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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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March 2007

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 8th** 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 **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 <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 **April 5** 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 Treasurer:

Scott Hegel is our Club Treasurer for 2007. Scott has held that position since 1996, has been a club member since 1985 and handles the club Find of the Month which was initiated in 2001. Scott was born and raised in Alamogordo, NM and was working for Texas Instruments in Austin when he met and married Sherrie Bagby, a native Austinite. They have 4 children (Stephanie, Jennifer, Michael and Melissa) and 2 granddaughters (Lauren and Linsey). Scott has worked for C&H Technologies, Inc. since 1987 and is currently the Director of Operations. He is involved in all types of metal detecting (water, relic, coin-shooting) but enjoys working on Lost and Found cases the most. His primary detectors are the Tesoro Golden uMax and the Fisher Edge although he has owned and tried many others. Scott will serve as Treasurer of the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs this coming term. If you know Scott, you know that he is always ready to assist new members and lend a helping hand. Scott is a real asset to our hobby.

February Meeting:

Daniel shared an interesting video on Bottle Digging from the Travel Channel. Larry Vickers updated us on the upcoming TCTC show which will be held March 24 – 25 in Killeen. Members are encouraged to come to the show, provide displays for the Club Booth and sign up to help with the booth.

During break we had the voting for the “Find of the Month”. Club members again had a number of interesting finds displayed!

We had a successful club fund raiser – the prize being an 1800’s silver dollar. Special thanks to Jack and Trish for donating a number of pocket knives and John Chapman for donating a treasure hunting book to add to the pot.

New Members:

We did not have any new members join this month.

February Outing:

Eleven club members met out at Camp Ben McCulloch on Sunday, Feb. 17 to detect this historic piece of property. The weather was fabulous, and everyone found coins and miscellaneous items. Among the finds was a silver quarter, a gold necklace and a number of “wheat” pennies.

AMDC Website:

Be sure and check out our club website often - <http://www.amdconline.com> Check out the 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 (webmaster) 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.

March Executive Meeting:

- **Program Ideas** – April, we need to confirm the speaker from Camp Ben McCulloch doing a program on Civil War reenactment and/or the history of Camp Ben. Our May Program will feature Ron Edelstein and a talk about “Customs” stories from his experience working with the U.S. Customs on the border.
- **TCTC Show** – The Texas Council Treasure Show is just around the corner – March 24-25

in Killeen. We will ask 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 will have a club fundraiser at the show, and sell tickets for an Ace 250 as the prize. Blaine has made sign-up sheets for members to sign up to help with the booth. These will be circulated at the meeting.

- **Club Meeting Room** – We will be able to use a larger room in the main building of Woodlawn Church for a fee of \$40.00 a month. (we are currently paying \$20.00/mo.). We had used the larger room for one meeting last fall, and it worked well. The Board approved the use of the larger room. Scott will look at the impact on the club finances if we continue to use the room long term. Art is also checking on a large room offered for free at a restaurant – same place the Archeology Club meets.
- **Club Hunts** – We will check to see if the old Hutto UMC church has been moved to the new site, and if so, seek permission to detect at the old property. Daniel suggested Old Settler's Park as a possible site. Other places suggested included San Gabriel Park and Krause Springs.

Upcoming Events:

March 10 – Club Hunt. (site to be determined) Details will be forthcoming in email and at the meeting.

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

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.

Reminder: Please write to your House Representative to ask for their support of HB 1016, the Bill to allow metal detecting in designated areas of State Parks. Remember – every letter helps, and we CAN make a difference!

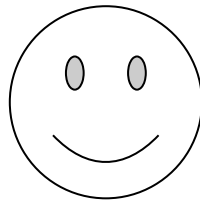
<http://www.house.state.tx.us/welcome.php>

Find of the Month - Rank

1	Larry Vickers	56	27	29
2	Scott Hegel	49	15	34
3	Andy Waters	45	25	20
4	Art Tiemann	45	24	21
5	Blaine Nelson	45	21	24
6	Ray Knowles	44	25	19
7	Frank Vick	42	22	20
8	Jack Ball	37	19	18
9	Roy Stahl	35	17	18
10	Ed Newsom	31	17	14
11	Tim Ball	19	12	7
12	Michele Piler	17	17	0
13	Everett Preslar	15	0	15
14	Jim Lawhon	14	0	14
15	Dennis Gans	11	6	5
16	Daniel Mireles	4	4	0
17		0	0	
18		0	0	
19		0	0	
20		0	0	
21		0	0	
22		0	0	
23		0	0	

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Don't see your name up there?? Be sure to bring your finds to the March meeting and enter this fun, monthly "Find of the Month" activity. The more we have to enter and show, the more fun it is for all!



January Finds of the Month

	U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin
1	Scott Hegel - 1916 Dime	1	Blaine Nelson - 1999 1 ? Guatemala
2	Jack Ball - 1962 Cent	2	Jack Ball - 1978 1 Krone - Sweden
2	Andy Waters - 1943D Nickel	3	Scott Hegel - 1981 New Taiwan \$5
2	Ray Knowles - 1969 Half	3	Frank Vick - 1981 1 Cent - Bermuda
3	Larry Vickers - Buffalo Nickel (date unreadable)	3	Roy Stahl - 1998 50 Cent - Mexico
3	Art Tiemann - 1965 Quarter	3	Andy Waters - 1969 1 Cent - Canada
3	Frank Vick - 1965 Quarter		Larry Vickers - 1993 1 Cent - Canada
3	Blaine Nelson - 2000P Dollar		Art Tiemann - 1974 5 Cent - Canada
3	Jim Lawhon - 1966 Quarter		
3	Roy Stahl - 1984 Nickel		Ring
3	Tim Ball - 1966 Quarter	1	Blaine Nelson - 14K Wedding Set
3	Ed Newsom - 1948D Nickel	1	Ray Knowles - 1956 Class Ring Arkansas A&M
3	Dennis Gans - 1981D Cent	2	Everett Preslar - White Gold Band
		3	Scott Hegel - 14K with 9 Small Diamonds
	Token		Larry Vickers - Silver
1	Larry Vickers - Long's Theater		Art Tiemann - Gold Heart missing Stone
2	Ray Knowles - R.Shaw \$5.00		Frank Vick - Silver Friendship - JA
3	Art Tiemann - Handyman		Jim Lawhon - Silver Cross - JA
3	Andy Waters - Thomas A Edison		Roy Stahl - Small Thin
	Blaine Nelson - Texas Lottery		Andy Waters - Silver with Black Band
	Jack Ball - Mardi Gras		
	Scott Hegel - No Cash Value - Eagle		Artifact
	Frank Vick - Peter Piper Pizza	1	Scott Hegel - Sharp's Mini Ball
	Roy Stahl - Head you Win/Tails I Lose	2	Art Tiemann - Arrowhead
		2	Jim Lawhon - Civil War Mini Ball
	Jewelry	3	Frank Vick - Disabled Vet Key Tag
1	Jack Ball - Silver & 18K Bolo Slide	3	Blaine Nelson - Texas Ex Life Member Tag
2	Ed Newsom - St Christopher with Chain	3	Jack Ball - Unfired 44 Magnum
2	Ray Knowles - Inlayed Bracelet	3	Ed Newsom - Girl Scout Barrett
3	Blaine Nelson - Silver Link Bracelet	3	Andy Waters - Half Metal Disk with Writing
	Scott Hegel - Bracelet		Larry Vickers - Pres. Rutherford B Hayes Token
	Larry Vickers - Beads		Roy Stahl - Earring
	Art Tiemann - Gold Braid Pendant		Ray Knowles - Spade
	Frank Vick - Crucifix		
	Jim Lawhon - Unicorn Charm		Button
	Andy Waters - Small Key Charm	1	Roy Stahl - Large 2 Hole
	Everett Preslar - Large Clip Earring	2	Scott Hegel - Overalls
	Roy Stahl - Hair Barrett	2	Larry Vickers - Miller's Age High
		3	Frank Vick - St John's Bay
	Toy		Andy Waters - Levi
1	Everett Preslar - Vintage Motorcycle		Art Tiemann - Flat
2	Scott Hegel - Cast Iron School Bus		Blaine Nelson - Small 2 Hole
3	Blaine Nelson - Brass Owl		Jim Lawhon - Snap
	Ed Newsom - Black & White Marble		Ed Newsom - Brass
	Larry Vickers - Whats It - Pat 8-21-12		Ray Knowles - Small 2 Hole
	Art Tiemann - Bell		Everett Preslar - Cloth Covered
	Frank Vick - Motorcycle		

	Jim Lawhon - Car		Non-Metal
	Roy Stahl - Sarah Charm	1	Frank Vick - Fossil
	Andy Waters - Silver Metal Ball	2	Andy Waters - Small Perfume Bottle
		2	Larry Vickers - Bottle
	Most Unusual	3	Jim Lawhon - Small Bottle
1	Art Tiemann - Selven Coin Box	3	Ed Newsom - Blue & Green Marble
2	Blaine Nelson - Evergreen Crematory Tag		Scott Hegel - French's Mustard Feb 23, 1915
2	Jim Lawhon - French Pin		Art Tiemann - Dillon Plastic Token
2	Roy Stahl - Lipstick		Blaine Nelson - Credit Card
2	Jack Ball - Freedom Growth Token		Roy Stahl - SKB Stick-On
2	Tim Ball - Bottle cap Magnet		Dennis Gans - Red Marker
2	Ray Knowles - 357 Magnum Bullet		
3	Scott Hegel - Old Spring		Oldest U.S. Cent
3	Larry Vickers - 1932 Buckle with Washington	1	Larry Vickers - 1895
3	Frank Vick - Cannabis Buckle	2	Scott Hegel - 1913D
3	Ed Newsom - Bottle Opener	3	Everett Preslar - 1929
3	Andy Waters - Army Dog Tag		Ed Newsom - 1944D
3	Everett Preslar - Small Lock		Andy Waters - 1944D
			Ray Knowles - 1944
	Oldest U.S. Coin		Art Tiemann - 1945D
1	Scott Hegel - 1887 Nickel		Roy Stahl - 1956D
2	Larry Vickers - 1911 Nickel		Blaine Nelson - 1961D
3	Everett Preslar - 1935 Nickel		Frank Vick - 1962D
	Art Tiemann - 1943S Dime		Jack Ball - 1962D
	Tim Ball - 1959 Nickel		Tim Ball - 1963D
	Blaine Nelson - 1961D Nickel		Dennis Gans - 1969
	Frank Vick - 1965 Dime		
	Andy Waters - 1965D Quarter		Most Valuable U.S. Coin
	Jack Ball - 1967 dime	1	Scott Hegel - 1907 Quarter
	Dennis Gans - 1970 Quarter	2	Larry Vickers - 1917 Dime
		3	Art Tiemann - 1941 Dime

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: _____ # _____