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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

5007 Timothy Circle Austin, TX 78734

Membership: \$20.00

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September 2008

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca

Date – **September 11th** 2008
2nd Thursday of each month

Time - **7:00 pm**

Room - M – 103/104

Larry's Ramblings:

Now that the weather is getting cooler, it is time to get out the metal detector again and dust them off. Put new batteries in the detector. Read the manual so you know how to operate your metal detector with all the options. Now that you have the basics completed, you can look for new places to hunt.

I know that mid 90's doesn't sound that cool but it is a lot better than low 100's.

Most of all be safe and have fun. Never challenge Mother Nature, cause you will always lose.

Officers:

President – Larry Vickers 243 -1831

Vice President – Jim Lawhon 259-1036

Treasurer – Scott Hegel 331-1131

Secretary/Newsletter – Blaine Nelson
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Executive Committee:

Ed & Sherry Newsom – 282-4001

Daniel Mireles -989-1134

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John Chapman 261-5029

Art Tiemann – 272-8902

Congratulations to Roy Stahl and Michele Piler on their marriage!!!

September Program

We have a speaker (unconfirmed) coming to talk with us about Astronomy. We will send the membership email regarding the program once it has been confirmed. We have an excellent back up program as well.

September Executive Meeting

John Chapman volunteered to serve as Program Chairman. We can ALWAYS use ideas for interesting programs, so if you have any programs you would like to present or know of a speaker, let John know.

Larry Vickers will serve as Chair of the Llano event as our club participates in the Gold Fest weekend Sept 27-28. Blaine will have sign up sheets for volunteers to sign up to assist at our booth and/or with our hunts.

August Meeting

Program

During our August meeting we watched a video on security. It was quite interesting to see the presenter demonstrate how easy it is to conceal numerous weapons. Gosh, he must have had 30 weapons on his person! During the break we had refreshments, time to visit, and voting for the "Find of the Month" contest. There were also a number of prizes given away in our monthly fund raiser.

Refreshments

Thanks to Gary and Christine Kiern for bringing refreshments. Ed and Sherry Newsom will bring refreshments in August.

New Members

There were no new members who joined in August

Lost and Found

This month we received three requests to search for lost items – all were for men's wedding bands lost in their back yards! Scott Hegel tackled the first search, and successfully pulled up the ring within about 10 minutes. Good job Scott!!

Blaine searched for the second lost ring in the owner's back yard. A thorough search did not produce the ring we concluded that it probably flew into the neighbor's yard through the chain link fence. We will attempt again permission is gained to search the neighbors yard.

Jan Hallez, our member from Denver, received a request to look for a band w. diamonds that had been lost in the yard 3+ years ago in suburban Aurora, CO.. Jan and sister Blaine searched – but did not locate the ring.

August Activities

We figured it was too darn hot to hunt, so we gathered over at Frank and Blaine's for food and festivity. Everyone contributed to this wonderful meal and Frank grilled chicken to accompany our brisket. Susie brought a surprise cake to honor Daniel and Frank's birthday. Needless to say, everyone had a good time, and getting together minus our detectors was a great way to get better acquainted.

Monday Morning Hunts

Our Monday Morning Hunts will resume in September – with a hunt scheduled for Sept. 22. These hunts are fun, informal, and EARLY. So if you are an early bird who wants to start the day swinging, come join us! The site for the 22nd has not been finalized, but email will be sent to club members with time/place to meet. If you have ideas for possible sites for a Monday Morning Hunt, please let Blaine know.

AMDC Website

If you've never checked out our web site take a few minutes to see what's there! 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 register for the Forum, or to get a password for the "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** – If you post items or reply to a posting, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

Upcoming Events:

Sept 22 - Monday Morning Hunt! Site to be announced – likely be south this time...

Sept. 27-28 – Llano Gold Fest – AMDC will have a booth and put on a fun hunt for the public.

Oct. 4 – Cowtown Treasure Hunter's Club Competition Hunt – Casino Beach Park, Lake Worth, Tx

Oct. 18 – Lone Star Treasure Hunter's Club Competition Hunt – Glen Heights (Dallas area)

Nov. 16 – Houston Club (H.A.R.C.) Competition Hunt – Appfel Park, East Beach – Galveston

Llano Weekend

OK Gang! Our club will be hosting a booth and hunts Sept. 27-28 in conjunction with the Llano Gold Fest. This is a community activity which brings locals and visitors. We will be discussing plans at the meeting Thursday, but please mark your calendar and plan to participate one or both days. It is really a lot of fun and good PR for our club and the hobby.

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)

Newsletter

Are you tired of seeing the same old newsletter? We welcome YOUR input and articles. Do you have anything of interest to report, or a story that the members might enjoy? If so, let Blaine know, and/or send items to her via email.

Member Involvement

Thanks to Art Tiemann, who continues to promote our hobby when he attends the Archeological meetings and most recently the Ham Radio Club meetings. He has a real knack of spreading interest in and understanding of what metal detecting is all about.

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 **AUGUST** 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.

After August
Meeting

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

August Finds

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Blaine Nelson - 1945D Cent	Frank Vick - 1946 2 Franc - Belgium Congo
Frank Vick - 1999 Squashed Quarter	Blaine Nelson - 2001 \$20 - Jamaica
Scott Hegel - 1965 Quarter	Ed Newsom - 1989 Cent - Canada
Jan Hallez - 1999D Half Cent	
Daniel Mireles - 1977D Cent	Ring
Larry Vickers - 1999D Quarter	Frank Vick - 14K White Gold with Diamonds
	Blaine Nelson - 14K Men's Band
Token	Scott Hegel - Silver Band
Frank Vick - BS'ers Anonymous	Jan Hallez - Enamel Ring
Jan Hallez - Indian Peaks	Larry Vickers - Silver Spinner
Daniel Mireles - Carnival Token	
Scott Hegel - Car Wash Token	Artifact
Larry Vickers - Locker Token	Blaine Nelson - Watch
Blaine Nelson - Funspot 1991	Frank Vick - Boy Scout Neckerchief Slide
	Ed Newsom - 44 Cal Henry Rim Fire Cartridge
Jewelry	Larry Vickers - Zipper Pull
Blaine Nelson - Gold Pendant	
Jan Hallez - Flower Hairpin	Button
Scott Hegel - Silver Earring	Jan Hallez - Buffalo Nickel Button
Daniel Mireles - Glow in the Dark Earring	Scott Hegel - 2 Piece Eagle
Frank Vick - Small Earring	Blaine Nelson - Coat of Arms
Larry Vickers - Toe Ring	Frank Vick - 1950 Cent Button
Toy	Non-Metal
Blaine Nelson - Clue Game "Wrench"	Blaine Nelson - Zeb's Country Store Wooden Token
Jan Hallez - Spider Car	Frank Vick - 1\$ Bill
Scott Hegel - Broken Toy Car	Scott Hegel - Bead Necklace with Tassel
Frank Vick - Small Motorcycle	Larry Vickers - Hair Bow
	Ed Newsom - Plastic Heart
Most Unusual	Jan Hallez - Colorful Ribbon
Blaine Nelson - Pineapple Mold	
Frank Vick - Six Flags Souvenir Cent	Oldest U.S. Cent
Scott Hegel - Phillies Magnet	Ed Newsom - 1910
Jan Hallez - Bullet Cartridge	Blaine Nelson - 1917
Larry Vickers - Responder	Scott Hegel - 1944D
	Frank Vick - 1947D
	Jan Hallez - 1964D
Oldest U.S. Coin	Larry Vickers - 1984D
Frank Vick - 1902 Nickel	
Ed Newsom - 1941 Nickel	Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Jan Hallez - 1948 Nickel	Larry Vickers - 1961D Dime
Blaine Nelson - 1963D Nickel	Blaine Nelson - 1940 Cent
Scott Hegel - 1964D Nickel	Frank Vick - 1941 Cent
Larry Vickers - 1984 Nickel	

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: _____ # _____