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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)
111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676
Membership: \$20.00
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February 2013

Happy Valentine's Day!

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **February 14th** 2013
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Mary Prause 512-670-9645
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Executive Committee:

Lee Presley, Mark Kubiak,
Mike Stafford, Leon Prause
Daniel and Susie Mireles,
Jim Lawhon 512-632-3139

Club Dues - 2013 dues are due!

Please bring your dues money to the meeting this month or mail to Scott Hegel, 139 Fairwood Dr., Georgetown, TX 78628
Dues remain at \$20 again this year!

A Word From Our President:

Well, it's February and the weather is nice – a great time to get out the detectors!

Be thinking about coming to the TAMDC State Treasure Show in Longview: dates are April 12 (for setup). 13th and 14th open to the public. We always need help with the booth, and I think everyone would enjoy meeting other detecting folks and learning something new. And it's always fun to participate with other AMDC members!

If you haven't paid your 2013 dues, now would be a good time to pay Scott. Thanks so much.

If you have any suggestions for meeting programs, hunts, or anything else, please let me know and I will pass them on to the Executive Committee members.

Mary Prause

February Meeting

The program for the February will feature a skit put on by members (and sisters) Blaine and Jan. The sisters hope to relay some metal detecting tips in a humorous way. We will have our Find of the Month (F)M competition, so bring you FINDS – anything you have found since the January 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! Note that entry in the FOM is for members only.

New Members

Welcome to new members – Jordan Amendt from Austin, John Ashby from Georgetown, and Sherry Osborne from Austin. Please introduce yourselves and get to know our new members!

Meet Your Board Members

Jim Lawhon has been a member of AMDC since 1999 and is a past President. Jim has served on the Board for a number of years and is a member of the Search Team. Jim is married, and has been metal detecting for about 13 years. Jim uses a White's MXT for land and Garrett AT Pro for water. He mainly hunts land for coins and jewelry. Jim is presently employed by Texas Parks and Wildlife

Leon Prause

Hi, I am Leon Prause. I grew up in Yoakum, Texas and started playing trumpet in my father's dance band when I was thirteen.

While continuing to play professionally for many years, I was also a band director in the Austin I. S. D. from 1970-2002. Mary and I got married in 1970 and have two kids, Valerie (1975) and Matt (1978). And now, we have three grandkids, Chelsea 7 (Valerie and Ron O'Neil) and Allison 8 and Thomas 9 (Matt and Sara Prause).

I wanted to do something different after I retired so during Father's Day a few years ago, our church had some of the men bring up items that men like to do, boating, camping and there was Art Tiemann, with so many items he found with his metal detector. I was hooked and joined the AMDC. I own a Garrett 250 and a Garrett 1325. After a year or so, I talked Mary in to coming up to a meeting and.....she was hooked. And a few years later.....I now find out I'm married to the President of the AMDC. We really enjoy being part of the club.

Mike Stafford

Mike Stafford has been a member of the club for over five years and has fooled around with metal detectors for many years. He is retired now but worked most of his life as a banker and businessman. He values the many friendships he has acquired through the club, as much as the metal detecting. He and his wife Annette live in Kyle Texas.

Mark Kubiak

Mark has college degrees from Texas State University and St. Edward's University. He has worked for a few law enforcement agencies in state and federal government positions. Mark has a White's MXT detector and a Cobra beach detector, and was on the AMDC Board last year. Mark is constantly on the hunt for coins, old U.S. stamps, and advertising signs.

Lee Presley

I started prospecting when I was about 4 years old with my grandpa and his friend. I was small enough to crawl into the small caves in the hills where we lived, but big enough to carry a Geiger-counter. We looked for uranium, also cinnabar (mercury), and a silver mine that some still look for.

My grandpa showed me how to douse for water and other things. On some of the constructions jobs I worked on years later, I would douse for water lines, gas, and electrical lines underground. There was never one hit when I told them where they were. Made me feel good. They hit a few when I didn't douse for them.

In the 1967 I took electronics and I built a metal detector, it worked good but like most of them at that time, it did not go very deep. I found a few Indian head cents and nickels and lots of nails. I later bought one and it did a little better. In 1969 I bought a top of the line, De-Tex, brand detector for a week's pay of about \$260. I found lots of things in the old settlements in Arkansas and Oklahoma around where I worked and lived.

In 1990 I decided to quit smoking and took one year's smoke money and bought two metal detectors from "Van" who had a shop in Houston, TX. He told me about the Austin club and I joined the Austin metal detecting club in 1990.

Since then I have owned several brands of detectors. They all worked well but I got used to some better than I did others. I like to water hunt and relic hunt.

Daniel and Susie Mireles

Daniel and Susie have been members of the Austin Metal Detecting Club for about 12 years. They found out about the club after attending the Treasure Show in Waco. Daniel was under doctor's orders to find a hobby and metal detecting is what he chose. They have made a lot of great friends and stated they meet more every year. Susie said they love going to Lion's Camp every June and working with the campers. Also, they have a great time attending the Annual Treasure Show and helping plan and host a great booth at the shows! Involvement in the club booth activities has allowed Susie to use her paper crafting skills! Susie and Daniel are excited about the upcoming year with all of the activities planned!

January Meeting:

At the January meeting Larry and Scott presented a program about the Garrett AT-Pro. The group had a chance for Q & A. Dennis Gans then demonstrated/talked about his Garrett 2500 and Garrett AT Gold, and Blaine showed her Tesoro Cortez.

Executive Meeting

Our meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 at Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q, I-35 and Wells Branch Parkway. We plan activities and programs and discuss club business. Everyone is welcome!

Lost and Found Efforts

In February we had **eight** requests for assistance to locate lost items!

Jim Lawhon is on a roll! He went out on three searches - each was for a lost wedding band, and he located **all three rings!** Way to go Jim!

Mary and Blaine were not so lucky. Mary looked for a set of lost keys and a lost ring, and could not locate either. Blaine searched for a lost ring and a lost dangle earring – not finding either. It should be noted that in the case of the ladies searches – the items could likely have been lost in other areas, and the owners felt they made a thorough attempt.

A final request came in to locate a diamond pendant lost in downtown Austin on the street. We did not hear back after relaying that detectors don't work well on concrete.

Congratulations to the search team! We have more success stories to add to the club portfolio.

AMDC Website

Remember to check our web site often to see what's there!
<http://www.amdconline.com>

Our web site is:

Upcoming Events:

February 16 – AMDC Club Hunt at Krause Springs (details at meeting and in coming email)

February 24 – Houston Club (H.A.R.C.) Competition Hunt at Galveston (more at www.tamdc.org)

March 2 – East Texas Club Competition Hunt (see www.tamdc.org)

April 13-14, 2013 – Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs Annual Show – Longview, TX.
www.tamdc.org

May 4 – AMDC Garage Sale

June – Texas Lions Camp Volunteer Project (dates to be announced)

Find of the Month – January, 2013

Place	Display	entry
1	Blaine Nelson	
2	Mary Prause	
	Larry Vickers	
	Scott Hegel	

Place	U.S. Coin	entry
1	Blaine Nelson	1979 Susan B Anthony
2	Larry Vickers	1954 penny
2	Daniel Mireles	1994 quarter
3	Mary Prause	1963d penny
3	Leon Prause	1962d nickel
3	Jan Hallez	cut penny
	Scott Hegel	1971 quarter

Place	Foreign Coin	
1	Jan Hallez	2 Rupies
2	Blaine Nelson	100 colones Costa Rica
3	Larry Vickers	Canadian Penny

Place	Token	
1	Mary Prause	Wish Token
2	Larry Vickers	Grand Prize Token
2	Daniel Mireles	Chuck E Cheese
	Blaine Nelson	Gatti's
	Jan Hallez	Chuck E Cheese
Place	Ring	

1	Blaine Nelson	Sterling & Gold Amethyst
2	Larry Vickers	Rosary Ring
2	Scott Hegel	Costume 3 stones

Place	Jewelry	
1	Mary Prause	Silver Cross
1	Blaine Nelson	Silver Chain
1	Scott Hegel	Religious Medal
1	Daniel Mireles	Love charm
	Larry Vickers	Rudolph Pendant
	Jan Hallez	Watchface

Place	Artifact	
1	Larry Vickers	Spoon
2	Scott Hegel	Knob
3	Mary Prause	Pete Dog Tag
3	Leon Prause	Watering Pot Nat'l Home Grdng
3	Daniel Mireles	Tool Part
	Blaine Nelson	Milk Glass

Place	Toy	
1	Mary Prause	Matchbox Bowlarama
2	Larry Vickers	Truck
2	Jan Hallez	Bear
	Blaine Nelson	Weird Man with Big Feet
	Scott Hegel	Formula 1 Car

Place	Button	
1	Mary Prause	Old Button w/ Flower Design
2	Larry Vickers	Brass
2	Scott Hegel	Total Girl
	Blaine Nelson	Round with lines
	Jan Hallez	Papaya

Place	Most Unusual	
1	Larry Vickers	Ice Pick
2	Mary Prause	Gus License Plate
3	Blaine Nelson	Skull
3	Scott Hegel	Pip Cigarette Shaped
3	Daniel Mireles	Possible Neck Chain
3	Jan Hallez	Wheel thing
	Leon Prause	Silver Handle

Place	Non-Metal	
1	Blaine Nelson	\$50 bill
2	Larry Vickers	Witch Whistle

3	Daniel Mireles	Square Bottle
	Mary Prause	Puzzle Piece
	Scott Hegel	Rubber Airplane
	Leon Prause	White Plastic YMS Jeans
	Jan Hallez	Airplane

Place	Oldest U.S. Coin	
1	Blaine Nelson	1957 nickel
2	Larry Vickers	1965 quarter
2	Jan Hallez	1965 Quarter
3	Scott Hegel	1967 quarter
	Mary Prause	1973 quarter

Place	Oldest U.S. Cent	
1	Mary Prause	1941
2	Larry Vickers	1942
3	Scott Hegel	1946
	Blaine Nelson	1960
	Leon Prause	1963d
	Jan Hallez	1968

Place	Most Valuable U.S. Coin	
1	Scott Hegel	1950s dime
2	Larry Vickers	1941 penny
2	Mary Prause	1941d penny
2	Blaine Nelson	1940d penny

JANUARY RANKING

Rank	Name
1	Larry Vickers
2	Blaine Nelson
3	Mary Prause
4	Scott Hegel
5	Jan Hallez
6	Daniel Mireles
7	Leon Prause
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Find of the Month

Name _____

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 _____ # _____