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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)  
5007 Timothy Circle Austin, TX 78734  
Membership: \$20.00  
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March 2008

Headline – Texas Treasure Show Coming! See details inside.

### Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca  
Date - **March. 13<sup>th</sup>** 2008  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Time - **7:00 pm**  
Room - M – 103/104

### Officers:

President – Larry Vickers 243 -1831  
Vice President – Jim Lawhon 259-1036  
Treasurer – Scott Hegel 331-1131  
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### Executive Committee:

Ed & Sherry Newsom – 282-4001  
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John Chapman 261-5029  
Art Tiemann – 272-8902

### Larry's Ramblings:

Beware **Spring** is near and bad things are out there.

- Snakes are irritable
- Chiggers and other bugs are hungry
- The Sun can harm unprotected skin
- Poison Ivy needs to spread it's pollen
- Muscles have been idle
- Be safe

Texas Council is near (as **Paul Revere** would have said **To Arms, The Show is Coming, The Show is Coming**) All volunteers pack up yourselves. Now is the time to Sign Up to sit our booth and the entry door for the Texas Council.

- Daniel and Susie have planned our booth
- Your cooperation is needed
- Help Setup on Friday
- Bring displays
- The Fundraiser is set
- Uncle Sam (Susie) wants you; at least your picture
- Sit at the booth and fundraiser
- Take down the booth Sunday after the Show
- Load items in vehicles
- Have fun and make new friends

## **Texas Treasure Show 2008!**

**Killeen Convention Center - April 4, 5, 6 - Killeen, Texas**

### **Show Schedule**

#### **Friday - April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.** – BOOTH SET UP

**4:30 P.M.** –TCTC Annual meeting. All TCTC members are encouraged to attend.

#### **Saturday – April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.** Show is open to the public. Free seminars will be held on both Saturday and Sunday. Some of the featured speakers/seminars include “Treasures of the Knights of the Golden Circle” with Dr. Roy Rousch, Map Dowsing, Texas Trade Tokens, Metal Detecting 101, Finding Gold – GPAA, Manufacturer Seminars, and others you won’t want to miss.

**6:30 P.M.** – TEXAS STYLE BANQUET. This year we are privileged to have W.C. Jameson as our guest speaker. W.C. is the author of 50 books and over 1.500 published articles and essays. He has appeared on the Travel Channel, PBS and Nightline, and is regarded as the best-selling treasure author in America.

Back by popular demand, Mikeska’s will serve up some of their good Bar-B-Q. **Do plan to attend** the banquet. Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the door or contact Scott Hegel, TCTC Treasurer, at [SDHEGEL@aol.com](mailto:SDHEGEL@aol.com) .

#### **Sunday – April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.** “THE HUNT” Silver Extravaganza – held on Convention Center grounds – LOTS of silver and prizes!

**10:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.** – Treasure Show open to the public. Seminars continue today.

**4:30 P.M.** – Show closing – Booth take down

### **March Program**

This month Larry Vickers will present a program on Coils – the use and functions of the different types of coils.

**Member Pictures!** Susie Mireles will be taking pictures of club members at the meeting for our Austin Club booth display at the upcoming Treasure Show. Please plant to attend this meeting so we can take photos of as many members as possible. If you can not make the meeting, you can send Susie and Daniel a photo, either electronically, or in the mail: [dangerousdio@hotmail.com](mailto:dangerousdio@hotmail.com) or Daniel Mireles, 12609 Dessau Rd. #559, Austin, Tx, 78754

**Note about Dues:** If you have not yet paid your club dues, you can still pay at the March meeting be able to get the discounted entry to the show. Unpaid club members are NOT members of the Texas Council.

### **Executive Meeting**

Our executive meeting will be on **April 3rd** 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.

### **March Executive Meeting**

- **Upcoming Programs** – Our March program will be presented by Larry Vickers use of different types of coils. In May Blaine will talk about water detecting. We still need a program for April.
- **Club Hunts** – To better plan for future hunts we will ask club members for input as to the type of hunts, times and sites that are of interest. We would like to schedule a “training” hunt time to have experienced members work one on one with folks who are new to detecting. We might offer “Monday Morning” hunts to hunt sites following a weekend activity etc. and will query the club to determine interest in this. Scott is going to check on the Travis Co. Expo. Center to see if we can hunt it following the rodeo.
- **TCTC Show** –. We discussed plans for the club booth, and need club members to volunteer to help both with the booth, and with the maid door, taking money and tickets. We will have sign up sheets for volunteers to help with both.

### **New Members**

Frances Prewitt of Austin, and Lynn Waldrep of Cedar Park joined the club at the February meeting. Welcome Lynn and Frances! All, make a point to introduce yourselves and get to know our new members.

### **AMDC Website**

There are new folks regularly posting to our forum. Blaine has been checking the forum and posting responses to questions etc. Everyone is encouraged to go to the Forum and participate, as this generates interest, good PR and even info./potential sites for the club. Our web site is: <http://www.amdconline.com> 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.

### **Upcoming Events:**

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

**May 17** – Tatum Competition Hunt, Tatum, Tx – to benefit the Tatum Library. Details on web

**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>

**June** - (dates will be announced) – Kerrville Lions Camp volunteer project

**Ongoing** – We are collecting the following items – bring to any meeting:

- Foreign coins to plant for the Kerrville Lions Camp hunt in June
- Items to donate for **2008 Christmas** dinner fundraiser (anything of interest)

### **FOR SALE:**

Tesoro Tiger Shark – \$450. Used once or twice – never in the water. Comes with extra coil. Contact Stewart Lanier – 346-5340

Garrett Ace 250 – \$200. Used very little. Contact Ron at [aduana@mindspring.com](mailto:aduana@mindspring.com)

**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 **FEBRUARY** 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.

**Find of the Month – Rank after February Meeting**

Blaine Nelson
Frank Vick
Scott Hegel
Rudy Nordmeyer
Larry Vickers
Jan Hallez
Jim Lawhon
Ed Newsom
Art Tiemann
Jenna Farrell
Andy Waters
Daniel Mireles
Roy Stahl
John Chapman
Michele Pliier



**Don't see your name on the list? Bring your finds to the next meeting. The more items we have to show, the more interesting it is for everyone!**

## February Finds of the Month

<b>U.S. Coin</b>	<b>Foreign Coin</b>
Rudy Nordmeyer - 1919 Nickel	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1972 5 Paise - India
Scott Hegel - 1979 Dollar	Blaine Nelson - 1969 1/2 Franc - Switzerland
Blaine Nelson - 1981 Half	Frank Vick - 1966 2 Groschen - Austria
Frank Vick - 1961D Nickel	Scott Hegel - 2002 20 Cent - Euro
Jan Hallez - 1967 Quarter	Larry Vickers - 50 Cents - Mexico
Jim Lawhon - 1971 Half	
Larry Vickers - 1975 Nickel	
	<b>Ring</b>
	Blaine Nelson - 2000 NFL Championship
	Larry Vickers - 14K Pink Tourmaline
<b>Token</b>	
Scott Hegel - State Bar of Texas	Jim Lawhon - Multi-Stone
Blaine Nelson - Super Bowl XXVIII 1994	Scott Hegel - 9K Claddagh w/Green Heart
Rudy Nordmeyer - Braille Pocket Pebble	Jan Hallez - Men's Titanium Ring with Crosses
Frank Vick - Aladdin's Castle	Frank Vick - Silver JA Heart Ring
Larry Vickers - Dave & Buster	
<b>Jewelry</b>	<b>Artifact</b>
Blaine Nelson - 14K Link Mesh Bracelet	Scott Hegel - Skeleton Key
Frank Vick - Silver Bracelet	Rudy Nordmeyer - Brass Halter Buckle
Larry Vickers - Gold Bracelet	Frank Vick - Equestrian Saddle Ornament
Jim Lawhon - Brass Bracelet	Jan Hallez - Pulley
Rudy Nordmeyer - 3 Copper Bracelets	Blaine Nelson - Fanta Soda Bottle
Scott Hegel - 18K White/Yellow Gold Earring	Larry Vickers - Brad
Jan Hallez - 14K Earring	
	<b>Button</b>
<b>Toy</b>	Scott Hegel - Back Loop with Flower Design
Blaine Nelson - Turbo Truck	Blaine Nelson - Swirl Design
Jim Lawhon - Chrysler Crossfire	Frank Vick - Wranglers Jean
Frank Vick - Lime Green Car	Larry Vickers - Snap
Scott Hegel - Motorcycle	
Larry Vickers - Red Pickup	
Jan Hallez - Match Box Car	<b>Non-Metal</b>
	Frank Vick - \$20 Bill
	Rudy Nordmeyer - Smirnoff Bottle
<b>Most Unusual</b>	Jan Hallez - Gibson Guitar
Rudy Nordmeyer - July 4th Printing Plate	Scott Hegel - Small Bottle
Blaine Nelson - Turquoise Silver Ring	Jim Lawhon - Dr Pepper Bottle
Larry Vickers - Artificial Duck Leg	Blaine Nelson - Rubber Snake
Scott Hegel - Matching Whoppers Clips	Larry Vickers - Multi-Color Marble
Frank Vick - Mormon Family Medallion	
Jan Hallez - Plastic "T"	<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>
Jim Lawhon - Lizard Bottle Opener	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1942
	Scott Hegel - 1944D
	Frank Vick - 1946D
<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>	
Scott Hegel - 1940 Nickel	Blaine Nelson - 1947D
Frank Vick - 1952D Nickel	Larry Vickers - 1956D
Blaine Nelson - 1955D Nickel	Jan Hallez - 1961
Larry Vickers - 1961D Nickel	

	<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>
Jan Hallez - 1964 Nickel	
	Larry Vickers - 1957 Dime
	Scott Hegel - 1936D Nickel
	Blaine Nelson - 1942 Cent

**Question: What was the first year that Buffalo nickels were minted?  
Answer below**

**Calling all Austin Club members. Fill this space! If you have any news items to share, stories, tips etc. – submit them in our Newsletter. There is always room!**

**Answer: 1913. Trivia – no buffalo nickels were minted in 1922, 1932 or 1933!  
Bet you didn't know that.**

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