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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00
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February 2017

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **February 9th** 2017
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Jim Lawhon
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Dennis Gans, Leon Prause
Daniel and Susie Mireles, Ed
Newsom, Larry Vickers

2016 Dues are due! \$20. If you write a check, make it to Mary Prause (not AMDC, as we do not have a DBA.)
Get dues in by Feb. to get card for Show and continue getting newsletter

A Word from our President:

Well it's now February and the Texas weather is still confused! Please don't let that deter you from getting out and enjoying our wonderful hobby.

As a side note Dottie and I will be leaving on our retirement cruise later this month and I have gotten permission to metal detect at Mr. Sanchos' Beach club in Cozumel.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Feb 9th club meeting.

Jim Lawhon

February Meeting

At our meeting this month we will watch detecting videos selected by Josh and Ed. There will be time to discuss ideas presented in the clips.

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

NOTE: The Board discussed the “Most Valuable” rules in FOM, and agreed that SILVER coins that do not have a G4 rating in the Red Book can still be entered in the Most Valuable category, and the value will be set at 10 times face value. The example brought forward was a 1936 silver quarter. It was noted that quarters from 1932-1964 do not have a G4 rating in the Red Book, but are more valuable than clad quarters. Thus we voted to change the FOM rule to include silver coins that do not have G4 listing. This change is noted in the rules at the end of the newsletter.

Reminder – Josh Graham will be collecting recyclables, so bring any you have been saving.

Find of the Month (FOM) Winners for the Year 2016

2016 was a spectacular year for our club members finding cool stuff! At the January meeting Dennis announced the results of the FOM.

Everyone who displayed an item at any time during the year is a winner, and received a silver dime. The top winners are:

Treasure Hunter of the Year (First Place) – Scott Jacobsmeyer

- 2nd Place – Scott Wilkins
- 3rd Place – Ali Vassef
- 4th Place – Josh Graham
- 5th Place – Blaine Nelson
- 6th Place – Paul Krugler
- 7th Place – Pat Dawson
- 8th Place – Mary Prause
- 9th Place – Jan Hallez
- 10th Place – Scott Hegel

AMDC CLUB HUNT

What a fun hunt we had out at Camp Ben McCulloch on Saturday, Jan. 28! There was a good turnout of 19 members on this very chilly morning. This was a “planted” or “competition” hunt, with 85 quarters planted in the field. 15 of the quarters were specially marked for prizes. Ed and Josh had 10 great prizes for the winners to pick from, and additionally, 5 of the quarters were specially marked for winner of one of Jim’s hand crafted rings.

Thanks Josh and Ed, for putting on this fun hunt!

Here are just a few pics.



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.

Lost and Found Efforts

Since the last report we have four requests to search for lost items. The first request was to search for a hearing aid that was lost in an Austin Park. Mitch and Fred were ready to go search when we learned that the requestor had his family comb the area and were able to locate the hearing aid.

A second request was to look for a very nice gold and diamond heirloom ring lost when the owner was doing hand stands. He had taken off his ring and laid it with his keys on his shirt in the grass. When he walked a short ways he realized the ring had fallen out. The area was tall grass and weeds. Blaine and sister Jan made contact and were able to find the ring that same day.

The last request was to search for a platinum wedding band that was lost about 3 years ago in Lake Austin, off a boat. The owner thought that because the lake had been lowered, the area where the ring was lost would be accessible. But after checking the area, it was so muddy that he sunk in over his knees, so we were still not able to search. The owner said at least he has closure now, and appreciates the service our club offers.

Most recently we received a request to look for a newly lost men's gold wedding band. The requestor lost it in a park near his apartment at the Domain after playing volley ball. At the time of the writing of this newsletter, Fred and Paul were on it!

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.

For Sale - Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector, \$175 OBO. Gently used. Price includes a set of Garrett headphones and a belt pouch to keep your treasures safe while detecting. Contact Debra Tompkins if interested. 512-964-2598.

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:

February 10 - Houston Archeology & Recovery Club 35th Annual Open Beach Hunt Galveston, and TAMDC hunt – same location.

March 11 - 6th Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt - (Lake O'Pines near Longview)

April 1 & 2 – Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt - Jefferson

April 22 & 23 - 2017 TAMDC Convention & Show, Temple

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

Question: *How many search requests did we have since the last report?*

Guidelines for Find of the Month Contest 2017

Club members participating may enter one item found since the previous month's meeting into each category for the Find of the Month contest.

The categories for items are:

Display

Foreign Coin

Token

Ring

Jewelry

Artifact

Button

Wild Card

Oldest US Coin

Most Valuable US Coin

Rules for submission in these categories to be listed below.

Members will submit each item along with a corresponding sheet listing the category and description of each item. This sheet will be included in the newsletter. Entries into the Most Valuable US coin will need to be looked up by the submitting member in the "Red Book" and entries will be judged by the G4 value. If there is no G4 value, silver coins will be judged on 10 times the face value of the coin. A copy of the current Red Book will be available at each meeting.

Judging:

Judging will be done by members and visitors marking one vote on the item they believe to be the best in the category, excepting Oldest US Coin and Most Valuable US Coin. One winner will be chosen in each category except for a tie situation, in which both winners will be chosen. There will be no cumulative points for the calendar year. Category winners will be posted in the newsletter.

Find of the Month Rules for 2017:

Foreign Coin - a foreign, legal tender coin

Token - a trade coin good for some value in a trade (may include good luck tokens, president tokens, etc.)

Rings – any metal ring

Jewelry – any other metal jewelry type, including cuff links, watch fobs, pins, necklaces, brooches, medals, medallions, charms, etc.

Artifact – man-made object, either metal or non-metal

Button – metal clothing fastener type button or snaps only (does not include advertising pin type)

Wild Card - anything

Oldest U.S. Coin - U.S. legal tender coin, including cents, dimes, nickels etc.

Most Valuable U.S. Coin – Entries into the Most Valuable US coin will need to be looked up by the submitting member in the “Red Book” and entries will be judged by the G4 value. If there is no G4 value, silver coins will be judged on 10 times the face value of the coin. A copy of the current Red Book will be available at each meeting.

Display – Items found since last FOM and separate from items above. They do not need to be in a display case, but need to be contained (not arranged on the table).

1. Entries must be items you have found since the last monthly Find of the Month.
2. You do not have to be present to enter the FOM competition. You may arrange to have your finds brought to the meeting by someone else.
3. Only one item can be entered in each category unless the items were found and must remain together to make the entry complete. For example a necklace with a gold coin attached would qualify as a single entry in the jewelry or artifact categories. A group of coins found together cannot be entered as one item unless they are fused together.
4. In certain instances, a photo of the find may be entered – i.e. you find an item of historical significance which needs to be given to a historical group, owner of the property etc.
5. 3x5 card with description of find allowed

January FOM Winners

Display	Scott Jacobsmeyer
Foreign Coin	Ali Vassef – 1887 1 centavo
Token	TIE – Ali Vassef – Good for 5c Stasky and Korenkek Scott Wilkins – Grover Cleveland President
Ring	Scott Hegel – 2014 UT Class Ring
Jewelry	Ali Vassef – Sterling Bird Broach
Artifact	Ali Vassef – Big Make-up compact w. floral design
Button	Ali Vassef – Republic of Texas Infantry button
Wild Card	Scott Hegel – 14K Texas ring
Oldest US Coin	Josh Graham – 1870 Shield Nickel
Most Valuable US Coin	Scott Wilkins – 1922 cent
All Categories Filled	Josh Graham, Scott Hegel, Scott Jacobsmeyer, Ali Vassef,

Good Job!



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FIND OF THE MONTH 2017

DISPLAY _____ # _____

FOREIGN COIN: _____ # _____

TOKEN: _____ # _____

RING: _____ # _____

JEWELRY: _____ # _____

BUTTON: _____ # _____

ARTIFACT: _____ # _____

WILD CARD: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN: _____ \$ _____ # _____

Name _____ Month _____