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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

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Membership: \$20.00
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February 2011

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **February 10th** 2011
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room M 103/104

Officers:

President – Larry Vickers 512-243-1831
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Art Tiemann 272-8902
Richard Wright,
John Chapman,
Lee Presley,
Leon and Mary Prause,
Jim Lawhon
Susie & Daniel Mireles

President's Corner:

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. This gives you just about 5 days to get the metal detector out and find your sweetie something. If your metal detecting luck is like mine, maybe HEB's card aisle is a safer bet.

Time to think of where you want to metal detect once the weather gets warmer. In March I will have a short program of places to use your metal detector. How many places can you think of? I have about 100 on my list and haven't really had to strain the brain yet.

We are looking forward the TCTC show and hope everyone can join us at our Booth.

Larry Vickers

Carrie We could also use the 5 more tables for February meeting in setting up displays program.

February Meeting

This is the time we are planning for the next year. I would like to hear from everyone on what they would like to see in the next months.

Scott and others will assist anyone that wants it in putting together a "Display/s" to take to the TCTC show.

There will be display cases available for those who ordered them. I have a few extra so if you didn't order one there is still a chance to get in on the free display case. The club will furnish you one of the display case, if you bring items to February's meeting and put it together and let us take it to the TCTC Show. The display case and your items will be returned after the TCTC Show. If you are at the Show you can take it Sunday after the Show closes or we will bring it to April's meeting for you.

Don't forget to bring yours **finds of the month**. Anything found since our January meeting is eligible

We will continue our regular meeting format.

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
- Pull tabs - we donate to charity
- Items you want to put on the fund raiser table

Executive Meetings

The February's board meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. The March Board meeting will be at **Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290** on Thursday, March 3rd. All are welcome to come join us, eat and participate. Come early to eat, the meeting starts at 6:00.

February Board Meeting

- Meeting was cancelled because of bad weather.

Search Team Efforts

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

1. Request to locate men's gold wedding band in yard in Barton Creek West. Blaine went out, and the owner found it himself, visually.
2. Request to locate a Carbon-Tungsten ring in the back yard in south Austin, lost in August. Blaine went out and located the ring after about 3 minutes.
3. Request to locate men's wedding band in yard in Blanco. Blaine made 2 trips, and could not locate the ring. The couple is going to look elsewhere, as they could not pin point when exactly the ring was lost.
4. Request to locate a Texas State class ring - lost by the owner throwing snow balls in San Marcos. Scott went out the same day, and located the ring for the happy owner.

5. Pending request - Larry and Blaine plan to search for a lost 14K wedding band in a yard in San Antonio. It was lost by the same person as in #2.

Calendar of Events

February 10th – Club meeting

March 3rd – Executive meeting

March 10th – Club meeting

March 18 - **setup** for TCTC 26th Annual Treasure Show – Conroe, TX

March 19 & 20 – TCTC 26th Annual Treasure Show – Conroe, TX

For more information about the TCTC 26th Annual Treasure Show – Conroe, TX, see the Texas Council web site: www.texasCouncil.net

April 7th – Executive meeting

April 14th – Club meeting

May 5th – Executive meeting

May 12th – Club meeting

June 2nd – Executive meeting

June 9th – Club meeting

July 7th – Executive meeting

July 14th – Club meeting

August 4th – Executive meeting

August 11th – Club meeting

September 1st – Executive meeting

September 8th – Club meeting

October 6th – Executive meeting

October 13th – Club meeting

November 3rd – Executive meeting

November 10th – Club meeting

December 1st – Executive meeting

December 8th – Club Christmas Dinner

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

www.texasCouncil.net

Recipe sent by Lee Presley

OLD FASHIONED VINEGAR PIE

1 c. brown sugar

2 c. water

1 c. vinegar

2 tbsp. butter

1/2 c. flour and a little cold water

1 recipe of plain pie pastry

Combine sugar, water and vinegar and bring to a boil. Add butter and stir till it melts. Mix the flour with a little cold water to make a smooth slurry. Add this to the boiling liquid slowly, and stir till thickened. Line a pie plate with your pastry. Pour in filling and cover with strips of pastry in lattice fashion. Bake 10 minutes at 450 degrees, then reduce to 350 degrees and bake for 25 minutes more.

OLD FASHIONED VINEGAR PIE

Mutilated Currency and Coin

Currency Procedures

What Is Mutilated Currency?

A currency note which is clearly not more than one-half of the original note and/or are in such condition that the value is questionable and special examination is required to determine its value are **considered mutilated currency**.

Any badly soiled, dirty, defaced, disintegrated, limp, torn, or worn out currency note that is clearly more than one-half of the original note, and does not require special examination to determine its value is **not considered mutilated**. These notes should be exchanged through a depository institution and processed by the Federal Reserve Bank.

Currency can become mutilated in any number of ways. The most common causes are fire, water, chemicals, explosives; animal, insect or rodent damage; and petrification or deterioration by burying.

Under regulations issued by the Department of the Treasury, mutilated United States currency may be exchanged at face value if:

More than 50% of a note identifiable as United States currency is present

– OR –

50% or less of a note identifiable as United States currency is present and the method of mutilation and supporting evidence demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Treasury that the missing portions have been totally destroyed.

For more information on how to handle and ship mutilated currency, please refer to the procedures at the [Bureau of Printing and Engraving Web site](#) (Off-site Link).

Coin Procedures

Coins that are chipped, fused, melted, distorted, or not machine-countable are considered mutilated. Only the United States Mint redeems mutilated coins at the value of their metal content. Mutilated coin should be forwarded via 'Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested' to the address below with documentation of the circumstances:

Superintendent
United States Mint
P.O. Box 400
Philadelphia, PA 19105
(215) 408-0203

January Finds of the Month

	Display		U.S. Coin
1	Blaine Nelson	1	Scott Hegel - 2010 Dollar
2	Scott Hegel	2	Blaine Nelson - 1962 Quarter
2	Jan Hallez	2	Larry Vickers - 1947 Cent
2	Larry Vickers	3	Daniel Mireles - Kentucky State Quarter
2	Scott Matthews	3	Scott Matthews - 1963 Nickel
			Jan Hallez - 2010 Shield Cent
			Victoria Leonard - 1976 Nickel
	Foreign Coin		
1	Blaine Nelson - 1918 One Penny - England		
2	Scott Hegel - 1907 Quarter Anna - Italy		Token
3	Jan Hallez - 10 Cen - Singapore	1	Scott Matthews - Deer Park Rangers
	Scott Matthews - 50 Ptas - Spain	2	Blaine Nelson - AA 1 Month
		3	Jan Hallez - RTD
			Victoria Leonard - Startgate
	Ring		Scott Hegel - Palace Entertainment - NCV
1	Blaine Nelson - 14K Men's Band		
2	Scott Hegel - Large Silver Band		
3	Jan Hallez - Mickey Mouse		Jewelry
	Larry Vickers - Silver	1	Scott Hegel - Gold Necklace with Pendant
		2	Scott Matthews - Silver Heart
		3	Jan Hallez - Silver Bird & Snake Pendant
	Artifact		Daniel Mireles - Earring
1	Blaine Nelson - Car Radiator Ornament		Blaine Nelson - Silver Jesus Pendant
1	Ed Newsom - Star Heal Plate		
2	Scott Matthews - North American Hunting Medal		Larry Vickers - Skull
3	Scott Hegel - Tool Tag #13		
	Jan Hallez - Old Bolt with Washers		Toy
	Larry Vickers - Piece of Metal	1	Susie Mireles - Creeper Car
		1	Scott Matthews - Iron
		2	Scott Hegel - Lead Game Pieces
	Button	3	Blaine Nelson - Mini Red Car
1	Scott Hegel - Decorative		Jan Hallez - Metal Jack
2	Jan Hallez - Brass Relief Decorations		Larry Vickers - Car
3	Larry Vickers - Metal		
	Scott Matthews - Spiral		
	Blaine Nelson - Dome Shaped		Most Unusual
		1	Blaine Nelson - Boys Swim Medal
	Non-Metal	2	Scott Matthews - Switch Blade Knife
1	Ed Newsom - Trappeys Bottle	3	Larry Vickers - #1 Tag
2	Susie Mireles - Dog		Susie Mireles - Abele Tile Card
2	Daniel Mireles - Guitar Pick		Daniel Mireles - Motorola Cell Phone
3	Scott Hegel - Turquoise Bead		Scott Hegel - Coiled piece of Gold colored metal
3	Blaine Nelson - Douglas MA Police Patch		Jan Hallez - 1 Year Safe Driver Pin
3	Jan Hallez - Ice O Matic Plastic Ice Cube		
3	Larry Vickers - Glass Top		Oldest U.S. Coin
	Scott Matthews - Bag of Fishing Worms	1	Blaine Nelson - 1940 Nickel
		2	Scott Matthews - 1941 Nickel
		3	Jan Hallez - 1962 Nickel
	Oldest U.S. Cent		Larry Vickers - 1963 Nickel
1	Larry Vickers - 1940		Scott Hegel - 1965 Quarter
2	Blaine Nelson - 1945		Victoria Leonard - 1966 Dime
3	Daniel Mireles - 1946S		Susie Mireles - 1999 Dime
	Scott Hegel - 1948D		
	Scott Matthews - 1959		
	Jan Hallez - 1974		Most Valuable U.S. Coin
	Victoria Leonard - 1992	1	Blaine Nelson - 1963 Quarter
	Susie Mireles - 1996	2	Larry Vickers - 1898 Cent
		3	Jan Hallez - 1918D Cent

Ranking
s after

- 1 **Blaine Nelson**
- 2 Scott Hegel
- 3 Scott Matthews
- 4 Jan Hallez
- 5 Larry Vickers
- 6 Susie Mireles
- 7 Daniel Mireles
- 8 Ed Newsom
- 9 Victoria Leonard

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: _____# _____