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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

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**July 2007**

Austin Metal Detecting Club meets at Woodlawn Baptist Church 4600 Manchaca at **7:00** on the second Thursday of each month. We usually meet in Room M – 103/104 on the first floor to the left when you come in the main entrance. **Note – for July only – we are meeting in the room upstairs. Look for signs.** Our meeting this month is **July 12<sup>th</sup>** 2007. Below is a link showing a map to the church. Visitors are always

welcome.

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

Our program for July will be to view and discuss a treasure video.

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 **August 2nd** 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.

### **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 Meeting:

This month we tried something different. Instead of holding our usual "Find of the Month" competition with our 13 categories of finds, we asked members to bring in entire displays. Items in the display had to have been found this year (2007). We had a total of nine displays entered, and another for show only. These displays were amazing. It just goes to show what can be found with a metal detector and how a using a little creativity can make something very impressive!

Winners of the Display Competition were:

- First Place – Scott Hegel
- Second Place – Art Tiemann
- Third Place – Rudy Nordmeyer

We will have another chance to build and enter displays at the annual Christmas dinner and meeting, so it's not too early to start working on yours.

During the meeting we watched an interesting video produced by on Gold Panning. The video offered a lot of tips and ideas about how/where to pan for gold.

Daniel and Blaine asked the group to contribute ideas for both programs and possible sites for the club to hold a hunt. We are always looking for both and are interested in **your ideas!**

### June Hunt:

Approximately 12 club members met out at the site of the old Methodist Church in Hutto on Saturday, June 23. The church building (circa 1910) had recently been moved to a location up the street. We detected the entire area. The area was quite muddy due to all the recent rains, but that didn't stop anyone from swinging their detectors. Everyone had a good time and members, new and old had a chance to visit. Finds included a couple of wheat pennies, current coins, a token and a medal from a 1941 Lions Club gathering.

### Meet the Board:

Let me introduce myself. My name is Cecil Herrin. I'm currently your AMDC Club Webmaster. I would like to give you a little background on myself. I was born in Austin, Texas. I lived there until 1968, when my parents and I moved to Oak Hill. I lived there until 1979, when I took a job in Marble Falls, Texas. Since the commute was too far, I moved to Bertram, Texas, where I have lived ever since. In 1982, I began my adventures in the wonderful world of computers. I became a business programmer and enjoyed that for several years. Later on, I started building a couple of computers for myself, and later for friends, which led to building them for the public. In 1992 I got married to the love of my life, and childhood sweetheart, Sandra Preslar. Not only did the Lord bless me with this wonderful woman, but in addition, he blessed me with three beautiful daughters, Tiffany, Courtney, and Chelsey. In the late 1990's, I began creating web sites. About five years ago, my father-in-law, fellow club member, Everett Preslar, bought a "kids \$29.95 metal detector" for my oldest daughter. My daughter, Tiffany and I, armed with this detector, went out with

Everett, metal detecting. Of course after about half an hour my daughter was tired, so I picked up this toy, and started sweeping. After several pull tabs and a few coins, I found a nice gold men's ring. On my second trip with Everett, now armed with his back-up detector, we again went out and I found several coins, including a wheat penny, and as you say I was "hooked". I purchased a Bounty Hunter Tracker IV, which I still have as my back up, and the adventure began. Everett told me about AMDC and after attending a couple of meetings, I became a member. I've been the club webmaster for a couple of years. If you're wondering, who is this guy? Well for the last year and a half I've been working the second shift at my job, so I don't get the opportunity to attend many meetings, but I keep up with what's going on through various members. If you would like to talk, or if you have any suggestions, comments, or even gripes about our site, you can email me at [webmaster@amdconline.com](mailto:webmaster@amdconline.com) or you can send private email to me at [cecil@centerprise.net](mailto:cecil@centerprise.net). I'm looking forward to meeting you at one of our club hunts or maybe even a meeting.

### **New Members:**

Welcome Mike Stafford from Kyle, TX., new member who joined the club in June.

### **July Executive Meeting:**

- ◆ **TCTC Report** – Larry gave us an update on Texas Council plans. One of the initiatives of the new officer group was to develop a book about the Council for all clubs and non-member clubs etc. to describe the goals and activities of TCTC. The book was recently completed, and looks very professional. Larry and Blaine shared the Austin Club copy. We are still looking for a site to hold the TCTC fun hunt weekend in '08.
- ◆ **Travis Co. Parks** – Blaine spoke with Roy Turley, Director of Parks Operations, and the proposal to allow metal detecting in designated areas of Travis County Parks should be coming up again in Commissioners Court very soon. According to Roy, the draft policy and procedures that we jointly developed will be presented for adoption with just minor changes.
- ◆ **Club Hunts** – ideas discussed for club hunt sites include Camp Ben McCulloch, Crow's Nest, Travis Co. Expo Center and Krause Springs. We would like to have a specific detecting/retrieval workshop at an upcoming gathering.
- ◆ **Christmas Dinner meeting** – Daniel and Susie again offered to host our dinner and will reserve the club house in their neighborhood.

### **Upcoming Events:**

July (date?) Club Hunt. Details forthcoming

**Sept 29-30** – GPAA Llano Chapter Gold Event – Kingsland

**October 6** - Cow Town Club Competition Hunt – Fort Worth

**October 20** - Lone Star Club Competition Hunt – Glenn Heights (Dallas area)

**October 28** - H.A.R.C. (Houston Club) Competition Hunt – New Caney

**Our Thoughts are with Members:**

Our condolences go to **Scott Hegel** on the recent loss of his sister

Please continue to keep **Mike Holmes** in your thoughts and prayers.