



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

March 2025

Club Officers:

President

Jim Lawhon

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Andrew Phillips

Treasurer

Scott Hegel

Secretary

Charles Goertz

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Warmer Weather Makes Searching Better

The winter months are starting to wane and warmer weather is making for much more comfortable searching. Whether you are door knocking or searching the parks, the nicer weather will certainly be a help.

But don't forget your protection. Protection from sun: sunscreen. Protection from thirst: water. Protection from evil mosquitoes: bug spray. Protection from blisters: good socks and shoes.

Take care whenever and wherever you search. Most of all, have fun out there!

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February Meeting

As happens on occasion, the Austin Metal Detecting Club forgoes a typical meeting presentation, in favor of a more hands-on approach. Such was the case for the February Meeting. It was the "Lights-Out" Hunt.

Folks were asked to bring their detecting gear to the meeting. Shortly after the start of the meeting, people filed out to gather their

gear and head to the grassy area near the parking lot. There our huntmaster had set up a small search area filled with tokens. People lined up on the edges of the roped off area awaiting the signal to begin.



Before the start, there were the rules to be laid out. There would be no use of flashlights (at least not yet), and you could not use a pinpointers (as they have a little light attached). After the brief announcements, the countdown commenced and the hunt was on!

Nearly two dozen folks went at it, detectors swinging left and right, listening for the tones of the coins upon the ground. Signals were heard and then began the difficult part. Searching the area for a painted coin in the dark with no lights. Often times people that went down to search for the tone they just heard, and just as often they came back up empty-handed. They might try again or perhaps they call it and move on to the next signal.

After about twenty minutes, another signal was given to use lights and pinpointers. With the help of a little light, there were fewer people coming up empty-handed as the tokens were more easily found and collected. After another ten or so minutes, the last of the hunters took their tokens back into the light and warmth of the meeting room to trade their token for the prizes they equated to. Some got silver dimes, or golden dollars, or perhaps a fifty-cent piece. A few people collected a number of tokens and went away with a nice prize while others were still satisfied with a smaller bounty.

The meeting then progressed through announcements, the handing out of the next cache clue and the finds of the month. We hope to see everyone next month!

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.



Cache Found!

The cache has been found! Andrew Philips made the search and came away with a win!

After the third and penultimate clue, he was able to decipher where to hunt. Here are the clues and their explanation. The first clue had a picture of a plant called waterleaf. This



was a hint as to where to hunt. In Kyle, TX there is a park called Waterleaf Park. There was also a picture of a baseball field from google maps to also give an idea. The first clue usually is not too specific so it was no surprise that no one found it right away. The next month the clue had another picture from the baseball field as well as a picture



of a pipe coming from the ground. The words on the clue said "Run Forest!" Note the spelling of forest. Not Forrest which is usually how the name is spelled, but forest like the trees. Also on the clue it said "to the right!". That was to tell people to go to the right of



the pipe. If you were in the correct area, there was a gap in the forest that took you to a path. The third clue had a picture from within the forest looking back to the baseball fields of

which if you look closely you can make out the field house on the right as well as one of the pipes. The clue said "turn around and you'll get the points. This referred to a small cactus that was all alone in that area of the



forest and the cache was hidden right beside it in the ground.

If no one had found the cache by then the following clue would have made it a mad scramble as it was a picture of the cactus and it would have said, "Look here!" with an arrow. We hope you enjoy hunting for the hidden caches. Please join us at the meetings where you can get the clue for the next cache!



Mitch is selling wall mount metal detector holders. These hold three detectors, two pinpointers and two headphones.

They are made of plywood, and are painted. They have hardware on the back for wall mounting. Asking price is \$60. If interested you can email Mitch at [news-letter@amdconline.com](mailto:newsletter@amdconline.com)

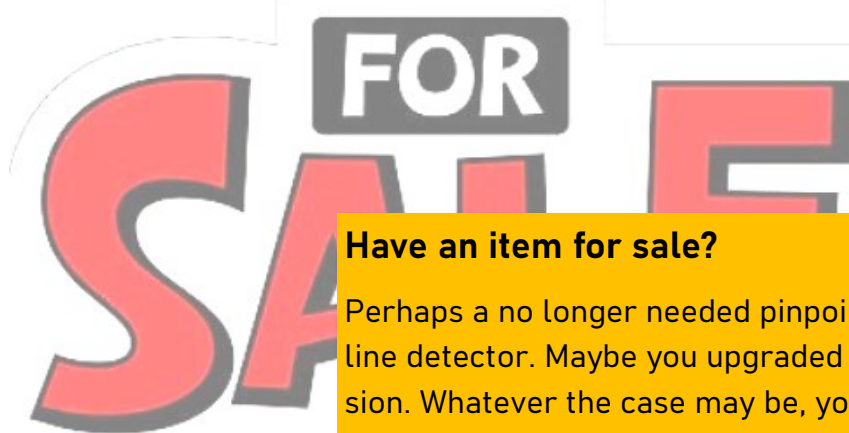


If you have something you would like to sell, you can write up a description of what you have to offer and a picture or two and send it to Mitch at newsletter@amdconline.com

Found Any Meteorites?

Tom at the recent meeting brought this up and asked that it be placed in the newsletter.

Ryan Murray, publisher/editor of Texas Cache Magazine is working on a magazine article about meteorites and was wondering if anyone in AMDC have any examples that you have found metal detecting. If anyone would be willing to share pictures and/or personal knowledge/experience (with full attribution) please let him know at texascachemag@gmail.com.

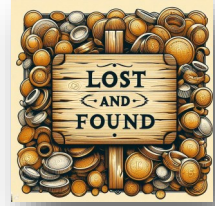


Have an item for sale?

Perhaps a no longer needed pinpointer. Last years model top-of-the-line detector. Maybe you upgraded and no longer need the older version. Whatever the case may be, you can offer it up to club members right herein the newsletter for the low low price of absolutely nothing! Just send the detail and if possible include a picture or two and send it to newsletter@amdconline.com .

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: Patricia lost a bracelet in her back yard about a year and a half ago. She heard about our club and thought she would give us a try.



The Search: Debbie and Mitch met at Patricia's place and got the scoop on the lost bracelet. The back yard was quite a large area, but the area to be searched was a little smaller. After searching the probable locations and without luck, the search area was expanded. However after an hour and a half search on a quite chilly morning, the search was called off. Debbie went home and Mitch went to get BBQ in Lockhart.



The Story: Mitali lost a tiny gold earring. The gold stud earring was lost on UT property. It was lost on the sideline of one field and the surface is artificial turf.

The Search: Scott, Paul and Mitch all met up outside the UT intramural fields where the ring was lost on another cold day, this time with a breeze. At first Mitch and Paul went in without Scott as UT said only two people at a time. Perhaps so they could keep an eye on us. After 40 minutes or so and no luck, Mitch went back to the car to get a bit of coffee and Scott took over. Soon after they UT folks allowed all three of us in as it was apparent we were not there to tear up the fields. The three searched for a total of nearly 2 hours finding a few items but unfortunately not the item that was the goal of the search. The searchers were surprised how well the astroturf could hide things being as tightly packed as the "grass" was.

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!



March 13: AMDC Meeting: Dr. Carlos Loredó Ritter on minimizing the health impacts of electromagnetic fields (EMF) in the home and perhaps while metal detecting.

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	Frank Vick
Foreign Coin	Frank Vick – 1940 Cent - Canada
Token	Debbie Young – Aquarium Scott Jacobsmeyer –Amusement
Ring	Frank Vick – 14K Gold Band/Debbie Young – Heart Ring
Jewelry	Frank Vick – .925 “what can a girl do”/Andrew Phillips – Crown Broach
Button	Scott Jacobsmeyer – Large Zinc Button with Sheild
Artifact	Andrew Phillips – Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR Lock
Wild Card	Leroy Stevenson – Old Pen Knife with 5 digit phone #
Oldest US Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1905 Indian Head Cent
Most Valuable US Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1951 Franklin Half
All Categories Filled	All Categories Filled Frank Vick
Newsletter Question	No Winner
Visitor Drawing	J. Howarth, P. Howarth, T. Brandenberger, S. Mendoza
Member Drawing	Mary Prause





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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 _____