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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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5007 Timothy Circle Austin, TX 78734
Membership: \$20.00

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November 2008

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **November 13th** 2008
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Larry Vickers 243 -1831
Vice President – Jim Lawhon 259-1036
Treasurer – Scott Hegel 331-1131
Secretary/Newsletter – Blaine Nelson
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Executive Committee:

Ed & Sherry Newsom
Daniel Mireles
Cecil Herrin
John Chapman
Art Tiemann – 272-8902

Larry's Ramblings:

Larry is not rambling this month – your Secretary is! At this writing Larry, Jim and Daniel are in Tennessee at a relic competition hunt - hopefully finding lots of stuff!

Another year is quickly coming to a close, and we are already making notes on our '09 calendars.

Our club is like most organizations. There are folks who are active and volunteer to keep the wheels turning and others on the periphery, who mainly observe.

Please consider what you can do to become more involved with our club in '09. At coming meetings we will distribute interest/talent sheets and you will have an opportunity to suggest ideas and offer your talents in various areas.

As a member, you will get so much more out of the club when you actively participate. It is the best way to get to know others and share this wonderful hobby.

Reminder from Betty Vickers – Be sure and get you FLU shot!

November Program

Our program this month will focus on **Beach Hunting**. Whether you are a new or experienced detectorist it's hard to resist the lure of the beach! We will outline ideas, tips etc. and share personal experiences of beach hunting efforts.

November Executive Meeting

Officers

Our election of Officers will be held at the November meeting. The following positions/candidates are noted:

President

Vice President – Susie Mireles

Secretary

Treasurer

We will be accepting nominations from the floor, and will also ask for volunteers to serve on the Board.

Club DVD's

Plans are underway to develop both a promotional/informational DVD about Austin Metal Detecting Club, as well as some training DVD's – i.e. how to retrieve. Susie and Blaine will spear head this project.

October Meeting

Program

Chandler Nelson presented a program on making DVD's and showed us examples of two DVD's he made using a digital camera. One featured the Clairmont – the retirement village in which he resides, and another was a humorous collection of cartoons. Chandler walked us through the steps on how he made the DVD's and there was much interest in AMDC developing something similar to promote our club and hobby.

During the break we had refreshments, Find of the Month activity and our monthly fund raiser.

Refreshments

Thanks to Andy Waters for bringing refreshments for the October meeting. Ed Newsom will bring refreshments in November.

New Members

New members who joined the club in October are Ted and Tara Tower from Dripping Springs and Bill and Lynn Fogelsanger from West Columbia (Texas coast). Bill and Lynn are former long time members Welcome Ted and Tara, and welcome back Bill and Lynn!

October Activities

Llano Jail Hunt

Ed Newsom and John Walton participated with Llano Chapter of GPAA in a detecting hunt around the historic jail in down town Llano. According to Ed, "The Llano jail hunt was a qualified success, I guess. We covered most of the jail grounds. Due to a retaining wall being built around the Jail many years ago there was a lot of fill. We found old iron junk, modern coins and modern trash. No old coins were found. Todd (GPAA) found one old button, possibly military. John Walton found the most coins and part of an old toy. I found modern coins, trash and a old key chain complete with a key for a really old car and a key chain fob reading 'L. W. Duncan, Llano, Tx'. The fob also had a Masonic symbol on it. So it was an interesting hunt, not necessarily very productive.

Lone Star Hunt

Larry Vickers, Blaine Nelson and Daniel and Susie Mireles participated in the Lone Star Treasure Hunter's Club competition hunt held in Glen Heights Oct. 18. The hunt was well attended and it was good to greet new and old friends from other clubs around the state and spend the day detecting and visiting. Everyone found a good number of silver coins and many won prizes.

Crafty Ladies

Susie, Betty and Blaine got together for two work sessions to make packets of hand made greeting cards to include in the Christmas dinner club fund raiser. Look for them on the prize table next month!

Monday Morning Hunt

Our Monday Morning Hunt was scheduled for October 20 at Pfluger Park. Blaine was the only hunter who showed up. Let's talk at the meeting about the interest in these hunts.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our annual Christmas dinner and meeting will be on our regular second Thursday meeting night. Details and sign up sheets for food at the November meeting. **Bring items to donate as prizes for the fund raiser drawing held at the dinner. Jim will collect prize items at the meeting Thurs., but you can bring them to the dinner as well. Items can be anything you think others might enjoy.**

AMDC Website

Remember to check our web site often to see what's there! 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> You can register for the Forum, or to get a password for the "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** – If you post items or reply to a posting, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 16 – Houston Club (H.A.R.C.) Competition Hunt – Appfel Park, East Beach – Galveston

Dec. 11 – AMDC Christmas dinner and meeting (see above)

January 17-18 – Gem and Mineral Show – Fredericksburg (AMDC will have booth/hunt)

March 20-22, 2009 – Texas Council of Treasure Clubs Annual Show – Longview, TX.

Newsletter

Are you tired of seeing the same old newsletter? We welcome YOUR input and articles. Do you have anything of interest to report, or a story that the members might enjoy? If so, let Blaine know, and/or send items to her via email.

Look at Your Money!

(Note from the editor)

There is an article in this month's issue of "Lost Treasure" that caught my eye. It talks about the potential treasure that lies in the serial numbers found on paper money. Apparently certain serial numbers or configuration of numbers can be very valuable! They give an example of bills that have "radar" numbers. These would be numbers that read the same forward as they do backward. Example: 35011053. Other numbers are also valuable; repeating numbers where first four digits repeat (i.e. 71777177), "skip" notes, (i.e. 53535353) and the list goes on. So it can pay to look at your money!

Certain coins can also be quite valuable. Key coin dates such as a 1916D Mercury dime can be worth thousands, but even current coins can be worth more than face value. Be on the lookout for "error" coins, such as the Wisconsin quarter that has a batch with extra corn stalk leaves (ask Scott about this one), or the new dollar coins which lack the engraving around the edge. Even a 1931S Wheatie is worth \$50 to over \$100 depending on condition!

Keep your eyes open – it could pay!

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 **OCTOBER** meeting may be entered in the **NOVEMBER** 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.

Rank after October meeting:

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

October Finds

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Blaine Nelson - 1976 Half	Scott Hegel - 1921 20 Centesimo - Italy
Frank Vick - 1971D Half	Frank Vick - 1960 1 Franc - France
Daniel Mireles - 1950 Cent	Andy Waters - 1996 2 Dollar - Canada
Scott Hegel - 2007D John Adams Dollar	Larry Vickers - 1984 Quarter - Canada
Dennis Gans - 1967 Quarter	Blaine Nelson - 1963 Cent - Canada
Leon Prause - 1982 Cent	Jan Hallez - 1972 Cent - Canada
Larry Vickers - 1997 Dime	Ed Newsom - 2007 Dime - Canada
Jan Hallez - 2005D Nickel	
	Ring
Token	Blaine Nelson - 14K White Gold w/Diamonds
Scott Hegel - Stonehenge	Larry Vickers - Silver w/Stones
Frank Vick - PGA Partners Club	Frank Vick - Silver w/Mother of Pearl
Jan Hallez - Boondocks	Scott Hegel - Plated with CZc around Ring
Blaine Nelson - Mr Gatti's	Jan Hallez - Silver w/Stones
	Andy Waters - Silver w/Hieroglyphics
Jewelry	
Jan Hallez - Silver Necklace w/Heart Charm	Artifact
Blaine Nelson - 10K Necklace w/Name "Acosta"	Jan Hallez - Hand Stamped Coin
Larry Vickers - Dog Pendant	Daniel Mireles - Key
Scott Hegel - Jade Pendant	Blaine Nelson - Old Radio Knob
Frank Vick - Sun & Moon Necklace	Larry Vickers - Fence Staple
Daniel Mireles - Earring	Frank Vick - Boat Plug
	Dennis Gans - Pull Tab
Toy	Scott Hegel - Number Wheel
Frank Vick - Tonka Tractor Supply	Leon Prause - Chain
Blaine Nelson - Speed Boat	
	Button
Most Unusual	Frank Vick - Flower
Frank Vick - 6 Levers Metal Piece	Jan Hallez - Large Round w/Light Blue Center
Scott Hegel - Rock with Unusual Stampings	Ed Newsom - Small 1830's
Blaine Nelson - Medical Tag - Bee Sting	Larry Vickers - "S" Snap
Dennis Gans - Fishing Line Float	Scott Hegel - Unionbay Jeans
Larry Vickers - Embrace Your Independence Button	Blaine Nelson - Unionbay
Oldest U.S. Coin	Non-Metal
Frank Vick - 1939 Nickel	Jan Hallez - Rock & Rock Mini Record
Blaine Nelson - 1947 Nickel	Scott Hegel - Marble
Scott Hegel - 1965 Quarter	Frank Vick - Lizard
Dennis Gans - 1966 Dime	Blaine Nelson - Seed Pods
Larry Vickers - 1974D Dime	Larry Vickers - Plastic Top
	Dennis Gans - Rock with Crystals
Most Valuable U.S. Coin	
Blaine Nelson - 1964 Quarter	Oldest U.S. Cent
Ed Newsom - 1905 Cent	Ed Newsom - 1927D
Larry Vickers - 1940 Cent	Frank Vick - 1934D
Frank Vick - 1940S Cent	Scott Hegel - 1946D
	Jan Hallez - 1956D

	Dennis Gans - 1961D
	Larry Vickers - 1963D
	Blaine Nelson - 1964D

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: _____ # _____