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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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August 2008

Meeting Information:

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

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Larry's Ramblings:

Well the **summer** is about over and soon we will be wearing sweaters and jackets. Oops - this is August and there is still lots of hot weather ahead. Protect yourself from the heat and stay hydrated. Drink water early and often to stave off heat stroke and exhaustion. I seem to forget to follow my own advice and have problems from time to time.

This meeting there will be several discussions on items deemed important by AMDC executive committee. Ambassadors for AMDC and metal detecting will be recognized at the meetings and at the Christmas dinner meeting. We will be making some changes to our web site and would like your input on what you would like to have changed. Visit our web site and be thinking about what is missing or what needs to be amended.

This year is nearing its end and a new and exciting one is on the horizon. We need to know what you like about the meeting and what you would like to see changed. You can give (tell) these suggestions to Blaine or email them to her. All suggestions will be considered at the executive committee.

August Program

This month we will view a video about "Security", featuring security issues i.e. showing how easily persons can sneak weapons into places, etc.

Additionally, we will allot time for club business and invite discussion on a few topics we need to address with the membership.

August Executive Meeting

Treasure Hunter of the Year

We discussed logistics of how to expand the Treasure Hunter of the Year award. After much consideration, we agreed to keep the Find of the Month competition and Treasure Hunter of the Year award as is – that the person with the most cumulative points in the Find of the Month competitions would earn the Treasure Hunter of the Year award. The Board feels it is important to recognize club members who have served the club in various ways, as "ambassadors" to the club and to our hobby. We have come up with a list of ways and activities persons might participate in; i.e. heading a committee, helping with an event etc. as examples of what makes a good ambassador. We will be soliciting member input regarding things they have done related to our club or to the metal detecting hobby.

Web Site

Cecil Herrin (our web master) attended the Board meeting and will plan to facilitate an upcoming program to focus on the AMDC web site. This will be a good opportunity to introduce everyone to the features on the web site and gather ideas.

Llano Outing

AMDC will participate in the Llano Gold Fest which will be held in Llano Sept. 27-28. We will have a club booth with displays and metal detecting equipment, and will sponsor a "fun" hunt for the public on both Saturday and Sunday. Our club participated last fall, and everyone had a great time.

Next Meeting

Our next executive meeting will be on **September 4th** 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.

Club Social and Potluck

It's too hot to detect – with marathon 100 degree days, so we decided to get together and sip lemonade! In lieu of a club hunt in August the club is invited to Blaine and Frank's on Sunday, Aug. 24 for a get together and pot luck. The gathering will begin at 4:00, and Frank will grill meats. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Blaine will have flyers at the meeting and will send directions and further information in a separate email. Mark you calendars for this. Note that your spouse is invited, even if they don't attend the meetings.

July Meeting

Program

We had a most interesting program on Stone Carving presented by John Lawhon. John talked about his work with this art form, the history and techniques of stone carving. Through the use of a slide show, John presented pictures of various pieces of stone - both finished pieces and work in progress so we could see the transition. This program was a real treat. Thank you John and Jim (Dad) for arranging this excellent program.

Refreshments

Thanks to Jim Lawhon for bringing refreshments. Gary and Christine Kiern will bring refreshments in August.

Lost and Found

If anyone locates a lost item and is able to return it to the owner, please let us know so we can include your good deed in our club portfolio.

New Members

We did not have any new members join in July.

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.

During the August meeting, we will be taking input from members for web site ideas.

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 24 (Sunday) – Club Social & pot luck at Blaine and Frank's – 4:00 (see details in above section of newsletter)

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

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 **JULY** meeting may be entered in the **AUGUST** 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.

Rank after July Meeting

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

July Finds

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Blaine Nelson - 1947 Cent	Blaine Nelson - 1983 Pound - England
Scott Hegel - 2001P Dollar	Scott Hegel - Chinese Large Cash
Dennis Gans - 2005 Nickel	Frank Vick - 1985 Penny - England
Frank Vick - 2000P Dollar	Larry Vickers - 1995 Nickel - Canada
Susie Mireles - 2006 Cent	Jan Hallez - 1989 Penny - England
Daniel Mireles - 1973 Quarter	John Chapman - 1984 Cent - Canada
Leon Prause - 1966 Cent	
Jan Hallez - 1968 Quarter	Ring
Larry Vickers - 1965 Quarter	Larry Vickers - 2005 10K MFHS Class Ring
	Blaine Nelson - 14K Men's Band with Baugettes
Token	Jan Hallez - 14K Ladies Ring with Pearl
Jan Hallez - Smiley Thumb	Scott Hegel - 14K Quinceanera Ring
Daniel Mireles - Crab Tree Amusements	Frank Vick - Silver with Garnet & Diamonds
Scott Hegel - LA Transit Token	Daniel Mireles - Silver with Hearts
Frank Vick - Malibu Money	
Blaine Nelson - Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk	Artifact
	Frank Vick - Willys-Overland Radiator Emblem
Jewelry	John Chapman - Charm
Larry Vickers - Gold Necklace	Scott Hegel - Paco Original Basic Emblem
Blaine Nelson - Silver Necklace with 14K Initials	Dennis Gans - Lead Weight
Frank Vick - Silver Earring	Blaine Nelson - Puss N Boots Fork
Jan Hallez - Gold Chain with Heart Pendant	Larry Vickers - 38 S&W Special Cartidge
Leon Prause - Necklace	Daniel Mireles - Zippo Lighter
Scott Hegel - Fossil Watch	
	Button
Toy	Frank Vick - Texas Star
Scott Hegel - Kazoo	Jan Hallez - Anonymous Jean Button
John Chapman - Subterranean Recovery Crew	Larry Vickers - 2 Hole
	Scott Hegel - Loop Back - Rich Orange Warranted
Jan Hallez - Copper Color Hot Rod	Blaine Nelson - Decorative with Crown
Frank Vick - Yellow Indy Car	
Blaine Nelson - Volk Racing Team Car	
Larry Vickers - Car	Non-Metal
	Blaine Nelson - \$5 Bill
Most Unusual	Susie Mireles - Blue & White Poker Chip
Dennis Gans - Fishing Lure	Scott Hegel - Marble
Blaine Nelson - Decorative Harness Piece	Frank Vick - Lee County Fair Token
Frank Vick - Pocket Cross	Dennis Gans - Clear Marble
Susie Mireles - Tent Stake	Daniel Mireles - Guitar Pick
Larry Vickers - Diamond	Jan Hallez - Round Bottle Cork
Daniel Mireles - Red Glass	Larry Vickers - Thread on a Spool
Scott Hegel - 7 Sided Brass Token	John Chapman - Sunglasses
Jan Hallez - Wheel Barrow (Monopoly)	
	Oldest U.S. Cent
Oldest U.S. Coin	Scott Hegel - 1941
Frank Vick - 1938D Nickel	Blaine Nelson - 1944
Scott Hegel - 1948 Nickel	John Chapman - 1945D
Jan Hallez - 1948 Nickel	Frank Vick - 1946D

John Chapman - 1957D Nickel	Dennis Gans - 1962D
Blaine Nelson - 1959D Nickel	Larry Vickers - 1965
Dennis Gans - 1962 Nickel	Daniel Mireles - 1967
Larry Vickers - 1964D Nickel	Jan Hallez - 1973S
Susie Mireles - 1974 Dime	Susie Mireles - 1974D
Most Valuable U.S. Coin	
Scott Hegel - 1952D Quarter	
Frank Vick - 1909 Cent	
Larry Vickers - 1929D Cent	

Experience at Ferry Beach State Park, Maine

by Blaine Nelson

It is good to know that metal detecting is alive and well – at least in some parts of the country. On my recent trip to New England I did some research about the metal detecting regulations in the six NE states. Low and behold, I was pleasantly surprised to learn that most public lands (barring Federal) are open to metal detecting, or at least have some provisions to allow detectorists to enjoy their hobby.

I could hardly wait to try detecting on the beach at Ferry Beach State Park near Old Orchard, Maine. I called the park office and learned that you apply for a free Metal Detecting Permit which is good for that day. The next morning I got up early, packed a lunch, water and sun screen and headed the 60 miles from New Hampshire over to this Maine beach.

When I arrived at the park I was greeted by a park representative who truly seemed thrilled that I had come all that way to detect their beach. She said I was the first person this season to apply for a metal detecting permit. Wow! I could feel my heart jump and had visions of gold and silver baubles jumping into my scoop from every pile of sand. I completed the permit and ran down to the beach area to begin swinging. The beach was lovely, sandy with a steady incline to the water's edge. Atlantic Ocean waves were gently rolling into shore, with an occasional white cap splashing salt water on my feet. To make a long story short, the beach was SO clean, that all I found after substantial swinging was a single Quarter and a buried toy car. But what fun!

The best part of this experience was to see how workable it can be to have detecting on public, even protected land. Ferry Beach is the home to some very fragile plants, undeveloped sand dunes and unique trees, and the Bureau of Parks and Land focuses on preserving the ecology of the park. Knowing this, the State of Maine still finds a way for us to responsibly enjoy our hobby, and I commend them for that.

Similarly, the State of New Hampshire allows detecting in most state parks beach and other areas with permission of the park ranger at the particular park. I had a similar positive experience last year detecting at White Lake State Park in Tamworth.

It would be so refreshing if other public entities which ban metal detecting could look at these examples to see how well things CAN work in other areas and model these proven practices.

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: _____ # _____

