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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00  
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June 2010

### AMDC Search Team Featured in Lost Treasure Magazine! (details inside)

#### **Meeting Information:**

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca  
Date – **June 10<sup>th</sup>** 2010  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Time - **7:00 pm**  
Room M 103/104

#### **Officers:**

President – Susie Mireles – 989-1134  
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#### **Executive Committee:**

Betty Vickers, Art Tiemann 272-8902  
Richard Wright, John Chapman,  
Lee Presley, Leon and Mary Prause,  
Cecil Herrin

#### **President's Corner:**

Greetings!

Well, looks like summer has arrived since it's only comfortable to detect until about 9 am! Please take extra care out in this heat! Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!!

Our club had an opportunity to visit a home site in Florence and it was a beautiful morning out there! I don't remember the last time we had so many people show up! There were some fun finds and fun time for all!! I hope we can get to do more of these kinds of gatherings.

We are off to Kerrville this week to the Texas Lion's Camp. I have to admit those are two of my favorite days of the year! It is always fun and even the heat always seems bearable when those smiling faces show up!! If you haven't been there with us, please give it some thought and maybe you can join in on the fun!!

*Susie Mireles*

**June Meeting**

Our program this month will be on “Weather”. Our guest speaker is Paul Yura from the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.) He will discuss some of the new studies on lightening, among other things. This should be a most interesting program.

Following the program we’ll have our “Find of the Month” competition, 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!

## **May Club Activities**

### **Club Hunt at Old Home Site in Florence – May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Thanks to Jim Lawhon for locating and obtaining permission for us to hunt an old home site in down town Florence! We had a large turnout for this hunt, and a number of interesting items were found. An old bottle, a wheatie, a rose button and ring were found, although old coins we hoped would surface were not found.



Larry, Jim and Andy taking a break



Richard found a treasure!



Betty, Susie, Mary and Leon enjoying the morning.



Scott's Finds

### **TCTC Satellite Hunt – Brownwood – May 15th**

A number of club members trekked to Brownwood to attend the Texas Council Satellite Competition Hunt. A good time was had by all, and these hunts are always a good time to meet and visit with other detecting friends from around the state.

### **Club Featured in Lost Treasure Magazine!**

The July issue of "Lost Treasure" features the Austin Metal Detecting Club's search team. Five photos are included showing success stories of recovered jewelry. A copy should be available to pass around at the meeting.

## **Executive Meetings**

The July Board meeting will be at **Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290** on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome to come join us, eat and participate. Come early to eat, the meeting starts at 6:00.

## **June Board Meeting**

Thanks to Richard Wright for taking notes at the meeting!

Items discussed included:

- Recap of the Florence hunt
- Need to get a storage unit, or portable building to store club items that are currently in a number of member homes/garages
- Kerrville Lions Camp – we still need foreign coins to plant for the children
- Llano event in September. Larry is lobbying for a banner and the Chamber would put it up for free
- Possibility of holding a TCTC Satellite Hunt in Austin
- Club Fund Raiser, Garage Sale or Swap meet (Daniel and Susie's Club House?)

## **Search Team Efforts**

We had a request from a pastor at Woodlawn to search for a class ring that was recently lost. Larry went out to search, and the ring was not found. It did not appear that the ring was still in the area, or lost in the area described.

Scott went out to search for a ring lost off a deck, when the owner was throwing a tub of water out. Both the owner and members from her church group looked for several hours for the ring, but did not find it. Scott was able to locate the ring in an area on the other side of the deck, in ground cover. Way to go Scott!

## **Member Tips**

This is the section where we list tips and ideas that members want to share. They can either be things from personal experience, or things you have found on line for from another hobbyist. Send in your tips to Blaine at [Punkin4048@aol.com](mailto:Punkin4048@aol.com)

This month Blaine Nelson submitted a tip to share:

### **June Tip:**

Where are some good places to find RINGS?? Probably the best chance of finding a ring – and a good one, is in the water. Rings tend to fly off when people are splashing and swimming, and sun screen makes fingers slippery. Since the swimmer may not know when they lost the ring, and they are often hard to see at the bottom, many go unfound.

On the beaches and around swimming pools can also produce jewelry, since swimmers often take off their jewelry before going in the water, and then forget about it, or it drops out of a towel, etc.

Think about the many places where people are throwing things. Frisbee's to dogs, basketballs,

volley balls, etc. Rings fly off, often unbeknownst to the thrower. Dog parks might be a good hunting ground.

It is always good karma to attempt to locate the owner of any jewelry you find. It is often easy to track down the owner of a found Class Ring – by contacting the school, the ring company, or post on Class Ring Lost and Found. Other rings may have engraving, or have been reported lost at the location.

## **Upcoming Events**

**June 9, 10** – Kerrville Lions Camp service project for special needs children

**June 19, 20** – Club Hunt at Travis Co. Expo. Center - 8:00 a.m. – Noon both days

**March 18-20, 2011** – TCTC 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Show – Conroe, TX

## **Bring to Meeting:**

To any meeting you may bring:

- Foreign coins to donate to the Lions Camp hunts for kids
- Your old batteries – we have a box and will recycle them for you
- Items you want to put on the fund raiser table
- Pull tabs - we donate to charity

## **Newsletter**

We welcome your contributions to the newsletter and/or any ideas for improvements.

## **May Finds**

	<b>U.S. Coin</b>		<b>Foreign Coin</b>
1	Scott Hegel - 1910 V Nickel	1	Scott Hegel - Large Chinese Cash Coin
2	Ed Newsom - 1916 Dime	2	Larry Vickers - 1906 10 Peso - Mexico
3	Larry Vickers - 1905 V Nickel	3	Jack Ball - 1975 2 Pence - England
3	Jack Ball - 2008 Dollar - Andrew Jackson		Jan Hallez - 1997 \$2 - Australia
	Blaine Nelson - 2010 Dollar - Millard Fillmore		Richard Wright - 1973 20 Centavos - Mexico
	Jan Hallez - Rolled Cent - Butterfly Pavilion		Blaine Nelson - 1994 - 50 Cents - Mexico
	Jim Lawhon - Buffalo Nickel (No Date)		
	Leon Prause - 1985D Nickel		<b>Ring</b>
	Dennis Gans - 1966 Dime	1	Jack Ball - 298 Bowling Award
	Richard Wright - 1936 Nickel	2	Scott Hegel - Silver with Clear Stone
	Scott Mathews - 1973 Quarter	3	Richard Wright - 14K with Onyx Stone
			Jim Lawhon - Flower with Diamonds
	<b>Token</b>		Roy Stahl - Gold Heart
1	Jack Ball - Gateway 26 N Wildwood, NJ		Blaine Nelson - Mood

2	Scott Hegel - \$1 Gulf Mercantile Token		Scott Mathews - Black Enamel
3	Scott Mathews - Freedom - NCV		
	Blaine Nelson - Main Event		<b>Artifact</b>
	Jan Hallez - Dixon Car Wash	1	Leon Prause - Chevrolet Emblem
		2	Jim Lawhon - Compact
	<b>Jewelry</b>	2	Roy Stahl - Fishing Weight
1	Jim Lawhon - 14K Anchor with Jesus Christ	3	Blaine Nelson - Merry Widows Condom Tin
2	Daniel Mireles - Earring	3	Larry Vickers - Baby Spoon
3	Scott Hegel - 9K Brooklyn Watch Co - Watch Cover		Scott Hegel - Dodge Brothers Radiator Cap Ornament
3	Blaine Nelson - 18K Gold Earring		Jan Hallez - Timer/Watch
3	Larry Vickers - Silver Earring		Jack Ball - Belt Buckle
3	Jack Ball - Cross Pendant		Dennis Gans - Metal Clip
	Jan Hallez - Sparkly Clip-on Earring		Ed Newsom - Square Pull Tab
	Richard Wright - Heart Pendant		Scott Mathews - Bullet
	Roy Stahl - Earring		
	Scott Mathews - Earring		<b>Button</b>
		1	Jan Hallez - Charlie Rocket
	<b>Toy</b>	1	Larry Vickers - Eagle
1	Richard Wright - Tiny Soldier	1	Michele Stahl - Flower
2	Blaine Nelson - Dinoco Car	2	Scott Hegel - Wild Cat
2	Jan Hallez - Silver Corvette	2	Blaine Nelson - Sparkly
3	Scott Hegel - Elephant	2	Jack Ball - American Eagle Co
3	Jack Ball - Yellow Car	3	Ed Newsom - Denim Republic
	Larry Vickers - Pink Bracelet		Jim Lawhon - Dickies
	Scott Mathews - Motorcycle Part		Roy Stahl - 4 Hole
			Scott Mathews - Union Bay
	<b>Most Unusual</b>		
1	Leon Prause - Figurine		<b>Non-Metal</b>
2	Larry Vickers - Metal Wire Nut	1	Scott Hegel - Small Medicine Bottle
2	Daniel Mireles - Irish Button	2	Larry Vickers - Porcelain Ballerina Top
3	Jim Lawhon - Jeweled Cat Head	2	Jack Ball - Leather Bracelet
3	Jack Ball - Swiss Army Knife	3	Michele Stahl - Smooth Stone
3	Dennis Gans - Metal Drinking Container		Jan Hallez - Guitar Bubble Juice
3	Richard Wright - Vietnam Paper Money		Scott Mathews - Bubble Maker
3	Scott Mathews - Peace Bracelet		Blaine Nelson - Dollar Bill
	Scott Hegel - Silver Woodman of the World Emblem		Ed Newsom - Half Arrowhead
	Blaine Nelson - JA Bible Charm		
	Jan Hallez - Headless Skeleton		<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>
		1	Richard Wright - 1897
	<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>	2	Scott Hegel - 1898
1	Jim Lawhon - 188x Nickel	3	Larry Vickers - 1910
2	Scott Hegel - 1903 Nickel		Jim Lawhon - 1920S
3	Larry Vickers - 1904 Nickel		Blaine Nelson - 1944D
	Jack Ball - 1953D Nickel		Jack Ball - 1945S
	Jan Hallez - 1961D Nickel		Daniel Mireles - 1950S
	Blaine Nelson - 1964 Nickel		Jan Hallez - 1960D
	Dennis Gans - 1965 Quarter		Scott Mathews - 1961D
	Scott Mathews - 1966 Dime		Dennis Gans - 1969D
			Leon Prause - 1973

	<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>		
1	Larry Vickers - 1913S Cent		<b>Display</b>
2	Scott Hegel - 1926D Nickel	1	Scott Hegel
3	Jim Lawhon - 1925 Quarter	2	Larry Vickers
	Jack Ball - 1938D Cent	3	Jim Lawhon
	Blaine Nelson - 1939 Cent		Blaine Nelson
			Richard Wright
			Jack Ball
			Scott Mathews

## Ranking after May Meeting

Scott Hegel  
 Blaine Nelson  
 Jack Ball  
 Jan Hallez  
 Scott  
 Matthews  
 Daniel Mireles  
 Rudy  
 Nordmeyer  
 Jim Lawhon  
 Larry Vickers  
 Richard Wright  
 Ed Newsom  
 Dennis Gans  
 John  
 Chapman  
 Leon Prause  
 Mary Prause  
 Michele Stahl  
 Roy Stahl  
 Susie Mireles

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: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

DISPLAY: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_





