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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)  
111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676  
Membership: \$20.00

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### September 2018

#### **Meeting Information:**

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca  
Date – **Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** 2018  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Time - **7:00 pm**  
Room - M – 103/104

#### **Officers:**

President – Jim Lawhon  
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Treasurer – Scott Hegel  
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#### **Executive Committee:**

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

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

It is with deep sorrow that we say good-bye to long time member Sherry Newsom. Sherry passed away on August 28, and will be sorely missed. Please keep Ed in your prayers.

Also, our Prez. Jim Lawhon had knee replacement surgery and had some issues that has delayed his speedy recovery. Keep Jim in your thoughts and prayers.

Fall is in the air (don't you feel it, just a little?!). It should be comfortable to go out swinging our detectors.

Last but not least – it will soon be time to elect new Club Officers and Board Members. Is this your time to step up? We will have position descriptions available at the October meeting which will detail each of the positions. We need everyone in the club to be an active participant. Think about it!

Blaine (for Jim)

## **September Meeting**

We have a real treat in store for our September meeting. Donaly Brice will present a program on "The Great Comanche Raids and Battle of Plum Creek". See bio below. This will be a real treat, so do plan to attend.

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

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Our **October** 11<sup>th</sup> program will feature Aaron Treadway from the NOAA talking about a weather related topic.

In **November** 8<sup>th</sup> program will feature Lisa Sharik, Deputy Director of the Texas Military Forces Museum: "Texas Military Forces Museum and Camp Mabry". Mark your calendars for these excellent upcoming 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

## **Bio - Donaly Brice**

Donaly E. Brice was born in Austin and grew up and went to school in Lockhart where he now lives. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in education with a major in social science from Southwest Texas State College (Texas State University). He then went to Sam Houston State University and received a Master of Arts degree with a major in history.

Donaly has always had a love of Texas history, especially Caldwell County history. At an early age, he remembers going out to his great-uncle's farm and learning about the historic Battle of Plum Creek which occurred on the property.

After earning his degrees, he taught Texas history, American history, and other subjects at Mathis High School in South Texas. After a 4-year stint with the Navy, he began working at the Archives Division of the Texas State Library in 1977 where he ultimately became the Reference Archivist for the Library - a job he held until he retired in 2003. He immediately went back to work for the Archives in a part-time capacity as Senior Research Assistant.

He has written or co-written several books on Texas history, including "The Great Comanche Raid: Boldest Indian Attack of the Texas Republic". He has also written many historical articles that have been published in the The Plum Creek Almanac and The East Texas Historical Journal.

Over the years Donaly has presented papers and given lectures to many historical and genealogical groups throughout the State of Texas.

## *New - Attendance Sheets*

Beginning this month we will have attendance sheets up front where you can sign in. There will be separate sign in places for member and for visitors, and we will draw for prizes – one for visitors and one for the members present. Having attendance records again will be a helpful planning tool.

### ***For SALE***

Fisher F44 Metal Detector – Brand new - **\$200**. This detector sells on most sites for \$309 and is the top in the Fischer F-series. See Blaine or text/call 512-470-8756. Blaine won this at the New Hampshire Club hunt, and doesn't need this extra detector.

You may list items for sale 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:

### ***Food for Thought***

So often, when we are out detecting we have people come up and ask us questions:

- How much does one of those things cost?
- How deep does it go?
- What is the coolest thing you've ever found?
- Where can I buy one of those?
- Can I try it?
- Can you find arrowheads, etc. etc.

How do you answer these, and what stories do you have to tell? This might be a fun discussion at a meeting, you think?

For me, most of the time the questions are sincere and I gladly take the time to chat and share the ins and outs of detecting. But there have been times when kids drive me crazy – grabbing my coil in the water, following me around and getting right under the coil. How do you all handle this?



## **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**

Since the last period we have had two requests to search for lost items – both rings. The first was for a men's wedding band lost by the requestor while he was mowing his grass. Fred, Mitch and Alan went to the home to search. Fred was able to locate the ring within 10 minutes, even before Mitch and Alan arrived.

The second request was from a lady who reported that her wedding set – engagement and wedding rings had fallen out of her shirt pocket. She thought it was a possibility they were lost in the yard when she bent over. Mitch and Alan went out, searched for two hours, but could not locate the rings. The lady was very appreciative and made a donation to the club.

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

**February 16** – Houston Archeology and Recovery Club (HARC) 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Beach Hunt – Galveston

**March 29-31** – Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt III – Jefferson, Texas

***Question:** Who will be our speaker at the upcoming October meeting?*

## **August FOM Winners**

Display (Tie)	Scott Hegel - YES Fred Toewe – Rings and Things
Foreign Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1673-1686 Swedish 1/6 OR
Token	Scott Hegel – Sioux City Iowa Transit Token
Ring	Scott Hegel – Men's 14K White Gold with 8 diamonds
Jewelry	Fred Toewe – 10K Gold Nugget Pendant
Button	Mitch Landon – British Looking Button
Artifact	Jeff Hudson – Revolutionary War Era Musket Ball
Wild Card	Scott Hegel – Ornate Ear Stretcher
Oldest US Coin (tie)	Scott Hegel – 1891 Cent
Most Valuable US Coin	Scott Wilkins – 1942 Half (\$9.00)
All Categories Filled	Scott Hegel



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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 \_\_\_\_\_

