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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00

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February 2008

Headline - Three Rings Found and Returned! See article inside.

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date - **Feb. 14th** 2008
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M - 103/104

Officers:

President – Larry Vickers 243 -1831
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Larry's Ramblings:

Beach Hunting tips

- Cover metal detector box with plastic
- Do not drop non water proof detector in sand or water
- Clean metal detector as soon as you get home

Competition Hunting

- Know what targets you are looking for
- Know how to set you metal detector to find targets you are looking for
- Pinpoint targets fast
- Retrieve targets fast
- Do not look at targets just bag them
- Keep moving
- Keep coil close to the ground at all times
- Have bag that stays open as much as possible
- Wear headphones to stop distraction of others
- Do not swing your metal detector faster than it will respond

Give freely everyday: a smile, a friendly word or nod.
Never forget that bad days are to be forgotten and good days remembered.

February Program

We have a celebrity among us! Our own Everett Clare was featured on the front page of the Austin American Statesman Metro-State Section on Monday. Please check out the link if you missed the seeing the paper. <http://www.statesman.com/news/content/news/stories/local/02/04/0204piano.html> Everett will present a program on Dowsing at the February meeting, and share fascinating experiences he has had over the years searching for treasure, assisting with locating graves, etc. using the dowsing method. Don't miss this one!

Galveston Beach Hunt

Come join other club members for a fun weekend at the beach! AMDC is having a "fun hunt" on the beach on **Sunday, Feb. 17**. On Saturday there is a Texas Council Satellite Competition hunt. You may still enter this paid hunt, or come down and detect or bum around on your own on Saturday. See Scott at the meeting if you would like to hunt in the Saturday hunt.

Sunday – we will gather at 8:00 a.m. at the Pavillion at Appfel Park on East Beach. Directions: take 1-45 into Galveston. I-45 becomes Broadway. Continue down Broadway until you reach Seawall Blvd. Turn left and follow Seawall until it ends, then right on Boddeker Drive. Follow the signs to East Beach. Larry's Cell is 512-497-6669, and Scott – 512-797-6741.

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Executive Meeting

Our executive meeting will be on **March 6th** at Luby's, 1410 E. Anderson Ln. The meeting starts at **6:00**. Executive meetings are held on the **first Thursday** of each month and all are invited.

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.

New Members

Richard Wright from Austin joined the club at the January meeting. Welcome Richard!

Lost Rings Recovered



Your search and recovery team is on a roll! **Three (3) rings have been recovered this month** and returned to their owners!

Scott Hegel located a lost Aggie ring under a bush in the home owner's front yard.
Jim Lawhon dredged up a lost gold wedding band in Lake Austin.
Blaine Nelson came up with a sparkling diamond solitaire lost in 2005.

Needless to say, there were many smiling faces.
Congratulations to all who searched and located these valuables!

February Executive Meeting

- **Upcoming Programs** – Our March program will be presented by Larry Vickers on Competition Hunting. In April Blaine will talk about water detecting.
- **Newsletter** – We are trying a different format. Larry is adding his “ramblings” each month and has catchy tips to offer on the front page.. If anyone has any suggestions, or contributions please contact Blaine. This is YOUR newsletter, and we’d love to have your input.
- **TCTC Show** – We tossed around ideas for the club booth at the upcoming show in Killeen. Daniel and Susie Mireles are in charge of our booth and will appreciate everyone’s help and ideas. We agreed to have some type of fundraiser, and will discuss at the club meeting.

Upcoming Events:

February 16 – TCTC Satellite Hunt – Galveston

February 17 - AMDC Club Beach Hunt - Galveston

April 4 – 6, 2008 – Texas Council of Treasure Clubs Show – Killeen Convention Center

March 1st & 2nd – GPAA Show - Belton

June 6 – 8 - WWATS Annual Open Rally & Hunt for 2008 in Bayfield, Colorado just west of Durango at Riverside RV Park. Their website:

<http://www.coloradodirectory.com/riversidervpark/> and our You Tube link of the site is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IR34R4qsHRI>

June - (dates will be announced) – Kerrville Lions Camp volunteer project

Ongoing – We are collecting the following items – bring to any meeting:

- Foreign coins to plant for the Kerrville Lions Camp hunt in June
- Items to donate for **2008 Christmas** dinner fundraiser (anything of interest)

Happy 16th Anniversary to Daniel and Susie!

Find of the 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. Items found since the last regular meeting in November 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.

Find of the Month – Rank after January Meeting

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Frank Vick
Rudy Nordmeyer
Blaine Nelson
Ed Newsom
Larry Vickers
Scott Hegel
Jan Hallez
Art Tiemann
Jim Lawhon
Jenna Farell
Andy Waters
Daniel Mireles
Roy Stahl
John Chapman
Michele Piler



Don't see your name on the list? Bring your finds to the next meeting. The more items we have to show, the more interesting it is for everyone!

January Finds of the Month

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Ed Newsom - 1914D Dime	Scott Hegel - 1944 50 Centavos - Philippines
Scott Hegel - 2007D John Adams Dollar	Frank Vick - 1995 25 Sentimos - Philippines
Frank Vick - 1979D SBA Dollar	Larry Vickers - 1994 5? - Ceska Republica
Larry Vickers - 1966 Cent	Jan Hallez - 1996 1 Cent - Canada
Jan Hallez - 2007D Thomas Jefferson Dollar	Jim Lawhon - 1908 Quarter Anna - India
Blaine Nelson - 1991D Quarter	Blaine Nelson - 2001 1 Cent - Africa
Daniel Mireles - 1978 Nickel	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1974 1 Cent - Canada
Rudy Nordmeyer - 1932D Cent	
Token	Ring
Rudy Nordmeyer - Kyle Trade Token	Scott Hegel - 2002 University of Texas Class Ring
Frank Vick - Putt-Putt Golf	Larry Vickers - 14K James Avery Cross Ring
Jim Lawhon - NAMCO	Blaine Nelson - Silver James Avery Cross Ring
Jan Hallez - RTD Bus Token	Jan Hallez - Silver with Pink Stone
Larry Vickers - Isle of Capri Casino	Frank Vick - Silver with Marcasite Stones
Ed Newsom - Play Pen Arcade	Ed Newsom - Silver with Turquoise Stone
Blaine Nelson - Showplace Lanes	Daniel Mireles - Shamrock Ring
Jenna Ferrell - Chuckie Cheese	
Jewelry	Artifact
Larry Vickers - Gold Bracelet with Lock and Key	Rudy Nordmeyer - Hand Forged Part
Frank Vick - Silver Bracelet with Madonna & Cross	Jenna Ferrell - Stove Valve
Rudy Nordmeyer - Copper Pin	Frank Vick - Brass Finial
Scott Hegel - Copper Necklace with Pendant	Larry Vickers - Metal Handle
Blaine Nelson - Texas A&M Pendant	Ed Newsom - Old Bullet
Jan Hallez - Dancer Charm	Scott Hegel - 1929 Tag
Ed Newsom - Costume with Stone	Jim Lawhon - Scraping Tool
Jim Lawhon - Silver Loops Earring	Roy Stahl - Smashed Bell
	Blaine Nelson - Wire Nut
	Art Tiemann - Copper on Brass Piece
Toy	
Blaine Nelson - Roman Soldier	
Jim Lawhon - Yellow Dozier	Button
Rudy Nordmeyer - 1997 Hot Wheels Car	Jan Hallez - Diamond Shaped Silvertone w/Flowers
Scott Hegel - Shark	Ed Newsom - Old Flower
Frank Vick - Sportsman SUV	Blaine Nelson - Flower with Blue Stones
Roy Stahl - Witch and Broom	Scott Hegel - 2 Hole
Jan Hallez - Handcuffs	Frank Vick - American Eagle Outfitters
Larry Vickers - Pocket Knife	Rudy Nordmeyer - Copper Leaf
Ed Newsom - Wacky Explorer	Jim Lawhon - Small Brass Cover
	Larry Vickers - Brad
Most Unusual	

Blaine Nelson - Far East Game Piece	
Frank Vick - Katy RR Pin	Non-Metal
Ed Newsom - Burned Conglomerate	Rudy Nordmeyer - Small Perfume Bottle
Rudy Nordmeyer - Colgate Ribbon Cream	Ed Newsom - Old Bottle
Jan Hallez - Octagonal Card Weight w/Pink Star	Jan Hallez - Chestnut
Jim Lawhon - Cook-Walden Crematory Tag	Frank Vick - Barbie Boot
Art Tiemann - Wheel	Larry Vickers - Dinosaur
Scott Hegel - Cent with Hole	Scott Hegel - Pink Flower with Pearl
Larry Vickers - Baby Spoon	Blaine Nelson - Box of Gloves
	Roy Stahl - Pink Bow
Oldest U.S. Coin	Michele Pliler - Dirty Sock
Ed Newsom - 187x Dime	John Chapman - Marble
Art Tiemann - 1900 Quarter	Jenna Ferrell - Plastic Spider
Rudy Nordmeyer - 1954D Nickel	Art Tiemann - Plastic Button
Blaine Nelson - 1955 Nickel	
Scott Hegel - 1963 Nickel	Oldest U.S. Cent
Jan Hallez - 1964 Nickel	Art Tiemann - 1906
Frank Vick - 1964D Nickel	Andy Waters - 1941
Larry Vickers - 1970D Nickel	Frank Vick - 1946
	Blaine Nelson - 1946
Most Valuable U.S. Coin	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1950
Art Tiemann - 1899 Nickel	Scott Hegel - 1952D
Frank Vick - 1952S Dime	John Chapman - 1952
Scott Hegel - 1941D Cent	Jan Hallez - 1954D
Blaine Nelson - 1940D Cent	Larry Vickers - 1959D

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: _____ # _____