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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

MAY 2023

Club Officers:

President

Andrew Phillips

Vice President

Sandip Chakraborti

Treasurer

Scott Hegel

Secretary

Charles Goertz

Board Members: Andrew Phillips, Sandip Chakraborti, Charles Goertz, Scott Hegel, Mary and Leon Prause, Daniel and Susie Mireles, Jim Lawhon, Carrie Rogers, Fred and Jeanne Toewe, Larry Vickers, Dennis Gans, Paul Krugler, Ed Newsom

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everybody! I hope you are all doing well. Summer is approaching, it's warming up, and the thunderstorms have been crazy! The power at our house was out for a few hours Friday night.

I really like the idea that Fred brought up recently about doing a club hunt at some sort of tubing river like the Comal, Guadalupe, or San Marcos. I've done a little detecting in them myself, but it is definitely something I want to get more into. The trick is finding a part of the river with easy access, shallow-ish water, and in an area which tubers come through. If anybody has any suggestion of places like this along the rivers please let Fred or myself know!

As always, good luck and happy hunting everyone!

Andrew



Bring your favorite pin pointer to play the game this month!

APRIL PROGRAM RECAP

Due to the threatening weather, the April meeting had fewer members participating and it was kept short. Instead of the regular scheduled program, members discussed their experiences in past and future paid hunts. Susie and Daniel entertained the group with the saga of the 100 pound cannon ball. If you missed the meeting, be sure to ask Susie or Daniel about it.

Many members had attended the recent Garrett hunt, including some who had participated for the first time. This provided insights from different perspectives, seasoned and novice hunters.

The meeting also included the usual activities, Finds of the Month, Visitor (none this month) and Member drawings, and raffle winners.

APRIL CLUB HUNT RECAP - MITCH LONDON HUNT

Thanks are due to Mitch London and his father for making it possible for Club members to search the 21+ acre site in far north Austin. The hunt was held on the muddy Saturday morning of April 8th at 9 am and luckily, only the hunt master got his car stuck in the icky brown stuff.

Seventeen Club members signed up for the hunt, but only twelve attended which included: Andrew Phillips, Mike and Mary Ellen Calderon, Dennis Gans, Ruby and Larry O'Neal, Charles Goertz, Scott Hegel, Mitch London, Alan Russell, Jeanne and Fred Toewe.

Before the hunters dispersed Mitch gave a brief description of the property and its history. The hunt site has hosted an auto repair/parts business and a residence in the past - though only their concrete slabs remain today. After the starting gun went off the hunters waded off in every direction. Photos of several of the happy hunters accompany this article.

The hunters found a number of surprises including multiple beehive colonies, geodes galore (ask Alan and Ruby), an intact pocket watch and more. The hunt ended at about noon.

In the informal discussions that followed, mention was made of a possible future hunt at the adjacent property belonging to another of Mitch's relatives. We look forward to that possibility and again thank Mitch and his dad for allowing and assisting with this hunt.



MAY PROGRAM

Date: May 11, 2023 Time: 7:00 p.m.

The May Members meeting will feature two separate activities.

Benefits of using Coin Collector Folders

Paul Krugler will be up first and will show and discuss coin collector folders. He will present his reasons for using them and will invite other members to share how they store or organize the coins they find.

Pin Pointer Challenge

The second activity will be a pin pointer game by Fred Toewe. The purpose of the game is to encourage accuracy and speed of pin pointing. The reasons why these are desirable goals may be obvious, or not. The more accurately you pin point your target, the smaller a plug or hole you can dig, thereby making it easier to repair your hole after retrieval. Likewise, the faster you pin point the target, the more targets per hour you can retrieve. Maybe this matters to you, or not. If you enjoy competitive hunts, like the recent Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt in Canton, speed definitely matters.

You may bring your favorite pin pointer to play the game or use one of Fred's (one each of Garrett Pro Pointer AT, Garrett Pro II, Fisher F-Pulse, or Minelab Pro-Find 35). There will be multiple stations at which players will be asked to locate a 'buried' target and record its closest grid position. Guessing what the target is will NOT be part of the game as all the targets will be coins. The results will be self-scored and a prize will be awarded for the best score.

MAY FUN HUNT

The May Fun Hunt for AMDC Members will be held at the beautiful Lakeway City Park which is located at 502 Hurst Creek Rd., Austin, TX 78734. There is a Google mini-map on the Club website Calendar page marking the park.

The hunt field will be as close to the volleyball court as practical, and in the shade, if possible. We cannot use any of the picnic tables as they were reserved by another group - so you might want to bring a lawn chair.

We will begin the Club hunt at about 10 a.m. The field will be seeded as usual with painted penny and dime tokens which will be exchanged for silver coins and other prizes at the end of the hunt. There will be a bonus prize for non-tokens in a randomly selected category, so picking-up litter is advised.

Following the hunt, at around 11:30 a.m., everyone is invited to gather for lunch at the Don Mario Mexican Restaurant located at 1113 Ranch Rd. 620 N., Lakeway, TX 78734 .

Hope to see everyone there, Fred

SEARCH TEAM RESULTS

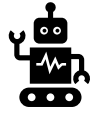
April #1 - Desiree - UT Ring @ Intramural courts - Mitch & Dennis (no luck)

April #2 - Rhyan - Engagement Ring - Scott (no luck)

April #3 - Shatorion - Wedding Ring @ Lake Pville - Andrew & Scott (no luck)

April #4 - Iryna - Gold chain w/emerald - Roomba found

April #5 - Julian - Ring on 6th Street - Did not try



LION'S CAMP

This year the club will be participating once again in the **Texas Lions Camp kid's hunt days** at Kerrville, TX on June 7-8, 2023. This is a great event and members are encouraged to join this fun and rewarding activity. Members are asked to arrive at around 8:30 a.m. on the 7th to help hide coins for these special needs children. The camp has metal detectors so members will assist these children in finding their treasures. The children arrive to the hunt area in small groups with their counselors so the area is reseeded between groups throughout the day. **The club is in need of foreign coins to help seed the area.** If you have foreign coins you would like to donate, please bring them to the meeting or to the Kerrville Lion's Camp when you come. If you would like more information about this activity, please see Larry Vickers.

APRIL 2023 FOM WINNERS

Display	Andrew Phillips
Foreign Coin	Sandip Chakraborti – 1946 20 Centavos Mexico
Token	Wyatt Jacobsmeyer – Hormel Food Token
Ring	Andrew Phillips – CTR Silver Ring
Jewelry	Andrew Phillips – ST James Church Cross & Chain
Button	Ryan Askew – Battleship Brand Overalls
Artifact	Andrew Phillips – 1890's Slaymaker Lock
Wild Card	Andrew Phillips – Pocket Watch
Oldest US Coin	Wyatt Jacobsmeyer – 1910 V Nickel
Most Valuable US Coin	Charles Goertz –
All Categories Filled	Andrew Phillips
Member drawing	Ed Newson

UPCOMING EVENTS – METAL DETECTING

May 11, 2023: AMDC Members meeting will feature Paul Krugler speaking on 'The benefits of using coin collector folders' and Fred Toewe leading a pin pointer challenge game. Bring your favorite pin pointer to play, or use one of ours. Prizes will be awarded.

May 13, 2023: AMDC Members-only lightly seeded hunt at Lakeway City Park at 10 AM. Bring a chair to sit as the picnic tables are reserved. Lunch afterwards at Don Mario Mexican Restaurant, 1113 Ranch Rd 620, in Lakeway,

May 14, 2023: Spring Open Seeded Hunt by Lehigh Valley Treasure Hunters Club at Allentown PA

May 20-21, 2023: 9th Annual Hunt Dirt Digging PA by Lehigh Valley Treasure Hunters **Club** at Emporium, PA

May 27-28, 2023: 50th Indian Territory Treasure Hunt by ITTH Club, Inc. at Sapulpa, OK

May 27-28, 2023: Southern Winona Beach Hunt by Rainbows End Metal Detecting Assn at Winona, Ontario, Canada

June 3, 2023: 3rd Annual ESMDS Seeded Hunt by Eastern Shores Metal Detecting Society at Pitsville, MD

June 3-4, 2023: 11th Annual Silver Seekers Open Hunt by Don Hayes and Ed Burke at New Concord, OH

June 7-8, 2023: Texas Lions Camp kid's hunt days at Kerrville, TX

June 10, 2023: Rick Radke Detector Hunt by Headwaters Chapter of the GPAA at Raidersburg, MT

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.



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 _____