



Metal Detecting Club

Since 1963



Meeting Information:

Place: Woodlawn Baptist Church

4600 Menchaca Blvd.

Austin, TX

Day: Second Thursday of each month

Time: 7:00 pm

Membership: \$20

February 2025

Club Officers:

President

Jim Lawhon

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Scott Hegel

Secretary

Charles Goertz

Board Members: Andrew Philips, 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 Newsome

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Fools Gold?

In 2015, George Powell and Layton Davies uncovered 300 coins and gold jewellery in a field in Eye, near Leominster, Herefordshire.



Instead of declaring the treasure, as required by law, they sold the valuables to dealers. In 2019, they were both found guilty of theft, conspiring to conceal criminal property, and converting criminal property by selling it.

George Powell was sentenced to 10 years in prison, later reduced to six and a half years on appeal. Layton Davies was sentenced to eight and a half years in prison, later reduced to five years on appeal.

At the time of the trial, just 31 of the estimated 300 coins that they found had been recovered.

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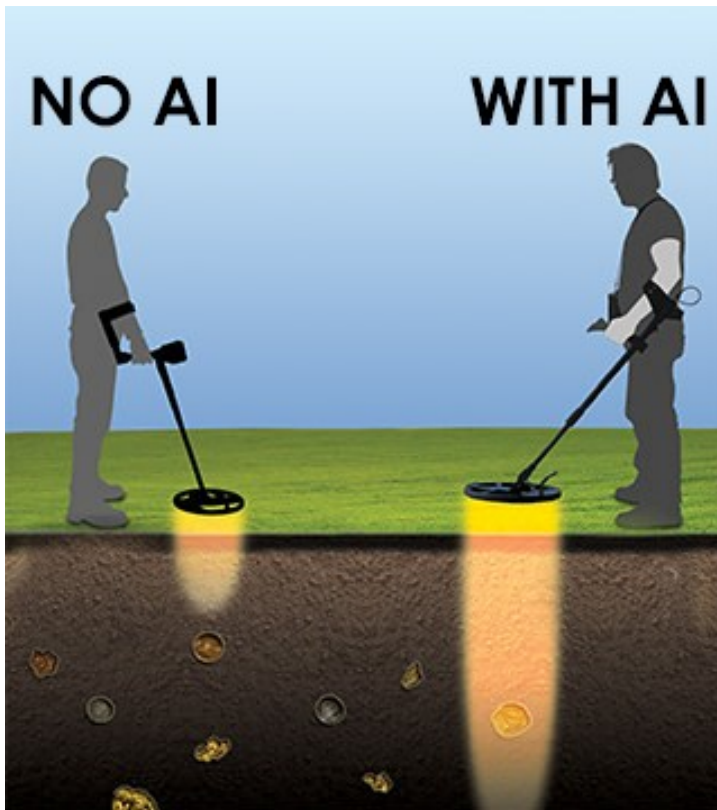
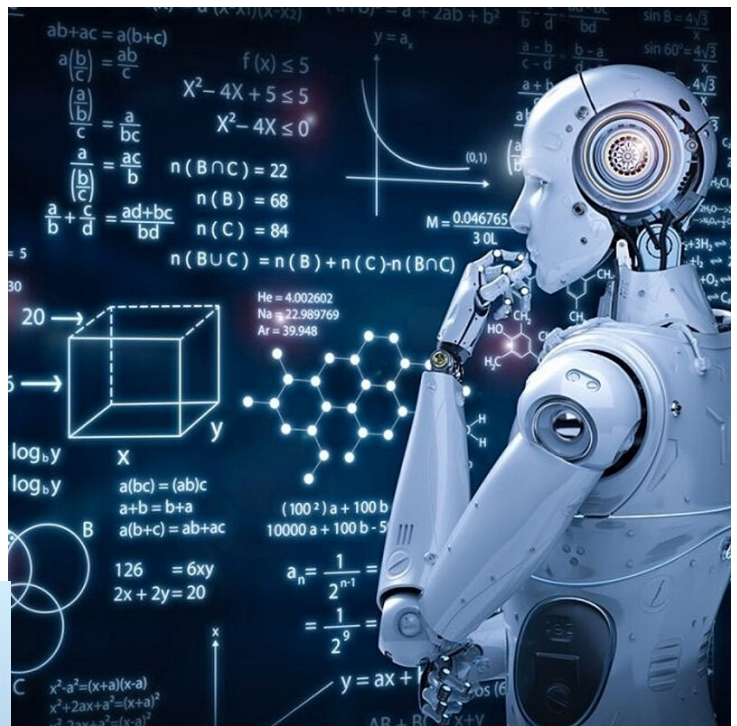
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January Meeting

Mitch London presented a program on Artificial Intelligence and how it could relate to metal detecting. In creating the program one might say he spent hours researching the topic and narrowing it down to the best bits of information to be included in the program. One could say that, but they would be wrong.

The entire program in fact was generated by AI. Mitch went to one of the AI websites and simply asked it to create a list of talking points with the subject of "How Can AI Work Together with Metal Detecting?". Seconds later a list was pre-



sented and he simply copied the information.

The program stated that with the use of AI, metal detectors of the future might be able to better interpret the signals and differentiate between trash and treasure. It might even be able to give a rough picture of what the target might be and a more precise location as to how deep you will have to dig.

It is hard to say what exactly AI will do in the future if anything. But in 10 years time, we may be looking back saying, "How did we ever do without AI detectors?"

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.

Metal-detecting Enthusiasts Help Locate Lost Mementos

[By Sydney Kostus-PA Homepage](#)

Losing a valuable item, such as a sentimental piece of jewelry, could be devastating for some but now there's a group who will help you track it down, for free!

The beeping of a metal detector is music to the ears of Lee Houser, a member of NEPA Ring Rescue.

"There are so many treasures out there, waiting to be found. People don't understand things from the past, stuff that probably they've never seen before."

Houser, along with Brian Condell and Kevin Klatt, make up the trio of metal-detecting enthusiasts.

Using their hobby, they now help people who have lost hope to find their lost valuables at no cost.



"The best part is seeing the person's face when you bring that object to them that they'd lost and they thought they'd never see again," says Condell.

Starting the group just three weeks ago, they already helped a woman in Jefferson Township.

"(She) and her husband got into an argument and threw the ring. She got out of the car and threw the ring into the field next to the house. Took us about two hours, but yeah we found it and reunited it with her," says Houser.

But the magic behind the machine? "There's a coil at the bottom of it and it sends out an electromagnetic signal into the ground. Whatever metals in the ground, whether it's ferrous which is iron or non-ferrous which is silver or brass, it changes that signal and the coil picks up that change and then it converts it into a sound."

The group shares more than 50 years of detecting experience. Now this hobby requires a lot of patience, but also research when it comes to finding historical items such as a Civil War-era U.S. Belt buckle. "I found that several years ago up on the gravity railroad on Moosic Mountain," Klatt says.

"I had a great, great grandfather that served in the 143rd Pennsylvania infantry, so the Civil War items you know have a special place."

The group already has more than a dozen people across the area asking for help. Missions that excite the trio all to bring joy to others.

"We just do it as a hobby. We love doing it and love helping people."

When asked what their best find was, they all agreed it was their wives for letting them dedicate so much time to the hobby.

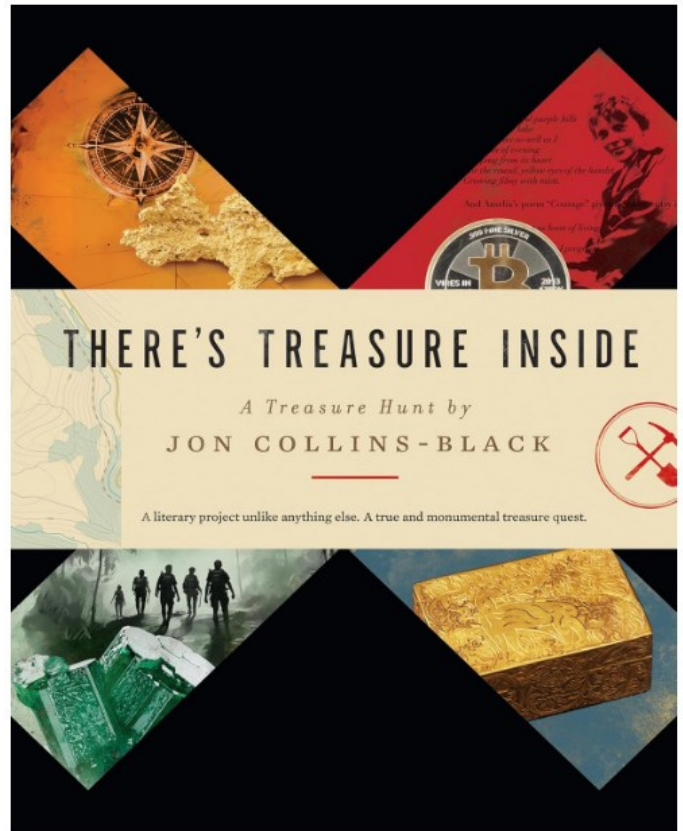
Looking for Adventure?

Discover the Greatest Treasure in American History!

"I've hidden a treasure somewhere in the United States that's worth millions upon millions of dollars, and it's waiting for you to find it." – *Jon Collins-Black*

There's Treasure Inside is not just a book; it's the ultimate treasure map. Created by Jon Collins-Black, this book is your key to embarking on the greatest treasure hunt in American history.

Worth millions of dollars and growing more valuable each day, the pieces in the treasure are as varied as they are unique. Chosen to appeal to a wide range of tastes and interests, items include Bitcoin, antiquities, shipwreck bounty, rare Pokémon cards, sports memorabilia, gold, precious metals, and rare gems. Some objects have historical significance, made or owned by figures like Pablo Picasso, Andrew Carnegie, George Washington, Amelia Earhart, Jackie Onassis, Henry David Thoreau, and Louis Comfort Tiffany. There are even pieces from the original Forrest Fenn treasure, all waiting to be discovered.

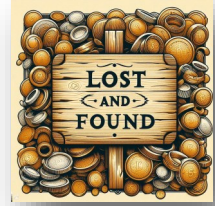


But There's Treasure Inside offers more than the promise of literal wealth. This book invites you on a journey not just across America but into enriching tales of world history, personal growth, and the broader treasures of life—love, joy, and understanding.

There's Treasure Inside offers a chance to be part of a legacy of wealth and discovery. Whether you aim to find the literal treasures or simply enjoy the captivating stories, this book invites you to uncover the incredible treasures showcased within.

Embark on this unique journey and see if you have what it takes.

AMDC Search Team Results



The Austin Metal Detecting Club has a team of searchers that go out and attempt to find lost items. These are the results of our recent searches.

The Story: Hello AMDC, our 2 and 3 year old daughters scattered at least 18 metal electrical staples across the backyard, (or they could be in one area in the yard) and they are very sharp. We are requesting assistance in finding them since this is a safety concern to us. I am not sure if this is even something you would be able to assist us with, but I had to reach out. We would love to compensate in any way we can.



The Search: Case closed, magnet found all 18 and requesters are very happy.-Scott.

The Story: Had New Years Eve party in backyard. Sitting around my fire, I used my hand to point in a direction and off slipped my wedding ring.



The Search: Mitch went out on this on as it was not too far south. The area was small but there was a large metal raised bed looming near by. Luckily the ring was found in short order but darn near perfectly blended into the brown grass.

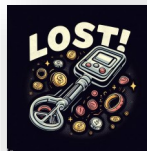
The Story: I put my Aggie class ring in my pocket and realized my pocket had a hole in it.



The ring fell out somewhere between the Zilker Park parking lot and the Long Center. The ring is engraved on the inside

The Search: The search was called off as someone found the ring and contacted the owner.

The Story: I have lived on this property for 26 yrs. I have to leave by January 3rd. I lost my great grandmothers ring and would love to be able to find it before I have to leave. I live in Elgin, Texas. If this is even a possibility, would you please contact me and let me know asap.



The Search: This was a time sensitive search. Debbie attempted to make contact with the owner but it had to be rescheduled. She and Allen went out and searched for an hour and half but ended up with no luck finding the ring that was lost ten years ago or so.

AMDC Monthly Programs Wanted for 2025!

AMDC thrives on its members and there is nothing we like more than to have someone give a program during the meeting. We would love you to be the program for an upcoming meeting! The topic can be anything you like, it does not have to be metal detecting related. It could be about your aspect of the hobby, a place you have hunted and found interesting treasures or a variety of tips you know about selecting a hunt site. Just get in contact with our Vice President to pick a month you can present a program!



February 13: AMDC Meeting-Lights Off Fun Hunt-Bring your gear!

February 22: *43rd Annual Open Beach Hunt by HARC* at Galveston, TX [Flyer page 1](#) [Flyer page 2](#)

March 6-9: *Digstock XI, Relic Hunt* by Digstock Events LLC at Eastern, NC [Flyer](#)

March 9: 37th Annual TCAS Hunt by Treasure Coast Archaeological Society at Vero Beach, FL [Flyer](#)

March 15-16: *Silver Hoard Hunt* by Ozarks Metal Detecting Club at Atkins, AR [Flyer 1](#) [Flyer 2](#)

March 28-30: *2nd Annual Show-Me Pro/Am Treasure Hunt* by Mitch Barks at Greenville, MO [Flyer](#)

March 29-30: *22nd Treasure Hunt of the Carolinas* by Randy & Joyce Gatchel at Blacksburg, SC [Flyer](#)

March 29: 4th Annual Mike Race Memorial Open Hunt by Lancaster Research & Recovery Club at Lancaster, PA [Flyer](#)

March 30: 2025 LRRC Hunt by Lancaster Research & Recovery Club at Lancaster, PA [Flyer](#)

April 5: Come Out Swingin' Spring Fling by Boyertown Relic Recovery Club at Boyertown, PA [Flyer](#)

April 6: Liberty Hall Plantation Hunt by Boyertown Relic Recovery Club at Culpeper Co., VA [Flyer](#) [Waiver](#)

April 23-27: *Bone 32, Best O' North East Treasure Hunter's Week* by Streater's - Treasure Hunting Supply at Keene, NH [Flyer](#)

April 25-27: Hoosier Classic Treasure Hunt by Wrays Treasure Shop & Dan Valencia at Seymour, IN [Flyer](#)

April 27-28: *9th Garrett Rally* by Detector Shop at Province of Forli-Cesena, Italy [Web page](#)

May 3: Metal Detecting Treasure Hunt by Nugget Noggin at Rock Hill, SC [Web page](#)

May 16-18: TAMDC Treasure Show and Hunt by Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs at Brenham, TX [Flyer](#)

May 17: Silver Strike Hunt by Lehigh Valley Treasure Hunters Club at Allentown, PA [Flyer](#)

May 18: Open National Hunt by Topeka Treasure Hunter's at Hoyt, KS [Flyer](#)

May 30-June 1: 2025 Rush to the Rockies Open Treasure Hunt by Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club at Kiowa

June 11-12: Texas Lions Camp Annual Hunts, details to follow, but please save the dates.



Display	Debbie Young
Foreign Coin	Andrew Phillips – 1870 Spanish Coin
Token	Wyatt Jacobsmeyer – Saloon Token
Ring	Andrew Phillips – Rose Gold Band
Jewelry	Fred Toewe – Silver Necklace
Button	Debbie Young – Lion Button
Artifact	Fred Toewe – Tee'd Off Toy Car
Wild Card	Scott Jacobsmeyer – Brass Duck
Oldest US Coin	Frank Vick – 1919 Cent
Most Valuable US Coin	Frank Vick – Standing Liberty Quarter
All Categories Filled	Frank Vick
Newsletter Question	Andrew Phillips
Visitor Drawing	Tom Lusardi
Member Drawing	Carrie Rogers





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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 _____