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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00

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January 2009

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to the many opportunities of the New Year.

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **January 8th** 2009
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Jim Lawhon 259-1036
Vice President – Susie Mireles
Treasurer – Scott Hegel 331-1131
Secretary/Newsletter – Blaine Nelson
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Executive Committee:

Larry Vickers
Art Tiemann 272-8902
Daniel Mireles, John Chapman
Leon and Mary Prause
Cecil Herrin

Club Dues - 2009 dues are due!

Please bring your dues money to the meeting this month or mail to Scott Hegel, 10200 Grand Oak Dr., Austin, TX 78750
Dues are \$20 again this year.

A Word From Our New President:

As 2009 starts I would like to thank all members for allowing me to fill the position of "President". Larry Vickers left some VERY large shoes to fill and I will try to do my best!

This year I plan on working to get all of our members more involved with AMDC events. If anyone has suggestions on how to increase membership involvement don't hesitate to let any of our Officers know. I would like to invite each of you to encourage your friends or others you meet who are interested in the hobby to attend one of our monthly club meetings.

I would also like to thank in advance our other Officers for their assistance and guidance in 2009. If you are not aware of whom the Officers are; they include:

Susie Mireles - Vice President,
Blaine Nelson- Secretary
Scott Hegel - Treasurer

Jim Lawhon

January Meeting

To start the New Year we have a program that covers both history and competition hunting. Our presenters will be the club members who recently traveled to Tennessee to attend a relic competition hunt and tour the historic Civil War sites. We will hear about the hunt – what it is like - what people found and also learn about the Civil War sites in the area, including Fort Donelson and Shiloh.

The Treasure Hunter of the Year award(s) and the Ambassador of the Year award will be presented, so you won't want to miss this meeting! We will have our displays of finds featuring items found since the November meeting.

Looking Back at 2008

Boy, the year has gone fast! For most of us it has been a good one - and a busy one for AMDC, peppered with club hunts, volunteer projects, participation in the Council Show and social gatherings. Here is just a glimpse of what we accomplished in '08:

- Club Hunts at Galveston Beach, Krause Springs, Travis Co. Expo Center, Camp Ben McCulloch, San Gabriel Park, Llano and Lund
- Six Monday Morning Hunts at Pflugger Park (2), Lakeway Park, Travis Co. Expo Center, Buda City Park and Old Settler's Park
- Service Projects/Community Participation at Kerrville Lion's Camp, Llano Gold Fest and the Blackland Prairie Festival in Lund.
- Social Gathering at Blaine and Frank's and the annual club Christmas dinner at Daniel and Susie's
- Participation at the Texas Council Show in Killeen. We had a record turnout (over 30!) of club members attending and assisting with our club booth at the show.
- Club Programs on Beach Hunting, Stone Carving, Insulators, How to Use Your Detector, Coils, Dowsing, Making DVDs, Western Ghost Towns, Detecting Skills, and Security
- Competition Hunts – members participated in the TCTC satellite hunt, and the Lone Star Club, Cow Town Treasure Club, W.A.C.O. Club and H.A.R.C. (Houston) Club Competition Hunts.
- Attendance at other meetings – various members regularly attend the Archeology Club meetings, have spoken at the Mensa meeting etc.
- Lost and Found – our Search Team has had a successful year in locating lost items for people in the community. We are putting together a book to detail these efforts.

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!

We had another successful club fund raiser thanks to members who brought donated items for this activity. This fund raiser has become a club tradition at the Christmas dinner. Everyone won at least one item, and many had several prizes to take home!

November Meeting

Our November meeting featured a program on **Beach Hunting** presented by Larry Vickers and Blaine Nelson. We had the election of Officers for the coming year, and the following members will serve in 2009:

President – Jim Lawhon

Vice President – Susie Mireles

Secretary – Blaine Nelson

Treasurer – Scott Hegel

Board members will include Larry Vickers, Art Tiemann, John Chapman, Daniel Mireles, Leon and Mary Prause and Cecil Herrin.

Executive Meeting

Our meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 at Luby's cafeteria – 183 and Cameron. Everyone is welcome! We did not meet in January due to the first Thursday being New Year's Day.

Lost and Found Efforts

In December we had two requests for assistance to locate lost wedding rings in people's yards. The first search was conducted by Scott and Blaine on Christmas Eve. The particular ring was lost while the visiting mother in law was raking leaves. We had advised the couple to save the bags of leaves and sure enough – after Scott held the large bags up while Blaine scanned with her detector, we found the ring at the bottom of the third bag.

A second ring was lost by a father throwing a football to his son in the front yard. Larry Vickers and Lee Presley went to search for that ring on New Year's Eve. Larry found the ring off to the side near the neighbor's yard – outside of the area where the owner thought it would be. Congratulations to the search team! We have more success stories to add to the club portfolio.

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:

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

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

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 **NOVEMBER** 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.

November Finds

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Scott Hegel - 1976D Half Dollar	Roy Stahl - 1965 50 Ore - Sweden
Roy Stahl - 1980 Dime (very weathered)	Blaine Nelson - 1979 20 Cents - Hong Kong
Frank Vick - 1957D Cent	Scott Hegel - 2008 1 Lira - Turkey
Dennis Gans - 1979D Quarter	Frank Vick - 2007 1 Peso - Mexico
Jan Hallez - 1967 Quarter	
Blaine Nelson - 1962D Nickel	Ring
Leon Prause - 1974 Cent	Roy Stahl - 2000 Lockhart Class Ring
	Blaine Nelson - 14K Horseshoe with Diamonds
Token	Scott Hegel - 14K Pretend Nugget Ring
Jan Hallez - Play Fair Soccer	Frank Vick - Silver JA Cross
Frank Vick - Watermill Express	Jan Hallez - Prates of the Caribbean
Blaine Nelson - 2002 Chuckie Cheese	
Roy Stahl - Filterfresh Coffee	Artifact
Scott Hegel - Austin Park & Pizza	Mary Prause - Small Bell
	Larry Vickers - Shot Pistol Bullet
Jewelry	Frank Vick - Texas Star Medal
Scott Hegel - Gold Chain and Charm	Scott Hegel - Old Buckle
Roy Stahl - Bracelet with Dangling Gems	Roy Stahl - Alamo Token
Blaine Nelson - 10K Religious Pendant	
Jan Hallez - 14K White Gold Necklace	Button
Frank Vick - Italian Silver Chain (Piece)	Roy Stahl - M & T Button
	Larry Vickers - Flat Civil War
Toy	Scott Hegel - Vigoss Jeans
Scott Hegel - Bulldozer	Jan Hallez - White with Red & Blue Flowers
Frank Vick - Red Corvette	Blaine Nelson - Decorative Swirls
Blaine Nelson - Robot	Frank Vick - C Pink Jeans
Jan Hallez - Cap Gun Hammer	
Roy Stahl - Toy Car Tool	Non-Metal
	Frank Vick - Cow Horn Tip
Most Unusual	Roy Stahl - Spider
Frank Vick - Dragon Head	Scott Hegel - Plastic Cowboy
Blaine Nelson - Diamond Studded False Teeth	Jan Hallez - Top Dog Drink Chip
Scott Hegel - Quick Start Glo Plug Ignitor	Dennis Gans - Roll of Tape
Mary Prause - Dog Tag	Blaine Nelson - Plastic Centipede
Larry Vickers - Horse Bridle Ring	Mark Kubiak - Green Pacifier
Dennis Gans - Fuse	
Jan Hallez - Official Big Brother Pin	Oldest U.S. Cent
Roy Stahl - Carlos O'Brians, Mexico	Blaine Nelson - 191X
	Scott Hegel - 1945
Oldest U.S. Coin	Frank Vick - 1952D
Jan Hallez - 1944P Nickel	Jan Hallez - 1959D

Frank Vick - 1946 Nickel	Roy Stahl - 1976D
Scott Hegel - 1958D Nickel	Dennis Gans - 1982D
Blaine Nelson - 1961D Nickel	
Roy Stahl - 1969S Nickel	Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Dennis Gans - 1975D Dime	Frank Vick - 1957D 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: _____ # _____