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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

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Membership: \$20.00

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### **November 2005**

Austin Metal Detecting Club meets at Woodlawn Baptist Church Singles House 4614 Manchaca at **7:00** on the second Thursday of each month. Our meeting this month is **November 10<sup>th</sup>** 2005. The Singles House is adjacent to the Woodlawn Baptist Church (4600 Manchaca), and is right next to the church parking lot. Below is a link showing a map to the church. Visitors are always welcome.

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

Our speaker this month will be Mike Koenig who will present a program on Treasure Diving in the Spokane River. Mike is a former AMDC member who moved to Washington with the Air Force. Do come out and welcome Mike!

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 last meeting until the upcoming meeting may be entered in the **November** 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.

There **will not be an executive meeting** in December. We will resume our usual first Thursday Board Meetings in January.

### **October Meeting:**

Ron Edelstein presented a fascinating program on identification of precious stones and metals. Ron had prepared another excellent Power Point slide presentation and gave us much useful information about gold, silver and gemstones. There was time for discussion and Q & A afterwards.

The Club is forming a committee whose mission will be to put together a club portfolio and work with the various entities, i.e. city, county, LCRA etc. that currently do not allow metal detecting and see if we can make headway in this area. Members were asked to volunteer with this important project. Scott Hegel, Ed Newsom, Blaine Nelson and Randy Connell agreed to serve. If anyone else is interested, please let Art or one of the committee members know.

After the Find of the Month activity we had our regular monthly club fundraiser for a silver dollar and an old bottle.

### **October Club Activities:**

The "Political Action Committee" met at Randy's house on 10/22 to discuss plans and strategy for accomplishing our goal to open up more metal detecting places in the greater Austin area. We have a good start and members divided up tasks and will present a progress report to the Board for their input.

Art was able to secure the Hutto UMC grounds for the club to hunt. Blaine contacted the church and made the hunt arrangements for us to hunt on Saturday, Nov. 12.

### **November Executive Meeting:**

#### **Elections:**

Club elections will be held at the November meeting. Daniel Mireles agreed to run for Vice President. Nominations will be open at the meeting for all offices. Club members names in parentheses by the office means they have agreed to a nomination to serve next year:

President – (Allan Tiemann)

Vice President – (Daniel Mireles)

Treasurer – (Scott Hegel)

Secretary – (Blaine Nelson)

Program Chairman – non-elected

Executive Committee (3 elected and 2 appointed)

Librarian – Larry Vickers – non-elected

Webmaster – Cecil Herrin – non-elected

Hunt Master – non-elected (this office appoints a committee to assist him)

#### **Web Site:**

Cecil Herrin has volunteered to serve as our Webmaster, and is off to a running start! **Thank you Cecil!!**  
Look for the new web site soon. Details at the meeting.

#### **Christmas Dinner:**

Our Christmas Dinner and meeting will be December 8 at Daniel and Susie's neighborhood clubhouse off Dessau Road. Directions/map will be provided. The club will purchase 2 hams and will provide beverages. Everyone will bring a side dish and we will have a sign up sheet at the meeting. The dinner will begin at 6:30 rather than our usual 7:00. Spouses etc. are invited!

#### **Political Action Committee:**

Scott and Blaine shared details of the Political Action Committee meeting. Scott talked about retrieval methods and the possibility of training/certifying club members in retrieval. Will discuss at the meeting.

**Club Dues:**

The Board recommends that dues remain \$20.00 per year. If members join late in the year (after Sept.), they will pay the full amount but the next year's dues will be pro-rated at \$2.00 a month fu to a maximum of \$12.00.

**FMDAC:** Anyone wishing to join this national group needs to bring the \$5.00 dues by December.

**Upcoming Events:**

**November 10, 11, 12, 13** – Reimer's Ranch (closes 11/15) – details at meeting and in email

**November 12** – Club Hunt at Hutto United Methodist Church – details at meeting and in email

**December 8** – Annual Club Christmas dinner and meeting

**April 29 & 30, 2006** – Texas Council of Treasure Clubs Annual Show – Fort Worth