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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 2015

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **April 9th** 2014
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

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We are saddened to learn that Charles Garrett, founder of Garrett Metal Detectors passed away at his home on April 3. His son and wife will continue with the business.

A Word From Our President:

The cold weather has finally gone and it appears that Spring is in finally in full swing! This is a great time to get out there and metal detect. The ground should still be pretty soft from the recent rains and the temperatures are moderate. Be sure to use your bug spray and sunscreen - we try to keep a small can of each in our vehicle. We also carry a small bottle of Tecnu in case of an accidental brush with poison ivy. Don't forget to bring your finds to the meeting for our Find of the Month contest.

We hope to see many of you at the TAMDC Treasure Show in Longview on April 11 & 12. Our club always has a great time there taking turns staffing our club booth and talking with other detecting enthusiasts. There are many opportunities to win detectors and other prizes, and the speakers at the banquet will be KG and Ringy from the TV show "Diggers". If you cannot make it, be sure to give me your displays for our booth and I will transport them.

If you have any suggestions for meeting programs, hunts, or anything else, please tell one of our Board members. We are also searching for new and interesting programs and places to hunt with the club.

Happy Spring!

Mary Prause
President

April Meeting

This month's program will feature some videos from the Garrett website, including hunting old homesteads.

We will have our Find of the Month competition featuring items found since the March meeting. The year is young and there is plenty of time to search for and enter your finds. The more we have entered and on display, the more interesting it is to us all!



AMDC is on Face Book! Be sure and check out and "Like" the Group

Executive Meeting

Our meetings are the first Thursdays in Feb., March, May, August, October and November, at 6:00. We will meet at the Bill Miller's at 709 E. Ben White (right at I-35). All are welcome at any Board meetings. We usually come early to visit and grab a bite; the meeting begins at 6:00.

Lost and Found Efforts

Since the last report there have been two requests to search for lost items. One request came in through our web site and was to search for a missing Fit Bit in the owner's yard. Before we could arrange to get out, the owner located the Fit Bit.

A second request came in through the web site and was to search for a missing set of keys, thought to have been lost at a home or yard in Georgetown. Scott Hegel went out to search, but could not find the keys.

AMDC Website

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

Newsletter Contest!

We continue our drawing for a prize at the meetings. If you can answer the mystery question correctly taken from information in the newsletter, your name may be drawn.
Good luck!

Upcoming Events:

April 18 – AMDC Club Hunt – Elgin Park 9:00

April 10-12, 2015 – Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs Annual Show – Longview, TX. **See below**

May – Memorial Day Weekend – WWATS hunts and fun weekend, Antlers, OK.

June – Texas Lions Camp Volunteer Project – June 17 and 18.

Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs (T.A.M.D.C.)

Metal Detecting, Artifacts, Relics and Coin Show

April 10 – April 12, 2015
Maude Cobb Convention Center
100 Grand Blvd. 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 10th

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

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (TAMDC MEETING)

SATURDAY - APRIL 11th

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC)

6:30 PM - PM (BANQUET and SPEAKER) **Speakers will be from The Diggers Show**

SUNDAY - APRIL 12th

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)

Question: *What is the volunteer project that we have coming up in June?*

Zinc-kers – Love Um, or Leave Um? (this was run a few years ago, but good to see again?)

Ah – the infamous zinc penny! When out detecting, they seem to be EVERYWHERE. So what do we do with them?

A little history of the penny - If your Lincoln Memorial penny has a date before 1982, it is made of 95% copper. If the date is 1983 or later, it is made of 97.5% zinc and plated with a thin copper coating.

Chronology of the metal composition of the one-cent coin:

- Composition was pure copper from 1793 to 1837.
- From 1837 to 1857, the cent was made of bronze (95% copper and 5% tin and zinc).
- From 1857, the cent was 88% copper and 12% nickel, giving the coin a whitish appearance.
- The cent was again bronze (95% copper, and 5% tin and zinc) from 1864 to 1962. (Except that in 1943 only, the coin's composition was changed to zinc-coated steel due to the critical use of copper for the war effort. A limited number of copper pennies were also minted in 1943.)
- In 1962, the cent's minimal tin content was removed, the composition becoming 95% copper and 5% zinc.
- This formula remained until 1982, when the composition became 97.5% zinc and 2.5% copper (copper-plated zinc). Cents of both compositions appeared in that year.

The problem with the zinc-ker is that they tend to deteriorate quickly. When we find them detecting, they are often starting to deteriorate. Not only do the edges start to get eaten away, but dirt and calcium etc. cling to the penny and make it almost impossible to clean.

What is the verdict for these problematic pennies? When we target a zinc-er, do we let them lie in peace to continue to deteriorate, or carefully retrieve to take them home and scrub and clean? The value of the zinc-ker is in the eye of the beholder.

Here's my take on it. When at a playground, working in wood chips or pea gravel, I will pick them up; the rationale being – they are easy to retrieve and likely still in good condition. When the zinc-ker is in the ground, forget it. Nine times out of ten it will be corroded, eaten away and otherwise unusable. For this "treasure" you get to bend down, waste batteries on your pin pointer, and time you could be detecting a more valuable treasure.

My vote – Leave Um!

Blaine

Find of the Month – March Entries

place	Display	place	U.S. Coin
1	Fred Toewe	1	Ali Yassef Lincoln Dollar
2	Paul Krugler	2	Pat Dawson 1945 Penny
3	Blaine Nelson	3	Dennis Gans 1970 Quarter
3	Bob Fernandez		Jan Hallez Folded Penny
3	Ali Yassef		Leon Prause 1969 Penny
	Leon Prause		Paul Krugler 2015 Penny
	Scott Wilkins		Blaine Nelson 1978 Penny
	Mary Prause		Mary Prause 1964 Penny
	Foreign Coin		Token
1	Bob Fernandez Russian	1	Paul Krugler Lee County
2	Jan Hallez 2 cent Euro	2	Blaine Nelson Alamo
3	Mary Prause 2004 Canadian	3	Ed Newsom Mystery Token
3	Ali Yassef 1994 Canadian penny		Jan Hallez Main Event
	Leon Prause 10 cent Canada		Mary Prause Six Flags
			Scott Wilkins Eagle
	Ring		
1	Jan Hallez 10k Butterfly		Jewelry
1	Scott Wilkins Silver	1	Ralph Dawson Guitar Pick
2	Mary Prause Silver	2	Jan Hallez Gold Bracelet
3	Paul Krugler Black Sparkles	3	Blaine Nelson Egyptian Pendant
3	Blaine Nelson Silvertone		Ali Yassef Brooch Red Stone
			Scott Wilkins Beads
			Paul Krugler True Love Heart
	Artifact		Leon Prause Gold Colored Locket
1	Scott Wilkins Compact		Mary Prause Heart Key
2	Paul Krugler Skeleton Key		
3	Ali Yassef Airplane		
	Alan Russell Schlitz Beer Can		Toy
	Leon Prause Brass Spike	1	Ali Yassef Toy Gun Part
	Blaine Nelson Belt Buckle	2	Ralph Dawson Red Car
	Mary Prause Cub Scout Slide	2	Scott Wilkins Steam Roller
	Jan Hallez Metal Ball	3	Blaine Nelson Jeep
	Dennis Gans Old Can	3	Mary Prause Car Piece
			Paul Krugler Yellow Hotwheel
			Leon Prause Black Car
	Button		Ollie Ponce Dolphin
1	Jan Hallez Gold Eagle		
2	Blaine Nelson Detour		
3	Leon Prause Snap Winged Lion		Most Unusual
	Scott Wilkins Metal	1	Ali Yassef Horseshoe
	Ali Yassef Small Metal	2	Mary Prause Lock Piece
		3	Blaine Nelson Napkin Ring
			Leon Prause Smurf
	Non-Metal		Jan Hallez Window Crank
1	Mary Prause Plastic Ring		Dennis Gans Soldier
2	Dannis Gans Baseball		Scott Wilkins Yellow Buggy
2	Scott Wilkins Yellow Plastic		Paul Krugler 1966 Dog Tag
3	Leon Prause Marble		
	Paul Krugler \$1		

	Blaine Nelson Piece of a Jar			Oldest U.S. Coin
	Jan Hallez Turquoise Sharpie		1	Ali Yassef 1944 Nickel
			2	Scott Wilkins 1953 Nickel
	Oldest U.S. Cent		3	Jan Hallez 1964 Nickel
1	Scott Wilkins 1919			Paul Krugler 1965 Dime
2	Jan Hallez 1926			Blaine Nelson 1965 Quarter
3	Paul Krugler 1946			Dennis Gans 1965 Quarter
	Mary Prause 1960			Leon Prause 1967 Quarter
	Blaine Nelson 1962			Mary Prause 1968 Dime
	Leon Prause 1965			
	Dennis Gans 1980		1	Most Valuable U.S. Coin
			2	Scott Wilkins 1944 Quarter
				Jan Hallez 1935 Penny

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Rank	Name
1	Blaine Nelson
2	Scott Wilkins
3	Ali Yassef
4	Paul Krugler
5	Jan Hallez
6	Mary Prause
7	Scott Hegel
8	Josh Graham
9	Leon Prause
10	Dennis Gans
11	Jim Robinson
12	Vicki Landrum
13	Ed Newsom
14	Pat Dawson
15	Ralph Dawson
16	Bob Fernandez
17	Fred Toewe
18	Mitch London
19	Charles Goertz
20	Jack Hoffman
21	Susie Mireles
22	Ollie Ponce
23	Alan Russell

Note: If you would like to see more features in the Newsletter, please let us know what you would like to see. We welcome your stories, your writing or items of interest you want to share with the club. Let Blaine know!

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 _____ # _____