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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676

Membership: \$20.00

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January 2020

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church

4600 Manchaca

Date – **January 9, 2020**

Time - **7:00 pm**

Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Jim Clary

Vice Pres – Jeremy Scroggins

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Mary and Leon Prause, Dennis Gans,

Daniel and Susie Mireles, Jim

Lawhon, Carrie Rogers, Fred Toewe,

Charlene Smith, Larry Vickers

A Word from our President:

“Change is good.” How often have we heard that statement? It’s almost as if it’s an unwritten, universal law. Well, I believe that “some change can be good.” For 2020, our AMDC officers, board members and, more importantly, many of our club members have expressed a desire to make some changes to our board meetings, our club meetings and the focus of our club programs. For 2020, some of our monthly meetings will not be held at our traditional Woodlawn Baptist Church location on the second Thursday of each month, but instead we plan to have about 1/2 of these meetings at other locations (parks, private properties, etc.) on a weekend day so club members can enjoy metal detecting together. After all, metal detecting is what we’re all about! About 1/2 of our monthly meetings will still be on the second Thursday of the month at Woodlawn. The locations and frequencies of board meetings will also change in a similar way. Like I mentioned, “some change can be good”, and it’s worthwhile to try these new approaches. It’s an experiment that we hope the majority of members like, and I encourage feedback on these changes throughout the year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jim Clary

January Meeting

Start the New Year right and come to our January AMDC Meeting! This will be a jam packed meeting:

- Jeremy Scroggins will lead a discussion about places WHERE we can detect, where we CAN'T, and we will share tips and strategies for locating viable sites. Our goal is to compile a list of sites to include areas where detecting is allowed, as well as those places which are off-limits. **We need your input on sites!** Please take a few moments before the meeting to jot down sites you have knowledge about, and we'll start the list!
- We will have our regular Find of the Month (FOM) competition. You can enter items that have been found since our November meeting. Daniel and Susie will have the boards out to place items and vote. Don't forget your display, if you have one to enter.
- **FIND OF THE YEAR!** Bring your best find of the year, and we will vote for the top three! The item you enter has to have been found during 2019, but doesn't have to have been entered in a prior FOM. You may bring a picture of the item, if for example, you found a class ring or something in the wild you were able to track down the owner and return. Do not enter items you found when searching for someone who requested your service – just things you found out on your own.
- The proposed calendar for the year will be shared, showing dates of our upcoming meetings, club hunts and other activities such as the TAMDC Show and Lion's Camp service project.

We hope to see everyone at the meeting Thursday!



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:

For SALE

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

Lost and Found Efforts

Since the last period the Search Team has had six new requests to search for lost items!

The first request was to search for a men's platinum ring that was lost when the owner was working in the yard. Mitch and Ed went out to search and gave it a good try. They could not locate the ring, despite covering the area fairly thoroughly. There was some interference in the ground from buried electrical cable etc.

The second request involved another men's ring lost while owner was doing yard work. Ed and Mitch went out, and Ed came up with the ring. Way to go, team!

A third request was more unusual. There had been a house fire in Waco, and the requestor's parent's house burned to the ground. He was hoping the team could go up there and search through the rubbish for a wedding ring and valuables. There was some difficulty communicating with the requestor, and after learning more of the details, and concern for our safety - it was determined to not do the search until/unless the debris was moved out on to tarps or grass etc. for safety. We have not heard back from the requestor.

The fourth request was to search for a ring that was lost a year ago at the Trail of Lights Ceremony at Zilker Park. Scott has been in touch with the requestor, and this search is pending getting permissions from the City Parks, and the area cleared of the holiday decorations.

The fifth request came in as a result of the article in the American Statesman. A young lady was hoping the team could search their yard for her grandmothers gold wedding ring that was lost 5 years ago. Mitch and Jim went to this small back yard and searched thoroughly, but could not locate the ring.

The last request was to search for a lost car remote key, possibly lost when the owner was doing yard work. Fred and Mitch worked on this search, but could not locate the keys.

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.

NOTE – if you are doing a search – be sure and take pics and send to Blaine! We love to see the finds.

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Upcoming Events – Metal Detecting:

February 29 - 38th Annual Open Beach Hunt, and TAMDC Satellite Hunt, Galveston

March 13-15 – TAMDC Show, Bryan, County Expo Center

March 27-29 – Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt

June – dates TBD; Texas Lions Camp volunteer effort

November 14 – AMDC Veteran's Day Memorial Hunt and TAMDC Satellite Hunt – Round Rock

November 2019 FOM Winners

Display: Blaine Nelson
Foreign coin: Scott Hegel (1847 Cambodia 2 PE / 1/2 Fuang-Norodom I)
Token: Fred Toewe (Naval Chief Petty Officer Challenge Token)
Ring: Fred Toewe (14k wedding band)
Jewelry: Charlene Smith (18k HGE ring with amethyst)
Button: Charlene Smith (two hole button with wire)
Artifact: Jeremy Scroggins (front plate from cast iron stove)
Wildcard: Jeremy Scroggins (1930's large toy truck)
Oldest: Scott Jacobsmeyer (1864 cent)
Most valuable US coin: Dennis Gans (1941 quarter)

All categories filled: Blaine Nelson, Charlene Smith

Member Winner - Susie Mireles

Visitor Winner - Richard Arndt





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FIND OF THE MONTH 2020

DISPLAY _____ # _____

FOREIGN COIN: _____ # _____

TOKEN: _____ # _____

RING: _____ # _____

JEWELRY: _____ # _____

BUTTON: _____ # _____

ARTIFACT: _____ # _____

WILD CARD: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

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

Name _____ Month _____