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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

September 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

Huntmasters:

Fred Toewe and Ed Newsom

Newsletter:

Jeanne Toewe

webmaster@amdconline.com

Webmaster:

Fred Toewe

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NO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AUGUST PROGRAM RECAP

The August meeting was a social. Members brought lots of goodies to share along with stories about various finds.

Scott and Wyatt Jacobsmeyer entertained us with stories of their eight-hour long search of an old home near Scott's hometown. Ryan Askew once again had an interesting artifact that he found in the same area that he found his badge. There was lots of sharing and laughter which made the evening fly by, but there was still time to fill bellies with enough food to feed an army.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

This month's presentation by our VP, Sandip Chakraborti, will be about his treasure-hunting adventures in a place in Central Mexico called Wirikuta (in the desert) and around a mountain called Quemado. The Huichol Indians have been making pilgrimages to these two places for centuries and UNESCO has officially recognized them as World Heritage sites. The Huicholes consider deer to be their sacred animal, and they are amazing artisans. The closest "town" is Real de Catorce, a town established by silver mining interests in the 1500's.

The presentation will include pictures of mountains, desert, weird cacti, indigenous art, and ruins of old Spanish forts. This was Sandip's 14th year going on this pilgrimage and every year he continues to dream of what might be out there.

SEPTEMBER FUN HUNT

The September Fun Hunt will again be on the private property of the Austin Blacks Rugby Club called Burr Field. In June of last year, 15 members of the Club enjoyed hunting the three rugby pitches and surrounding grounds of this very large complex. The hunt this year will again be for paid-up Club members only and will begin at 9 am on Saturday, September 16, rain or shine. Anyone needing directions may pickup a map at the September Members meeting.

Because these fields are secured behind multiple locked gates, it is important that interested members arrive at the entrance between about 8:45 and 9:00 am, so we can caravan into the facility together. Hunters arriving after this time will need to make special arrangements with Fred.

Unlike last year, we will not have the entire facility to ourselves as there will also be a tailgate party in the main parking area where we parked last year. Therefore, we must park in the first parking area which is located on the right shortly after entering the large open space. This parking area is also identified on the maps that will be available at the Members meeting.

The hunt will end at about 11:15 am at which time a few prizes will be awarded in a few TBD categories. All club members must leave together after the hunt.

UPCOMING NOMINATIONS FOR AMDC OFFICERS

It is that time of year again. At the October meeting the club will be taking nominations for officer positions. Fortunately, all the current officers have volunteered to continue in their positions. However, additional nominations will be accepted.

Descriptions of officer and volunteer positions are listed below so be thinking about how you would like to help the club thrive.

The volunteer position of Newsletter Editor is open. If no one volunteers for this position, there will be no Newsletter.

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

SEARCH TEAM RESULTS

August #1 – Carlos – Lost wedding ring in Lake Austin – Scott tried and took extra equipment for Carlos – Carlos found

AUGUST 2023 FOM WINNERS

Display	Fred Toewe
Foreign Coin	Sandip Chakraborti – Thailand
Token	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1935 NM Tax Token
Ring	Fred Toewe – Sterling Crown with 17 Diamonds
Jewelry	Fred Toewe – 18” Sterling Necklace
Button	Scott Jacobsmeyer – Flat with Stars
Artifact	Scott Jacobsmeyer – Civil War Cannonball Fragment
Wild Card	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1856 Half Dime
Oldest US Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1842 Dime
Most Valuable US Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1909O Quarter
All Categories Filled	None
Newsletter Question	None
Visitor Drawing	None
Member Drawing	Darrell Jarrett

UPCOMING EVENTS – METAL DETECTING

September 16, 2023: **2023 Midwest Silver Shootout** by Detecting Gear, LLC at Lebanon, IN

September 17, 2023: **Mo-Kan 2023** by Mo-Kan Search & Recovery at Lathrop, MO

September 23-24, 2023: **20th Annual Fall Treasure Hunt** by Tri-State Metal Detecting Club at Mt. Vernon, IL

October 13-15, 2023: **Treasure Fest 6** at Murfreesboro, AR

October 14, 2023: **CTTC Annual Open Hunt** by Central Texas Treasure Club at Brownwood, TX

October 21, 2023: **48th Annual Lone Star Treasure Hunt** by Lone Star Metal Detecting Club at Garland, TX

November 11, 2023: AMDC Veterans Day Open Hunt at Williamson County Old Settlers Association (RV Park) in Round Rock, TX

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

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

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are open to all Club Members. If you are interested in attending a Board meeting, please contact an Officer, Board Member, or the Webmaster for details. These are held via Zoom on the first Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m.

FOR SALE – PRICE REDUCED



Garrett AT Max with built-in Z-Lynk and head-phones, \$450.00, brand new and in the box, offered by Jeanne Toewe.

The detector was won by Jeanne at the Garrett Memorial Diggin' Texas 2023 Hunt in Canton in a raffle offered by the Longhorn Diggers of Central Texas. As Jeanne already has a Garrett AT Pro detector that was just refurbished into like-new condition, this one is spare.

The offered price is 58% of the MAP selling price, so it's a great deal that dealers won't want to match.

Please contact Jeanne or husband, Fred, at (512) 310-2462. That's in Round Rock, Texas



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 _____