

# I DIG IT NEWS

## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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

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May 2009

### Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca  
Date - **May 14<sup>th</sup>** 2009  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Time - **7:00 pm**  
Room - M - 103/104

### Officers:

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Betty Vickers  
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Daniel Mireles, John Chapman  
Leon and Mary Prause  
Cecil Herrin

### A Word From Our Pres:

"Well another month has come and gone and it's getting hotter by the minute. For those of you who were unable to make our outing for Crystal Digging you missed a fun time. The weather didn't cooperate very well but a fun time was still had by all that attended.

My thanks to Lee Presley, Larry and Betty Vickers. Bill Fogelsanger and Keith Wills and his wife for attending. There were numerous crystals found despite the rain. Lee Presley and I even went to Crater of the Diamonds and dug for diamonds. Again the weather was bad as we were digging through mud but still had a good time. Though we didn't find any diamonds there were 19 found the short time we were there. We plan to have another outing like this one next year so I will keep you informed. See you at our club meeting on May 14th.....

*Jim Lawhon*

## **May Meeting**

Our program for May features a guest speaker – Major U.S. Army (ret.) Paul H. Smith will present a program, “The Remote Viewing/Dowsing Connection -- A Military Marriage”

“Remote viewing is the extrasensory skill developed for the United States military that allows a person to perceive and experience details of a person, location, or event hidden from the perceiver by distance, shielding, or time using mental means alone.”

Paul is the author of /Reading the Enemy's Mind: Inside Star Gate - America's Psychic Espionage Program/ (a Readers Digest book bonus and Editor's Choice selection). Paul served for seven years in the U.S. government's remote viewing program at Ft. Meade, MD. During 1984 he became one of only a handful of government personnel to be personally trained in coordinate remote viewing (CRV) by Ingo Swann. Paul was the primary author of the program's CRV training manual and served as theory instructor for new CRV trainees, as well as recruiting officer, unit security officer, and unit historian. He is credited with over a thousand training and operational remote viewing sessions during his time with the military unit at Ft. Meade. He was transferred out of the program in 1990 to serve in Desert Storm with the 101st Airborne Division, and retired from the Army in 1996. Paul is presently a doctoral candidate in philosophy at the University of Texas at Austin, writing on consciousness, philosophy of mind, and philosophy of science.

You will not want to miss this most interesting program! **Please come out and show your support.**

During break we'll have our “Find of the Month” competition featuring items found since the April meeting. Frank Vick is bringing refreshments.

## **Executive Meeting**

The June Board meeting will be at **Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290**. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 5th. All are welcome to come join us, eat and participate. Come early to eat, the meeting starts at 6:30. Items discussed at the May meeting included a recap of the club hunts and plans for upcoming programs and hunts.

Jim will check with Texas Parks and Wildlife to get permission for us to detect on the property across from the main office. This is the site of an old home site where numerous old and interesting items were found the weekend we detected earlier this year. This will be a Member Only hunt, and is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Club Activities**

### **Club Hunt:**

We had a fun and successful hunt out at the Travis County Expo Center. Approximately 10-12 club members came out to detect, and everyone found a number of coins. Additionally, a few Wheaties were found, and at least one nice silver ring. Thanks to Scott Hegel for getting permission for us to hunt the Expo Center.

### **Crystal Hunting Trip:**

Jim Lawhon, Larry and Betty Vickers and Lee Presley headed up to Arkansas to do some detecting and crystal hunting. They were met by club member Bill Fogelsanger, and Keith and Rebecca Wills from Rusk Co. Club. The report was that they had a wonderful time despite some nasty weather. And all who hunted found nice crystals at the crystal mine!

Club members (Daniel and Susie Mireles and Leon and Mary Prase) got together and headed the other

direction - to Galveston to try some beach detecting and to catch the Battle of San Jacinto re-enactment.

### AMDC Website

**Remember to check our web site often 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:

**May 23-24** – WWATS Mini-Hunts – K-River Campground, Antlers, Oklahoma

**May 16 – 17** – Club Hunt "Members Only" – Texas Parks & Wildlife HQ field (details forthcoming)

**June 6** – Waco Club competition hunt – Speegleville Saddle Club – see flyer on website

**June 10 – 11** – Kerrville Lions Camp - Volunteer Project w. Handicapped Children

**June 27** – TCTC Satellite Hunt – Waco – Speegleville Saddle Club. Details forthcoming

**March 12-14, 2010** – **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Treasure Show – Longview. Mark your calendars now!**

### FOR SALE

Fisher F-50 and Fisher F-70. See Larry Vickers at the meeting for good price on these detectors.

### Member Tips for May

- **Cleaned Out Spots** If you know of someplace that has been well hunted or overhunted, try detecting it after a big rain when the ground is soaked. The wet ground has more conductivity, and you may find deeper stuff. If you ever have the chance to detect in the cold county note that after a hard winter the ground shifts after it thaws, so there may well be targets that might not have been noted prior to winter.
- **Beach Hunting** – More and more detecting enthusiasts are hitting the beaches. The competition is fierce, and it is not unusual to see several others detecting on a popular beach. Are there other, less crowded areas of the beach nearby? If so, try those. Also, many detectorists come out first thing on a weekend morning. If your time can be flexible, try detecting toward the end of the day when people are leaving and/or on a weekday.

### 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 **APRIL** meeting may be entered in the **MAY** 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.

## April Finds

<b>U.S. Coin</b>	<b>Foreign Coin</b>
Jan Hallez - 1967 Half	Jan Hallez - 1947 Penny - England
Scott Hegel - 2008D Dollar (Andrew Jackson)	Frank Vick - 1992 5 Pence - England
Leon Prause - 1980 Cent	Blaine Nelson - 1980 1 Penny - England
Daniel Mireles - 1990D Nickel	
Larry Vickers - 1940 Cent	<b>Ring</b>
Frank Vick - 1968S Nickel	Jan Hallez - Gold Tone with Amber & Clear Stones
Blaine Nelson - 1950D Cent	Larry Vickers - Silver
	Blaine Nelson - 14K Gold Braided
<b>Token</b>	Scott Hegel - Silver with Smokey Quartz Stone
Jan Hallez - 1 Year Recovery	Frank Vick - Silver
Frank Vick - Namco	
Blaine Nelson - Cinemark	<b>Artifact</b>
	Scott Hegel - Pipe Clamp
<b>Jewelry</b>	Ed Newsom - Henry Shell - .44 cal
Jan Hallez - Charm (Blue w Gold Swans/Red Stone)	Frank Vick - Cancer Survivor Pin
Blaine Nelson - St Christopher	Daniel Mireles - 2 Keys
Scott Hegel - 14K Earring	Larry Vickers - .40 cal Shell
Larry Vickers - Silver Bracelet	
Frank Vick - Silver Earring	<b>Button</b>
	Jan Hallez - Regency
<b>Toy</b>	Ed Newsom - 1854 Vintage General Service
Scott Hegel - Derringer	Scott Hegel - Pearl Snap
Blaine Nelson - Little Dog (Disney)	Frank Vick - Stars
Frank Vick - Red VW Bug	Blaine Nelson - 4 Hole
Jan Hallez - Jack	
	<b>Non-Metal</b>
<b>Most Unusual</b>	Ed Newsom - Old Marble
Frank Vick - I Love Texas Heart	Frank Vick - Listerine Bottle
Scott Hegel - Trail of Lights Blinker	Scott Hegel - Little Rubber Man
Larry Vickers - Fishing Weight	Daniel Mireles - Mardi Gras Chip
Jan Hallez - LA Monarchy Zipper Pull	Jan Hallez - Blue & Yellow Eraser
Blaine Nelson - Flashlight	Blaine Nelson - CD
	Larry Vickers - Bead Ring
<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>	
Frank Vick - 1958 Nickel	<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>
Blaine Nelson - 1963D Nickel	Larry Vickers - 1935D
Jan Hallez - 1964 Nickel	Blaine Nelson - 1946D
Scott Hegel - 1964D Nickel	Frank Vick - 1957D
Larry Vickers - 1982 Quarter	Jan Hallez - 1966
	Scott Hegel - 1966
<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>	
Larry Vickers - 1919	
Scott Hegel - 1936 Cent	

## **Rank After April Meeting**

Scott Hegel  
Frank Vick  
Blaine Nelson  
Jan Hallez  
Daniel Mireles  
Larry Vickers  
Dennis Gans  
Ed Newsom  
Jim Lawhon  
John Chapman  
Dick Nelson  
Mary Prause  
Leon Prause  
Roy Stahl

Come on Members! There are only 14 names on this list! Bring in your “Finds” each month to enter in the contest. It is fun, and the more items we have, the more interesting it is! Remember – everyone who enters will receive a prize at the Christmas Banquet.

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