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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

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**May 2006**

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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 **May 11<sup>th</sup>** 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 **MAY** 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.

At the May meeting we will discuss detecting, detectors and share detecting tips, so please plan to share your ideas and experiences. We can learn a lot from each other!

Please visit AMDC's web site [www.amdconline.com](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 **June 1** 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.

### **April Meeting:**

Our speaker was Clint McKenzie, Chairman of the South Texas Archeological Association. Clint worked as an archeologist for the City of San Antonio, and was involved with a number of interesting projects including a survey of the Alamo and the Spanish Missions. He shared experiences from his work in archeology and talked about the commonalities between metal detecting and archeology. Clint emphasized that we can collaborate on many projects and that metal detecting can play a beneficial role in archeological research. There was time for discussion and Q & A afterwards.

After the Find of the Month activity we had our regular monthly club fundraiser for a silver dollar and White's pin pointer donated by Larry Vickers. Thank you Larry!

### **April Club Activities:**

#### **Wall Ranch:**

Five club members met at the Wall Ranch in Spicewood to follow up with a detecting survey of the property. Our goal is to locate the old (1870's) home site and other areas of historical significance. We searched a large area across the creek, and did not find any old or significant targets. Bob Wishoff is heading up this project and is doing an archeological survey. Our next step is to contact Bob to determine what further follow up is recommended.

#### **Texas Council of Treasure Clubs Show – Fort Worth, April 28-30:**

Our club boasted having **sixteen** members attend the treasure show this year! We were very proud of our Austin Club booth. It looked really good with the display of antique metal detectors hanging on the bright

yellow back drop. The tables were covered with black material and held a number of interesting displays donated by members, and our bright yellow club banner was pinned on the front of the table cloths. Watch for pictures on the web site!

This big annual show included displays from other clubs all over the state, metal detecting vendor booths, related metal detecting booths and activities, a silent auction and hourly seminars on various subjects. Saturday evening was a banquet with a speaker from Garrett metal detectors, and Sunday morning was the big competition hunt. Hunters were Daniel Mireles, Larry Vickers, Blaine Nelson and sister Jill Nelson. Larry found two tokens he turned in for a gold peso and a Garrett Ace 250. Way to go!

**Thanks to all club members who assisted with the show – by donating displays, helping with the booth, donating items for the silent auction etc. It takes EVERYONE to pull off a successful show. Special thanks to Betty and Larry Vickers, and Jim Lawhon and grandson Hayden Lose who transported the displays, put up, set up – stayed the entire time, and took down the displays. Believe me, this is quite an undertaking!**

Winners for our Austin club fundraiser were: 1<sup>st</sup> place drawing for Nolan Ryan autographed base ball went to David Barnett from Colorado Springs, 2<sup>nd</sup> place drawing for silver dollars went to B. Gilland, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize of coin set went to Jon and Mona Bartoshek of Huntsville. Of note – our own Sherry Newsom was the winner of a Garrett Ace 250 metal detector in the TCTC fundraiser!

Note – it is not too early to start thinking about next year's show and what kind of displays we can come up with to make our club booth even better!

### **May Executive Meeting:**

#### **Feedback from TCTC Show:**

Everyone who attended the show reported that they had had a good time! Blaine asked about sending feedback to the TCTC board with ideas and suggestions for future shows. We came up with several ideas and Blaine will send an email/letter to the officers.

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

The committee developed a Mission Statement for the club to review and a revised Code of Ethics we feel is more appropriate for our club. Blaine will provide copies of these drafts for members to review, and we will post them on the member's only section of the web site in the near future.

Copies of club service project photos, thank you's, news articles and reference letters were provided to Keith Wills, Chairman of WWAT's for his portfolio. Keith is putting together items from all of the metal detecting clubs to use to present to government and other entities in our pursuit to open more areas for metal detecting

### **ID Badges:**

We discussed ideas for improving the process of making and using ID badges. It is a hassle to take pictures at every meeting, adapt the pictures on the computer, and get them in the holders and to the appropriate member in a timely manner. A number of ideas were tossed around, but nothing definite was decided. We like the idea of using a luggage tag type holder rather than the sealable kind we are now using. Blaine will check with Cecil for ideas.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**June 3** – W.A.C.O. Open Competition Hunt – Speegleville Saddle Club- Waco

**June 7 & 8** –Kerrville Lions Camp (teach special needs children to metal detect) – Kerrville

### **April Rankings**

1	Scott Hegel	117	34	24	38	21
2	Blaine Nelson	112	34	27	23	28
3	Roy Stahl	95	28	26	19	22
4	Ed Newsom	85	32	23	14	16
5	Larry Vickers	83	25	16	23	19
6	Ray Knowles	69	0	26	23	20
7	Jim Lawhon	59	0	24	16	19
8	Everett Preslar	52	0	25	10	17
9	Michele Pliler	28	12	0	7	9

10	Randy Connell	27	0	0	0	27
11	Daniel Mireles	23	8	6	5	4
12	Dennis Gans	19	0	9	10	0
13	Robert Jistel	11	0	0	11	0
14	Art Tiemann	9	3	0	6	0
15	Dyana Ploof	4	0	0	0	4
16	Nancy Tiemann	1	0	0	0	1
17	Susie Mireles	1	0	0	0	1
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**April Find of the Month**

	<b>U.S. Coin</b>		<b>Foreign Coin</b>
1	Randy Connell - 1886 Dime	1	Randy Connell - 1898 Dime - Canada
2	Daniel Mireles - 1954 Quarter	2	Roy Stahl - 1971 Two Pence - England
3	Jim Lawhon - 1945P Nickel	2	Blaine Nelson - 1994 25 Cent - Aruba
3	Ray Knowles - 1938 Nickel	3	Ed Newsom - 2000 50 Centavos - Mexico

	Scott Hegel - 1953D Nickel		Ray Knowles - 1 Yen - Japan
	Roy Stahl - 1999D Quarter		Susie Mireles - 1992 Cent Canada
	Michele Pliier - 1972 Nickel		Scott Hegel - 1969 Quarter - Canada
	Larry Vickers - 1972 Nickel		Everett Preslar - 1938 Cent - Canada
	Everett Preslar - 1963D Dime		
	Blaine Nelson - 1946 Cent		<b>Ring</b>
		1	Roy Stahl - 10K with Diamonds
	<b>Token</b>	2	Blaine Nelson - Men's Silver James Avery
1	Blaine Nelson - Colorado Foxes Referee Token	3	Larry Vickers - 14K Heart Ring
2	Scott Hegel - Austin Transit Token		Scott Hegel - Silver with Pink Stones around
3	Randy Connell - Bar Token		Randy Connell - Silver Butterfly
	Roy Stahl - Austin Transit Token		Jim Lawhon - Silver Toe Ring
	Jim Lawhon - JJ		Everett Preslar - Silver with Red Heart
	Everett Preslar - Cross in My Pocket		Ray Knowles - Enamel Ring
	Ray Knowles - No Cash Value - Eagle		
			<b>Artifact</b>
	<b>Jewelry</b>	1	Randy Connell - Jew's Harp
1	Ed Newsom - Victorian Stick Pin	2	Jim Lawhon - ??????????
2	Blaine Nelson - Silver Cross	2	Ed Newsom - Sharp's Mini Ball

3	Jim Lawhon - Silver St. Christopher	3	Scott Hegel - Part of Oil Lamp
3	Randy Connell - Victrola Ladies Stick Pin		Roy Stahl - Lipstick Holder
	Michele Pfler - Buckle		Michele Pfler - Bolt with Square Head
	Larry Vickers - Silver Earring		Larry Vickers - Boat Gas Tank Opener
	Scott Hegel - Tweedy Bird Pin		Everett Preslar - Hand Forged Hoe
	Roy Stahl - Butterfly Charm		Ray Knowles - Partial Arrowhead
	Everett Preslar - Stud Earring		Blaine Nelson - Buckle
	Ray Knowles - Silver Earring		Daniel Mireles - Luggage Key
	<b>Toy</b>		<b>Button</b>
1	Everett Preslar - Cap Pistol	1	Larry Vickers - Brass
2	Randy Connell - Lead Boy	2	Roy Stahl - HH Bull Dog
3	Larry Vickers - ABC Ring	2	Ray Knowles - Militaries Equipment
	Jim Lawhon - Blue Race Car	3	Ed Newsom - Cross Hatch
	Ray Knowles - Rebel Soldier		Jim Lawhon - 4 Hole Metal
	Blaine Nelson - Metal Robot		Everett Preslar - Yellow Plastic
	Scott Hegel - Toy Car		Scott Hegel - 4 Hole Metal
	Roy Stahl - Broken Truck		Blaine Nelson - 2 Hole Metal

	<b>Most Unusual</b>		<b>Non-Metal</b>
1	Larry Vickers - Butterfly Lighter	1	Ed Newsom - 1920's Bottle
1	Blaine Nelson - Bull Dog Ring	2	Roy Stahl - Baby Toy
2	Scott Hegel - Animal Teeth	2	Jim Lawhon - Guitar Pick
3	Michele Pliier - Metal Hinge	3	Michele Pliier - Deer Antler
3	Ray Knowles - Star Pendant		Scott Hegel - Soda Bottle
	Roy Stahl - Jesus Hands		Randy Connell - Marble
	Jim Lawhon - Seahorse Cent Token		Everett Preslar - String Necklace with Beads
	Randy Connell - Lead Pipe		Ray Knowles - Comb
	Everett Preslar - Old Leather Belt		Blaine Nelson - Hummer Part
	Ed Newsom - Half of \$5.00 Bill		
	Nancy Tiemann - Fishing Pole		
	<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>		<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>
1	Dyana Ploof - 1853 Quarter	1	Jim Lawhon - 1890
2	Randy Connell - No Date Shield Nickel	2	Blaine Nelson - 1910
3	Scott Hegel - 1935S Dime	3	Randy Connell - 1919
	Ray Knowles - 1944D Quarter		Roy Stahl - 1929D
	Blaine Nelson - 1951D Nickel		Everett Preslar - 1937

	Everett Preslar - 1953 Nickel		Ray Knowles - 1938
	Michele Pliler - 1967 Dime		Michele Pliler - 1951D
	Larry Vickers - 1967 Quarter		Scott Hegel - No Date Wheat
	Roy Stahl - 1970 Quarter		Larry Vickers - 1977
	<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>		
1	Ray Knowles - 1954D Quarter		
2	Scott Hegel - 1963D Dime		
3	Larry Vickers - 1987 Quarter		
3	Everett Preslar - 2004 Quarter		
3	Blaine Nelson - 2003 Quarter		
	Roy Stahl - 1980D Nickel		

**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: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

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