

I DIG IT NEWS AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00
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January 2008

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to the many opportunities of the New Year.

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date - **Jan. 10th** 2008
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Larry Vickers 243 -1831
Vice President – Jim Lawhon 259-1036
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Larry's Ramblings:

When putting your metal detector up for the winter

- Take the batteries out
- Clean the dirt off
- Clean stem, coil, and box with 409
- Clean screen with Windex – do not spray, use cloth or Q-tip

Get more out of your metal detecting club!

- Attend as many meeting as possible
- Bring finds for find of month
- Visit with someone new each meeting
- Bring a friend
- Find a program (sign up list)
- Find a place for hunts
- Bring snacks (sign up list)
- Take ownership in the club
- Attend the Executive meeting when possible
- Work the club booth at the Texas Council Show
- Bring displays to the Show

Smile at and listen to everyone you meet. You never know who needs a pick-me-up.

Christmas Dinner

Our annual Christmas dinner was a huge success. There was great food, camaraderie and Jim Lawhon led us in a surprise “Deal or No Deal” game. Thanks to Daniel and Susie for hosting us at their club house again this year!

During the dinner we installed our new club Officers for 2008. Please welcome these folks and make a point to greet them at the meetings!

Scott Hegel announced the winners of the Find of the Month contest. First place went to Frank Vick who received a plaque and a gold peso. Second place went to Blaine Nelson who received a silver dollar, and third place went to Scott Hegel who received a silver round. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who entered their finds during the year!

The “Display of the Year” winner was Blaine Nelson. Her display included a collection of rings and a story about her thoughts and experience of finding the various rings. The prize was free dues for 2008.

January Program –Daniel Mireles will present a program on “Western Ghost Towns”. Please plan to attend to learn more about this fascinating topic.

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. Items found since the last regular meeting in November until the upcoming meeting may be entered in the **JANUARY** 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 **February 7th** at Luby’s, 1410 E. Anderson Ln. The meeting starts at **6:00**. 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.

New Members:

Jan Hallez joined the club in November. Jan is from Denver, Colorado and is a new metal detecting enthusiast. Jan is Blaine’s younger sister and comes to Austin frequently to visit family. She is interested in all types of detecting and recently participated in the TCTC Satellite hunt in Canton. Jan is enthused about working on the FOM activity – even from Denver!

Lost Item Recovery

Thanks to the “Search” team who went on numerous search missions this year: Scott Hegel, Larry Vickers,

Jim Lawhon, Ed Newsom, and Blaine Nelson. We continue to have a high success rate locating lost items!

January Executive Meeting:

- **Christmas Dinner – Ideas for Next Year** - we had a good turnout and everyone had a good time. We want to improve the fund raiser for next year, and to do so we'll begin collecting items for the prize table early in the year. **Please bring items for next year's fund raiser to any meeting.** The items for prizes can be anything, not just metal detecting related. Jim has a big box and volunteered to keep the items.
- **Club Meeting Space** – Woodlawn church will be doing some major remodeling and we may need to move the meeting for a few months. We can use the Daniel and Susies' club house, and are open to other suggestions. We will discuss this more at the meeting.
- **Upcoming Programs** – We need a program for February. March we will have Nathan Fowler speak about snakes.
- **FOM** – We reviewed the FOM rules and elected to keep the categories the way they are. To encourage more folks to participate on a regular basis, we agreed that everyone can “drop” their worst month of entries.
- **Newsletter** – We will work to enhance the newsletter. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Blaine
- **TCTC Show** – Daniel and Susie Mireles volunteered to take charge of the Austin Club booth at the upcoming show in Killeen. We need club members to volunteer to help with the booth at the show – to sit and visit with attendees, answer questions etc.
- **Club Hunt - Galveston** - there will be a club beach hunt in Galveston on Feb. 17 following the TCTC Satellite competition hunt on Feb. 16. We will send details in email and include options for lodging.

Upcoming Events:

February 16 – TCTC Satellite Hunt – Galveston

February 17 - AMDC Club Beach Hunt - Galveston

April 4 – 6, 2008 – Texas Council of Treasure Clubs Show – Killeen Convention Center

June 6 – 8 - WWATS Annual Open Rally & Hunt for 2008 in Bayfield, Colorado just west of Durango at Riverside RV Park. Their website:

<http://www.coloradodirectory.com/riversidervpark/> and our You Tube link of the site is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IR34R4qsHRI>

Find of the Month – Rank November

Rank	Name	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1	Frank Vick	274	22	20	25	32	31	29	29	30	29	27
2	Blaine Nelson	264	21	24	30	24	29	30	25	24	30	27
3	Scott Hegel	257	15	34	28	29	25	35	25	22	23	21
4	Art Tiemann	160	24	21	21	21	21	21	22	9	0	0
5	Roy Stahl	151	17	18	21	7	11	0	14	19	25	19
6	Rudy Nordmeyer	141	0	0	0	0	4	35	37	18	27	20
7	Ed Newsom	113	17	14	5	0	0	0	25	25	14	13
8	Andy Waters	111	25	20	17	21	0	0	0	0	18	10
9	Larry Vickers	79	27	29	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Dennis Gans	69	6	5	10	13	12	0	5	3	4	11
11	Jim Lawhon	60	0	14	16	0	0	0	11	3	3	13
12	Ray Knowles	55	25	19	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Jack Ball	53	19	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
14	Daniel Mireles	52	4	0	10	9	7	4	6	6	6	0
15	Everett Preslar	31	0	15	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	John Chapman	23	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	4	0	10
17	Michele Pliier	23	17	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0
18	Tim Ball	23	12	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Jan Hallez	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
20	Jenna Farell	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	4	0
21	Dick Nelson	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
			251	258	240	156	144	163	204	170	183	204

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: _____ # _____