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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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April 2007

Austin Metal Detecting Club meets at Woodlawn Baptist Church 4600 Manchaca at **7:00** on the second Thursday of each month. Our meeting this month is **April 5th** 2007. **NOTE: From now on we will be meeting in the church (not the singles house) in Room M-103/4, near the church office.** Signs will be posted to direct us. We can park in the same parking area we have been using. Below is a link showing a map to the church. Visitors are always welcome.

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

The program for this month will be presented by Charles Watts, who will speak to us about the history of Camp Ben McCulloch. Mr. Watts is a teacher and does Civil War reenactments as well as serve as a care taker at Camp Ben. Plan to attend this interesting program. 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 **APRIL** 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 <http://amdconline.com/> site 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 **May 3** 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.

Do You Have Spring Fever..... or is it a Bug?

I Spring is in the air and you are feeling pretty good! Then this fever hits..... or is it a strange METAL DETECTING BUG??

If you experience any of the following symptoms, you may be catching that bug that's going around the Metal Detecting Community – and watch out - it's contagious!

- You gladly get up at 5:00 A.M. to go detecting at the crack of dawn
- Batteries for your detector are a regular item on your shopping list
- You feel real withdrawal if you haven't swung that detector in a few days
- You begin to feel faint – then realize you've had so much fun detecting you forgot to eat!
- You plan your vacation to include hunting sites along the way
- You would rather go metal detecting than to the mall, to a movie, or to your in-laws
- In your dreams visions of caches dance in your head
- Every time you hear a "beep, beep" you think it's your coin signal
- The back seat or trunk of your car is full of detectors, shovels and probes
- You beg your spouse or significant other to stop every time you pass a promising detecting site

So what is the prognosis? Not to worry! The doctor says the bug is friendly and if you catch it, it will actually help your soul.

Meet the Secretary:

Blaine Nelson is our club Secretary and has held the position for two years. She joined AMDC in 2003 and served as club President in 2004. Blaine grew up in Hinsdale, Illinois and considers herself a “damn Yankee”, although she has lived in Texas since 1969. Blaine retired from the Texas Dept. of Human Services where she worked as a Child Protective Services case worker and later a Training Specialist. She has one daughter Heather and son-in-law Mark who live in Spicewood, and sweetheart Frank Bauer who she met in Austin in 1993. Blaine and Frank live in Hudson Bend on the south side of Lake Travis.

Blaine is passionate about metal detecting and says that her ideal vacation would be to travel around the country and go detecting in every state. She particularly loves water detecting with her Tiger Shark. In addition to detecting, Blaine works part time, volunteers at church and with the Hudson Bend Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, and enjoys swimming, crafts, computer and gardening. Blaine will serve as Secretary of the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs this coming term and has been involved with the political action efforts of the AMDC.

March Meeting:

McCartney Taylor was our guest speaker. McCartney shared his vast knowledge of meteorites with us, including how to find and identify meteorites. Club member Ray Knowles shared his story of finding a '56 class ring while detecting and returning it to the owner, who now lives in Houston. This Arkansas A & M ring had been lost since the early 60's, and the happy owner was astonished to see it again. Way to go Ray!!

We made last minute preparations for the upcoming TCTC show and sign up sheets were circulated for members to work in the club booth at the show. During break we had the voting for the “Find of the Month”. We had a number of interesting finds displayed this month. Keep up the good work! We had a successful club fund raiser – with lots of prizes, including an 1800's silver dollar, a Civil War map book, pocket knives, magnet probes and one dollar currency. Thanks to all who have been donating prizes!

New Members:

We did not have any new members join this month.

AMDC Website:

Be sure and check out our club website often - <http://www.amdconline.com> Check out the Forum link that is fantastic and allows club members to post items of interest and look at club activities, tips etc. If you need to register for the Forum, or “Member Only” section, jot Cecil (webmaster) an email and he will get you a temporary password. You can then set your own user name and password to get in. **Word of caution** – there is a section on the forum that is open to anyone interested. If you choose to post or reply in this section, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

Thought: Henry David Thoreau said it best: “Many men go fishing all their lives without knowing it is not the fish they are after.” I believe Henry was talking about the total outdoor experience and using nature to escape our worries and daily stress. This is true with our hobby of metal detecting. It is the anticipation of a find, and the experience of being in the outdoors, often in solitude with nature, that brings us such joy.

April Executive Meeting:

- **Recap of TCTC Show** – The TCTC Show was held March 24-25 in Killeen. Our Austin Club had at least 23 members come up to the show, and a number of folks assisted with our club booth. Thanks to everyone who took the time to man or help with the booth, and **special thanks** to Larry Vickers, Scott Hegel, Daniel and Susie Mireles, Jim Lawhon and his grandson Hayden for going the extra mile to help with the booth set up, tear down and everything in between! Our booth won 2nd place in the booth judging and we received a red ribbon and a nice silver dollar. During the show there were a number of interesting free seminars, including information from the manufacturers, a token seminar, gold seminar, and our own Larry Vickers presented a session on Competition Hunting.

The big competition hunt on Sunday morning was well attended. There were approximately 10,300 silver coins buried and 76 tokens for prizes. Our show fundraiser drawing for the Ace 250 yielded approximately \$130. for the club. The winner of the detector was not present at the drawing and we are still attempting to contact him.

- **Club Hunts** – Daniel has permission for us to hunt at an old farm near Copeland, Tx. There is an old foundation on the property from an early home site, dating back to the early 1900's. We tentatively plan to have a club hunt at the farm on Sunday, April 15. Details will be shared at the meeting and in email.
- **TCTC Executive meeting** – At the end of the month Blaine and Scott will attend the first meeting of the newly elected TCTC officers. The Board was asked for ideas for planning TCTC goals and activities, and what we would like to see TCTC to do for them.

Upcoming Events:

April 15 – Club Hunt – old farm

June 2 – W.A.C.O. Competition Hunt – Waco, Tx. See link under “events” on our web site for flyer and additional information.

June 6 & 7 – Kerrville Lions Camp metal detecting service project, Kerrville Texas

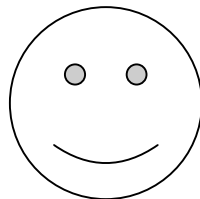
Got Foreign Coins?

Save your foreign coins to donate for the Kerrville Texas Lions Camp service project. Each summer members from our club join volunteers from other area clubs to teach handicapped children about metal detecting. The coins are planted in a large horse arena area and the children spend time learning how to detect and search for the coins. This is SO rewarding and brings many smiles to happy faces. Each summer we use a lot of coins, and Scott will have a jar at each meeting to collect foreign coins for this project.

Find of the Month – Rank

Rank	Name	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar
1	Larry Vickers	79	27	29	23
2	Scott Hegel	77	15	34	28
3	Blaine Nelson	75	21	24	30
4	Frank Vick	67	22	20	25
5	Art Tiemann	66	24	21	21
6	Andy Waters	62	25	20	17
7	Roy Stahl	56	17	18	21
8	Ray Knowles	55	25	19	11
9	Jack Ball	40	19	18	3
10	Ed Newsom	36	17	14	5
11	Everett Preslar	31	0	15	16
12	Jim Lawhon	30	0	14	16
13	Dennis Gans	21	6	5	10
14	Tim Ball	19	12	7	0
15	Michele Pfler	17	17	0	0
16	Daniel Mireles	14	4	0	10
17	Trish Bennett	4	0	0	4
18		0	0		
19		0	0		
20		0	0		
21		0	0		
22		0	0		
23		0	0		
			251	258	240

Don't see your name up there?? Be sure to bring your finds to the **April** meeting and enter this fun, monthly "Find of the Month" activity. The more we have to enter and show, the more fun it is for all!



March Finds of the Month

	U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin
1	Art Tiemann - 1945S Quarter	1	Scott Hegel - 1988 5 Baht - Thailand
2	Ed Newsom - 1928 Nickel	2	Blaine Nelson - 1991 1 Peso - Dominican Rep
3	Jack Ball - 1979D Dollar	3	Roy Stahl - 1982 Cent - Canada
	Daniel Mireles - 1954S Cent	3	Frank Vick - 1986 20 Peso - Mexico
	Roy Stahl - 1954S Cent		Jim Lawhon - 1956 5 Centavos - Mexico
	Scott Hegel - 1976D Half		Larry Vickers - 1976 - 5 Centavos - Mexico
	Blaine Nelson - 1979 Dollar		
	Jim Lawhon - 2000D Dollar		Ring
	Larry Vickers - 1949D Nickel	1	Larry Vickers - 14K White Gold w/Star Sapphire
	Trish Bennett - 1965 Quarter	2	Scott Hegel - Silver with Peridot Stone
	Dennis Gans - Green Memorial Cent	2	Blaine Nelson - Silver JA with Amethyst
	Frank Vick - 1962 Nickel	2	Art Tiemann - Gold Shrimp Ring
	Everett Preslar - 1997D Dollar	2	Frank Vick - Costume with Blue Stone
	Ray Knowles - 1943D Nickel	2	Everett Preslar - Silver WWJD
		3	Jim Lawhon - Nose Ring
	Token	3	Roy Stahl - Broken High School Ring
1	Blaine Nelson - Farmington Hills, Mich. Parking		
2	Frank Vick - 1976 Liberty Bell Commemorative		Artifact
3	Art Tiemann - Good Luck Token	1	Daniel Mireles - J.Rieceiz & Co. Dist. Bottle
	Roy Stahl - No Cash Value - Sunshine	2	Larry Vickers - Pocket Watch
	Everett Preslar - Fantasia Game Token	3	Roy Stahl - Boy Scout Neckerchief Slide
	Scott Hegel - Heads I Win/Tails You Lose		Jim Lawhon - Axe Blade
	Jim Lawhon - Greenleaf		Trish Bennett - "Daisy" Key Chain
	Ray Knowles - No Cash Value - Horseshoe/Star		Frank Vick - Peredixo Cream Lid
			Scott Hegel - Skeleton Key
	Jewelry		Blaine Nelson - Soda Bottle
1	Scott Hegel - 22K Bracelet		Art Tiemann - Grapeshot
2	Everett Preslar - Metal Arrowhead Pendant		Ed Newsom - Henry Cartridge Casing
3	Blaine Nelson - Clip-on Dangle Earring		Dennis Gans - Rusty Hinge
3	Dennis Gans - Glass Stone		Andy Waters - Square Nail
	Roy Stahl - Bobcat Charm		Ray Knowles - Door Knob
	Ray Knowles - Barrett		
	Art Tiemann - Picture Pendant		Button
	Jim Lawhon - Hairpin w/ Stones	1	Andy Waters - Button Filled with Items
	Larry Vickers - Mickey Mouse Bracelet	2	Larry Vickers - Small Eagle
	Andy Waters - Smashed Earring	2	Daniel Mireles - Hawk Brand
	Frank Vick - Julie Charm	3	Blaine Nelson - Sparkle Flower
		3	Roy Stahl - Button Cover
	Toy	3	Frank Vick - Hercules
1	Andy Waters - Green Car		Scott Hegel - Large Cloth Covered
2	Roy Stahl - Monopoly Car		Art Tiemann - Lead
2	Frank Vick - Iron Gun		Jim Lawhon - Button Cover
3	Blaine Nelson - Matchbox SUV		Dennis Gans - Button Cover

	Scott Hegel - Ambulance		Ray Knowles - Militaries Equipment
	Art Tiemann - Metal (Wooden Nickel)		
	Larry Vickers - Pocket Knife		Non-Metal
	Everett Preslar - Small Trailer	1	Andy Waters - Carburetor Sediment Bowl
		1	Everett Preslar - Petrified Wood
	Most Unusual	2	Scott Hegel - Ceramic Turtle
1	Frank Vick - Clock Works	2	Frank Vick - Pottery Shard
2	Scott Hegel - Metal Jigger	3	Blaine Nelson - Rubber Lizard
3	Andy Waters - Small White Bottle	3	Larry Vickers - Green Marble
	Blaine Nelson - Copper Glob	3	Dennis Gans - Pair of Socks
	Dennis Gans - Hook	3	Daniel Mireles - Corner of \$5.00 Bill
	Art Tiemann - Pipe Stem		Jim Lawhon - Golf Ball
	Roy Stahl - Carlsbad Caverns Charm		Roy Stahl - Stone
	Everett Preslar - Texas Longhorns Key		Ray Knowles - Chap stick
	Jim Lawhon - Fishing Weight Earring		
	Larry Vickers - Rubber Tin		Oldest U.S. Cent
	Ray Knowles - 10 Commandments Token	1	Jim Lawhon - 1910
		2	Blaine Nelson - 1941
	Oldest U.S. Coin	3	Art Tiemann - 1944D
1	Blaine Nelson - 1939 Nickel	3	Ray Knowles - 1944D
2	Larry Vickers - 1940 Nickel		Scott Hegel - 1945D
3	Scott Hegel - 1941 Nickel		Larry Vickers - 1945
	Art Tiemann - 1943D Dime		Everett Preslar - 1945S
	Everett Preslar - 1951D Nickel		Jack Ball - 1946
	Roy Stahl - 1960D Dime		Ed Newsom - 1947D
	Frank Vick - 1961D Nickel		Roy Stahl - 1951D
	Trish Bennett - 1965 Dime		Andy Waters - 1952D
	Dennis Gans - 1965 Quarter		Trish Bennett - 1957D
			Frank Vick - 1958D
	Most Valuable U.S. Coin		Dennis Gans - 1971D
1	Art Tiemann - 1923S Dollar		
2	Scott Hegel - 1957D Quarter		
2	Roy Stahl - 1945S Quarter		
3	Blaine Nelson - 1962D Dime		
3	Jim Lawhon - 1961 Dime		
3	Larry Vickers - 1957D Dime		
3	Ray Knowles - 1957D Dime		

Find of the Month

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: _____ # _____