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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 2018

#### **Meeting Information:**

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca  
Date – **August 9<sup>th</sup>** 2018  
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

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

Hi All!!

Hope everyone is surviving this summer heatwave. It won't be long before the temperatures gets to where it be OK to hunt in the SHADE!! Just be vigilant when detecting and stay safe. KEEP HYDRATED!

Make sure to be at the membership meeting Thursday Aug. 9th to hear Scott Hegel give tips on Deep Detecting. Then in September we will have speaker Donaly Brice talk about "The Great Comanche Raids" It should be very interesting.

I know there hasn't been a lot of detecting this last month but be sure to bring your finds for "Find of the Month". Also don't forget to download your "Find of the Month" form our website at [www.amdonline.com](http://www.amdonline.com)

Jim Lawhon

## **August Meeting**

For the August meeting our long time club member Scott Hegel will present a program on “Deep Hunting”. As most of you know, Scott is a great detectorist, and finds a lot of neat stuff. Come hear what tips he has to share.

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

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Save the dates! For our Sept. 13 meeting we will have a program on “The Great Comanche Raids” presented by Donaly Brice. Our October program will feature Aaron Treadway from the NOAA talking about a weather related topic. Mark your calendars to attend these interesting programs.

## **Executive Meeting**

Our meetings are the first Thursdays of most months, at 6:00. We 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.

## *AMDC “For Sale” Table*

We have a table for members to sell items they no longer want or need. We are limiting the items to metal detectors and detecting accessories. If you are interested, bring you item, with a card or small sign with the name of the item, price you want to sell it for, and your name. If you are selling, you may want to bring change, and/or decide whether you would accept checks. We will try this for a couple months to see how it goes.

You may still list items for sale to be listed in the Newsletter – let Blaine know what you have.



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

Be sure and check the Face Book page often, as we put pictures and news of club goings on.

## **AMDC Website**

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

Our web site is:



## AMDC Veteran's Day Open Hunt!



Our club will host the second "Open" Competition Hunt for Veteran's Day – Saturday, **November 10<sup>th</sup>**!

We will hold the hunt at Old Settler's RV Park in Round Rock again this year – a great site.

In addition to the number of hunts our club will be doing, TAMDC is partnering with us, and will hold a hunt in the afternoon. Thus we have a total of 5 hunts in the works for that day, plus an early bird hunt.

A copy of the flyer is on our web site at [amdconline.com](http://amdconline.com), and will also be available at the meeting.

**Note for Club Members regarding hunt fees:** The price to enter all of our AMDC hunts is \$160. Club members may pay for all the hunts with silver dimes. We are asking that you pay with 160 dimes dated 1964 or earlier. You also need to have a completed registration form to accompany your payment. Of course, you may pay with cash or by check as well.

Note that the entry form and payment for the TAMDC hunt is separate, and can be found on the TAMDC web site at [tamdc.org](http://tamdc.org).



## **Lost and Found Efforts**

Unlike our past busy previous months, we did not have any requests to search for lost items since the last report. However – to keep things interesting, Search Team members Blaine and Sister Jan (our Denver member) responded to a request from the New Hampshire Club to search for a lost gold necklace and pendant in Augusta, Maine. The necklace is a gold cross on a gold chain given to the young lady by her grandmother. Blaine and Jan met with both the daughter, (a teenager) and her mother and learned that the necklace has much sentimental value to them both. The necklace reportedly fell off when the daughter was doing acrobatics in the back yard.

Before locating the necklace, the team unearthed a sterling silver ring in the yard, which was a surprise bonus. The joy on the faces of both ladies is part of what makes the search team efforts so very rewarding.



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.

## **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:

**October 6** – Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club Hunt, Fort Worth, Texas

**October 13** – Central Texas Club open hunt – Brownwood, Texas

**October 13 & 14** - 2018 Rendezvous, Antlers, Oklahoma

**October 27** – Lone Star Club Hunt – Garland, Texas

**November 10** – AMDC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veteran's Day Hunt – Old Settler's RV Park – Round Rock

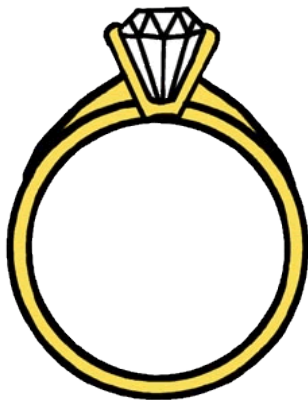
**Question:** *Who is partnering with our club for the Veteran's Day Hunt?*

## Jewelry Markings

When you locate a piece of jewelry, they will often have an identifying mark on the inside. If there is no mark, it is not likely a precious metal, or perhaps it was hand made. Below is a table to help with ID's, posted by Richard Scott on Jewelry Secrets blog.

<b>MARK</b>	<b>MEANS</b>
<b>9k</b>	9 Karat Gold usually sold in the UK (Not in the USA)
<b>10k</b>	10 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
<b>12k</b>	12 Karat Gold (Found more out of the States)
<b>14k</b>	14 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
<b>18k</b>	18 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
<b>20k</b>	20 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
<b>22k</b>	22 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
<b>24k</b>	24 Karat Pure Gold (Yellow Gold)
<b>.417</b>	10 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
<b>.585</b>	14 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
<b>.750</b>	18 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
<b>.833</b>	20 Karat Gold (Can be White or Yellow Gold)
<b>.999</b>	24 Karat Pure Gold (Yellow Gold)
<b>P</b>	<a href="#">Plumb</a> Gold (must be the Karat weight stamped or higher)
<b>PLAT</b>	Platinum
<b>PT</b>	Platinum
<b>900 or 950</b>	Platinum
<b>S.S.</b>	Stainless Steel
<b>Steel</b>	Stainless Steel
<b>St. Steel</b>	Stainless Steel
<b>Silver</b>	Sterling Silver
<b>S. Silver</b>	Sterling Silver
<b>Sterling Silver</b>	Sterling Silver

<b>925</b>	Sterling Silver
<b>.950</b>	Another Silver Mark unlike 950 for Platinum
<b>Titanium</b>	Titanium
<b>Tungsten</b>	Tungsten
<b>Pd</b>	Palladium
<b>KP</b>	Karat Plumb
<b>CZ</b>	There is a Cubic Zirconia stone in the ring (and not a Diamond)
<b>G.F. or G.P.</b>	Gold Filled or Gold Plated
<b>SOL</b>	Solitaire Diamond (usually followed by some Carat Weight)
<b>6,7,8,9,10</b>	(A number) Some Jewelers put the ring size in the shank
<b>cw</b>	CW means the Carat Weight of the Diamonds or Gems in the ring
<b>GE</b>	Gold Electroplate
<b>GP</b>	Gold Plated



## July FOM Winners

Display	Fred Toewe
Foreign Coin	Tim Ball – 1944 Dime - Netherlands
Token	Tim Ball – Standard – 50 Cents
Ring	Scott Hegel – Gold with Red Stone
Jewelry (3 way tie)	Scott Hegel – James Avery Silver Bracelet Jim Lawhon – Mother of Pearl Tim Ball – 10K Earring
Button	Scott Hegel – Flat Button – LG Lewis
Artifact	Paul Krugler – Modern Woodmen of America Friendship Belt Buckle
Wild Card	Scott Wilkins – 4-H Field Cross
Oldest US Coin (tie)	Tim Ball – 1903 Indian Head Cent
Most Valuable US Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1956-D Quarter
All Categories Filled	No One

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**FIND OF THE MONTH 2018**

DISPLAY \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

FOREIGN COIN: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

TOKEN: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

RING: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

JEWELRY: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

BUTTON: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

ARTIFACT: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

WILD CARD: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

OLDEST U.S. COIN: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_



