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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00  
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### March 2017

#### **Meeting Information:**

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

#### **Officers:**

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#### **Executive Committee:**

Dennis Gans, Leon Prause  
Daniel and Susie Mireles, Ed  
Newsom, Larry Vickers

**Last call for dues! \$20.** If you write a  
check, make it to Mary Prause (not  
AMDC, as we do not have a DBA.)  
**Get dues in to continue to get newsletter**

#### **A Word from our President:**

Spring is an ideal time for detecting! Not too hot, and not too cold. I hope everyone has taken advantage of this time and done a lot of swinging. We should have some great finds to view and vote on in our March Find of the Month contest.

Remember to pick up trash as you go, cover you holes and follow the Code of Ethics. But most of all, have a good time!

Hope to see everyone at the meeting  
Thursday.

Jim Lawhon

## **March Meeting**

At our meeting this month we will be a talk on relic hunting presented by Larry and Daniel. Susie is also going to bring up our photo booth for the TAMDC Treasure Show for show and tell.

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:** As noted last month, 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.



**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 three requests to search for lost items. The first request was pending at the time of the last newsletter - 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. Fred and Paul were on it and were able to recover the ring!

A second request was to search for a sentimental silver ring that was lost in the owner's back yard when he was jumping on the trampoline with his kids. Blaine went out on this search, and after scoping out the area and hearing the story, figured it was likely in the next door neighbor's yard. The owner got permission to search in her yard, and Blaine found the ring – James Avery Christian ring, in tall grass.

A third search was to look for a piece of jewelry lost (we think) at UT. Several attempts were made to email and call the requestor, but there was no response. We are closing this search.

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** – let Blaine know if you have any items you would like to sell, and we will include in the newsletter.

### **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:**

**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 rings were recovered by the search team this 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

## **February FOM Winners**

Display	Scott Hegel – “Rings and Things”
Foreign Coin	Blaine Nelson – 1 Pound - England
Token	Ali Vassef – ½ fare, Austin street car token
Ring	Scott Hegel – 1960 Austin High Class Ring
Jewelry	TIE – Scott Hegel – Silver Charm, Scott Jacobsmeyer – Allis Chambers Watch Fob
Artifact	Josh Graham – Hotel Key Tag
Button	Josh Graham – Republic of Texas button
Wild Card	Ed Newsom – Fagan Bullet
Oldest US Coin	Scott Wilkins – 1872 Shield Nickel
Most Valuable US Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1916D Mercury Dime!
All Categories Filled	Scott Hegel, Blaine Nelson, Jan Hallez

**Good Job!**



**AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_