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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00
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September 2010

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **September 9th** 2010
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room M 103/104

Officers:

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President's Corner:

Greetings!

It seems like maybe fall will arrive sometime. As the weather cools I hope we can get out more to see what we can find. There are a lot of opportunities for competition hunters as well all over the state in the next couple of months.

Last month Blaine and Frank hosted our club social and it was fun as always. It was nice to sit and visit with club members and families that came. It was also nice to see Lake Travis full again. Thank you Blaine and Frank!

Austin's big event is Sept 25-26 in Llano. We have a booth to take care of for 2 days as well as a competition hunt on Sunday. I hope if you haven't already, that you can make plans to join us! Llano is always a fun time with all the activities and visiting with friends. Our club has not hosted a competition hunt in a long time so this will be a new experience for a lot of us! Please come join in the fun and lend a hand to make it a success. This is your club and we need you to make it great!!

Happy Hunting!

Susie Mireles

September Meeting

This month our program will feature a “show and tell” of a variety of detectors. Some of our Board Members will demonstrate the use of their detectors, including the new Garrett 350, the Fisher F5, the White’s MXT, Garrett 250, Tesoro Cortez and Golden Umax, and Bounty Hunter Quick Draw II. This will be a good time to learn about the different makes, models and features of machines, ask questions, and try them out on test targets.

Following the program we’ll have our “Find of the Month” competition, so bring you FINDS – anything you have found since the AUGUST 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!

Blaine will bring refreshments this month.

Note: There will be a Bible Study class meeting across the hall from our AMDC meeting, so let’s be mindful and keep the noise down as we come in/out.

WELCOME – Tom Leining new member who joined last month. Tom is from Wimberley. Please welcome Tom to AMDC.

Executive Meetings

The October Board meeting will be at **Bill Miller’s Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290** on Thursday, October 7th. All are welcome to come join us, eat and participate. Come early to eat, the meeting starts at 6:00.

September Board Meeting

Items discussed included:

- Plans for upcoming programs and club activities. We agreed to present a program on detectors for the September meeting. Jim has some potential speakers for future meetings and will contact.
- Our AMDC web site was compromised, and the web master will be changing hosts. It should be up and running again soon. Blaine will be the contact with the web master for AMDC, and Susie for the Texas Council.
- Llano event in September. AMDC will participate and have a booth and hold a Fun Hunt. The dates are Sept. 25 and 26, with set up on Friday. We need volunteers and will have signup sheets at the next meetings.
- Our club is sponsoring a Competition Hunt at the Llano event on Sunday. We need 2-3 people to run the hunt, as well as members to man our booth simultaneously.
- There is a new club in Smithville – Lost Pines Treasure Club, and they have asked if one or more of our members would be willing to speak at their meeting. Jim will contact and set something up.

Search Team Efforts

This month we had two requests to search for lost items:

The first was a lost men's wedding band in the back yard, here in Austin. , Larry and Scott and Blaine searched for the ring on August 28th. After an hour and a half, Blaine located the ring in the next door neighbor's yard. The owner of the club made a donation to our club

The second request was to locate a lost, custom 14K ring with rubies in the owner's back yard in Denver. Blaine and sister Jan (from Aurora, CO.) searched the entire yard but came up empty handed. The owner thinks that the ring could possibly have been thrown out with the recycle papers. The owner makes a lot of beautiful custom jewelry, and showed Blaine and Jan her works of art!

Club Social

We had a great turn out for our annual club social and pot luck at Frank and Blaine's on August 8th. Since it is virtually too hot to go detecting, the social is a time to visit, get better acquainted with both new and old members and enjoy good food. Below are some pictures!



Dennis, Mary, Mike, Chandler (seated), Daniel, Jill



Mary and Scott



Bob and Larry



Daniel and Jill



Bob, Betty and Mary



Scott, Bob, Betty and Mary



Betty, Carrie (foreground), Victoria and Susie

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

This month's tip is submitted by Jan Hallez.

September Tip:

I was teaching a new person how to detect, and noticed that she swung the detector like a pendulum, with the coil going up in the air, to and fro. This is a common practice for beginners. It takes practice and a conscious effort to swing the coil level to the ground – close to the surface, but not touching it. Naturally, when the coil goes up in the air, it cannot detect targets. It also seems that when detectorists get tired or in a hurry (as in competition hunts) they also resort to swing the coil up in the air. Just something to be aware of.

Upcoming Events

September 11 – Club Hunt at Camp Ben McCulloch (8:00 a.m. til ?)

September 25 - 26 – Outdoor Expo in Llano, both days. Competition Hunt on Sunday

October 2 (Saturday) – Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club Competition Hunt, Lake Worth

October 16 (Saturday) – Lone Star Treasure Club Competition Hunt – Irving

October 24 (Sunday) - H.A.R.C. Competition Hunt – Stewart Beach, Galvestonf

December 9 (Thursday) AMDC Annual Christmas Dinner – Daniel & Susie's club house

March 18-20, 2011 – TCTC 26th Annual Treasure Show – Conroe, TX

For more information about the Competition Hunts, see the Texas Council web site:

www.texasCouncil.net

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

Put On Your Thinking Caps

We are always looking for new places to hold Club Hunts. They can be public property (if allowed) or private property with permission. The area does not necessarily have to be right in Austin, as long as the club can make a day trip.

We also would love your ideas for programs. Be thinking of topics and potential speakers.

August Finds

	Display		U.S. Coin
1	Scott Hegel	1	Daniel Mireles - 1941 Cent
2	Blaine Nelson	2	Blaine Nelson - 1945P Nickel
3	Larry Vickers	3	Ed Newsom - 1943D Nickel
			Scott Hegel - 2000D Dollar
			Larry Vickers - 2010D Cent
	Foreign Coin		
1	Blaine Nelson - 1913 Penny - England		Jan Hallez - 1965 Quarter
2	Scott Hegel - 1948 Shilling - England		Dennis Gans - 1967 Quarter
2	Jan Hallez - 1987 5 Bolivares - Venezuela		
2	Daniel Mireles - 1964 Cent - Canada		
		1	Token Scott Hegel - National Instruments Token
	Ring		
1	Blaine Nelson - Silver JA Heart with 18K Pistils		Jewelry
2	Scott Hegel - Silver Heart Ring	1	Scott Hegel - Tiffany "Bean" Necklace
3	Larry Vickers - Silver	2	Blaine Nelson - Silver Link Bracelet
		3	Jan Hallez - Charm Necklace
	Artifact		Daniel Mireles - Earring
1	Blaine Nelson - Worn Quarter		Larry Vickers - Earring
2	Dennis Gans - Saw Blade		
3	Larry Vickers - Fishing Weight		Toy
3	Jan Hallez - Old Pin	1	Blaine Nelson - Purple Race Car
	Scott Hegel - Ball Bearings	2	Scott Hegel - Snow Patrol Truck
		3	Jan Hallez - Super Hero Leg
	Button		
1	Ed Newsom - Navy		Most Unusual
2	Jan Hallez - Fancy Snap	1	Blaine Nelson - Quarter Pendant
3	Larry Vickers - Snap	2	Jan Hallez - Red Eye Dragon Pin
	Scott Hegel - Small 2 Hole	3	Larry Vickers - Perfume Bottle
	Blaine Nelson - Old Metal	3	Dennis Gans - Bullet
			Scott Hegel - Large Hair Band with Clear Stones
	Non-Metal		
1	Scott Hegel - Small Plastic Army Man		Oldest U.S. Coin
2	Larry Vickers - Brad Paisley Guitar Pick	1	Blaine Nelson - 1940 Nickel
3	Dennis Gans - Tile	2	Scott Hegel - 1941S Nickel

3	Daniel Mireles - Beads	3	Jan Hallez - 1958D Nickel
	Jan Hallez - 2 Legos		Dennis Gans - 1967 Dime
			Larry Vickers - 1970 Quarter
	Oldest U.S. Cent		
1	Blaine Nelson - 1917		Most Valuable U.S. Coin
2	Larry Vickers - 1945D	1	Blaine Nelson - 1944 Half
3	Scott Hegel - 1957D	2	Larry Vickers - 1920 Cent
	Jan Hallez - 1961D		
	Dennis Gans - 1975D		

Ranking After August Find of the Month

Scott Hegel
 Blaine Nelson
 Jan Hallez
 Scott
 Matthews
 Jack Ball
 Daniel Mireles
 Larry Vickers
 Ed Newsom
 Richard
 Wright
 Jim Lawhon
 Rudy
 Nordmeyer
 Dennis Gans
 JohnChapman
 Leon Prause
 Mary Prause
 Victoria
 Leonard
 Michele Stahl
 Roy Stahl
 Mac McMillin
 Susie Mireles
 Lee Presley
 John Meyers

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: _____ # _____

