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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676

Membership: \$20.00

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October 2020

Meeting Information:

AMDC will not be meeting physically in October, but **we will have a Zoom Meeting!** Details below!

Officers:

President – Jim Clary

Vice Pres – Jeremy Scroggins

Treasurer – Scott Hegel

Secretary – Blaine Nelson

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Executive Committee:

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:

Voting time is almost upon us! Not only voting in the national and local elections, but also voting for our 2021 AMDC officers. We have 4 elected officer positions: President (currently Jim Clary, Vice President (currently Jeremy Scroggins), Secretary (currently Blaine Nelson), and Treasurer (currently Scott Hegel). Two of these positions will definitely be vacated at the end of 2020, Vice President and Secretary. Jeremy has moved to north Texas, and Blaine plans to move out of state in early 2021. So, I encourage all our members to volunteer to run for any of our elected positions, but especially for the Vice President and Secretary positions. We have included “job” descriptions for our four elected officer positions in this newsletter so you can all see how EASY they are and maybe help you decide to volunteer. Additionally, we need a volunteer to do the Newsletter, which is not an elected position.

Jim Clary

AMDC ZOOM Meeting!

Thursday October 8th (our regular meeting night), we will host a Zoom meeting at 6:30 p.m. for all current paid club members. Members will receive an email with the link to click on sometime prior to the meeting. If you have never used Zoom, it is easy and a great way to connect.

We will have a short business meeting, a program on "Valuing Your Finds" by Blaine, and then we will all have a chance to show/tell FINDS. It will be great to connect with everyone again, and to share some of the treasures we have found recently.

If you are not a current member and would like to re-join, please fill out an application which is on our website at amdconline.com, and send dues to Scott Hegel, 139 Fairwood Dr., Georgetown, TX 78628. Your dues will be good for the rest of this year and for 2021.

Board Meeting Summary

The Board met via Zoom on Thursday, October 1st. Highlights include:

TAMDC Treasure Show – April 16-18, 2021

Jim Lawhon noted that he has volunteered to be in charge of the booth judging at the Show. The theme of the show will be "Lost Treasures in America". The judging will be for three categories – Small, Large, and People's Choice.

TAMDC Hunt - Saturday, 11/14/20 at Lodwick, TX - Jim L, Scott

All day hunt on Ghost Town acreage, \$60 for Saturday. Clad 1/2 Dollars and tokens planted. Natural finds expected.

AMDC Officers Elections for 2021

It will soon be time to elect new Officers and get members to volunteer to be on the Board. We need to elect positions for President, Vice President, Secretary/Newsletter. Please consider stepping up to serve our club. (See Section below)

Possible Club Hunt for Members

We are looking into having an open hunt for members and coming up with potential sites. This would be a chance to get out, reconnect and hopefully find some cool stuff. We agreed to keep it simple this first time, not try and have food, etc. due to the pandemic.

Service Project?

A suggestion was made to consider having a club service project – clean up at a location to pick up trash (using detectors) as well as picking up surface trash. We will pose this to the membership, but also need ideas of a site that needs clean-up attention.

Christmas Party

Carrie reported that we can likely hold our Christmas party at Woodlawn Church. We are going to ask to get the larger room – Fellowship Hall in order to better space the tables for social distancing. Rather than having our usual potluck, we would have the meal catered. Jim Lawhon volunteered to look into the catering options should we decide to proceed with the party.

Lost and Found Efforts

Search Team - Results for September - Scott

Sept. #1 - Search for a man's white gold wedding ring lost in Milwood Park. Mitch and Scott searched for some time but came up empty handed.

Sept. #2 – Search for a tungsten wedding ring at a Bar-B-Q place in Buda. Scott and one of his customers searched for over 2 hours but didn't find.

UPDATE on Sept. #1– On Sat. Oct. 3 Fred went out to search for the ring in #1 and found it! Way to go, Fred



For SALE

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

Position Descriptions for AMDC Officers

Please review these descriptions of the duties for the AMDC Elected Officer positions, and the Newsletter Editor which is a volunteer position. Serving our club is a rewarding and fun opportunity!

President - Position Description

Duties:

- Lead the Club meetings and Board meetings
- Prepare Agendas for Board Meeting, and for the Club membership meetings
- Solicit input from Board (and membership as appropriate) for topics/issues
- Prepare a "Presidents Message" for the Newsletter, monthly.
- Serve as Leader of the Club and contact person from the public

Time Required:

- 2 hours for monthly Board meeting (plus travel time)
- 3 hours for monthly Club meeting (plus travel time)
- 2-3 hours for preparing Agendas for Board and Membership meetings
- ½ hour to write President's message

Vice President – Position Description

Vice President: Leads the monthly board meeting and the membership meeting if the President is unavailable. Other tasks as necessary.

Secretary - Position Description

The Secretary acts as both the Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the Club.

Duties:

- Attend the Club meetings and Board meetings to record notes. Compile notes from the Board meeting to distribute to the Board, and identify Action Items.
- Identify key points to include in the Newsletter
- Responsible for club correspondence, i.e. sending Thank You notes, cards for concerns, other correspondence as needed
- Send out all alerts, newsletters, and crucial information to the club members electronically

Time Required:

- 2 hours for monthly Board meeting
- 3 hours for monthly Club meeting
- 2-3 hours for compiling notes, doing correspondence etc.

Treasurer - Position Description

The Treasurer is responsible for executing all financial transactions for the Club and attend executive and general meetings. The Treasurer must hold cash receipts, be able to accept checks and write checks from their personal account.

Duties:

- Receive annual dues, monies from fundraiser and entries from annual hunt
- Write checks for meeting room, TAMDC dues & expo, hunt expenses, coins for prizes
- Provide ongoing reports for account balance, hunt registration, membership list, coin inventory
- Provide prize coins for Find of the Month, fundraiser, newsletter question, membership drawing, visitor drawing, program presenters
- Provide annual financial report

Time Required:

- 4 hour per month for meetings
- 1 hour per month for dues
- 20 hours per year acquiring coins
- 40 hours per year hunt duties
- 2 hours per month preparing reports

Newsletter Editor - Position Description

The Newsletter Editor puts together a monthly newsletter for the Club.

Duties:

- Identify and/or obtain the pertinent information on upcoming programs, activities and items of interest (using Board Meeting notes, etc.)
- Enter information into the Newsletter (usually using the previous month's issue, cut and paste)
- Obtain President's message and include on front page
- Obtain the Find of the Month results from the previous month and include in the FOM section
- Take or obtain from pictures of activities, searches, etc. from club members to include in Newsletter
- Encourage others to contribute news, stories, etc. to the Newsletter
- If possible, send draft to another Board member for review
- Finalize Newsletter (Microsoft Word), and also save as a PDF file.
- Distribute final copy of the Newsletter in Word and PDF to club members and others as appropriate (visitors, members who have moved away, etc.) Use Excel membership spreadsheet as a guide for list of current members. Send using blind copy for recipients.

Time Required:

- 6-8 hours per month



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:

THE LURE OF OLD COINS!

It is so exciting to find old coins! This issue we will look at Wheat Pennies. Do you remember seeing an abundance of Wheat Pennies as a kid?



Wheat Pennies, or Cents were minted between 1909 and 1956, and are still often found in circulation. The wheat penny is made mostly of copper, however during WW II they were made of steel.

In 1909 there were V.D.B. and Non V.D.B. marked pennies. VDB were the engraver Victor David Brenner's initials. Victor Brenner was a United States sculptor and engraver who's most widely known for...you guessed it...the Penny :) The initials can be found on the reverse of the 1909 coin only. In 1918 they would be added much smaller to the front of the coin near Lincoln's shoulder.

So – What is the Value of Wheat Cents? You can refer to the “Red Book of Coins” to look up specific dates and conditions of the wheat cent, but in general all Wheat Pennies are worth more than their face value of .01 cent. A good rule of thumb is that they are worth at least 3 or 4 cents even in poor condition, but those in good condition (not including special years) are worth at least double digit dollars (\$10 or more) when purchased or sold in MS-63 condition.

Upcoming Events – Metal Detecting:

October 10 – Central Texas Treasure Hunters, Brownwood – Competition Hunt

November 14 – TAMDC Hunt in Lodwick (Ghost Town). Check TAMDC website (TAMDC.org) for info.

April 16-18, 2021 – Temple, TAMDC (Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs) Treasure Show – Mayborn Civic and Convention Center



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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 _____