



# I DIG IT NEWS

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Membership: \$20.00

*Meeting information:*

*Place: Woodlawn Baptist Church*

*4600 Manchaca*

*Austin, Tx*

*Day: Second Thursday of each month*

*Time: 7:00 pm*

## FEBRUARY 2022

### Club Officers:

#### President

Susie Mireles

#### Vice President

TBD

#### Treasurer

Scott Hegel

#### Secretary

TBD

**Board Members:** Mary and Leon Prause, Daniel and Susie Mireles, Jim Lawhon, Carrie Rogers, Fred and Jeanne Toewe, Larry Vickers, Dennis Gans, Paul Krugler, Ed Newsom, Blaine Nelson, Kim McDermid

#### Huntmaster:

Fred Toewe and Ed Newsom

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Jeanne Toewe

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Fred Toewe

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### President's Message

Happy February! I hope that we won't feel like we have to cancel any additional meetings but please be sure to keep on checking the website and Facebook for updates. In addition, Jeanne will send an email to all members making them aware that notifications will be sent to current members and the info will be available on the website. If you haven't paid dues for 2022 please get with Scott Hegel to make sure you stay updated.

Our program committee has been busy scheduling and planning fun meetings. If you have any ideas or would like to do a presentation please contact Mary Prause, VP elect and Program Committee lead.

The TAMDC Treasure Show in Llano promises to be fun as always. If you haven't registered for the hunt, they have extended the deadline to 02/15/2022. We will have a booth to display our club member's finds. If you can't attend and would like to send a display, please bring it to Thursday's meeting (make sure your name is on the display). Someone will be taking the displays and will return them at the March meeting.

A few brave folks made it to the HARC hunt, in Galveston, this past weekend. It was really cold but as always, it's nice to see friends from near and far.

We will be having our Find of the Month boards out again this year. Since we had a party in December and no meeting in January, the finds can include things you have found since the November meeting. Please bring your finds to display and you might just win a prize!

Keep on searching!!

Susie

## February Meeting

**Next meeting is February 10, 2022 @7:00**

This month the meeting will include a “Lights Out” hunt led by Huntmaster, Fred Toewe. Members are asked to bring their metal detectors, pinpointers, and flashlights for this hunt. No shovels or scratchers will be allowed. There are still tokens out there from the previous hunt, but the area will be reseeded so there will be plenty of opportunities for prizes. The hunt will start promptly at 7:00 pm so don't be late. After the hunt, Fred will lead an indoor Trash or Treasure learning game using your detector.

### Here's the Dirt

Mary's childhood was typical for a child of a military family. Her father served in the U.S. Navy and consequently the family moved around a lot. She would probably be classified as a “military brat,” but no one would ever use the term brat to describe Mary except that military brats are often very resilient because of their frequent moves, stresses and varied cultural experiences. Mary's family settled in the Houston area after her father retired and he started working for NASA during her junior year of high school.

Mary met Leon in 1968 at Sam Houston State University. He would frequently try to trip her when they marched in the band! It could be said that his attempts to make her fall eventually worked ... she **fell** in love and married him in 1970.

Together they moved to Austin where Mary began working at the University of Texas in 1971. She had nearly a 40-year career at the university and retired in 2011.

Most people know how much Mary enjoys metal detecting, but her other interests include reading, doing jigsaw puzzles and traveling. Mary and Leon particularly love cruising and visiting New Hampshire. Do you think another club member fostered that love of New Hampshire?

### **The Gold Rush**

The first gold coins known to be made in the United States were made in 1787 by a New York goldsmith named Ephraim Brasher. Nobody knows why he made them or how many he actually made. There are only seven known to still exist.

In 1795 the US Mint began producing the \$10 "Eagle" as the standard gold coin unit. It was the largest denomination used up through 1849 mainly for banking and overseas trade business.



The Gold Rush of 1848 resulted in large amounts of gold being shipped to the Philadelphia Mint to strike \$10 gold eagles. The Mint decided they should produce a larger denomination coin so they produced a pattern coin for the \$20 gold coin - known as the "Double Eagle". The original pattern coin they produced resides in the National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institute. Some experts estimate its worth between \$10 million and \$20 million - making it the most valuable coin ever. But even subsequent versions can be worth thousands, so keep those coils swinging.

## AMDC Website

Remember to check out our website often!

Our website is: <http://www.amdconline.com>

Please note that the website now has a sales page which for use by our members only. We are limiting the items to metal detectors and detecting accessories.

## Search Team Results

- 1 Barbara  
Lost Necklace with Diamond Pendant  
Fred & Scott Searched - Fred Found
- #2 Justin  
Lost Ring  
Justin found as Scott was in route to search
- #3 Steve  
Lost Ring  
Pending



**AMDC is on Face Book!** Be sure to check out and “Like” the Group. We often post pictures and news of club activities,.

## Reminder

2022 Dues are due! \$20. If you write a check, make it to Scott Hegel (not AMDC, as we do not have a DBA.)

## Upcoming Events – Metal Detecting

February 10, 2022: AMDC Membership meeting at 7 p.m. featuring an on-site, lightly-seeded, after-dark hunt and a 'Trash or Treasure?' game. **Bring your detecting gear!**

February 26-27, 2022: **The Texas Treasure Show** by the Highland Lakes Metal Detecting Club at the John Kuykendahl Center in Llano, TX

## REQUEST FOR DISPLAYS

The club will have tables at the Texas Treasure Show in Llano. As part of our display we plan to show some of the great finds of our club member. If you would like to show off your great finds, bring your **display case** to the event. If you do not plan to attend, please bring your case to the February meeting and arrangements will be made to get it to the event. Cases will be returned to you during the March meeting or sooner if arrangements can be made.



# AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

## FIND OF THE MONTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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