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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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### September 2007

#### **Meeting Information:**

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 **Sept 13<sup>th</sup>** 2007. Visitors are always welcome.

**September Program** – Mr. Earl Theiss from the Llano Chapter of the GPAA will be our guest speaker. Earl will share information about GPAA, the Llano Chapter and tell us more about plans for the GPAA event Sept. 28-30. Plan to come out to hear Earl's presentation.

**October Program** – Looking ahead – Mr. Chandler Nelson (Blaine's Dad) will present a program on Digital Photography for our meeting Oct. 11.

#### **Find of the Month:**

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 **SEPTEMBER** 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.

#### **Executive Meeting:**

Our executive meeting will be on **October 4th** 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.

### **August Meeting:**

At the August meeting Jim Lawhon led us in a “hands on” activity to look at performance of our detectors. We looked at discrimination, target types and the signals, depth etc. It was very interesting and we all learned something new.

### **New Members:**

There were no new members who joined the club in August.

### **September Executive Meeting:**

- **GPAA Event** – We discussed our club’s participation in the Llano area GPAA event upcoming the weekend of Sept. 28-30. We decided to host two metal detecting hunts – one on Saturday and one on Sunday, and discussed the logistical details. Our club will have a booth and will provide metal detecting demonstrations for the public during the weekend. We are still in need of coins and other items (jewelry, foreign coins, tokens etc.) to bury for the hunt. A jar will be available at the meeting to collect donations of items and coins for the hunt. Below is a link to this GPAA event:  
<http://llanochamber.com/rendezvous.html>
- **Club Member Involvement** – Last month we put out sign up sheets for members to sign up to serve the club in different capacities. Our goal is to promote everyone’s involvement in club activities, and members will be asked to consider how they can serve our club. Please take advantage of the opportunity and sign up for areas of interest in, i.e. serving as an officer, a board member, helping with a program, locating a site for a club hunt, etc.
- **AMDC By-Laws** – We have not reviewed our club by-laws in a number of years and will plan to take a look at them in the near future to determine if revision is needed. In the meantime, anyone who would like to review and comment is welcome to do so. Contact Blaine if you would like a copy of the current By-Laws.

### **Upcoming Events:**

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

**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

**November 10** – TCTC Satellite Hunt - Canton

### **Our Thoughts are with Members:**

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

## **Do You Know Your Wheaties?**

The Lincoln wheat ears cent was produced from 1909 to 1958. The coin was designed by Victor D. Brenner, a New York sculptor, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth. The designer's initials (V.D.B.) appear on the reverse of a limited number of the 1909 cents. Due to public outcry the initials were removed, but were later restored in 1918 to the obverse side on Lincoln's shoulder.

Only 484,000 of the 1909S VDB cents were produced by the San Francisco Mint and are thus quite valuable. Even lower grade quality cents are worth hundreds of dollars, and better condition examples are could be worth \$6,000 - \$12,000. By contrast, the Philadelphia mint issued 28 million 1910 VDB cents, so they are less valuable.

Another key date for wheaties is 1914-D, with a low mintage of under 1.2 million.

The Lincoln cent was the first cent to include the motto "In God We Trust".

All of the Lincoln wheat cents were made of 95% copper, with the exception of the 1943 popular "steel wheat" pennies minted during World War II. These cents were 100% steel plated with zinc and were produced to conserve copper during the war effort.

**Gotta love those Wheaties!!**

## Find of the Month – Rank August

1	Scott Hegel	191	15	34	28	29	25	35	25	
2	Frank Vick	188	22	20	25	32	31	29	29	
3	Blaine Nelson	183	21	24	30	24	29	30	25	
4	Art Tiemann	151	24	21	21	21	21	21	22	
5	Roy Stahl	88	17	18	21	7	11	0	14	
6	Andy Waters	83	25	20	17	21	0	0	0	
7	Larry Vickers	79	27	29	23	0	0	0	0	
8	Rudy Nordmeyer	76	0	0	0	0	4	35	37	
9	Ed Newsom	61	17	14	5	0	0	0	25	
10	Ray Knowles	55	25	19	11	0	0	0	0	
11	Dennis Gans	51	6	5	10	13	12	0	5	
12	Jim Lawhon	41	0	14	16	0	0	0	11	
13	Daniel Mireles	40	4	0	10	9	7	4	6	
14	Jack Ball	40	19	18	3	0	0	0	0	
15	Everett Preslar	31	0	15	16	0	0	0	0	
16	Michele Pliier	19	17	0	0	0	0	0	2	
17	Tim Ball	19	12	7	0	0	0	0	0	
18	John Chapman	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	
19	Dick Nelson	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	
20	Trish Bennett	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	
21	Jenna Farell	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	
22		0	0							
23		0	0							
			251	258	240	156	144	0	163	204

## August Finds of the Month

	<b>U.S. Coin</b>		<b>Foreign Coin</b>
1	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1906 Cent	1	Frank Vick - 1 Franc - ?
2	Ed Newsom - 1919 Dime	2	Roy Stahl - 2002 1 Dollar - Euro
3	Art Tiemann - 1941 Quarter	3	Scott Hegel - 2005 50 Cents - Mexico
	Scott Hegel - 2000D Dollar	3	Blaine Nelson - 2003 5 Cent - Aruba
	Blaine Nelson - 2001D Dollar	3	Rudy Nordmeyer - 2000 5 Cents - Mexico
	Roy Stahl - 1980 Quarter	3	Art Tiemann - 1964 Cinco Centavos - Mexico
	Frank Vick - 1965 Quarter		
	Daniel Mireles - 1956D Cent		<b>Ring</b>
	Dennis Gans - 1971 Quarter	1	Jim Lawhon - 2004 10K Texas A&M
		2	Blaine Nelson - 14K Men's Band
	<b>Token</b>	2	Frank Vick - Silver Inlay
1	Rudy Nordmeyer - Copper Amusement Park	3	Rudy Nordmeyer - Gold Filled
2	Ed Newsom - Dozier-Weyl Crackers		Scott Hegel - Saddle Ring
3	Blaine Nelson - New Hampshire DOT		
3	Frank Vick - Eagle No Cash Value		<b>Artifact</b>
	Roy Stahl - Coffee Freshness	1	Scott Hegel - Straight Razor
		2	Jenna Farell - Boy Scout Slide
	<b>Jewelry</b>	3	Blaine Nelson - Oxford Spoon
1	Rudy Nordmeyer - Silver Heart with Stones	3	Roy Stahl - Half Horseshoe
2	Blaine Nelson - Silver Cross with Chain	3	Ed Newsom - Lead Seal BV272R
3	Jim Lawhon - Stud Earring	3	Frank Vick - Brass/Glass Fuse (Lamp)
3	Frank Vick - Copper Madonna	3	Rudy Nordmeyer - Flint Point
3	Daniel Mireles - Saint Charm	3	Art Tiemann - Pull Ring
	Scott Hegel - Large Gold Plated Earring		Jim Lawhon - Buckle
	Ed Newsom - Pease Sign		
			<b>Button</b>
	<b>Toy</b>	1	Frank Vick - Silver Chariot
1	Scott Hegel - Tootsie Toy Car	2	Rudy Nordmeyer - Nickel Flowered
2	Blaine Nelson - Purple Car	3	Art Tiemann - 2 Hole
3	Ed Newsom - Park of Motorcycle		Scott Hegel - Gap
3	Frank Vick - Futuristic Car		Blaine Nelson - Old Navy
3	Rudy Nordmeyer - Lead Toy Base		Jim Lawhon - Large
3	Art Tiemann - Marble		Ed Newsom - Large Aluminium
	Roy Stahl - Broken Hotwheel		
			<b>Non-Metal</b>
	<b>Most Unusual</b>	1	Scott Hegel - Marble
1	Frank Vick - 4 Queens Casino Fob	2	Art Tiemann - Wooden Jesus Fish
2	Blaine Nelson - Skeleton Key	3	Michele Pliler - Monkey
3	Roy Stahl - Marijuana Pipe		Blaine Nelson - Old Tropicana Bottle
3	Ed Newsom - Old Oil Lamp Part		Frank Vick - Super Ball
3	Daniel Mireles - Piece of a Floorboard		Daniel Mireles - Casino Chip
3	Rudy Nordmeyer - Spike		Jim Lawhon - Marble
3	Art Tiemann - Level		Rudy Nordmeyer - Golf Ball
	Scott Hegel - Whistle		Dennis Gans - Marble
	Jim Lawhon - Small Bottle Cap		
	Dennis Gans - Rock with Crystals		

	<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>		
1	Ed Newsom - 1935S Nickel		
2	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1941 Dime		
3	Art Tiemann - 1945 Dime		
	Blaine Nelson - 1948 Nickel		
	Scott Hegel - 1954D Nickel		<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>
	Frank Vick - 1963D Nickel	1	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1864
	Roy Stahl - 1968 Nickel	2	Ed Newsom - 1907
	Dennis Gans - 1970 Nickel	3	Scott Hegel - 1918
			Frank Vick - 1919S
	<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>		Art Tiemann - 1938S
1	Ed Newsom - 1903 Cent		Blaine Nelson - 1939
1	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1942D Dime		Jim Lawhon - 1942
1	Art Tiemann - 1905 Nickel		Dennis Gans - 1977D
2	Scott Hegel - 1926D Cent		
2	Roy Stahl - 1945D Nickel		
3	Blaine Nelson - 1944D Cent		
3	Frank Vick - 1941D Cent		

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