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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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

Treasure Show April 12-14!

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Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **April 11th** 2013
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

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Lee Presley, Mark Kubiak,
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Jim Lawhon 512-632-3139

A Word From Our President:

Well, April is here and we've had some much needed rain. The ground may be easy to dig for a while - take advantage of the mild temperatures to detect before the summer gets here!

Be sure to make it to the State Treasure Show in Longview if you can. Our Club has some great prizes available for the fund raiser drawing there, including an AT Pro - see Larry Vickers to buy your tickets, even if you can't come.

Start cleaning your closets and garages – we are having a garage sale in May and will appreciate donations to help raise funds for our club.

Mary Prause

April Meeting

The program for April will feature James Arnold doing a presentation on Coins. Be sure and come to learn more about coins and show your support of our guest speakers.

In May, Scott and Blaine will present a program on Water Detecting – mark your calendar!

We will have our Find of the Month (FOM) competition, so bring you FINDS – anything you have found since the March 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.

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 March we had a number of requests for assistance to locate lost items!

Jim Lawhon went out on the first search. This was an engagement ring that was lost on the side of the road outside of Giddings. The young lady lost the ring when it flew off along with the remains of an ice cream cone she was throwing out the window. Jim located the ring – it was somewhat bent, but the diamond was OK!

Mary and Leon volunteered for a search in Flatonia – a men's ring lost in the yard. It didn't take them long to find this one!

Mary and Leon also searched for a lost ring in Barker Ridge (recovered) and were joined by Mike to search for a lost pendant at Run of the Oaks apartments – not recovered.

Blaine, Mary, Mike and Dennis went to search for a second time – to look for the platinum/diamond ladies wedding ring in a large, terraced yard in Westlake Hills. The area where the ring could have been lost was quite large, and included areas with underbrush and interference. After two hours, the four did not turn up the ring.

Thanks to the Search Team for their efforts to provide this service to the community.

AMDC Website

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

Our web site is:

Upcoming Events:

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

www.tamdc.org

You won't want to miss this big, annual Treasure Show! Participate with our AMDC booth, meet new friends and see all the latest metal detecting equipment from all the dealers and vendors. Click on the website link to see all the details!

FRIDAY- APRIL 12th

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (VENDOR & CLUB SET UP)
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (TAMDC MEETING)

SATURDAY - APRIL 13th

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC)
6:30 PM - PM (BANQUET and SPEAKER)

SUNDAY - APRIL 14th

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM (HUNT REGISTRATION)
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (SILVER HUNT)
9:00 AM-10:00 AM (TOKEN PRIZES AWARDED)
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (SHOW)

**Admission: \$2.00 per day/ kids 12 & under free
TAMDC Members \$2 both days**

(member card must be presented)

April 20 – Club Hunt at Kender Chambers property near Buckholts, TX. 9:00 - ? Bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair, as there is no place nearby to get food. Approximate address is 933 County Road 106, Buckholts, TX. Google map link:

<http://goo.gl/maps/Bjw9M> When you go across the river, according to Lee you go up a hill. You will need to pass an Electrical substation on the right, and take the driveway immediately after that on the right. That will lead on down to the house. (You can see all of this pretty clearly on Google Maps in the Satellite mode).

May 4 – AMDC Garage Sale (8:00 – 2:00) at Jim Lawhon's home, 2606 Hunt Circle, Leander

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

Newsletter

Stories, news etc. is welcome! We want to keep improving the newsletter.

Info. on Bryant Station, Texas – submitted by Lee Presley

<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/hvb98>

BRYANT STATION, TX

BRYANT STATION, TEXAS. Bryant Station was on the Little River twelve miles west of the site of present Cameron in northwestern Milam County. It was established by [Benjamin F. Bryant](#) in 1840 as a fort to protect settlers from Indians. The village that grew up around the fort thrived because of its location on the Marlin-to-Austin stage line and gradually became a commercial center for the region. The post office at Bryant Station was established and discontinued several times between 1848 and 1876; it was known as the Blackland post office from 1874 to 1876. When the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway was built through the area in 1881, it missed the community by three miles. Bryant Station faded, and Buckholts became the new social and commercial center. A historical marker was erected at the Bryant Station site in 1936. By the 1940s two cemeteries and a few scattered houses were all that marked the community on county highway maps. The Bryant Station school was consolidated with the Buckholts district in 1941.

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Find of the Month – March, 2013

place	Display
1	Scott Hegel
2	Larry Vickers
2	Charles Goertz
3	Mary Prause
3	Leon Prause
3	Blaine Nelson

place	U.S. Coin	entry
1	Scott Hegel	1924d Standing Liberty Quarter
2	Daniel Mireles	1971 Dime
3	Larry Vickers	1901 Penny
3	Mary Prause	1994 Kennedy Half Dollar
3	Leon Prause	1977d Penny
3	Dennis Gans	1980 Penny
3	Blaine Nelson	Sacowajea
3	Charles Goertz	1981 Dime

	Foreign Coin	
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1	Blaine Nelson	Yugoslavia 20 Para
2	Larry Vickers	Canadian penny

Token		
1	Scott Hegel	Crystal White
1	Blaine Nelson	LA Public Welfare Tax
2	Daniel Mireles	Peter Piper Pizza
3	Larry Vickers	Cracker Jack

Ring		
1	Blaine Nelson	.925 with elephant
2	Larry Vickers	Wedding Band

Jewelry		
1	Blaine Nelson	14k Gold Link Necklace
2	Larry Vickers	Old Brooch
3	Scott Hegel	Silver Plated Majestic Ladies Buckle
3	Mary Prause	Snowman Charm
3	Dennie Gans	Paw Charm
3	Daniel Mireles	Butterfly Charm

Artifact		
1	Mark Kubiak	Stove Parts
1	Mary Prause	1937 Philco Radio Dial Plate
2	Dennis Gans	Crushed Can
3	Daniel Mireles	Part of a tool
3	Charles Goertz	Bullet Casing
	Larry Vickers	Silver Plated Pocket Watch
	Scott Hegel	2 Ring Bullet
	Leon Prause	Lead Tire Balance Weight

Toy		
1	Larry Vickers	Horse with rider
1	Scott Hegel	Lead Toy Car
2	Dennis Gans	Bunny Ears w/metal wire
2	Blaine Nelson	Blue Car
2	Charles Goertz	Motorized Duck

Button		
1	Scott Hegel	Military Cuff Button
2	Daniel Mireles	Gold Design
3	Mary Prause	Total Girl
3	Blaine Nelson	Cufflink
3	Charles Goertz	Structure button
	Larry Vickers	American SA

Most Unusual		
1	Leon Prause	Small Metal Tube Amway

2	Scott Hegel	Silver Corn Cob Pick
2	Mary Prause	Galveston Island Flat Penny
3	Larry Vickers	Watch Fob
3	Dennis Gans	Golf Club Head
3	Daniel Mireles	Cash and Run Ball Point Pen
3	Charles Goertz	Hot Rock
	Blaine Nelson	Basketball Pendant

Non-Metal		
1	Scott Hegel	Dr Kilmer Swamp Root Kidney Cure Bottle
2	Larry Vickers	Porcelin Lined Cup
3	Mary Prause	Dora the Explorer Ring
3	Leon Prause	Small Clear Bottle
3	Daniel Mireles	Whistle
	Dennis Gans	Sock
	Blaine Nelson	Scoop the Poop
	Charles Goertz	Iron Man Button

Oldest U.S. Coin		
1	Scott Hegel	1911 Nickel
2	Larry Vickers	1918 Mercury Dime
3	Ed Newsom	1943s Silver Nickel
4	Blaine Nelson	1958 Nickel
5	Mary Prause	1965 Dime
5	Dennis Gans	1965 Quarter
6	Leon Prause	1976 Nickel
7	Charles Goertz	1977 Nickel

Oldest U.S. Cent		
1	Larry Vicker	1891 Indian Head
2	Ed Newsom	19-- (last year made 1909)
3	Scott Hegel	1915d
4	Mary Prause	1951s
5	Blaine Nelson	1953
6	Leon Prause	1969d
7	Dennis Gans	1970d
8	Charles Goertz	1991d

Most Valuable U.S. Coin		
1	Scott Hegel	Standing Liberty Quarter
2	Larry Vickers	1939 Mercury Dime

Rank after March Meeting:

Rank	Name
1	Blaine Nelson
2	Scott Hegel
3	Larry Vickers
4	Mary Prause
5	Jan Hallez
6	Daniel Mireles
7	Dennis Gans
8	Leon Prause
9	Charles Goertz
10	Ed Newsom
11	Ollie Ponce
12	Bob Bracht
13	Mark Kubiak

If your name isn't here, you are not out swinging!

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 _____ # _____