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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

October 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

Huntmasters:

Fred Toewe and Ed Newsom

Newsletter:

Jeanne Toewe

webmaster@amdconline.com

Webmaster:

Fred Toewe

webmaster@amdconline.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Fall!! I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the cooler days.

It seems like everyone that attended the club hunt and picnic had a nice time. The results of the hunt I heard were that all the targets were found! Great Job! Also heard the meal and fellowship were very enjoyable.

Our huntmasters, Fred Toewe and Ed Newsom, work very hard to find fun and productive places to hunt. Be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their hard work. The October hunt will be a "clean up" to get ready for our November Veteran's Hunt. There will be prizes for various items found. It should be fun and make the November event more enjoyable

Speaking of our annual Veteran's Day Hunt in Round Rock. This is a big deal for our club, and we could really use your help to make the event a success. We need help with behind-the-scenes activities like checking people in, hospitality, setting up tables, cleaning up afterwards and again, getting those prizes (coins & tokens) out in the field. Here's a chance to give back to your club!

A reminder that November is the month our club elects new officers. We have been sharing the duties and time required for each office. We have a volunteer for Vice President and will share more about that at the meeting. Please consider offering your services to help the club grow. We need nominees for President and Secretary. We could also use help with the Vice President's Program Committee. If holding an office doesn't sound like something you are interested in, consider joining or at least attending a couple of board meetings to check out the planning stages for our club. As always, contact an officer or board member with any questions.

Happy Hunting

Susie

Position Descriptions for AMDC Officers and Volunteers

Please review these descriptions of the duties for the AMDC elected officer positions, and Hunt Master, Webmaster, Finds of the Month Master, and the Newsletter Editor which are volunteer positions. Serving our club is a rewarding and fun opportunity!

President

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:

- 1 hour for monthly Board meeting via Zoom
- 2 hours for monthly Club meeting
- 1 hour for preparing agendas for Board and Membership meetings
- ½ hour to write President’s message

Vice President

Duties:

- Leads the monthly Board meeting and the Membership meeting if the President is unavailable
- Shall form and lead the Program Committee and ensure that it performs its duty
- Other tasks as necessary

Time Required:

- 1 hour for monthly Board meeting,
- 2 hours for monthly Club meeting
- Less than 1 hour per month for Program Committee

Secretary

Duties:

- Attend the Club meetings and Board meetings to record notes. Compile notes of the Board meeting and distribute to the Board, and identify Action Items
- Identify and communicate to the Newsletter Editor 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:

- 1 hour for monthly Board meeting,
- 2 hours for monthly Club meeting
- 2-3 hours for compiling minutes, doing correspondence etc.

Treasurer

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:

- 3 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

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
- 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 PDF to club members, webmaster 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:

- 8-10 hours per month

Hunt Master

Duties:

- Organizes, publicizes and runs monthly members only fun hunts

Time Required:

- 2 hours per month to organize and publicize
- 1 hours per month to run each hunt

Finds of the Month Master

Duties:

- Runs the FOM contest at monthly meetings
- Stores the materials used in the contest

Time Required:

- 2 hours per month to attend membership meeting and run the contest

Webmaster

Duties:

- Revise the website monthly to advertise the upcoming Club meetings, Fun hunts, and all the seeded hunts around the country.
- Revise the website as needed to add new pages and public notices as requested by the Board and Volunteers.
- Add newsletters, interesting News articles, Lost & Found articles as they become available.
- Backup the files that comprise the website.

Time Required:

- 4 hours monthly

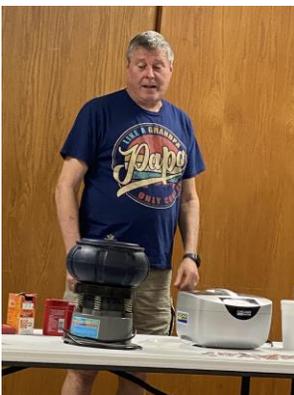
OCTOBER MEETING

Date: **October 13, 2022** Time: 7:00 pm

At the October meeting Scott Jacobsmeyer and Scott Wilkins will do another presentation on the metal detecting finds from their trip to England. We are very fortunate that Scott Wilkins films their adventures and shares their stories with the club. It is always an interesting meeting so don't miss out on the fun!

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

At the September AMDC Membership meeting, Scott Hegel did a presentation on "Cleaning your finds." He brought an ultrasonic cleaner, a rock tumbler and a sample of the product he uses to clean his finds. Thank you, Scott, for a great presentation and for sharing your knowledge and experience.



SEPTEMBER PICNIC AND HUNT RECAP

On September 10, the club had a **Family Picnic and Seeded hunt** at Block House Creek Pavilion in Tumlinson Park in Leander. As usual, there was lots of great food and fun. Carol Gans and Veronica Jarrett joined the fun, as well as Jim Lawhon's son, grandson and granddaughter.

Eleven hunters participated in the search. The fee for participating was \$10 and the field was seeded with more than 18 silver dimes per hunter. The hunters did a fabulous job and found all the coins that were planted. After the seeded hunt, members continued to search the park. Ryan found a great pocket watch.



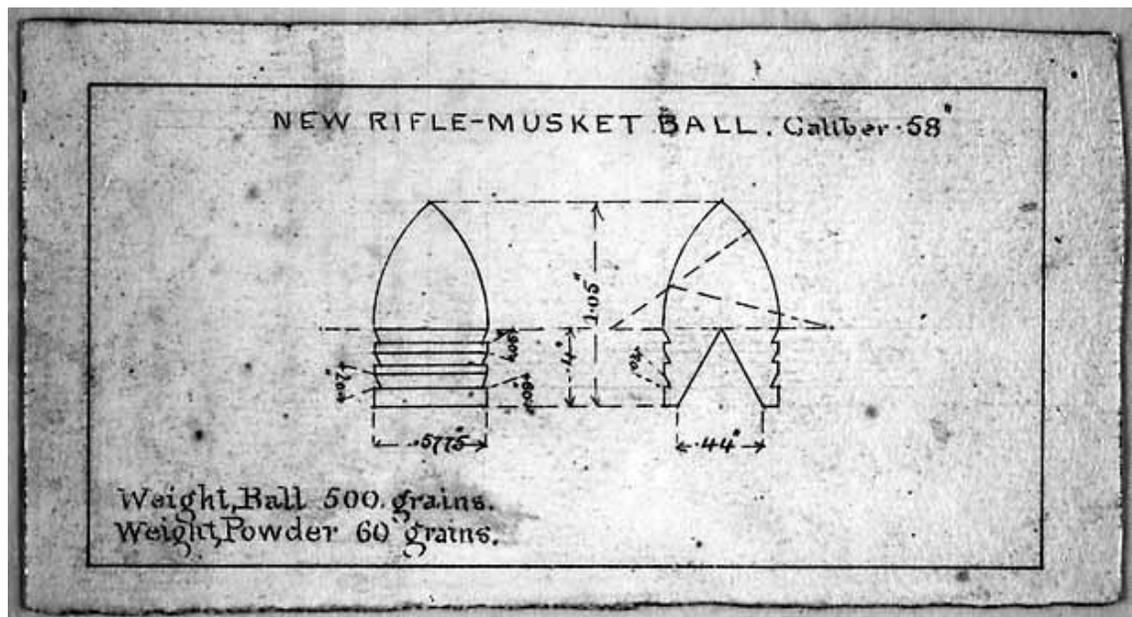
American Civil War Bullets

Did you know that Civil War was fought with Minié balls, not Mini balls?

The American Civil War was waged between the southern Confederacy and the northern Union during the period of April 1861 through May 1865.

The war resulted in the death of an estimated 1 million people which was about 3 % of the population at the time. Surprisingly more of the deaths were the result of disease than gun shot wounds. But of those receiving gun shot wounds, a very common type of bullet inflicting the damage was the Minié ball.

The design of this bullet was by Claude-Étienne Minié, a French Army captain in about 1849. The key design features were its conical shape with an elliptical point, 2-4 sealing rings, a hollow base and a material of soft lead. This combination made the bullet faster to load and when fired, caused it to expand and seal against the rifling channels of the barrel thereby causing it to exit the barrel at a higher velocity while rotating. This dramatically improved the accuracy of the rifle and increased the effective range of the bullet five times over the older spherically shaped bullets. Unfortunately for the recipients, the new design also caused the bullet to fragment when it hit a person and shattered bones requiring amputation became much more common.



James H. Burton's 1855 design. This image is in the public domain by virtue of its age.

SEARCH TEAM

RESULTS

September

Sept #1 Cory - Lost ring at Barkin Springs - Fred called but Cory found before Fred could help.

Sept #2 Finn - Lost ring in Lake Austin - Finn found before anyone could search.



AMDC Website

Remember to check out our website often!

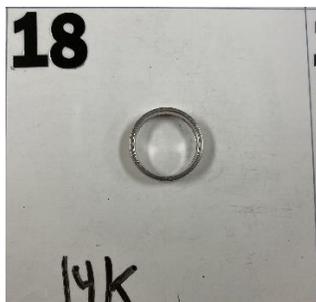
Our website is:

<http://www.amdconline.com>



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

Some FOMS from September



Upcoming Events – Metal Detecting

October 15, 2022 **Rt66 2nd Annual Treasure Hunt** by Route 66 Medal Detecting Club at Cushing, OK

October 15-16, 2022 **Kadoha Treasure Fest 5** by Arkansas History Unearthed and the Ka-Do-Ha Indian Village at Kadoha Indian Village, Murfreesboro, AR

October 22, 2022: **47th Annual Hunt** by Lone Star Treasure Hunter's Club at Garland, TX

October 29, 2022: **20th Treasure Hunt of the Carolinas** by Randy Gatchel at Blacksburg, SC

November 4-5, 2022: **Gypsy Jewels Treasure Hunt** by Gypsy Jewels at Lions Camp, Kerrville, TX

November 12, 2022: **AMDC Veterans Day Open Hunt** at Williamson County Old Settlers Association (RV Park) in Round Rock, TX

February 25, 2023: **HARC 41st Annual Galveston Open Beach Hunt** by Houston Archeology and Recovery Club at R.A. Apffel East Beach Park, Galveston, TX

April 14-16, 2023: **Garrett Memorial Hunt: Diggin' Texas 2023** at Canton, TX

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

The website also has lots of stories, pictures, and educational articles so spend some time browsing.

September 2022 FOM Winners

Display	Andrew Phillips
Foreign Coin	Sandip Chakraborti – German Coin
Token	Sandip Chakraborti – Video Game Token
Ring	Andrew Phillips – 14K White Gold
Jewelry	Andrew Phillips – 14K Gold Crucifix
Button	Sandip Chakraborti – 4 Hole
Artifact	Andrew Phillips – Southwestern Medal
Wild Card	Andrew Phillips – Butterfly
Oldest US Coin	Andrew Phillips – 1886 Indian Head Cent
Most Valuable US Coin	Sandip Chakraborti – 1943D War Nickel
All Categories Filled	None
Newsletter Question	Sandip Chakraborti
Visitor Drawing	Tom Ashworth
Member Drawing	Paul Krugler



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 _____