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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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June 2007

Austin Metal Detecting Club meets at Woodlawn Baptist Church 4600 Manchaca at **7:00** on the second Thursday of each month. We meet in Room M – 103/104 on the first floor to the left when you come in the main entrance. Our meeting this month is **June 14th** 2007. 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.

June Find of the Month Activity!

For June we will do something different. Rather bringing items to display in our assigned categories, members are asked to prepare and enter a **display**. Your display can include **any items found since the first of the year**. This leaves lots of room for creativity. The display can include items put in a case, or they can be shown in some other type of hard back display. We will still have viewing and voting during our break. In July we will return to the usual FOM with our categories.

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 **July 5th** 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.

Meet the Board: Jim Lawhon has been metal detecting for about 7 years and uses mainly White's brand detectors. Jim and his wife Dottie have been married for 37 years and live in Leander. They have three grown children and 5 grand children. Jim retired in May 2006 after working for 27 years with AT&T, and he is a member of the National Rifle Association and the Communications Workers of the American Local 6132. Jim is serving a second year on the AMDC Board. He is also a member of the Club's Political Action Committee and has put in countless hours assisting with club activities, particularly the TCTC shows. Please say hello to Jim if you haven't met him. He's a pretty swell guy.

May Meeting:

The May meeting speaker was our own club member, Ron Edelstein. Ron gave a most interesting talk and Power Point presentation about his work with the U.S. Customs on the border. Ron relayed some of the stories about smuggling attempts and innovative ways people would try and smuggle items and/or people across the border. Thanks to Ron for again sharing his talents and experience with us.

During break we had voting for the "Find of the Month". The entries this month were pretty sparse, but interesting finds none the less. No one filled all 13 categories, so let's get out detecting!

Engagement: **We had quite a surprise at the May meeting Thursday night! Member Roy Stahl presented his girlfriend (member Michele Pliler) with an engagement ring. As an added surprise, the Roy had entered the ring in the "rings" category of the Find of the Month activity. Roy got down on his knee and proposed to Michele, and she said "YES!". Congratulations to Roy and Michele!**

New Members:

New members who joined in May include Gary and Christine Keirn and Thomas (Tap) and Connie Palmer. 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.

June Executive Meeting:

We did not hold an Executive meeting in June due to the conflict with the Kerrville Lions Camp project.

The Death of House Bill 1016:

If you haven't heard, HB 1016 to allow recreational metal detecting in certain pre-disturbed areas of Texas State Parks died in the assigned House Committee of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The Bill was not voted on, it just died, along with numerous other Bills introduced in this Legislative Session. We extend our sincere gratitude to Rep. Chuck Hopson and his staff for sponsoring and supporting this Bill, and for each of you who took the time to actively rally for our cause.

Upcoming Events:

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

June 6 – **Texas Council of Treasure Clubs (TCTC)** Quarterly meeting – open to all. Meeting will be held after lunch at the Kerrville Lion’s Camp.

June 16 - AMDC club hunt at the Hutto UMC. We will meet at 9:00 in front of the “Hutto Hippo” in the middle of town on East Street (just off Hwy 79).

Our Thoughts are with Members:

Our condolences go to **Dennis Gans** on the recent loss of his father.

Keep **Mike Holmes** in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from major surgery.

Of Interest:

Facts about the Denver Mint (article courtesy of the Golden Triangle Club)

Every day, Americans lose, save or salt away \$100,000 in pennies. That's more than 10 million coins taken out of circulation each day, stashed in piggy banks, desk drawers and under the sofa cushions. Studies show that the average family has over \$50 in pennies stored somewhere in their home.

To replace these pennies, the U.S. Mint in Denver stamps 40 million coins each day -- a total of eight billion coins a year that have to be punched, bagged and shipped.

At the mint, 800 coins a minute are stamped and shot from each of 60 punch presses into huge hoppers, with the effect of a slot machine gone wild. The presses operate around the clock, five days a week. In another room, machines count, sort and bag the coins. While 70% of the coins stamped in Denver are pennies, the mint also makes nickels, dimes, quarters, half-dollars and commemorative coins.

The mint's security system is famously elaborate. This not only protects the coin production plant, but also what is hidden in the basement behind four-and-a-half foot thick walls and a thousand tons of steel framework: an estimated \$100 billion dollars in solid gold bars. This is the second largest depository of gold bullion in the country.

This branch of the United States Mint was established by an April 21, 1862, Act of Congress after the Treasury Department proposed that a Branch Mint be established for the coinage of gold. The need for this new facility was because of the discovery of gold at the Platte River near Denver. The United States Mint at Denver opened for business in September 1863, as a United States Assay Office. Coin production operations at this facility began in the facilities of Clark, Gruber & Company - a private mint then located at 16th and Market Streets. The Clark, Gruber & Company was later acquired by the federal government for \$25,000.

Article about Denver Mint, con't.

In 1874, Congress gave the United States Mint at Denver the authority to produce coins for the United States and some foreign countries. The Denver facility became a functional branch of the United States Mint on February 20, 1895. The site for the newly enacted United States Mint at Denver was located at the West Colfax and Delaware Street. The site was purchased April 22, 1896, for approximately \$60,000, and construction began in 1897. The transfer of assaying duties did not begin at Denver until September 1, 1904, and the production of gold and silver coins began in 1906. Although the United States Mint at Denver facility has expanded over the decades, today, the facility is still located at West Colfax Street location.

The free tours of the mint have long been a highlight of any visit to Denver. Unfortunately, heightened security measures have limited the number of tours available to the public. For the latest details on the tour schedule, check their web site.

Detectors For Sale:

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	131	15	34	28	29	25
2	Blaine Nelson	128	21	24	30	24	29
3	Frank Vick	127	22	20	25	32	28
4	Art Tiemann	108	24	21	21	21	21
5	Andy Waters	83	25	20	17	21	0
6	Larry Vickers	79	27	29	23	0	0
7	Roy Stahl	74	17	18	21	7	11
8	Ray Knowles	55	25	19	11	0	0
9	Jack Ball	40	19	18	3	0	0
10	Ed Newsom	36	17	14	5	0	0
11	Dennis Gans	46	6	5	10	13	12
12	Everett Preslar	31	0	15	16	0	0
13	Jim Lawhon	30	0	14	16	0	0
14	Daniel Mireles	30	4	0	10	9	7
15	Tim Ball	19	12	7	0	0	0
16	Michele Pliier	17	17	0	0	0	0
17	Trish Bennett	4	0	0	4	0	0
18	Dick Nelson	4	0	0	0	0	4
19	Rudy Nordmeyer	4	0	0	0	0	4
20		0	0				
21		0	0				
22		0	0				
23		0	0				
			251	258	240	156	141

May Finds of the Month

	U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin
1	Art Tiemann - 1964D Quarter	1	Scott Hegel - 1963 Cent - Canada
2	Daniel Mireles - 1941 Cent	2	Daniel Mireles - 1987 Cent - Canada
3	Roy Stahl - Undated Wheat Cent		
	Scott Hegel - Undated Wheat Cent		Ring
	Frank Vick - 1999 Quarter	1	Roy Stahl - Carved Silver Ring
	Dennis Gans - 2006D Nickel	2	Frank Vick - Enamel Ring
	Blaine Nelson - 1961D Nickel	3	Scott Hegel - Silver Ring
		3	Blaine Nelson - Child's Ring
	Token		
1	Frank Vick - Memphis, Tenn. Token		Artifact
2	Blaine Nelson - Chuck E Cheese	1	Rudy Nordmeyer - Falstaff Beer Can
		2	Scott Hegel - Dog Tag
	Jewelry	3	Blaine Nelson - Drawer Knob
1	Blaine Nelson - Tiny Silver Butterfly		Frank Vick - Square Nail
2	Frank Vick - Silver Dangle Earring		Dennis Gans - Rusty Chain
3	Scott Hegel - Copper Bracelet		Roy Stahl - Military Pin
3	Art Tiemann - Earring		
	Daniel Mireles - Large Earring		Button
	Roy Stahl - Snake Bracelet	1	Blaine Nelson - Hawk Brand
	Dennis Gans - Beads	2	Frank Vick - Fresno Sport 2 Hole
		3	Scott Hegel - 4 Hole Lapis De Cor
	Toy		
1	Dick Nelson - Match Box Truck		Non-Metal
2	Blaine Nelson - Tiny Metal Wheelbarrow	1	Art Tiemann - Small Bottle
2	Frank Vick - Surfer Car	2	Scott Hegel - Champagne Bubbles
3	Roy Stahl - VW Bug Taxi	2	Blaine Nelson - Poop Patrol Canister
	Scott Hegel - Car Body	3	Frank Vick - Mesh Bag
	Dennis Gans - Tent Stake	3	Dennis Gans - Plastic Chain
			Roy Stahl - Flying Bug
	Most Unusual		
1	Frank Vick - Small Picture Frame		Oldest U.S. Cent
2	Blaine Nelson - Screw Driver Key Chain	1	Scott Hegel - 1923
3	Scott Hegel - Charms	2	Art Tiemann - 1944
3	Dennis Gans - Pipe	3	Frank Vick - 1948D
			Blaine Nelson - 1960
	Oldest U.S. Coin		Dennis Gans - 1977
1	Art Tiemann - Buffalo Nickel Undated		
2	Blaine Nelson - 1942 Nickel		Most Valuable U.S. Coin
3	Frank Vick - 1964D Nickel	1	Art Tiemann - 1935 Dime
	Scott Hegel - 1965 Quarter	2	Frank Vick - Undated Nickel
	Dennis Gans - 1976D Dime	3	Dennis Gans - 1959D 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: _____ # _____