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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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

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August 2013

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **August 8th** 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

A Word From Our President:

After going to New Hampshire for a week, your President hated to return to the "warmer" weather here in Texas. If you have the opportunity, try bringing your metal detector while traveling to hit some new areas. Things can certainly be found in the New England area and due to the temperature difference during the summer it was much more enjoyable! Be sure to check local laws to make sure you are legally detecting and cover your holes.

Please come to our annual Social at Blaine and Frank's home in Wimberley on August 18 for some great food and a chance to socialize with other club members.

Your Prez,

Mary Prause

August Meeting

The program for August will feature McCartney Taylor, back by popular demand. McCartney will discuss maps - an essential key to our detecting research.

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

Note Location Change:

Our Board meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 at Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q, at 8700 E. Hwy 290. We plan activities and programs and discuss club business. Everyone is welcome!

Reminder

Art Tiemann asked that if folks still have books he loaned to them some time ago, he would like to get them back. One of them is on dousing.

Lost and Found Efforts

In July we had three requests for assistance to locate lost items. The first was for a wedding ring lost in the water at McKinney Falls State Park. Jim Lawhon continues to be our hero. With permission granted from the park staff, he was able search in the water to locate the ring. It wasn't exactly in the area the owner thought he'd lost it. We have found this to be typical with lost rings.

A second request came in for necklace and lost near a pond while the owner was jogging. Leon and Mary went on this search, and after an hour and a half, located the necklace. The pendant is still lost and the team may try again.

The third lost item is a diamond stud earring lost in St. Augustine grass in the owners yard. Dennis went to search, but could not locate the stud. The owner did locate to back. These tiny items are hard to detect. We may try again with a pin pointer.

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:

FOR SALE:

Fisher ID Excel. Only used twice. I am selling it because I use my other detectors and this one just sits. **\$125.** See Blaine at the meeting or call 512-722-3148

Upcoming Events:

August 18 – Club Social at Frank and Blaine’s Home in Wimberley – 4:00. **Mark your calendar!** This will be a pot luck, but the club will provide meat (brisket) and iced tea. Bring a side. The Social is a great way to get to know members and a time to relax, visit and enjoy some good eats. Directions will be sent in separate email and available at meeting. **Please RSVP to Blaine** at Punkin4048@aol.com so we can plan on meat quantities.

Sept 28 - Cowtown Hunt - (Competition Hunt and Bar-B-Q) at Lake Worth near Ft. Worth

Oct 19 - Lone Star Hunt - (Competition Hunt)

Club Hunt Ideas – Yes, Still Need!

The Board would like to come up with a list of hunt sites and plan ahead for the coming season. We will not hold group hunts in August, but plan to resume in September.

As is true in most clubs, we are running out of new and interesting places to go detecting. This is largely due to the number of places that are off limits to our hobby. Although your Board tries to find places that might produce interesting targets, we need your help! Please be thinking of possible older home sites, (even homes from the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s are good), other property that might be in your family or you know of people who might be open to having the club come out. If you have any ideas, let one of the Board members know and we can pursue your idea!

Good News – Chicago

As you know, our hobby is threatened more and more as entities make laws to limit or prohibit metal detecting. But a bit of bright news –below is news of good strides made in Illinois. This is quoted from email sent by the Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights.

Legal Challenge Update for Cook County, IL - August 1, 2013

“The meeting between the Task Force attorney (Anne Shaw), local club member and the Cook County Forest Preserve went very well. Cook County Forest Preserve is receptive to allowing metal detecting once again. A followup meeting will be scheduled this month by the Task Force attorney and we will keep you posted.”

Newsletter

Stories, news etc. is welcome! We want to keep improving the newsletter. Stories, personal experiences, tips etc are all good!

Find of the Month – July, 2013

Place	Display	Place	U.S. Coin
1	Daniel Mireles	1	Blaine Nelson 1997 Half Dollar
2	Blaine Nelson	2	Jan Hallez 1995 Half Dollar
3	Larry Vickers	3	Ollie Ponce 1977 Quarter
3	Mary Prause	3	Dennis Gans Bicentennial Quarter
	Scott Hegel	3	Charles Goertz 1946s Penny
	Charles Goertz	3	Larry Vickers 1956 Penny
	Jan Hallez		Daniel Mireles 1965 Quarter
			Scott Hegel 1963d Penny
			Mary Prause 1965 Quarter
	Foreign Coin		
1	Jan Hallez 50 Pence England		
2	Daniel Mireles Canadian Penny		Token
3	Blaine Nelson 20 Pence England	1	Mary Prause Above and Beyond
3	Mary Prause English Penny	2	Jan Hallez Boondocks
	Larry Vickers 2 Euro	3	Daniel Mireles Family Amusement
	Leon Prause 1996 50 cents Estodus		Blaine Nelson Mr Gattis
			Leon Prause Austin Park & Pizza
	Ring		
1	Blaine Nelson 10K Men's Ring with Diamonds		Jewelry
2	Daniel Mireles Small Double Loop Ring	1	Blaine Nelson 14k Bracelet
2	Mary Prause Child's Silver w/Red Stone	2	Mary Prause JA Silver Bracelet with Cross
3	Jan Hallez Titanium with Gold Insert	3	Ollie Ponce Earring
	Scott Hegel Silver w/Purple Stone	3	Daniel Mireles High School Charm
	Charles Goertz Child's Ring		Scott Hegel Silver JA "R" Charm
			Larry Vickers Earring
	Artifact		Jan Hallez Silver Chain
1	Mary Prause Baseball Medal		Leon Prause Silver Horseshoe (small)
2	Daniel Mireles Slaymaker Lock		
2	Scott Hegel Buckle		Toy
3	Charles Goertz Electrical Connector	1	Jan Hallez Mail Truck Dragster
3	Blaine Nelson Old Pin Button	2	Daniel Mireles #25 Race Car
3	Jan Hallez Old Button 4 Hole with Thread	2	Blaine Nelson Mini Car
		3	Mary Prause 2008 Capt Americaa Camaro
			Scott Hegel Broken Toy Ambulance
	Button		
1	Leon Pruase Anchor		
2	Mary Prause Star		Most Unusual
3	Daniel Mireles 4 Hole	1	Blaine Nelson Teeth with Bridge
	Scott Hegal Wear First 4 Hole	2	Daniel Mireles Twisty Metal Pipe
	Blaine Nelson 4 Hole Metal	2	Charles Goertz Bent Quarter
	Jan Hallez Nori 4 Hole Brass	2	Jan Hallez Pocket Angel
		3	Scott Hegel 3 1/2" Round Disk
	Non-Metal	3	Mary Prause Gerber Baby Spoon
1	Leon Prause Silver and Black Sword	3	Leon Prause Silver Zipper
2	Daniel Mireles FDR Flashcard		
2	Scott Hegel Miranda Bead Bracelet		Oldest U.S. Coin

2	Blaine Nelson 5 \$1 bills	1	Mary Prause 1945 Nickel
3	Charles Goertz Plastic Club	2	Jan Hallez 1958 Nickel
3	Mary Prause Tiara	3	Blaine Nelson 1964 Nickel
3	Jan Hallez Harmonica	3	Scott Hegel 1964d Nickel
			Charles Goertz 1967 Quarter
	Oldest U.S. Cent		Larry Vickers 1972 Half Dollar
1	Charles Goertz 1919		Dennis Gans 1975d Dime
2	Larry Vickers 1944		
2	Jan Halez 1944		Most Valuable U.S. Coin
3	Blaine Nelson 1950	1	Larry Vickers 1942 penny
3	Mary Prause 1950s		
	Daniel Mireles 1953		
	Scott Hegel 1961		
	Leon Prause 1963d		
	Dennis Gans 1968d		

**Rank
Year to
Date**

Name

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| 1 | Blaine Nelson |
| 2 | Scott Hegel |
| 3 | Mary Prause |
| 4 | Jan Hallez |
| 5 | Larry Vickers |
| 6 | Daniel Mireles |
| 7 | Charles Goertz |
| 8 | Dennis Gans |
| 9 | Leon Prause |
| 10 | Ed Newsom |
| 11 | Mark Kubiak |
| 12 | Ollie Ponce |
| 13 | Rudy Nordmeyer |
| 14 | Bob Bracht |

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 _____ # _____