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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

April 2022

Club Officers:

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Susie Mireles

Vice President

Mary Prause

Treasurer

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Secretary

Jeanne Toewe

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President's Message

Well, it looks like spring is going to break through and win over winter! I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy the mild temperatures.

We have a great opportunity coming up to participate in a fundraising effort in Yoakum TX. There will be more information at our meeting on April 21 in addition to our website and facebook page. We are going to have a couple of tables and a fundraiser. If you have some time and are looking for something to do, please consider going to this event.

My other message this month is for everyone to please be weather aware. As we saw a month ago, storms can pop up and become severe very quickly. I know it's hard to put that detector down if you are on a lucky streak but please keep an eye on the sky and an ear to your favorite weather alert system.

Keep your coil to the soil!

Susie

APRIL MEETING & HUNT

Date: April 21, 2022 Time: 7:00 pm

We all love digging up coins but how much do we really know about coins? This month Mitch London will be doing a presentation on 'Coin Trivia'. As most of you know, Mitch has belonged to the Capital City Coin Club for some time and he has a wealth of knowledge that he is willing to share with us. Come join us on the 21st!

The April members only club hunt will be held at Camp Ben McCullough. There will be a natural hunt from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. The seeded hunt will begin at 10:00 am. This hunt will be led by Huntmaster Ed Newsome. Ed has lots of experience hunting at Camp Ben and maybe he will share his favorite spots....or maybe not.

SEARCH TEAM RESULTS



Feb #2 Chris - Lost earrings - Fred, Mary & Leon searched - no luck. Fred and Scott searched again - **no luck**.

March #1 Chad - Lost gold ring – Dennis searched – **Found**.

March #2 Trinity - Charm in carpet - Scott searched - **no luck**.

March #3 Kristen - Lost key - **Found** by Neighbor.

March #4 Kelly – Lost gold earring - Mitch searched - **no luck**. It was later **found** by owner in the toy box.

March #5 Jackson - Help clean junk in backyard – Pending.

March #6 Joshua - Toe ring/necklace in Zilker Park – Pending.

March #7 Zoe - Lost toy cars - Mary & Leon searched - **Found** - Story on website.

March #8 Christine - Lost gold charm - Mitch searched - **no luck**, Mitch & Fred searched again - **no luck**.

Here's the Dirt

The next person in our series of biographical sketches is our Club Secretary, Jeanne Toewe. Oh wait, that's me!

Jeanne, her first husband, and their three children moved to Texas in 1980 and she began working as a medical transcriptionist at Brackenridge Hospital. Surrounded by so many educational opportunities in the Austin area, she quickly decided that she would like to finally go to college. Shortly after her first child turned 12, she enrolled in the pharmacy program at the University of Texas.

Fast forward 8 years and she has had a graduation, a job with the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, and a divorce. That is when she met Fred while on a ski trip with her sister. If she would have had better gloves, the romance may never have begun, but Fred was the best handwarmer.

Most people know that quilting is her passion and she has made hundreds of quilts for Linus Connection. She loves spending time with her children, stepchildren and her many grandchildren. Her other interests include reading, traveling, and genealogy...although her love of genealogy has led to lots of family drama. There are skeletons in her family's closet.



DNA

Who's the Dad?

First Cousin?



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

AMDC Website

Remember to check out our website often!

Our website is:

<http://www.amdconline.com>

The Flying Eagle Cent! By Blaine Nelson



US Mint (coin), National Numismatic Collection (photograph by Jaclyn Nash) - National Numismatic Collection, National Museum of American History

I wonder how many of us have actually found a Flying Eagle Cent with our detectors? If you are one of the lucky ones, you have quite a find! I have two of these treasures I acquired as a kid (traded for some baseball cards), and later wondered about the history of these special pennies. There is much info on the web but here are some highlights.

The [Flying Eagle Penny](#) was produced because, prior to 1856 the director of the mint, James Snowden wanted to produce a smaller penny. Then came the Flying Eagle Cent. The series was very short lived as it was only produced for a total of three years. The Flying Eagle Cent had a diameter of 19mm, a weight of 4.67 grams, and was composed of 88% copper and 12% nickel.

The Flying Eagle Cent was designed by James B. Longacre. Its obverse design of the Flying Eagle Cent consisted of a bald eagle soaring through the sky. This soaring eagle was inspired by a bird named "Peter". He was a bald eagle fed by the workers of the mint in the early 1830's. The reverse of the Flying Eagle Penny had the words "ONE CENT," that was surrounded by a wreath.

The Flying Eagle cent was replaced by the Indian Head Cent a few years after its original release on May 25, 1857. The Flying Eagle Cent was minted from 1856-1858. It was minted in Philadelphia only. These coins are very popular amongst collectors because of their rarity, and how quickly they were removed from circulation. Some of the key dates in the Flying Eagle Cent series are the following:

-1856 Flying Eagle Cent

-All proof issue Flying Eagle Cents

Most Flying Eagle Cents are expensive, even in circulated quality. Only a few dates such as the 1858 can be found at cheaper prices in circulated condition. Since the set is so short, the higher prices of the coins don't always deter avid collectors of the series."

In looking at the 2021 Red Book of Coins, the Flying Eagle cents range in value from \$16.00 to over \$16,000 depending on condition, mintage and year.

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

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) for more details and other events.



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: _____ \$ _____ # _____

Name _____ Month _____