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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00

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February 2009

Happy Valentines Day!

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **February 12th** 2009
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Jim Lawhon 259-1036
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Betty 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.

February Meeting

A Word From Our Pres:

You can feel the hint of spring in the air and soon it will be prime time to swing our detectors!

We have some good hunts and activities coming up and I hope that each of you will participate in the many opportunities our club has to offer. We are a friendly group of folks and you can make a lot of new friends by coming to meetings, working on projects and detecting together!

See you at the meeting!

Jim Lawhon

This month's program will feature guest speaker Steven Hoyt of the Texas Historical Commission. Mr. Hoyt will share information on "Under Water Archeology". This should be a MOST interesting program, so please plan to attend.

Following the program we will have our "Find of the Month" competition featuring items found since the January meeting, and share information about a special upcoming club hunt. Susie Mireles will be taking pictures of members for our booth at the show (more info. below). Larry and Betty Vickers are bringing snacks.

January Meeting:

The January program was presented by Jim Lawhon, Daniel and Susie Mireles, and Larry Vickers – club members who recently traveled to Tennessee to attend a relic competition hunt and tour of the historic Civil War sites of Fort Donelson and Shiloh. En route Jim and Larry stopped in Arkansas to hunt for crystals. Jim brought in some awesome crystals he dug at the crystal mine. One was HUGE! He and Larry said that everyone had a great time digging for crystals, and the site was particularly good – everyone found plenty. Susie and Daniel shared information and pictures from Fort Donelson and gave some history and observations of the sites. We discussed holding a club outing to the crystal dig.

Scott presented the Treasure Hunter of the Year award(s) to those who entered the Find of the Month competition this year. The TH of the Year Award went to Frank Vick. Frank received a plaque and a silver dollar. Second place went to Blaine Nelson, who received a silver round. Third place went to Scott Hegel, who received a silver half. Jan Hallez and Larry Vickers came in 4th and 5th place and received silver quarters. Other entrants received silver dimes. Good job everyone!

Past President Larry Vickers presented the Ambassador of the Year award to Susie Mireles. Susie received a plaque for all her efforts and involvement with the club last year. Congratulations Susie!

Executive Meeting

We had a good turnout at our first Executive meeting of '09 - we did not meet last month since it fell on New Year's Day. **Note: We agreed to have the March Board meeting at Waterloo Ice House - 8600 Burnet Rd.** The meeting will be at the regular time of 6:00, and all are invited.

Programs

John Chapman, Program Chair has arranged for our speaker for February. We discussed other ideas for upcoming programs. Art has a coin dealer in Georgetown who might come and talk, and is willing to purchase old coins from members who might want to sell. Scott is also going to check with a possible speaker who does long range detecting.

Hunts

Jim has received permission from the Texas Parks and Wildlife for our club to hunt the huge Expo parking lot. This will be a **member only** club hunt on Sat. Feb. 14th and Sun. Feb 15th. If you haven't paid your dues for 09, be sure and do so and join in this member hunt. Jim says the parking lot is 15-17 acres of grass and cars have been parking there for years. No one has detected there, so who knows what treasures are lurking. More details at the meeting and in upcoming email.

Interest Groups

John suggested we break up into interest groups at an upcoming meeting to discuss detecting tips. We might have "Coin Hunting", "Relic Hunting" "Water Hunting" and "Research/Permission". An experienced member will facilitate each group. We will discuss at the meeting.

TCTC Show

We discussed plans for our AMDC booth - see paragraph below. In order to promote club member attendance at the show, we agreed that AMDC will cover the show entry fee for all club members who attend.

Christmas Dinner

Daniel and Susie have reserved their club house for our 2009 Christmas dinner, which will fall on December 10th. Mark your calendars!

TCTC Show

Daniel and Susie Mireles, and Leon and Mary Prause are taking charge of our AMDC booth for the upcoming Treasure Show March 21-22 in Longview. The focus of our booth will be on our MEMBERS. Susie will be taking pictures of club members at both the February and the March meetings. If you had your picture taken last year, you can keep that one or have another taken to replace it.

We hope that many of you will be able to come up to the Show this year and help with our booth. We need persons to come early (Friday) to help set things up, work the booth during the show, and help take things down on Sunday. Our club will cover the entry fee for any of our current members who attend the show.

Crystal Hunting Trip

There is interest in the club taking a trip to Ron Coleman Crystal Mines outside of Hot Springs, Ark. We will discuss at the meeting to determine who might like to go, and look at possible dates.

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:

Feb. 14th and 15th – AMDC Member Only Club Hunt (details at meeting and in upcoming email)

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 **JANUARY** meeting may be entered in the **FEBRUARY** 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.

January Finds

U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin
Scott Hegel - Buffalo Nickel (no date)		Frank Vick - 1982 10 Cents - Cayman Isl
Frank Vick - 1953D Cent		Blaine Nelson - 1997 Dollar - Singapore
Daniel Mireles - 1984 Quarter		Jan Hallez - 1971 25 Cent - Nederlandse
Blaine Nelson - 1963D Nickel		Scott Hegel - 2002 20 Cent - Euro
Jan Hallez - James Monroe Dollar		
Dennis Gans - 1967 Quarter		
Token		Ring
Daniel Mireles - Hill Country Resort - NCV		Blaine Nelson - 14K Men's Band
Frank Vick - Freedom - NCV		Jan Hallez - Silver with 5 Turquoise Ston
Blaine Nelson - Good Luck - NCV		Scott Hegel - Silver JA Band
Jan Hallez - Denver Rodeo		Frank Vick - Silver with 3 Chips
Scott Hegel - Six Flags Scooby Doo		
Jewelry		Artifact
Frank Vick - Mickey Mouse Charm		Frank Vick - Bronze Star Pendant
Blaine Nelson - Silver Link Bracelet		John Chapman - Harness Ring
Daniel Mireles - Earring		Daniel Mireles - Set of Keys
Scott Hegel - Pair of Happy Face Earrings		Scott Hegel - Old Fuse
		Dennis Gans - Nut
Toy		
Frank Vick - Crashed Helicopter		Button
Blaine Nelson - Fighter Plane		Scott Hegel - 2 Piece with Star
Jan Hallez - Batman Car		Blaine Nelson - Decorative
Scott Hegel - Matchbox Concrete Truck		Frank Vick - Waterbury
		Jan Hallez - Levi
Most Unusual		Dennis Gans - Calvin Klein
Blaine Nelson - Elephant Earring		
Scott Hegel - Play Teeth		Non-Metal
Jan Hallez - Dodge Ram Emblem		Scott Hegel - Dragon Ring
John Chapman - Gun Hammer		Daniel Mireles - Part of a Dollar Bill
Frank Vick - Trumpet Key		Frank Vick - Plastic Dime
Dennis Gans - Jingle Bell		John Chapman - Tiger
		Blaine Nelson - Fall Berries
Oldest U.S. Coin		Jan Hallez - Clear Glass Stone
Scott Hegel - 1920D Dime		Dennis Gans - Plastic Cap
Frank Vick - 1939 Nickel		
Jan Hallez - 1946 Nickel		Oldest U.S. Cent
Blaine Nelson - 1963D Nickel		Scott Hegel - 1917
Dennis Gans - 1964D Nickel		Frank Vick - 1948D
John Chapman - 1987D Quarter		Jan Hallez - 1962D

		John Chapman - 1964D
Most Valuable U.S. Coin		Dennis Gans - 1964D
Scott Hegel - 1935D Cent		Blaine Nelson - 1972D

Rank after January Find of the
Month

Scott Hegel
Frank Vick
Blaine Nelson
Jan Hallez
Daniel Mireles
Dennis Gans
John Chapman

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: _____ # _____