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April 2008

Texas Treasure Show This Weekend! (Show schedule inside)

Meeting Information:

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

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Larry's Ramblings:

What is a metal detecting club worth?

There are many ways to try and figure the question out, but the best way is how much money would it take for you to betray your club? It seems as if everybody has a price if there is enough money.

Probably the answer is not in money, but your dedication and effort you give to your club. Nearly everyday you have the chance to promote your club. There is another chance coming up this weekend in Killeen. If possible volunteer to help with and sit with your booth and the TCTC entry table and booth.

What are some of the miracles you witnessed lately?

I would be nice if you would write it down and bring it to our April meeting. Blaine will publish them in May's newsletter. Your name is optional. We only need to open our eyes to see things that have no rational explanation.

Remember you are loved and you are important.

Texas Treasure Show 2008!

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

Show Schedule

Friday - April 4th

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 5th

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 .

Sunday – April 6th

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 Meeting

Larry Vickers discussed “coils”, the various types of coils, how they are made, and their uses. Daniel and Susie Mireles presented their plans for our AMDC booth at the Treasure Show. Our booth will feature US – the club members. The booth will include pictures of AMDC members, and a short write up about our detector and best find. Susie took photographs during the meeting for the display. Everyone was encouraged to sign up to help with the booth during the show. If you have not signed up, we still need you!

March Activities

A number of folks gathered out at Krause Springs for a club hunt on March 15. Krause is a most interesting site! It goes back many years, is a large tract of land and has camp sites, swimming, hiking and picnicking. It was a gorgeous spring day, and everyone had a good time. A number of coins were found, a wheatie, a relic, a silver ring etc.

April Program

Blaine Nelson will present a program about Insulators - those colourful glass objects you used to see atop electrical and telephone/telegraph poles. Blaine will discuss the history of insulators, how to identify their types and values, and show us a number she has collected over the years.

Executive Meeting

We did not have an executive meeting in April due to focus on preparations for the Treasure Show. Our next executive meeting will be on **May 1st** 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.

New Members

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

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> You can 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

April 14 – Monday Morning Club Hunt – 7:30 A.M. – location to be determined

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 18 - 19 – 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)

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 **APRIL** 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 March Meeting

Scott Hegel
Blaine Nelson
Frank Vick
Rudy Nordmeyer
Larry Vickers
Jan Hallez
Ed Newsom
Jim Lawhon
Roy Stahl
Art Tiemann
Daniel Mireles
Susie Mireles
Jenna Farrell
Gary Keirn
Andy Waters
John Chapman
Leon Prause
hele Pliler



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!

March Finds of the Month

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Scott Hegel - 1904 Half	Roy Stahl - 1985 1 Penny - England
Jan Hallez - 2007D George Washington Dollar	Jan Hallez - 10 Sheckel - Israel
Daniel Mireles - 1989D Dime	Blaine Nelson - 5 Cents Euro - Netherlands
Blaine Nelson - 1939 Cent	Scott Hegel - 1992 50 Cents - Mexico
Frank Vick - 1955D Nickel	Frank Vick - 1985 Nickel - Canada
Ed Newsom - 1920 Cent	
Larry Vickers - 1928 Cent	Ring
Susie Mireles - 2002D Cent	Scott Hegel - 10K with 4 Sapphire Stones
Rudy Nordmeyer - 1946D Cent	Roy Stahl - Silver US Youth Mrine Cadet
	Blaine Nelson - 10K with 3 Diamonds
Token	Frank Vick - Silver Cheer Leader
Ed Newsom - C. Shacklett - 10	Jan Hallez - 10K with Small Pearl
Rudy Nordmeyer - Padre Island Cent Token	
Frank Vick - Star Wars	Artifact
	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1938 TX Motorcycle License Plate
Blaine Nelson - 1982 Pizza Time Theater	Scott Hegel - Pistol Mini Ball
	Ed Newsom - 1903 Austin Dog Tag
Jewelry	Susie Mireles - Allen Wrench
Roy Stahl - Elgin Watch	Frank Vick - Mother of Pearl Horn Key
Jan Hallez - Large Shark Tooth Pendant	Larry Vickers - Metal Cap
Scott Hegel - Silver Bracelet with Purple Stones	Roy Stahl - Religious Charm
Larry Vickers - Silver Charm	Blaine Nelson - 1983 Chuckie Cheese Token
Daniel Mireles - 50 & Fab Charm	
Blaine Nelson - Silver Bracelet with Cross	
Frank Vick - Silver Earring	Button
	Frank Vick - "SL" Loop Back
Toy	Jan Hallez - Individually Basic for the Twenties
Gary Keirn - Airplane	Larry Vickers - Decorative
Blaine Nelson - Steam Train Engine	Blaine Nelson - Tiny with Stars
Daniel Mireles - Car	Scott Hegel - 2 Hole
Rudy Nordmeyer - Hot Wheels Formula Car	Rudy Nordmeyer - Black
Frank Vick - Tiny Car	Roy Stahl - Button Back
Roy Stahl - Star Bead	
Scott Hegel - Matchbox Car	Non-Metal
	Frank Vick - 1/2 Green Glass Bead
Most Unusual	Roy Stahl - Crime Measurement Instrument
Scott Hegel - Large Skeleton Key	Susie Mireles - Green Glass Bead
Daniel Mireles - TX Ranger Badge	Scott Hegel - Plastic Army Guy
Jan Hallez - 1998 2 Ruble - Russia	Jan Hallez - Green Eggs & Ham Eraser
Frank Vick - 175th Anniversary Pin - Copenhagen	Blaine Nelson - Zebra
Leon Prause - Putter	
Larry Vickers - 3 Different Condom Packages	Oldest U.S. Cent
Roy Stahl - Smushed Bell	Ed Newsom - 1893

Ed Newsom - 1945 Austin Dog Tag	Larry Vickers - 1901
Susie Mireles - Shell	Blaine Nelson - 1917
Blaine Nelson - Silver Twisted Snake	Scott Hegel - 1926
	Frank Vick - 1948D
Oldest U.S. Coin	Jan Hallez - 1964D
Scott Hegel - 1918D Nickel	Susie Mireles - 1977
Frank Vick - 1939 Nickel	
Ed Newsom - 1943D Dime	Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Daniel Mireles - 1964 Quarter	Scott Hegel - 1918D Nickel
Blaine Nelson - 1964 Nickel	Blaine Nelson - 1946 Quarter
Jan Hallez - 1966 Quarter	Frank Vick - 1947 Dime
Larry Vickers - 1982 Dime	Larry Vickers - 1918 Cent

Metal Prices Soaring!

April 3 values:

Gold	893.03 per troy oz.
Silver	17.07 “ “
Platinum	1959.72 “ “
Copper	3.839 lb.
Aluminum	1.315 lb.
Lead	1.262 lb.
Nickel	13.108 lb.
Zinc	1.034 lb.

These figures will motivate us to go out detecting, right? And what about starting to save our copper pennies? I hear they are worth 3 x's more than face value. Copper pennies are those minted 1959-82.

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: _____ # _____