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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00

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June 2008

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **June 12th** 2008
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

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Larry's Ramblings:

Have you ever felt that life is dumping on you or
That your back was hurting too bad to move or
That your knees or legs were bothering you too much to do
anything?

Well there is a cure and it cost nothing.

Just come with us to the Lion's Children's camp in Kerrville and
meet the bundles of Cure. Once you interact with these amazing
kids your pains and cares seem very minor. These kids have
many types of handicaps, but they don't seem to know they have
problems.

You might wonder how a kid in a wheelchair or blind or deaf or
any of the many other challenges can learn to use a metal
detector. Yes we are there to teach them to use a metal detector.
We are always amazed what these kids can do.

Many times the camp has received Thank You notes from
Mothers telling us how much it has meant to the kids to know
they can do an outdoors activity. Most have been told they can't
do any type of outdoor activity. We have changed the life of
many kids by teaching them to use a metal detector.

But most of all, the kids have taught us not to dwell on our pains
or what we can't do, but to embrace the things we can do.

Hope to see you at the Lions Camp Wednesday & Thursday
June 18th & 19th.

June Program

This month we will fine tune our detecting skills – learn more about the workings of detectors and have an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas and experiences. Larry will lead this program and we will have various detectors available as examples.

Display Contest for June!:

In June we are varying from our usual “Find of the Month” format and asking club members to bring DISPLAYS to show. The only rule is that items included in your display must have been found since our December meeting. So you have half a year of finds to work with! Be creative. Let’s see what we can come up with. **Bring your display and we will vote on the best one at the meeting!**

June Executive Meeting

New Equipment

The board discussed the need to purchase various items to take to events – canopies, tables etc. We will make a wish list and begin pricing items.

Inventory

We will compile a list of club everything the club currently owns, as items are stored at various officers/board members homes.

Upcoming Programs/Hunts

June’s program will be “Learning more about your Detector”. July’s topic will be, presented by Jim Lawhon’s son on stone work. Scott and Art will check with Travis Co. Expo to see whether the club can detect out there after the big rally weekend upcoming. Ideas for club hunt sites are always welcome!

Treasure Hunter of the Year

We discussed the possibility to revamping the Treasure Hunter of the Year criteria for next year – to include “points” for participation in activities and service projects, locating sites etc. to make it more of an all around achievement. We will discuss at the meeting.

Club Tee Shirts

It would be neat to have club tee shirts, to wear to the Show, events etc. Mary Prause has sent info. on a supplier. Blaine will follow up and present findings at the meeting.

July Meeting

Our next executive meeting will be on **July 3rd** 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.

May Meeting

Program

Scott and Blaine presented a program “Planning for a Metal Detecting Outing”. Blaine discussed the importance of being prepared and bringing the appropriate items you might need for a successful outing.

She recommended purchasing a map(s) if you plan to go detecting in a new area, as a little time spent planning will save time, gas, and possibly alert you to additional sites. Items to bring on an outing include:

- Bucket for trash
- Bug spray
- Sun screen
- Appropriate clothing and shoes
- Disposable gloves
- Digging tools, including screw driver
- Probe (Blaine demonstrated how to use probe and screw driver to retrieve w/o leaving any sign)
- Cover for detector control if it starts to rain
- Water and snacks
- Baggies or other container for finds
- Pouch (put car keys in a safe place where they won't fall out. A zipped part of pouch is ideal)

Scott discussed what to look for in clothing for best protection against the sun. He brought samples of shirts and pants that he had purchased, which were both comfortable and stylish. If you look for items that are SPF-30, UVA or UVB they will greatly limit the sun's rays from going through the material to your skin. Scott said that although some stores charge a premium price for these items, you can get some very reasonably at places like Academy. One brand is Magellan.

Winners!

Daniel Mireles presented Andy Waters with a Texas historical map that he won from the AMDC fund raiser drawing at the Show. Larry Vickers presented Gary Keirn with a Garrett 2500. Gary was the winner of the main prize at the TCTC booth fund raiser. Jim Lawhon presented Gary Smith with a silver coin won at the Galveston Club fund raiser, and Larry Vickers won a Garrett 1500 at the Garrett booth. Congratulations all!

Find of the Month

We enjoyed viewing and voting for the finds that members had brought in this month. Keep them coming!

Refreshments

Thanks to Roy and Michele for bringing refreshments. Betty Vickers will bring refreshments in June

May Activities

Blackland Prairie Festival

Our club participated in this all day small town festival held on the grounds of the Lutheran church in Lund, TX (outside of Elgin). We set up a booth and fenced off an area for kids to detect. Kids were invited to pick up a detector and search for coins in the grass, after getting basic instruction from a club member.

The festival was a lot of fun. There was food of all kinds, a live band, crafts on display and for sale, a train ride, airplane flying, face painting, pony rides and a 5K walk to benefit animal rescue. The local police also had a drug dog, and the animal rescue group had set up a large play course for dogs.

This church site is quite old, and had an original church building that was destroyed by a tornado. Our club was invited to detect the grounds, and we all took some time to swing our detectors.

Monday Morning Hunt

On Monday May 12th six clubs met at the crack of dawn out at Lakeway Park to detect the park and beach area for our third Monday Morning Hunt. A number of coins were found, bullet shell casings, a ring and an

old decorative fastener. Everyone had a good time and we spent some time comparing notes about detecting and retrieving.

New Members

We did not have any new members join the club in May, but had one member renewal.

AMDC Website

There are new folks regularly posting to our forum. Blaine has been checking the forum and posting responses to questions etc. Everyone is encouraged to go to the Forum and participate, as this generates interest, good PR and even info./potential sites for the club. Our web site is: <http://www.amdconline.com> 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 post or reply in this section, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

Upcoming Events:

June 7 - W.A.C.O. Competition Hunt – Saddletree Ranch, Waco. Details www.texasCouncil.net (at least 5 AMDC members are planning to attend. It is not too late if you would like to join us)

June 18 - 19 – Kerrville Lions Camp volunteer project - **we need volunteers and foreign coins for this project!**

June 18 – **Texas Council of Treasure Clubs Quarterly Meeting** – will be held at the Kerrville Lions Camp at 1:00 in conjunction with our service project at the camp.

June 30 - MONDAY MORNING HUNT – 7:30 a.m. – site to be determined

June 21? – Club Hunt – we are checking on the possibility of the Travis Co. Expo Center – details forthcoming

Sept. 27-28 – Llano Gold Fest

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)

Note from the Editor

Where Oh Where Did They Go? Did you ever wonder what happens to members who join the club, participate, and then just "vanish"? Are they too busy, did the club not meet their needs, or perhaps they tried detecting and it wasn't their bag? We have a number of new members join each year. Like any organization, folks get the most satisfaction when they get involved. Perhaps they were coming just to find out places to detect. Dunno. Please keep the lines of communication open. If there are ways

we can improve the club, let one of the officers know.

Find of the Month – Rank after May Meeting

Frank Vick
 Blaine Nelson
 Rudy Nordmeyer
 Scott Hegel
 Jan Hallez
 Larry Vickers
 Roy Stahl
 Richard Wright
 Ed Newsom
 Michele Pliler
 Jim Lawhon
 Daniel Mireles
 Dennis Gans
 Gary Keirn
 John Chapman
 Art Tiemann
 Susie Mireles
 Jenna Farrell
 Leon Prause
 Andy Waters

May Finds of the Month

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Frank Vick - Buffalo Nickel (No Date)	Frank Vick - 1975 1 Franc – Belgium
Rudy Nordmeyer - Buffalo Nickel (No Date)	Jan Hallez - 1970 5 Shilling – Australia
Blaine Nelson – 1976 Half	Scott Hegel - 1985 100 Peso – Mexico
Scott Hegel - 1968 Quarter	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1968 1 Cent – Canada
Jan Hallez - Bent Dime	Blaine Nelson - 1964 Cinco Centavos – Mexico
John Chapman - 2007 Nickel	Michele Pliler - 1989 1 Cent – Canada
Daniel Mireles – 1941 Cent	Roy Stahl - 1977 10 Pence - Cayman Island
Dennis Gans - 2005D Nickel	Richard Wright - 1985 5 Nickel – Canada
Michele Pliler - 2005 Nickel	
Roy Stahl - 1979 Dollar	Ring
Richard Wright - 1941S Nickel	Blaine Nelson - Men's Silver with Stones
	Jan Hallez - Purple Stone Adjustable
Token	Ed Newsom - Silver with Turquoise
Frank Vick - Bastrop Bears	Frank Vick - Owl Ring

Roy Stahl - Heads I Win/Tails You Lose	Scott Hegel - 6 Ring Silver Cluster Ring
Rudy Nordmeyer - Acme Laundry 25 Cents	Michele Pliier - Bead Ring
Blaine Nelson - Golf & Games - NCV	Roy Stahl - Broken Silver Ring
Richard Wright – HEBuddy	
Scott Hegel - Golf & Games - NCV	Artifact
Jan Hallez – Amazing Jakes	Rudy Nordmeyer - Baby Printing Plate
	Blaine Nelson - Wadsworth Silver Belt Buckle
Jewelry	Scott Hegel - Gasoline Lamp Valve
Blaine Nelson - Cross with Stones	Frank Vick - Brass Harness Buckle
Frank Vick - Cat with Marble Charm	Roy Stahl – Knife
Dennis Gans - Gold Earring with Blue/White Stone	Richard Wright - Square Nail
Rudy Nordmeyer - Silver Stud Earring	Dennis Gans - Metal Strap
Scott Hegel – Cross	
Jan Hallez - Gold tone "J" with Rhinestones	Button
Michele Pliier - Pendant	Jan Hallez - Copper & White Jean Button
Roy Stahl - Pink Earring	Richard Wright - Eagle (Scoville)
Richard Wright – Gold Earring with Green Stone	Dennis Gans – Dockers
	Rudy Nordmeyer – Hawkbrand
Toy	Scott Hegel - Jeweled with Back Loop
Jan Hallez - Metal Die	Frank Vick - Silver Butterfly
Rudy Nordmeyer - 1965 Mustang Hotwheel	Blaine Nelson - 4 Hole
Frank Vick - Bicycle	Roy Stahl - Brass Star
Scott Hegel - Pokemon ID Tags	
Blaine Nelson - Jack	Non-Metal
Roy Stahl - Metal Flower Looking Spinner	Richard Wright - Clam/Oyster Fossil
	Rudy Nordmeyer - Green Cats Eye Marble
Most Unusual	Frank Vick - Game Cube
Scott Hegel - AAA National Award Emblem	Scott Hegel - Glass Bottle Stop
Richard Wright - Plumb Bob	Blaine Nelson - Little Robo Man
Frank Vick - Jewelry Box Key	Jan Hallez – Domino
Jan Hallez - Rubber Teeth	John Chapman – Cat
John Chapman - Air Needle	Michele Pliier - Broken Tile
Dennis Gans - Metal Cylinder	Roy Stahl – Marble
Rudy Nordmeyer - Space Shuttle Pin	Dennis Gans - Rubber Washer
Blaine Nelson - Mexican Coke Cap	
Michele Pliier - Hairclip	Oldest U.S. Cent
Roy Stahl - Lead Weight	Rudy Nordmeyer – 1919
	Richard Wright – 1930
Oldest U.S. Coin	Blaine Nelson - 1951D
Rudy Nordmeyer - 1928 Dime	Frank Vick - 1953D
Frank Vick - 1941 Nickel	Jan Hallez – 1960
Richard Wright - 1956 Dime	Scott Hegel - 1962D
Jan Hallez - 1963D Nickel	Dennis Gans - 1963D
Scott Hegel - 1964 Nickel	Roy Stahl - 1968D
Blaine Nelson - 1965 Quarter	John Chapman – 1982
Dennis Gans - 1965 Quarter	Michele Pliier - 1986D
Roy Stahl - 1968D Dime	
John Chapman - 1979 Quarter	Most Valuable U.S. Coin
	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1962D Quarter
	Roy Stahl - 1941D Dime
	Frank Vick - Buffalo Nickel (No Date)

