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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

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Membership: \$20.00

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January 2005

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

IMPORTANT NOTE – NEW MEETING PLACE: Austin Metal Detecting Club will meet at Woodlawn Baptist Church Singles House 4614 Manchaca. Our meeting this month is at **7:00** p.m. **January 13th** 2005. . The Singles House is adjacent to the Woodlawn Baptist Church (4600 Manchaca), and is right next to the church parking lot. Here is a link showing a map to the church.

<http://www.woodlawNBC.org/directions.html>

If you have any trouble finding us on Thursday, call Larry's cell 497-6669, or Blaine's cell 470-8756. Come and bring a friend. Visitors always welcome!

Randy has arranged for an interesting program this month. Everett Clare will speak about old cemeteries.

At each meeting, finds are displayed by category. Members earn points for entering finds and more points for winning in a category. The rules and entry form are available at each regular meeting. Remember, items found since the **November** meeting until the **January** meeting may be entered in the **January** Find of the Month contest. You may still show your finds even if you do not wish to compete in the Find of the Month

Please visit AMDC's web site (<http://www.austinmetaldetectingclub.com>) often. New items are added and changed frequently, so to keep up, visit the web site. The newsletters are posted there.

The executive meeting will be on **February 3rd** at Tres Amigos on US 183 and US 290 (northeast Austin). Everyone is invited. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM. Note that we will hold executive meetings on the **first Thursday** of each month.

December meeting:

The December meeting was devoted to the holiday dinner and installing new officers. Special thanks to Daniel and Susie Mireles for hosting this event at their community club house. The outgoing officers were recognized for their service and hard work this year. The new officers were introduced, and outgoing President Blaine Nelson handed the AMDC gavel to Art Tiemann, incoming President for 2005.

Scott Hegel presented the 2004 Treasure Hunter awards. The Treasure Hunter of the Year was Blaine Nelson. She received a plaque and gold peso. Second place was Scott Hegel, awarded a silver dollar, Third place was Everett Preslar, awarded a silver round. Other members were awarded silver quarters and dimes for their entries and participation in the Finds of the Month.

Scott Hegel won the Find of the Year contest with his 1635 Charles I Schilling. He received a free club membership for 2005. Way to go Scott! Randy Connell came in second with his 1864 2 Cent piece. Two third place entries were Bill Fogelsanger's 1898S Barber Half Dollar, and Blaine Nelson's 10K Ladies Ring with heart shaped amethyst surrounded by diamonds.

[See pictures of the Christmas dinner on our website.](#)

January executive meeting:

Art told us about upcoming hunt plans and is working to get us permission to hunt a number of new sites. Information about the hunt on Saturday, Jan. 15 will be announced at the meeting. A motion was passed to make photo ID badges for Club members at the cost of \$2.00 per member, to collect a fee of \$2.00 for members who detect at special hunts and to allow the Board to pay a donation of up to \$20.00 for the use of special hunt sites, i.e. Camp Ben McCullough, private property etc. [Membership card photos will be taken at the January and February meetings, so please attend to get your photo.](#) Photo ID's are essential for those who plan to hunt with the club, and voluntary for members who attend but don't hunt.

A motion was passed to allow AMDC members to pay an extra \$5.00 to join FMDCA. If we have a minimum of 5 members wishing to join, we can send them in as a club for this reduced fee per member. If you are interested in joining FMDAC you must get your money to Scott by the February meeting.

We talked about plans TCTC show in March. We decided not to do a raffle at the show, as the cost vs. return is not worth the investment. Blaine volunteered to coordinate the displays for our club. Any and all ideas are welcome!

Upcoming Events:

January 15 – Special Club Hunt at old site. Hear details at meeting or contact Art for time/place to meet for this hunt

March 12 & 13 Texas Council Treasure Show in Tyler

FOR SALE: Larry Vickers has a couple of Garrett Ace 250 detectors for sale. See Larry at the meeting, or call him at 243-1831 if interested.

End of the Year Rankings

Rank	Name	Total
1	Blaine Nelson	320
2	Scott Hegel	318
3	Everett Preslar	284
4	Larry Vickers	159
5	Ed Newsom	123

6	Bill Fogelsanger	80
7	Art Tiemann	80
8	Larry Cooper	60
9	Daniel Mireles	43
10	John Sherman	37
11	Cecil Herrin	26
12	Randy Connell	24
13	Bobby Ware	16
14	Ken Early	15
15	Roy Stahl	14
16	Charles Goertz	12
17	Jim Lawhon	11
18	Elaine Goertz	4
19	Susie Mireles	1

Thought for January – Are We Too Busy?

The story is told of two teens who were playing near a river when they noticed a person floating downstream. They jumped in, pulled the guy out and saved his life. The next day while playing near the same river, they saw another person floating downstream. Again, they jumped in, pulled the guy out, and saved his life.

From that day on, the whole community started noticing that people were constantly being found floating downstream. Many of the victims were in bad shape and died on the way to the hospital. To solve the problem, the city decided it would build a hospital at the end of the river. This allowed the people who were nearly drowned to get immediate medical care.

It wasn't long before the hospital became very busy and expanded many times. Then one day an intern approached the administrator and said, "There's one thing that bothers me. Has anyone ever gone upstream to see why so many people are falling into the river?"

"No," was the reply. "We've been so busy treating people, we've never had the time."

And the moral of the story is ... Don't be too busy to find time for your Club.

November Find of the Month

	U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin
1	Bill Fogelsanger – 1962D Dime	1	Scott Hegel – 1973 San Malaysia
2	Art Tiemann – 1986 Nickel	2	Blaine Nelson – 1988 25 Cents Canada
3	Scott Hegel – 1941 Cent	3	Ed Newsom – 1963 1 Cent Canada
3	Blaine Nelson – 1946S Cent		
3	Everett Preslar – 1976 Quarter		
	Token		Ring
1	Bill Fogelsanger – Crystal White Soap	1	Blaine Nelson – 14K White Gold Ladies w/Diamonds
2	Everett Preslar – Never Go Broke w. 1917 Cent	2	Scott Hegel – Silver with Red Stone
3	Blaine Nelson – Free Parking Portsmouth NH	3	Everett Preslar – Small Silver
	Scott Hegel – Austin Park & Pizza		
	Jewelry		Artifact
1	Everett Preslar – Scottish Clan Necklace	1	Art Tiemann – Ornate Cast Iron
2	Blaine Nelson – Silver Sacred Heart of Mary	2	Blaine Nelson – “53” Railroad nail
2	Ed Newsome – Silver Earring	3	Scott Hegel – Belt Buckle
3	Art Tiemann – Tie Chain		Everett Preslar – Small Pocket Knife
	Scott Hegel – Plastic Bracelet		
	Toy		Button
1	Toy Car HEB Spam	1	Blaine Nelson – Metal Butterfly
2	Scott Hegel – Rubber Band Gun	2	Everett Preslar – United Way
3	Blaine Nelson – Swim Mask	3	Scott Hegel – Large Mother-of Pearl
3	Everett Preslar – 1977 Hot Wheels Car		
3	Ed Newsome – Green Superball		
	Most Unusual		Non-Metal
1	Blaine Nelson - .55 Caliber Cast Bullet	1	Blaine Nelson - \$20.00 Bill
2	Scott Hegel – Early Bird Chicken Button	2	Bill Fogelsanger – Camel Plastic Coin
3	Everett Preslar – Spitfire Pepper Spray	3	Everett Preslar - Pacifier
3	Bill Fogelsanger – Liberty Hill Good Luck Token	3	Ed Newsom – Pink Heart
			Scott Hegel – Vampire Teeth
	Oldest U.S. Coin		Oldest U.S. Cent
1	Scott Hegel – 1946 Nickel	1	Scott Hegel - 1909
2	Everett Preslar – 1964D Nickel	2	Everett Preslar – 1918D
3	Blaine Nelson – 1965 Quarter	3	Ed Newsom – 1919D
	Art Tiemann – 1967 Dime		Blaine Nelson - 1937
			Bill Fogelsanger – 1941D
			Art Tiemann - 1964
	Most Valuable U.S. Coin		
1	Scott Hegel - 2000 Dollar		
1	Blaine Nelson – 2000 Dollar		
2	Everett Preslar – 1999D Quarter		

Find of the Month Entry Form

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

FOREIGN COIN: _____ # _____

TOKEN: _____ # _____

RING: _____ # _____

JEWELRY: _____ # _____

ARTIFACT: _____ # _____

TOY: _____ # _____

BUTTON: _____ # _____

MOST UNUSUAL: _____ # _____

NON-METAL: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. CENT: _____ # _____

MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN: _____ # _____