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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*

## March 2022

### Club Officers:

#### President

Susie Mireles

#### Vice President

Mary Prause

#### Treasurer

Scott Hegel

#### Secretary

Jeanne Toewe

**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

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Fred Toewe and Ed Newsom

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### President's Message

Happy March! It seems like the calendar is teasing us with springtime while Mother Nature says, "not quite yet". I hope you all have a chance to dust the winter off your detectors and get out to enjoy the warmer days.

February had a couple of fun events. There were a few members that braved the weather to attend the HARC hunt in Galveston. It was cold but we couldn't miss a chance to join in on the fun. The end of February took us to Llano for the Texas Treasure Show where TAMDC partnered with GPAA for our annual convention. There were interesting seminars and information shared about the Llano Railroad Museum and gold prospecting. I really wish we had seen more of our club members in attendance. It was a great opportunity to learn and visit with friends so close to home. There is already talk of having the convention in Llano again next year. Nothing set in stone but if it happens I highly encourage everyone to consider attending. The more participation we have at events like these means the more our members can join in activities without having to keep the same people manning our booth the whole day.

I want to acknowledge our Program committee and Huntmasters for the activities they have been planning for our meetings. Last month's "Lights out hunt" and "Trash or Treasure" programs were a lot of fun. Hearing everyone laughing and guessing, along with sharing hints about how to tell the difference in tones they were hearing was music to my ears! If you have any ideas or would like to put on a program or activity please see Mary Prause, Program Committee Chair or Huntmasters Fred Toewe or Ed Newsom. They would love to hear your ideas and work with you to put the ideas in action!

Happy Hunting!

Susie

# MARCH MEETING & HUNT

Date; March 10, 2022 Time: 7:00 pm

This month the meeting will include a presentation by Scott Jacobsmeyer and Scott Wilkins discussing their most recent hunt in Colchester, England. Their previous presentations have always been a club favorite. It is fascinating to hear about their adventures and see their amazing finds.

There will be an AMDC Members-only club hunt on March 12, 2022: This will be a lightly-seeded, land hunt at Brushy Creek Lake Park. Meet at 10 a.m. at the sand volleyball court.

## LIGHTS OUT

Last month's "Lights Out" hunt was a big success. Fourteen members participated in the fun hunt. Twenty eight tokens were seeded and 35 tokens were found. That means all the recent tokens were found and plus seven tokens from the previous were retrieved, Mary Prause and Andrew Phillips tied for first place, each finding 6 tokens. Thanks to all who participated.



# Llano Hunt

AMDC had a booth at the **The Texas Treasure Show** by the Highland Lakes Metal Detecting Club at the John Kuykendahl Center in Llano, TX on February 26-27. Our booth had some really impressive display cases provided by members. In addition our raffle generated some funds to help cover club expenses. Several members participated in the silver hunt on Sunday and a good time was had by all. Thanks goes out to the members who helped man the booth and also to those who provided their display cases.





## Here's the Dirt

Scott Hegel was born in Roswell, New Mexico after the aliens landed there, not sure if the events were related. He lived in Alamogordo, New Mexico during grades 1-12 and ended up in Las Cruces, New Mexico attending New Mexico State University where he graduated with a BS in Electrical Engineering.

His first job after graduation took him to Texas Instruments in Houston, Texas which was quite a cultural and environmental change from southern New Mexico. After 3 years, TI decided to move his group to the Austin facility in 1976 which was good for his career and family life. Scott met Sherrie at TI while teaching tennis classes for TI employees. Work and tennis caused their paths to cross on many occasions and in 1980 they decided to tie the knot. Not long after, TI started closing down many parts of the business to concentrate on building semiconductors. Scott spent the next 18 months with the TI group that did contract manufacturing of printed circuit boards. During that time, Sherrie's brother Dale had been training Scott in the pest control business while Scott fought the varmints that lived in and around their house in Taylor. After a short time, Scott opened Hegel Pest Control and killed bugs when he wasn't building PC boards. The business grew and they needed to hire employees to keep up with the calls. Scott finally had to leave TI to devote enough time to the bug business.

After 18 more months change happened again. The group of TI employees that had built up the Automated Test System business, ATS-960, decided to get back together and support the customers they had developed and C&H Engineering was created (Scott was not the H in C&H). For the next 25 years, he supported a worldwide product that was developed in the late 70's.

Scott picked up his first detector in 1985 while still in Taylor, joined the Austin Metal Detecting Club in the late 80's and has enjoyed the hobby since then. In 2016 he joined forces with Larry Vickers to take Vickers Metal Detectors to the Internet. Now they sell many makes and models of metal detectors on Amazon and to the many club members in the clubs they are associated with.



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

## Search Team Results



Feb #1 - Dalton - Lost Gold Ring - Jim searched with no luck - Dalton found it the next day.

Feb #2 - Chris - Lost several earrings - Mary, Leon and Fred searched with no luck.

## AMDC Website

Remember to check out our website often!

Our website is:

<http://www.amdconline.com>

## 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

March 12, 2022: **35th Annual TCAS Hunt** by the Treasure Coast Archaeological Society at Wabasso, FL

March 19, 2022: **10th Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt** by East Texas Treasure Hunters Association's in Longview, TX

March 26, 2022: **6th Annual Bunny Hunt** by the Deep Search Metal Detecting Club at Woodland Park, NJ

April 2022: Garrett has announced that the next CGMH will be in 2023

April 2-3, 2022: **Kadoha Treasure Festival 4** at Kadoha Indian Village, Murfreesboro, AR

April 19-24, 2022: **BONE 29** by Streeters Treasure Hunters in Harrisville, Jaffrey, NH

April 21-24, 2022: **Detector Hunt** by the Lost Dutchman Mining Assn at Stanton, AZ

April 24, 2022: **Open Club Hunt** by Lancaster Research and Recovery Club at Lancaster County Central Park, Lancaster, PA

May 15, 2022: **Open National Hunt** by Topeka Treasure Hunters at Hoyt, KS

May 21-22, 2022: **12th Annual Open Hunt** by East Coast Treasure and Discovery Association on the beach at the Music Pier, Ocean City, NJ

**See the Calendar page of the website ([amdconline.com](http://amdconline.com)) for more details and other events.**



# AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

## FIND OF THE MONTH

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