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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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January 2007

Happy New Year!

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 **January 11th** 2007. 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>

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 **JANUARY** 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 <http://amdconline.com> site 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 **January 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.

Meet the President:

Daniel Mireles is our new Club President for 2007. Daniel served as Vice President the past two years and previously served as Club Secretary and Board member. Daniel and his wife Susie have been married for 15 years and they have both been active with club - helping at all the Treasure Shows, volunteering at the Kerrville Lions Camp and hosting the Christmas dinners. Daniel is a native Austinite and he is employed with the Texas Dept. of Insurance. Daniel has been metal detecting for about 7 years and uses a Garrett Ace 250 but began detecting with a Bounty Hunter Quick Draw II. His best finds so far include a 1905 V nickel and a Victorian brooch. In addition to metal detecting Daniel is an avid Texas Longhorn fan and enjoys travel, fishing, culture and history. Please welcome Daniel in his new position.

December Meeting:

The December meeting was devoted to the holiday dinner where members had time to socialize and enjoy the good food and festivities. Special thanks to Daniel and Susie Mireles for hosting this event at their community club house again this year!

Scott Hegel presented the 2006 Treasure Hunter awards. Scott himself was named the Treasure Hunter of the Year and received a plaque and a gold peso. Blaine Nelson was awarded a silver dollar for second place, and Roy Stahl received a silver round for third place. Other members were awarded silver halves, quarters and dimes for their entries and participation in the "Find of the Month" activity.

Eight members entered items in the "Find of the Year" contest. The majority of the entries were jewelry items; however there was also an old coin and a civil war bullet entered. Tim Ball was voted the winner with his lovely 14K and diamond ring. He received free club membership for '07. Way to go Tim!

We had a successful club fund raiser thanks to members who brought donated items for this activity.

New Members:

Welcome to Jill Nelson who joined the Club at the December meeting. Jill purchased a home in Briggs and is moving to our area from Alvin, Tx. Jill uses a Garrett Ace 250 and has been detecting for about 3 years. Jill is also Blaine's younger sister.

Of Note:

Dues are now due! If you haven't paid your '07 membership dues, please do so at the January meeting or mail to Scott Hegel - 10200 Grand Oak Dr. Austin, Tx 78750

We will be urging all club members to write to their State level legislators in the very near future, as there will be a bill introduced regarding opening up metal detecting in pre-disturbed areas of State Parks. More information and sample letters will be forthcoming. This is a VERY important step and we need to do everything we can to show our support for this bill.

AMDC Website:

If you haven't already done so, be sure and check out our club website <http://www.amdconline.com> and see what Cecil has done. There is a new Forum link that is fantastic and allows club members to post items of interest and look at club activities, tips etc. If you need to register for the Forum, or "Member Only" section, jot Cecil an email and he will get you a temporary password. You can then set your own user name and password to get in. **Word of caution** – there is a section on the forum that is open to anyone interested. If you choose to post or reply in this section, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

January Executive Meeting:

We welcomed the new Board members, including Jack Ball and Tim Ball. Our new President, Daniel Mireles led the discussion. 14 Board members/officers attended this meeting.

- **Meeting Place** – We would like to continue meeting at Woodlawn and hope to be able to use the large room we had available for the November meeting. Scott will pre-pay the next six months rent. We also discussed meeting place for Board meetings. Luby's is fine for the most part, but the issues of privacy and noise levels came up, and members were asked to keep their eyes open for a site that has a more private meeting area for us.
- **Political Action Committee** – The PAC met last Saturday to further plan our metal detecting efforts. Members include Scott Hegel, Larry Vickers, Randy Connell, Ray Knowles, Jim Lawhon and Blaine Nelson. The Committee reports that it is making definite progress – more later.
- **Web Site** – The AMDC web site has many features and we want to encourage all members to use the site regularly. We can post activities, notices etc, and will note at the meeting.
- **Program Ideas** – We need ideas for speakers and programs for upcoming meetings. We do not have a Program Chairman, so it will be up to the Board and club members to assist with program planning. Possible programs include the GPAA, the bottle club, Camp Ben McCulloch speaker, and person from Houston Museum.
- **Newsletter** – Blaine asked for ideas to improve the newsletter. Beginning with January's newsletter we will feature a member in a "Meet the Officers/Board" series so that we can better get to know club members. We will also include a quip about the new members who join each month.
- **TCTC Show** – The Texas Council Treasure Show is just around the corner – March 24-25 in Killeen. We need club members to help by making personal displays to add to our booth, help with set up on Friday, March 23, and help man our booth during this two day show. We voted to have a club fundraiser at the show, and sell tickets for an Ace 250 as the prize. Larry will purchase the detector at the best price he can find. We also voted to have 3 tables at the show at \$30. per table – and Scott will send in the money to TCTC. John brought up the idea of having a turtle sand box for kids to detect for coins and or small toys. We will pursue this plan. John can get the turtle, and Daniel can get sand.
- **Club Hunts and Sites** – we are compiling a list of sites where the club may hunt, and will also include a list of sites that are NOT allowed to post on the web site for the public. Blaine indicated that she receives 3-4 email inquiries per month from outsiders wanting to know where to detect in our area. We also discussed upcoming club hunts. The Travis Co. Expo Center (need permission for the group), Krause Springs, Crow's Nest and Hutto UMC were mentioned. Since we are in a rainy week, nothing was definitively set – but we will notify members at the meeting and/or via email when a date and place is determined.

Upcoming Events:

March 24 – 25 2007 – Texas Council of Treasure Clubs Annual Show and Hunt – Killeen

New Year's Resolutions?

You can help our club in a number of ways. Here are just a few:

- Attend club meetings
- Offer to help with a program or locate a speaker
- Participate in activities – Find of the month, club hunts etc.
- Invite a friend to a meeting
- Support the club fund raisers
- Be a good example to others, both within and outside the club
- Help with committees and special projects
- Share your ideas and expertise – offer to speak at a meeting, or contribute to the newsletter
- **Help locate sites for club hunts - keep your eyes/ears open!**
- Help club with our booth and attend Texas Council Treasure Show
- Keep informed. Check our website often and read newsletters and club email
- Volunteer to serve as an Officer or Board member next year!

Got Foreign Coins?

Save your foreign coins to donate for the Kerrville Texas Lions Camp service project. Each summer members from our club join volunteers from other area clubs to teach handicapped children about metal detecting. The coins are planted in a large horse arena area and the children spend time learning how to detect and search for the coins. This is SO rewarding and brings many smiles to happy faces. Each summer we use a lot of coins, and Scott will have a jar at each meeting to collect foreign coins for this project.

Find of the Month - Rank

Rank	Name	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Award
1	Scott Hegel	306	34	24	38	21	35	26	42	30	25	31	2 Peso Silver
2	Blaine Nelson	293	34	27	23	28	36	38	33	29	23	22	Dollar Silver
3	Roy Stahl	230	28	26	19	22	26	28	21	23	21	16	Round
4	Ray Knowles Everett	195	0	26	23	20	0	25	19	31	17	34	Silver Half
5	Preslar	137	0	25	10	17	0	9	29	12	16	19	Silver Half
6	Michele Pliier	126	12	0	7	9	11	15	11	25	19	17	Silver Half
7	Ed Newsom	123	32	23	14	16	1	7	7	5	13	5	Silver Half
8	Jim Lawhon	102	0	24	16	19	0	8	11	0	24	0	Silver Half
9	Larry Vickers	102	25	16	23	19	0	0	19	0	0	0	Silver Half Silver
10	Frank Vick	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	17	18	Quarter Silver
11	Jack Ball Randy	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	26	Quarter Silver
12	Connell Daniel	52	0	0	0	27	25	0	0	0	0	0	Quarter Silver
13	Mireles	51	8	6	5	4	6	5	4	0	5	8	Quarter Silver
14	Dennis Gans	42	0	9	10	0	9	0	0	6	8	0	Quarter Silver
15	Andy Waters	38	0	0	0	0	0	10	15	0	13	0	Quarter Silver
16	Tim Ball	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	19	Quarter Silver
17	Trish Bennett	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	6	Quarter
18	Robert Jistel	11	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Silver Dime
19	Art Tiemann	9	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Silver Dime
20	Dyana Ploof John	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	Silver Dime
21	Chapman Nancy	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	Silver Dime
22	Tiemann	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Silver Dime
23	Susie Mireles	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Silver Dime
			176	206	205	208	149	171	211	186	267	221	

November Finds of the Month

U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin	
1	Tim Ball - 2000 P Dollar	1	Blaine Nelson - Large Chinese Cash Coin
2	Ray Knowles - 1959D Dime	1	Tim Ball - 1951 10 Cent - Netherlands
3	Scott Hegel - 1949D Cent	2	Scott Hegel - 2001 1 Euro - Spain
3	Michele Pliler - 1998 Quarter	2	Ray Knowles - 1954 1 Centavo - Mexico
3	Frank Vick - 2005 Nickel	3	Jack Ball - 1985 1 Cent - Canada
3	Everett Preslar - 1960D Dime		Michele Pliler - 1993 50 Cents - Mexico
3	Daniel Mireles - 1952D Cent		Roy Stahl - 1986 Dime - Canada
	Roy Stahl - 1981 Quarter		
	Blaine Nelson - 2006D Dime		
Token		Ring	
1	Scott Hegel - Austin Transit Token	1	Blaine Nelson - 14K Men's Wedding Band
1	Jack Ball - \$1 Otto's Casino	2	Michele Pliler - Silver Claddaugh Ring
2	Ray Knowles - Horse Shoe/Star Game	3	Scott Hegel - Child's Silver with Heart Stone
3	Daniel Mireles - Chuckie Cheese	3	Jack Ball - Tri-Band Silver
	Michele Pliler - Rockfish Game		Roy Stahl - Plated with Black Stone
	Roy Stahl - Freedom - No Cash Value		Ed Newsom - Silver Colored
	Tim Ball - Malibu Money		Ray Knowles - Small Silver
	Everett Preslar - 6-Flags Log Ride		
Jewelry		Artifact	
1	Jack Ball - Gold Filled Watch Bracelet with Stones	1	Jack Ball - Texas State History Museum Pendant
2	Frank Vick - Pocket Watch Case	2	Trish Bennett - Large Brown Bottle
3	Tim Ball - Silver Earring with Onyx Stone	3	Scott Hegel - Cub Scout Neckerchief Slide
3	Ray Knowles - Silver Colored Pendant		Michele Pliler - Flower Hair Clip
3	Daniel Mireles - Earring		Blaine Nelson - Twisted Wire
	Roy Stahl - Claddaugh Charm		Frank Vick - Yale Lock
	Scott Hegel - Tressa Ladies Watch		Ray Knowles - Door Handle
	Michele Pliler - Loop Earring		Roy Stahl - Z Star Key Chain
	Blaine Nelson - Halloween Charm		Tim Ball - 1991 Desert Storm Medal
	Ed Newsom - 14K Drop with Diamond		Ed Newsom - Key
Toy		Button	
1	Blaine Nelson - Airplane	1	Ray Knowles - US Military
1	Frank Vick - Yellow T-Bird	2	Frank Vick - Plastic with Heart
2	Scott Hegel - Red and White Mini Cooper	3	Ed Newsom - Old Navy
2	Jack Ball - 67 Chrysler		Scott Hegel - Metal with Loop on Back
2	Everett Preslar - Small Car		Michele Pliler - Tan 4 Hole Plastic
3	Michele Pliler - Bell		Roy Stahl - Flower Button
3	Roy Stahl - Green Car		Blaine Nelson - 4 Hole Metal
3	Trish Bennett - Little Mermaid Talking Necklace		Everett Preslar - 4 Hole Plastic
3	Tim Ball - Toy Cell Phone		
3	Ray Knowles - Ball		

	Most Unusual		Non-Metal
1	Everett Preslar - Metal Flying Horse	1	Scott Hegel - Wine Bottle
2	Tim Ball - 1995 Barrientos Campaign Pin	2	Jack Ball - Shot Glass
2	Jack Ball - Iraqi Freedom Thank You Token	2	Everett Preslar - Wallet
3	Scott Hegel - Bicycle Reflector with Red Stones	3	Daniel Mireles - Glow in the Dark Necklace
3	Ray Knowles - 1935 Buffalo Nickel		Michele Pliler - Pearl Colored Marble
	Michele Pliler - Zipper Pull		Blaine Nelson - Volvo Emblem
	Roy Stahl - Sewing Machine Bobbin		Frank Vick - Small Green Soldier
	Blaine Nelson - Boat Plug		Roy Stahl - Plastic Button
	Frank Vick - Monopoly Dog		Ray Knowles - Guitar Pick
	Trish Bennett - Padlock and Chain		
	Oldest U.S. Coin		Oldest U.S. Cent
1	Ray Knowles - 1900 Nickel	1	Ray Knowles - 1934
2	Everett Preslar - 1939 Nickel	2	Scott Hegel - 1944D
3	Blaine Nelson - 1946 Nickel	3	Roy Stahl - 1945
	Frank Vick - 1963 Nickel		Jack Ball - 1952D
	Scott Hegel - 1964 Nickel		Frank Vick - 1955D
	Tim Ball - 1965 Quarter		Everett Preslar - 1955D
	Roy Stahl - 1980 Dime		Tim Ball - 1956D
	Michele Pliler - 1984 Dime		Michele Pliler - 1961D
			Blaine Nelson - 1964D
	Most Valuable U.S. Coin		
1	Ray Knowles - 1941 Half		
2	Scott Hegel - 2000D Dollar		
3	Roy Stahl - 1941D Dime		
	Blaine Nelson - 1966 Quarter		
	Frank Vick - 2005 Quarter		
	Everett Preslar - 1965 Quarter		
	Michele Pliler - 1986 Dime		

Find of the Month Rules: **New Rules Adopted by Board. Changes noted in red.**

U.S. Coin - must be a U.S. minted legal tender coin.

Foreign Coin - a foreign, legal tender coin

Token - a trade coin good for some value in a trade (may include good luck tokens, president tokens, etc.)

Ring - any ring designed to be worn on finger or toe.

Jewelry - any jewelry type, excluding rings, including cuff links, watch fobs, pins, necklaces, brooches, medals, medallions, charms, etc.

Artifact – man-made object, either metal or non-metal

Toy - any **metal** toy made for children to play with.

Button – **metal** clothing fastener type button or snaps only (does not include advertising pin type, buttons)

Most Unusual - anything

Non-Metal - must not contain any metal, includes such items as bottles (without metal caps), marbles, etc.

Oldest U.S. Coin - U.S. legal tender coin (does not include cents).

Oldest U.S. Cent - U.S. legal tender cent

Most Valuable U.S. Coin – value based on G4 value in the 2007 red book (coins will not be graded but **must have G4 value – not face value**).

1. Entries must be items you have found since the last monthly meeting of AMDC.
2. You do not have to be present to enter the FOM competition. You may arrange to have your finds brought to the meeting by someone else.
3. Only one item can be entered in each category unless the items were found and must remain together to make the entry complete. For example a necklace with a gold coin attached would qualify as a single entry in the jewelry or artifact categories. A group of coins found together cannot be entered as one item unless they are fused together.
4. In certain instances, a photo of the find may be entered – i.e. you find an item of historical significance which needs to be given to a historical group, owner of the property etc.
5. 3x5 card with description of find allowed

Treasure hunter of the year will be announced at the December meeting

First place in a category = 4 points

Second Place = 3 points

Third Place = 2 points
The rest get 1 point

Find of the Month

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: _____ # _____