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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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August 2006

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 **August 10th** 2006. 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>

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 **AUGUST** 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. Note that we did not have a Find of the Month activity in July due to our special planning meeting, so items found since the **June** meeting may be entered this month.

This month our speaker will be Mike Koenig who will present a program on Geo-caching. Mike is an excellent speaker and is a former member of our club, now with the Lone Star Club since moving to the Dallas area. This should prove to be an interesting program so come out and show your support.

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

Our executive meeting will be on **September 7** at Luby's, 1410 E. Anderson Ln. The meeting starts at 6:30. Executive meetings are held on the **first Thursday** of each month and all are invited.

July Meeting:

Our meeting this month was devoted to discussion and planning regarding the recent rule enacted by Travis County Commissioner's to ban metal detecting in all their parks. Several items were discussed and plans were made on how to best approach each issue. Club members were asked to write, call or email their County Commissioners and the County Judge. Scott is going to write an article to the Austin American Statesman detailing our views. The County Commissioners meet every Tuesday, and the club hopes to speak in front of the Court regarding the metal detecting ban.

August Executive Meeting:

We were informed by Roy Turley, Travis County Parks Division Manager, that there is an agenda item at the upcoming Commissioner's meeting Aug. 8 to discuss the prohibition of metal detecting in the parks. He indicated that we are welcome to attend Court so that our concerns can be heard. As yet there is not an approximate time for this agenda item. We will definitely plan to attend Court on the 8th. Larry and Blaine will speak on behalf of the club. **All club members are urged to participate in this important effort by attending court on Aug 8, contacting the commissioners and/or providing information or a written testimony we can share with the court.**

Lost Item Search and Recovery:

We continue to get requests for member assistance to locate lost items – usually jewelry items. So far the club has been able to accommodate or provide assistance in some way to each request. Thanks to those

who have participated with this public service effort.

News Flash:

Scott and Jim just recovered an heirloom wedding band that was lost in the Colorado River on private property near Colorado Bend State Park. The man who lost the ring contacted the club for assistance and again, we were successful with the recovery! According to Scott, Jim used his CZ20 to search and the ring was his second signal. The ring was lodged in a hole, so the owner went down and dug out the contents of the hole – and bingo, there was the lost ring! Congratulations Scott and Jim!

Programs and Hunts:

Larry will contact Mike Koenig to see if he is able to speak at the August meeting.

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Upcoming Events:

Oct. 20-22 – WWATS Rally - Antlers, Oklahoma

Find of the Month

Since we did not have the Find of the Month activity at our July meeting, you may enter any items you have found since the June meeting at the August meeting. There should be a lot of interesting items to show, so plan to bring your finds to include!

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