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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676
Membership: \$20.00
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March 2016

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **March 6th** 2016
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Dennis Gans 512-944-8929
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Executive Committee:

Mike Stafford, Leon Prause
Daniel and Susie Mireles, Ed Newsom

~~John Chapman~~
2016 Dues are due! \$20. If you write a check, make it to Larry Vickers (not AMDC, as we do not have a DBA.)
Art Tiemann – 272-8902

A Word from our President:

It's March, so we should have many opportunities to get out and swing our detectors! Be sure to bring in your finds for the Find of the Month contest to the meeting. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate so we can have a club hunt every month, so take the opportunity to come out and detect with the group.

Please plan to attend the upcoming TAMDC State Treasure Show in Longview. Setup will be on April 8 with the show April 9 - 10. We always need help with the booth; and besides, you will get a chance to meet The Diggers along with other metal detectorists from around the country and check out all the different vendors.

Can you find a bullet in a hay field? Check out our search results.

If you have any suggestions for meeting programs, hunts, or anything else, please let one of our Board members know.

I look forward to seeing y'all at the meeting!

Dennis Gans

March Meeting

Our program for this month will feature Metal Detecting Equipment and Accessories. Board members will share what they use in the field, and will bring the machines and accessories to the meeting to show.

We will have our Find of the Month competition featuring items found since the February meeting. The FOM form is the last page of this newsletter, and Daniel and Susie will have copies at the meeting.

NOTE: Larry Vickers is bringing a number of free metal detecting items for members, as he cleans out his house and garage getting ready to move.

Reminder – Josh Graham will be collecting recyclables as noted in our last meeting, so bring any you have been saving.

AMDC Shirt, Jacket, Cap Orders – Mary will turn in an order for our AMDC gear. If you would like to order one or more items, please bring your money to the meeting. The info on sizes and prices is on our website.



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

Executive Meeting

Our meetings are the first Thursdays of most months, 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.

February Club Hunt

A number of members came out for the club hunt at Lockhart City Park on February 20. It was a nice day and a lot of targets were found – mainly current coins. A few other items including a token, (???) Thanks again to Josh and Ed, for volunteering to be our Hunt Masters! Of course, our members love to eat, so gathered atfor lunch.



Galveston Beach Hunt

Five of our club members participated in the Open Competition Hunt sponsored by the Houston Club on Feb. 28. Silver coins were planted, and everyone had a chance to detect the beach before/after the hunt.



Lost and Found Efforts

Since the last report we have had two new requests come in to AMDC to search for lost items. The first request is pending and is to look for an earring that was lost when the lady requesting was clearing cedar.

The second request involved locating a bullet that shot a land owner on his own land. A neighbor was target shooting and the bullet hit and went through the stomach of the land owner. He survived, but the authorities did not find the bullet. Criminal and civil cases are pending. Due to the legal implications, the Board discussed whether to even get involved, and after talking with the land owner again, we agreed to come out. Four Board members who are also on the Search Team - Larry, Mary, Dennis and Blaine went to search for this bullet out on the ranch near Taylor. Blaine located the bullet, flagged it and the authorities were contacted. Note – both Larry and Blaine, as well as a few other members of the search team have gone through the CSI training offered by Garrett Metal Detectors.



We will continue to follow-up on the two former pending searches that involve rings that were flung into water.

Many thanks to those who serve on these searches. It takes a lot of time and effort to go out, but it is always appreciated – even if the item(s) are not located.

Sharing Treasure Tales

Let's get the conversation going! There will be a topics of interest published in the Newsletter, and AMDC members are asked to share their personal experiences about the topics. We will include your tales in upcoming newsletters.

The next topic IS, **“Have Your Ever Found an Unusual Site – or Unexpected items on the Site?”**

Send your stories to Blaine at Punkin4048@aol.com

This story is being submitted by Jan Hallez, our member from Colorado:

“Getting the Blues at Weirs Beach”

In the summer of 2012 my sister (Blaine) and I decided to hit some fresh water lake swimming areas in New Hampshire. Weir's Beach, in Weirs NH is on Lake Winnepesaukee, and is a popular beach with visitors from all over the country. It is a beautiful beach, with clear water and sandy bottom. The swim area is roped off and is about the size of two football fields. I started at one end, and Sis at the other. When we met mid-way to share what we had found, we were totally amazed. Both of us had found a number of targets which represented a several common items; screws, hair barrettes, pennies, paper clips, batteries, bottle caps, pull tabs, toy cars etc. What was unusual, and hard to explain – is that each of these various items was painted with blue paint! We looked at each other, and said, “What??” How could all these blue items be at the bottom of the lake, spaced apart across the swimming area?

The only thing we could fathom, is that perhaps the NH club had some sort of planted water hunt here. But in checking with the President of that club, they had no clue what this was all about.

To this day we look back and chuckle. It was really fun – and still a blue mystery!

AMDC Website

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

Our web site is:

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:

March 12 - 5th Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt - (Lake O' Pines near Longview)

April 8-10 - 2016 TAMDC Convention & Show, Longview

May 26-29, 2016 WWATS Rendezvous 4-Day Open Hunt
Mancos, Colorado,

Mid-June - Lions Camp (service project with kids) Kerrville, Texas

Question: *In her story, what did Jan find in the Lake?*

REMINDER:

At the end of the meeting, be sure and pick up the FINDS you entered in Find of the Month. Also, make sure you are picking up your item and not someone else's.

Find of the Month – February Entries

place	Display	place	Foreign Coin
1	Scott Jacobsmeyer	1	Scott Wilkins 1909 10 Centavos
2	Scott Wilkins	2	Scott Jacobsmeyer 1943 20 Centavos Mexico
3	Blaine Nelson	3	Blaine Nelson 1 Piso Phillipines
3	Mary Prause	3	Leon Prause 1998 Mexico
3	Paul Krugler	3	Paul Krugler 1943 20 Centavos
3	Dennis Gans		Ali Vassef 1960 Cinco Centavos
3	Ali Vassef		Josh Graham 1957 Canadian Cent
3	Josh Graham		
			Jewelry
	Token	1	Scott Jacobsmeyer Gold Ring w/Yellow Stone
1	Scott Jacobsmeyer Strand Theatre Uvalde	2	Blaine Nelson Small Gold Ring
2	Ali Vassef All Saints Chapel University of the South	3	Josh Graham Ornate Earring
3	Blaine Nelson 2 Headed Calf		Ali Vassef 1911 Barber Dime "Repousse Art" Pin
	Paul Krugler Chuck E Cheese 2001		Mary Prause Bent Aluminum Ring
	Mary Prause Generic Eagle Token		Paul Krugler Sterling Silver Ring
	Josh Graham 1493 Maximillian Commenrative		Scott Wilkins Vintage Sterling Ring
			Ollie Ponce Pendant
	Artifact		
1	Scott Jacobsmeyer Odd Fellows Medallion		Button
2	Paul Krugler Tangee Rouge Container	1	Josh Graham Creepy Clown Cufflink

3	Scott Wilkins 1920's Armand Compact	2	Scott Wilkins S O & Co Railroad Uniform
	Ali Vassef Zippo Style Lighter	3	Blaine Nelson Silver Cross Design
	Josh Graham Pocket Knife	3	Scott Jacobsmeyer Osh Kosh B'Gosh
	Mary Prause Old Boy Scout Slide		Ali Vassef 4 Hole Button
	Blaine Nelson Old Knob		
	Dennis Gans Metal Tube		Oldest US Coin
		1	Scott Jacobsmeyer 1883 Nickel
	Most Unusual	2	Ali Vassef 1887 Cent
1	Leon Prause Woman Nude Lighter	3	Scott Wilkins 1904 Nickel
2	Ali Vassef Owl w/Wings Pin		Josh Graham 1907 Cent
3	Dennis Gans Pink Butterfly		Paul Krugler 1944d Cent
	Scott Jacobsmeyer Antique Creamer		Mary Prause 1949d Cent
	Scott Wilkins I Love You Spinner		Leon Prause 1954d Nickel
	Ollie Ponce Baby's Arm		Blaine Nelson 1958 Nickel
	Blaine Nelson Electronic Cigarette		Dennis Gans 1973 Quarter
	Mary Prause Red Stone In Fancy Pin/Bookmark		
	Paul Krugler Radiator Cap		Most Valuable US Coin
	Josh Graham Steel Chain Bracelet	1	Scott Jacobsmeyer 1922d Cent
		1	Scott Wilkins 1922d Cent
		2	Josh Graham 1917 Nickel
		3	Paul Krugler 1957s Quarter
		3	Ali Vassef 1959 Quarter
			Blaine Nelson 1942 Cent

Rankings

Rank Name

1	Scott Jacobsmeyer
2	Scott Wilkins
3	Josh Graham
4	Ali Vassef
5	Blaine Nelson
6	Pat Dawson
7	Dennis Gans
8	Paul Krugler
9	Scott Hegel
10	Vicki Landrum
11	Ed Newsom
12	Jan Hallez
13	Mary Prause
14	Larry Vickers
15	Leon Prause
16	Bob Fernandez
17	Ralph Dawson
18	Debra Tompkins
19	Ollie Ponce
20	Owen Lucente

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FIND OF THE MONTH

DISPLAY _____ # _____

FOREIGN COIN: _____ # _____

TOKEN: _____ # _____

JEWELRY: _____ # _____

ARTIFACT: _____ # _____

BUTTON: _____ # _____

MOST UNUSUAL: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

Name _____

Month _____