Meeting:**

#### **Texas Council Treasure Show:**

We discussed purchasing some black material for the table cover/skirts for our club booth. We agreed that black would really look good with the bright gold back drop and club banner. The cost would be over \$100. The main issue is finding material that is wide enough – or having time to sew the material to fit and cover the tables properly. We may have to wait until next year and use the gold material we currently have, but we will continue to search between now and the meeting. We talked about encouraging members to make up and bring displays to the show, and also to help with the booth during the show.

#### **Spicewood Archeological Hunt:**

Blaine will email Bob Wishoff to confirm April 23 date to hunt, and to determine the plan for how this hunt will be conducted. (now confirmed) This will be a follow-up to the archeological sweep we did in March.

#### **Political Action Committee:**

Blaine handed out revised copies of the PA committee's recommended Club Mission Statement and Code of Ethics. The Board reviewed the documents and they were accepted with one minor change. We will have the initial contents for the club portfolio put together prior to the TCTC show.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**April 23** – Club hunt at Wall Ranch in Spicewood: Arrival anytime after 10:00 a.m.

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

### Find of the Month Rank – 2006

| Rank | Name            | Total | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|------|-----------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1    | Scott Hegel     | 96    | 34  | 24  | 38  |
| 2    | Blaine Nelson   | 84    | 34  | 27  | 23  |
| 3    | Roy Stahl       | 73    | 28  | 26  | 19  |
| 4    | Ed Newsom       | 69    | 32  | 23  | 14  |
| 5    | Larry Vickers   | 64    | 25  | 16  | 23  |
| 6    | Ray Knowles     | 49    | 0   | 26  | 23  |
| 7    | Jim Lawhon      | 40    | 0   | 24  | 16  |
| 8    | Everett Preslar | 35    | 0   | 25  | 10  |
| 9    | Daniel Mireles  | 19    | 8   | 6   | 5   |
| 10   | Dennis Gans     | 19    | 0   | 9   | 10  |
| 11   | Michele Pliler  | 19    | 12  | 0   | 7   |
| 12   | Robert Jistel   | 11    | 0   | 0   | 11  |
| 13   | Art Tiemann     | 9     | 3   | 0   | 6   |
| 14   |                 |       |     |     |     |
| 15   |                 |       |     |     |     |
| 16   |                 |       |     |     |     |
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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. Scott has a foreign coin jar out each month near the "Finds" activity.

**Bring items to donate for Texas Council Silent Auction to be held at show. These can be any type – not just detecting related. House wares, books, toys etc. Bring to meeting or to the show on April 29.**

## Finds Entered - March 2006

| <b>U.S. Coin</b> |   | <b>Foreign Coin</b> |   |
|------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| 1                | Scott Hegel - 1910 Nickel                       | 1                   | Scott Hegel - Chinese Cash 1875-1908              |
| 2                | Larry Vickers - 1922D Cent                      | 2                   | Jim Lawhon - 1911 1 Centavo - Mexico              |
| 3                | Ed Newsom - Standing Liberty Quarter (no date)  | 3                   | Roy Stahl - 1981 1 Peso - Mexico                  |
|                  | Blaine Nelson - 1976 Half                       |                     | Blaine Nelson - 1984 20 Centimes - France         |
|                  | Michele Pliler - 1967 Dime                      |                     |   |
|                  | Dennis Gans - 1977D Cent                        |                     | <b>Ring</b>                                       |
|                  | Roy Stahl - 1956D Cent                          | 1                   | Ray Knowles - James Avery Silver with Pearl       |
|                  | Everett Preslar - 1948D Cent                    | 2                   | Blaine Nelson - 14K Men's Nugget                  |
|                  | Ray Knowles - 1958D Dime                        | 3                   | Scott Hegel - 24K White Gold with Jade Stone      |
|                  | Daniel Mireles - 1983 Nickel                    |                     | Roy Stahl - Silver Twist Ring                     |
|                  |   |                     | Ed Newsom - Junk Ring from Gulf                   |
|                  | <b>Token</b>                                    |                     | Everett Preslar - Silver with Diamond Design      |
| 1                | Scott Hegel - 1928 Golden Annv. Ely&Walker D.G. |                     | Larry Vickers - Initial Ring "DTG"                |
| 2                | Larry Vickers - Long's Theatre 10 Cents         |                     |   |
| 3                | Ray Knowles - Baseball Range Token              |                     | <b>Artifact</b>                                   |
|                  | Roy Stahl - Chuck E Cheese                      | 1                   | Art Tiemann - Victrola Phonograph                 |
|                  | Ed Newsom - WC McCursor 1/2 Bag Potatoes        | 2                   | Larry Vickers - Rouge Case                        |
|                  |   | 3                   | Ray Knowles - Axe Head                            |
|                  | <b>Jewelry</b>                                  |                     | Scott Hegel - Wood Tag "24"                       |
| 1                | Scott Hegel - Scarf Broach                      |                     | Michele Pliler - Metal Ring                       |
| 2                | Blaine Nelson - Silver Cross with Rhinestones   |                     | Dennis Gans - Old Dinner Knife                    |
| 3                | Roy Stahl - Small Silver Earring                |                     | Ed Newsom - Grinding Stone                        |
|                  | Larry Vickers - Silver 4F from Bell Jewelry     |                     | Robert Jistel - Jar Lid                           |
|                  | Michele Pliler - Pet Tags                       |                     | Blaine Nelson - Old Jelly Glass                   |
|                  | Ed Newsom - STS Pin                             |                     | Roy Stahl - Jesus Hands                           |
|                  | Ray Knowles - Silver Earring                    |                     | Everett Preslar - Purse Snap circa 1900           |
|                  | Robert Jistel - Pin                             |                     | Daniel Mireles - Zipper                           |
|                  |   |                     |   |
|                  | <b>Toy</b>                                      |                     | <b>Button</b>                                     |
| 1                | Ray Knowles - Purple Car                        | 1                   | Roy Stahl - Silver Heart                          |
| 2                | Scott Hegel - Old Play Tea Saucer               | 2                   | Jim Lawhon - 1902 WWII Great Seal                 |
| 2                | Blaine Nelson - Yellow Truck                    | 3                   | Everett Preslar - Star Texas                      |
| 2                | Robert Jistel - Thimble                         |                     | Larry Vickers - 4 Hole Hawk Brand                 |
| 3                | Larry Vickers - Plastic Spider Ring             |                     | Scott Hegel - 4 Hole Metal                        |
| 3                | Roy Stahl - Yellow Car                          |                     | Blaine Nelson - 2 Hole Metal                      |
| 3                | Jim Lawhon - Red Car                            |                     | Ed Newsom - Griffin                               |
| 3                | Everett Preslar - Truck                         |                     | Ray Knowles - Anchor                              |
| 3                | Daniel Mireles - Car                            |                     |   |
|                  | Dennis Gans - Axe Head                          |                     | <b>Non-Metal</b>                                  |
|                  |   | 1                   | Robert Jistel - Glover's Imperial Medicine Bottle |
|                  | <b>Most Unusual</b>                             | 2                   | Scott Hegel - Medicine Bottle with Cork           |
| 1                | Blaine Nelson - Mercury Dime Pendant            | 2                   | Blaine Nelson - Dr Pepper Bottle                  |
| 2                | Larry Vickers - Chicago Brass Button            | 3                   | Dennis Gans - Cloth Loop                          |
| 2                | Dennis Gans - Metal Ring                        |                     | Larry Vickers - Union Bank Golf Tee               |
| 3                | Scott Hegel - Lead Washer Tag "ARI"             |                     | Michele Pliler - Plastic Fork                     |

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| 3 | Everett Preslar - Camp Kachina Charm |   | Roy Stahl - Aquarium Grass      |
| 3 | Ray Knowles - Old Thimble            |   | Ray Knowles - Chinese Ice Token |
| 3 | Robert Jistel - Old Pocket Knife     |   | Daniel Mireles - Marble         |
| 3 | Art Tiemann - Fork                   |   |                                 |
|   | Michele Pliler - Nut and Bolt        |   | <b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>         |
|   | Roy Stahl - Brass Heart              | 1 | Jim Lawhon - 1893               |
|   |                                      | 2 | Scott Hegel - 1910              |
|   | <b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>              | 3 | Larry Vickers - 1919D           |
| 1 | Scott Hegel - 1898O Quarter          | 3 | Ed Newsom - 1919                |
| 2 | Ed Newsom - 1929 Nickel              |   | Everett Preslar - 1940D         |
| 2 | Ray Knowles - 1929D Dime             |   | Blaine Nelson - 1944            |
| 3 | Larry Vickers - 1934 Nickel          |   | Ray Knowles - 1952              |
|   | Blaine Nelson - 1964 Nickel          |   | Roy Stahl - 1957D               |
|   | Michele Pliler - 1978 Nickel         |   | Michele Pliler - 1964           |
|   | Roy Stahl - 1982 Quarter             |   | Dennis Gans - 1969D             |
|   |                                      |   |                                 |
|   | <b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>       |   |                                 |
| 1 | Jim Lawhon - 1923S Half              |   |                                 |
| 2 | Scott Hegel - 1918D Nickel           |   |                                 |
| 3 | Ed Newsom - 1899 Half                |   |                                 |
|   | Blaine Nelson - 2000P Dollar         |   |                                 |
|   | Ray Knowles - 1943S Dime             |   |                                 |
|   | Larry Vickers - 1992 Quarter         |   |                                 |
|   | Dennis Gans - 1994D Nickel           |   |                                 |
|   | Roy Stahl - 1942 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: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_