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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

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May 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 **May 10th** 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.** 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 this month will be presented by Ron Edelstein, who will share stories about his experience working as a Customs Inspector for the U.S. Customs Service on the Border. Plan to attend this interesting program and show Ron, our own Club member, your support.

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.

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.

We will not have an Executive meeting in June, because our regular meeting night conflicts with the time at Kerrville Lions Camp. Executive meetings are usually held on the **first Thursday** of each month and all are invited.

Meet the Board – Ed Newsom:

Ed started detecting in 1971 with a Bounty Hunter detector, and joined the Austin Club in 1977. Ed has owned many different machines and has used a Minelab Sovereign for 15 years. His detector nickname is “Sovereignstein”. Ed has found a number of old coins over the years and seems to have a knack for finding Buffalo nickels. Ed and his wife Sherry just celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary. Sherry used to detect and has found silver coins and a large gold ring herself. Ed has served as a member of our Club Board for a number of years. If you haven't met Ed, be sure and introduce yourself at an upcoming meeting.

April Meeting:

Our guest speaker was unable to attend at the last minute, so we did not have a formal program. We had a number of visitors at the meeting so members and visitors introduced themselves. Daniel shared information about the upcoming Club Hunt on a private farm in Coupland, and we gave a recap of our participation at the TCTC show March 24-25.

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!

New Members:

New members who joined in April include Jenna Farrell, John Prator, Rudy Nordmeyer and Jim Milligan. Welcome all!

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.

May Executive Meeting:

- **TCTC Executive meeting** – Larry, Scott and Blaine traveled to Mesquite to attend the first meeting of the newly elected TCTC Executive Committee. Many items were discussed and planned including having the Officers and/or Directors make personal visits to each of the clubs, producing a booklet about the Council, and identifying potential sites for next years' show.
- The Board approved the expenditure for a \$50.00 gift certificate for the Spellings family, who hosted the recent club hunt at their farm in Coupland.
- **June Board meeting** – since our regular meeting date of the first Thursday conflicts with the Kerrville Lions Camp project, we agreed to cancel the June Board meeting and stay in touch via email.

- **Request to Participate in Gold Show** – Art received a request from the Llano area GPAA to assist with an event the weekend of Sept 28-30. They hoped that AMDC could provide some metal detecting displays, assist with a hunt and show folks how to use a detector. Most of those present at the Board meeting were willing to assist, so Blaine will email the contact person at GPAA to confirm our interest. Blaine will request a schedule or agenda so we can present the information to the club.
- **Club Plans** – Programs: we identified the need to have back up programs ready to go in case a planned program falls through. We always need ideas for interesting programs and suggestions/volunteers for presenters.

Upcoming Events:

May (date not yet determined) –_AMDC Club Hunt – more info. at the meeting and in club email.

May 19 – Tatum Competition Hunt and fund raiser for Tatum library – see flyer on our web site

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.

TEXAS DOG LICENSE HISTORY

Diane Bandy

The Lone Star State has the largest number of counties (254) and Georgia is second with 159. By contrast, Pennsylvania has 67 and Rhode Island has only 5.

The oldest known Texas dog license is from East Dallas (E.D.) and is from 1888. It is round and made of brass. This is the only tag known from East Dallas. Many of the pre- 1900 dog licenses were dug by metal detecting enthusiasts which makes them priceless.

A rare Texas dog tax tag from the 19th century would fetch a minimum of \$100 even if the loop hole was broken and the tag shows corrosion and a heavy patina. Pre 1900 dog licenses from Texas have turned up from Austin to Seymour. The only one known to exist from Austin is the 1898 one photographed here in a cross shape. Seymour has one attributed to it from 1890 and it is in the shape of an acorn. OH, yes there is one from Paris and it is in the shape of a doghouse; 1895.

If you dig a tag and are unsure that it is a dog's license, these are the words used on the planchets to designate them as such: dog tax, dog tag, tax paid, but there are a few with no reference to being issued to a dog. They do have other components of dog licenses such as 1. a loop hole 2. a serial number 3. an issuing agency (city, state etc) 4. a date.

San Angelo has the oldest known *state shaped* planchet in the U.S. It is from the year 1895. There are a total of 11 states which had state shaped dog licenses, but of course Texas can boast the most spectacular one. (Can you tell that I was born and raised in Texas?)

There are some later dog tax tags (1977) from Ft. Worth with the slashed 0 on them which was part of the city's pioneer history from the brand burning days.

Dog tax tags were issued in 17 of the Texas Military bases. Texas cities along with other U.S. cities and counties has a **differential license fee** for dogs who are altered (sterilized) which is cheaper and encourages the public to spay/neuter their pets in order to control population. Many southern and western states require proof of a rabies vaccination in order to issue a license. This is typically required in states with a higher degree of a rabid animal population.

I currently maintain a hobby website on dog licenses, antique collars, dog law and humane topics. Please visit www.DogLicense.org and click on "dog bytes" for unique articles. The top bar of my website has an option to view antique dog licenses from all over the world. My mascot is a black lab named Lone Star.

I am always willing to purchase pre-1900 from anywhere in the U.S.A. I also buy pre- 1930 dog licenses from Texas. I photo document pre 1900 tags, so please send any images or Xeroxes of them to me. If I can be of assistance please call me (412) 635-9439. I was born and raised in Plano (Parker) Texas, went to college at NTSU and UT/D. I currently reside outside of Pittsburgh, Pa. where I rescue dogs and care for them full time.



Detectors For Sale:

Fisher Coinstrike Father's day Sale. Regular \$1099.95 now on sale for \$550.00. If you want one let me know at the next meeting. I have to order 2 to get this price. You can find info at <http://www.fisherlab.com/hobby/coinstrike.htm> .

Fisher is now shipping the F75 and F4. These are the new Fishers on the market.

Thanks,
Larry Vickers

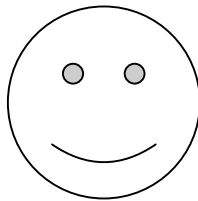
Whites Prizm V with Whites Headphones. Paid \$500 in spring of 2006. Machine has only been use a few times. Asking \$325.

See Blaine or email Punkin4048@aol.com

Find of the Month – Rank

1	Scott Hegel	106	15	34	28	29
2	Blaine Nelson	99	21	24	30	24
3	Frank Vick	99	22	20	25	32
4	Art Tiemann	87	24	21	21	21
5	Andy Waters	83	25	20	17	21
6	Larry Vickers	79	27	29	23	0
7	Roy Stahl	63	17	18	21	7
8	Ray Knowles	55	25	19	11	0
9	Jack Ball	40	19	18	3	0
10	Ed Newsom	36	17	14	5	0
11	Dennis Gans	34	6	5	10	13
12	Everett Preslar	31	0	15	16	0
13	Jim Lawhon	30	0	14	16	0
14	Daniel Mireles	23	4	0	10	9
15	Tim Ball	19	12	7	0	0
16	Michele Piler	17	17	0	0	0
17	Trish Bennett	4	0	0	4	0
18		0	0			
19		0	0			
20		0	0			
21		0	0			
22		0	0			
23		0	0			
			251	258	240	156

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!



April Finds of the Month

	U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin
1	Andy Waters - 1937 Cent	1	Blaine Nelson - 2004 1 Cent - Barbado
2	Frank Vick - 2001D Dollar	2	Frank Vick - 1938 2 Francs - France
3	Daniel Mireles - 1945 Cent	3	Scott Hegel - 1982 10 Peso - Mexico
3	Dennis Gans - 1994D Dime	3	Art Tiemann - 2004 1\$ - Mexico
	Scott Hegel - 1954D Nickel		
	Art Tiemann - 1980 Quarter		Ring
	Blaine Nelson - 1976 Quarter	1	Blaine Nelson - 10K Band with Diamond Chips
	Roy Stahl - 1997 Quarter	2	Frank Vick - Silver "True Love Waits"
		3	Scott Hegel - 14K White Gold Band
	Token		
1	Frank Vick - "Rockne" Bazaar Beer Token		
2	Andy Waters - Cincinnati Parking Token		Artifact
3	Blaine Nelson - Roller Skating	1	Frank Vick - Serving Spoon
	Art Tiemann - Texas Lottery	2	Scott Hegel - Henry Cartridge
		3	Daniel Mireles - Piece of Glass
	Jewelry	3	Andy Waters - Falstaff Screw Cap
1	Frank Vick - Midshipman's Pin		Blaine Nelson - "Joe's Rental Tools" Lighter
2	Daniel Mireles - Card Necklace		
2	Andy Waters - Silver Heart Pendant		
3	Dennis Gans - Raw Blue Sapphire		Button
	Scott Hegel - Belly Button Butterfly Ring	1	Art Tiemann - Eagle
	Blaine Nelson - Silver JA "God Mother" Charm	2	Scott Hegel - 2 Hole
	Art Tiemann - Heart Earring	2	Blaine Nelson - Snap with Stars/Branches
		3	Frank Vick - Jordasche Jeans
	Toy		Andy Waters - Mangled Aluminum
1	Dennis Gans - WWII Toy Truck		
2	Scott Hegel - Locomotive Engine		Non-Metal
3	Roy Stahl - Roadster Car	1	Blaine Nelson - Green Rocket
	Frank Vick - Toy Dime	2	Andy Waters - Speckled Salamander
	Andy Waters - Tiger Head	3	Frank Vick - Kewpie Doll
		3	Roy Stahl - Baby Picture in Heart Frame
	Most Unusual	3	Dennis Gans - Pacifier
1	Art Tiemann - Brass Shoe Horn		Daniel Mireles - Mexican Top
2	Frank Vick - Post Engr 768 Camp Swift Tag		Scott Hegel - Plastic Artwork
3	Roy Stahl - Brake Knob		
	Daniel Mireles - Swiss Army Knife		Oldest U.S. Cent
	Andy Waters - Brass Stopper	1	Scott Hegel - 1919
	Dennis Gans - Metal Glob	2	Andy Waters - 1936D
	Scott Hegel - Domino	3	Blaine Nelson - 1940D
	Blaine Nelson - Silver Ring with Turquoise Heart		Frank Vick - 1946D
			Dennis Gans - 1960
	Oldest U.S. Coin		Art Tiemann - 1968D
1	Scott Hegel - 1863 Half		
2	Art Tiemann - 1926 Dime		Most Valuable U.S. Coin
3	Frank Vick - 1938 Nickel	1	Scott Hegel - 1956D Dime

	Blaine Nelson - 1957D Nickel	1	Art Tiemann - 1941S Dime
	Dennis Gans - 1964D Nickel		

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: _____ # _____