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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 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

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Webmaster:

Fred Toewe

webmaster@amdconline.com

Hello everyone! I hope you all are doing great!

Even though we aren't having a club hunt this month, I hope people can still find time to get out and detect. I haven't done a lot of detecting lately because of working, starting college, and the brutal weather. At least the weather has been pretty nice lately!

I feel like I always mention weather in these president messages, but it's only because of how important it is in finding motivation to detect. At least for me.

Good luck and happy hunting everyone!

-Andrew

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM RECAP

The presentation by our VP, Sandip Chakraborti, was about his treasure hunting adventures in central Mexico in a place called Wirikuta in the desert and around a mountain called Quemado. The Huicholes people that live there consider deer to be sacred.

Sandip told us how it has taken many years for the people of this region to trust outsiders like him. Sandip shared images of their indigenous art that often features deer antlers. He also shared his extremely varied collection of finds from his 14 pilgrimages to the area.

Everyone enjoyed the program immensely. Thank you, Sandip.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

The program for October will be a presentation by Scott Jacobsmeyer and Scott Wilkins covering their just completed detecting trip to Colchester, England. We can expect to see a video by Scott W. and hear loads of great narration by Scott J., though probably their newest finds are still in England being reviewed by the Antiquities and Export control organizations.

This program has become an annual event that all Club members look forward to seeing, hearing and enjoying. Most of us know so very little about the tremendously old coins that are regularly found by these Club Members on their frequent excursions to Colchester.

SEPTEMBER FUN HUNT RECAP

The September Fun Hunt was on the three rugby pitch fields of the Austin Blacks Rugby Club. This was the second year that our Club was able to hunt these fields. Last year 15 Members turned out, but this year only 4 came. The hunt lasted from about 9 am until 11:30 am on September 16th. The heavy rain cooperated perfectly and waited until we finished.

NOTICE: Possible newsletter trivia coming up!

Notable finds this year were made by Andrew Phillips, who found a sterling silver ring with raised heart decorations (see the image) and a token;



and by Jeanne Toewe who found two sterling silver rings, one being a James Avery Ichthus style, and the other an engagement style with a heart-shaped red stone and inscribed with 'Follow your heart'.



These finds have been described to the Rugby Club manager who will attempt to locate the rightful owners. If successful, the finder is obligated to return the item. Unless and until then, we'll probably see all of these rings in this month's FOM contest.

The hunters were awarded prizes in the three randomly drawn target categories of best Coin, most Paper or Plastic, and most Pull Tabs. Jeanne won a 1 oz. copper round for finding a Susan B. Anthony dollar coin; Ryan Askew, Andrew and Jeanne all won silver dimes for picking up a ton of paper and plastic; and Ryan and Andrew won clad half dollars for picking up an uncountable number of pull tabs.

Special congratulations and prizes were awarded to our newest Club Member, Debbie Young, for coming out to the Fun Hunt and diggin' right in. She is pictured at left.

OCTOBER FUN HUNT

There will not be a Fun Hunt in October.

NOMINATIONS FOR AMDC OFFICERS

During the October meeting the Club will be accepting nominations for the elected officer positions. All the current officers have agreed to continue to serve, though Andrew and Sandip may prefer to swap jobs – we will find out at the meeting. Regardless, additional nominations for all positions, except Treasurer, are still welcome. The Treasurer position is unique and is semi-permanently held by Scott Hegel.

Descriptions of elected officer and volunteer positions are again listed below, so please be thinking about how you could help the Club thrive. We always need ‘new blood’ to help the Club adapt and improve.

The volunteer positions of Newsletter Editor and co-Hunt Master are also open. If no one volunteers for these positions, there won't be Newsletters or Fun Hunts.

Position Descriptions for AMDC Elected 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 - 100% Find rate !!!

Sept #1 Trey – Lost Aggie Ring in 1 acre field – Trey found it before we could search.

September 2023 FOM Winners

Display	Fred Toewe
Foreign Coin	Fred Toewe – Tiny Chinese Coin 1850-1861
Token	Fred Toewe – Rainbow Bridge Pet Crematory Token
Ring	Fred Toewe – 10K Gold JD Ring w/7 Diamonds
Jewelry	Mary Prause – Stainless Steel Cross Necklace
Button	Fred Toewe - Honor Roll Pin
Artifact	Fred Toewe – Michael Kors Watch Back
Wild Card	Fred Toewe - Squidward
Oldest US Coin	Sandip Chakraborti - unknown
Most Valuable US Coin	None
All Categories Filled	None
Newsletter Question	No Winner
Visitor Drawing	Guy Davis, Debbie Young, Allen Ambuhl
Member Drawing	Alan Russell

UPCOMING EVENTS – METAL DETECTING

October 13-14, 2023: Joe DeMarco Memorial Hunt by DeMarco Detector Sales at Millville, NJ

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

October 21, 2023: Wallisch Homestead Fundraiser Hunt by East Coast Research and Discovery Assn at West Milford, NJ

October 21, 2023: 18th Annual Leon Johnson & Paul Kennedy Memorial Open Relic Hunt by TriSate Coin & Relic Hunters Club at Boonville, MI

October 28, 2023: Fall Open Hunt by Lehigh Valley Treasure Hunters Club at Boonville, MS

November 4, 2023: 21st Treasure Hunt of the Carolinas by Randy & Joyce Gatchel at Blacksburg, SC

· November 4, 2023: Tri-Valley Treasure Hunt by Tri-Valley Metal Detecting at Fredonia, KS

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

PLEASE NOTE: It should come as no surprise that it takes a lot of volunteers to conduct a successful hunt like our Veterans Day event. Volunteers will be needed to setup the hunt fields, to plant the fields, to direct parking, to register hunters, to sell chances for drawings, to purchase, prepare and serve the lunch food, to clean-up after the hunt is over, etc. Please do your part. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October and November meetings.

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

Nothing for sale this month



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 _____