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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00

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July 2009

Happy 4th of July!!

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **July 9th** 2009
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room – M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Jim Lawhon 259 -1036
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Daniel and Susie Mireles, John
Chapman, Leon and Mary Prause
Cecil Herrin

A Word From Our Pres:

"Is it HOT, or what!!!?? Boy – 105 degrees and no end in sight. Even the most determined detectorists get pooped (hot) by 9:00 a.m! Maybe Mother Nature is telling us, that being out is not the wisest thing to do at this time of year in Texas. Please be very careful if you do go out, it's not worth the risk of getting heat stroke, severe sunburn etc.

To combat the heat, AMDC is having a pot luck and Social at Blaine and Frank's on Aug. 30th. Come out and get to know the members you see at the meetings! (Details in upcoming newsletter) It will be FUN!

Jim Lawhon

Congratulations!

**Grandpa Scott for birth of Grandson
Porter Will born on n June 20th.**

July Meeting

This month we have a special treat - viewing two DVD's produced by member Leon Prause. The first is a DVD of the TCTC show in Longview, and the second is of the recent Satellite Hunt in Waco. Thank you Leon for your expertise and for sharing with us!

We will resume the Find of the Month competition in July, so bring you FINDS – anything you have found since the May meeting. Even if you are a new member or have never participated, please bring your items to show and enter. It is fun, and the more we have – the more interesting it is!

Daniel and Susie Mireles will bring refreshments for this meeting.

Executive Meetings

The August Board meeting will be at **Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290** on Thursday, August 6th. All are welcome to come join us, eat and participate. Come early to eat, the meeting starts at 6:30.

July Meeting - Items discussed included ideas for programs, club activities and plans to rejuvenate our effort to open Travis Co. Parks to detecting. Jim also has petitions we can sign and take to obtain signatures for metal detecting in pre-disturbed public areas of the Texas State Parks. These will be available at the meeting. Scott will check with Travis Co. Expo. Center to obtain permission for the club to hunt July 11th and 12th.

Club Activities

Club Hunt:

About 7 members came out to hunt at the Expo Center for the last hunt following the ROT Rally (motorcycle) gathering. There were many items found – lots of coins, rings, memorabilia etc. Susie and Blaine hope to make a club display featuring the Bandido finds, as they were detecting at the Bandido camp. It is also a note that club members picked up a lot of trash and did a good deed! Thanks to Scott for arranging this hunt, and for keeping communications open with the Expo Center. This is a wonderful site to detect, as it is HUGE and has many camping sites which may have not been detected for years.

AMDC Website

We would like to improve the web site and make it more user friendly. If you have any ideas, let one of the Officers/Board members know. We would like to have Cecil (our web master) come to a meeting to share ideas and take input from the group.

Lost and Found

There have been two requests to search for lost items that came through the web site. The first was for assistance to locate a ring that was lost over the edge of a house boat on Lake Travis. We were not able to personally assist with this one, as it was in deep water. A second request is to locate a ring lost in a back yard. Larry will assist with this one, as it is near his home in Buda.

Club Members Featured in Magazine

Art and Blaine are featured in the July/August edition of "Countryside & Small Stock Journal" Magazine. There is an article promoting the hobby of metal detecting, types of detecting, how to select a machine and the importance of seeking permission to detect sites. Art and Blaine provided information to the staff writer and AMDC is mentioned in the article. We will make copies of the article to share and put in the club scrap book.

Christmas Dinner

Our Annual Meeting and Dinner is set for Thursday, December 10th at Daniel and Susie's Club House.

Please begin collecting items you would like to contribute to the Fund Raiser! Bring your offerings to a meeting and Jim will take them off your hands. Every year we have a lot of fun with this activity, and it is our best fund raiser of the year. You can donate a variety of items – new or slightly used – it does not have to be related to metal detecting. Popular items include house wares, decorations, tools, coins, etc.

Upcoming Events:

July 11th and 12th – Club Hunt – Travis Co. Expo. Center (will be confirmed)

August 30th – Club Social and Potluck – Frank and Blaine's – 4:00 P.M.

October 6th – Cow Town Competition Hunt – Lake Worth

Oct. ?? – Lone Star Competition Hunt – Glenn Heights (Dallas)

October 25th – HARC (Houston Club) Competition Hunt - Galveston

March 12-14, 2010 – 25th Annual Texas Treasure Show – Longview. [Mark your calendars now!](#)

FOR SALE

Fisher F-5 and Fisher F-70. See Larry Vickers at the meeting for good price on these detectors. Larry also has a couple of Garrett pro-pointers for sale.

[Note – if you have any metal detecting related items to sell, we can list your items in this section.](#)

Member Tips for July

This section will include tips, ideas etc. from members. Please email your tips to me (Blaine) at Punkin4048@aol.com , or give to any of the Officers. So far we have not had much response for this section. Members must have a wealth of tips - things you've learned, read, experienced – or things to alert us NOT to do! In order to keep this section alive, as Secretary and Newsletter writer, I will seek out tips from other clubs and web sites to include if I don't receive enough from our club members.

- **Where to Detect?** – This is probably the most burning question we all have! Where or where can we go detecting??? OK. Here are a few ideas to keep you hopping!
 - (1.) Check alongside boat ramps. Whether you have a water detector or not, there are frequently many coins, knives, rings etc. lost as folks are launching and retrieving their boats. Check along side the ramp as it goes down, and even on shore. A kid came up to me and said he saw a gold ring in the water at the boat launch!
 - (2.) Detect around your motel/cabin. If you travel, detecting on the grounds of your motel/cabin can produce many treasures! If you have the opportunity and time to choose - select older units to stay in when you travel. I have located Barber dimes and turn of the century coins at these older motel sites, as they often have never been detected!
 - (3.) Be visual. We can't detect at Travis County Parks or LCRA parks, but we can visually scan for treasure! If you are at the water's edge, look for dark circles. Both coins and silver rings look black in the water. You can also find paper money and items to turn in i.e. lost keys that fall out of swim trunks! Pick up trash and dangerous items as you go. Everything positive we do helps us promote the hobby and show that we really are "good guys!"

These are just a few ideas. If you have any to add, please send them in and we will include them in the upcoming Newsletter(s)!

July Finds

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Frank Vick - 1935 Nickel	Scott Hegel - 1971 Un Peso - Mexico
Jan Hallez - 1962 Quarter	Blaine Nelson - 1967 Centimes - France
Dennis Gans - 1967 Quarter	Frank Vick - 1979 Cent - Canada
Daniel Mireles - 1940 Cent	Daniel Mireles - 1987 Cent - Canada
Scott Hegel - 1946 Cent	
Blaine Nelson - 1979 Dollar	Ring
Leon Prause - 1981 Quarter	Scott Hegel - JA Silver with Cross
Mary Prause - 1974D Cent	Blaine Nelson - 14K Horse Head Nugget Ring
Susie Mireles - 1995D Dime	Jan Hallez - Gold Tone missing Stone
Ed Newsom - 1938 Nickel	Frank Vick - Mood Ring
Token	Artifact
Daniel Mireles - 1991 Mardi Gras Doubloon	Susie Mireles - Horseshoe
Blaine Nelson - Florida Pool Products	Scott Hegel - Bird's Barber Shop
Jan Hallez - Casa Bonita (NCV)	Blaine Nelson - Mickey Mouse Watch Face
Scott Hegel - Foremost Insurance Gp - Poker Chip	Frank Vick - Railroad Spike
Frank Vick - Eagle (NCV)	Dennis Gans - 1/4" Malco Socket
	Daniel Mireles - Flashlight
Jewelry	Ed Newsom - Pocket Watch Case
Blaine Nelson - Platinum Edge Watch	Mary Prause - Master Lock
Jan Hallez - Silver Tone Heart Charm (Religious)	
Frank Vick - Key Charm	Button
Daniel Mireles - Bracelet	Jan Hallez - Jeweled with Clear Stones
Ed Newsom - Little League Pin	Frank Vick - Raiders Jean
Scott Hegel - Anne Klein II Watch	Scott Hegel - Large 4 Hole
Mary Prause - Pink Barette	Blaine Nelson - Rewind Snap
Toy	Non-Metal
Dick Nelson - Airplane	Blaine Nelson - \$70.00 Cash (50 & 20)
Ed Newsom - SR71 Blackbird	Ed Newsom - Insulator
Blaine Nelson - Black Race Car	Susie Mireles - Applause Tag
Frank Vick - Land Rover	Daniel Mireles - Plastic Pendant
Jan Hallez - Hotwheel Phantom Racer (Yellow & Black)	Scott Hegel - OK Plastic Hand
Scott Hegel - Toy Bracelet	Jan Hallez - Country Time Lemonade Packet
	Leon Prause - Game Piece
Most Unusual	Mary Prause - Mardi Gras Beads
Ed Newsom - Klingon Warship	Frank Vick - Little Green Man
Scott Hegel - Heart Charm with Bullet Hole	Dennis Gans - Golf Ball
Frank Vick - Majic Trick Nickel	
Dennis Gans - Piece of Metal	Oldest U.S. Cent
Susie Mireles - Knob	Ed Newsom - 1925
Daniel Mireles - Piece of Copper	Scott Hegel - 1945D

Blaine Nelson - JA Silver Dove Ring	Jan Hallez - 1956D
Jan Hallez - Cub Scout Neckerchief Slide	Blaine Nelson - 1960D
Mary Prause - "Sound Stream" Emblem	Frank Vick - 1961D
	Mary Prause - 1964
Oldest U.S. Coin	Dennis Gans - 1967
Frank Vick - 1929 Nickel	Susie Mireles - 1981D
Jan Hallez - 1947D Nickel	Leon Prause - 1982D
Scott Hegel - 1964 Nickel	
Blaine Nelson - 1964 Nickel	Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Leon Prause - 1964 Nickel	Jan Hallez - 1945 Quarter
Dennis Gans - 1967 Dime	Blaine Nelson - 1967 Half
Mary Prause - 1974 Quarter	Frank Vick - 1945D Nickel
Susie Mireles - 1992 Quarter	Scott Hegel - 1941 Cent

Rank after May Meeting

Scott Hegel
 Frank Vick
 Blaine
 Nelson
 Jan Hallez
 Daniel
 Mireles
 Ed Newsom
 Larry Vickers
 Dennis Gans
 Jim Lawhon
 Mary Prause
 Susie
 Mireles
 Leon Prause
 Dick Nelson
 John
 Chapman
 Roy Stahl

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: _____ # _____