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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)  
5007 Timothy Circle Austin, TX 78734  
Membership: \$20.00  
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September 2009

AMDC is "Going Green!"  
(Details inside)

### **Meeting Information:**

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca  
Date - **September 10<sup>th</sup>** 2009  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Time - **7:00 pm**  
Room - **A-4 (change for this month)**

### **Officers:**

President - Jim Lawhon 259 -1036  
Vice President - Susie Mireles  
Treasurer - Scott Hegel 331-1131  
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### **Executive Committee:**

Betty Vickers, Art Tiemann 272-8902  
Daniel and Susie Mireles, John  
Chapman, Leon and Mary Prause  
Cecil Herrin

### **President's Corner:**

We had an excellent turnout of over 36 people at the Club potluck and Social last Sunday! Everyone had a good time - we played games, had a chance to visit, and there was a lot of great food. Thanks to all who came out for this event. We took a group picture that will be sent out for all to see.

We will continue to have the Petitions out to sign for our effort to open State Parks to metal detecting. If you didn't get a chance to sign last month, be sure you do at the meeting Thursday.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

*Jim Lawhon*

### **September Meeting**

The program for September will feature James Wright as a guest speaker. James is an amateur archeologist who has had an interest in Indian Artifacts, Arrowheads etc. for over 40 years. James will share information and stories and will be happy to answer questions, or even attempt to ID unknown objects you may have a question about. Come learn more about this fascinating subject.

We will have our Find of the Month competition, so bring you FINDS – anything you have found since the AUGUST meeting. Even if you are a new member or have never participated, please bring your items to show and enter. It is fun, and the more we have – the more interesting it is!

John Chapman will bring refreshments for this meeting.

### **Executive Meetings**

The October Board meeting will be at **Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290** on Thursday, Oct. 1st. All are welcome to come join us, eat and participate. Come early to eat, the meeting starts at 6:00.

**September Board Meeting** - Items discussed included ideas for upcoming programs, future of our political action efforts, lost and found team report and the club's participation in the Llano weekend in September.

### **Club Activities**

#### **Club Social:**

There was no club hunt in August – too dang hot! Instead we had a Club Social and Potluck at Frank and Blaine's on Aug. 30. There was a marvelous turnout of over 36 people! During the Social folks played two games, and went on a hunt for hidden worms, and then tried to ID objects enclosed in paper bags. Winners received tokens and gold quarters. We had smoked brisket, many wonderful sides, and desserts to die for. A couple of people (Mike and Annette...) started their line at the dessert table. Scott, I think you were spotted there also! The August Club Socials will be an annual event.

#### **Lost and Found**

There have been four requests from the website since last month to search for lost items. The first was for assistance to locate a ladies' ring that was lost on a golf course. Scott gave it a try, and rode on a golf cart to all the tee off points where the ring was likely lost. This ring was not located. Scott mentioned that there were very few targets out on the course.

A second requestor called for assistance to locate a men's wedding band in a vacant lot. Blaine and sister Jan went out on two occasions to search. The ring was eventually located on the other side of the street!

A third request came for help in locating a ring lost recently in about 40 feet of water. Scott spoke with the requestor and offered to lend his water machine and provided more information about detecting in water. None of our search team do diving, so we were not able to tackle this one.

The last request was to scan the area around a public pool for a platinum/diamond ring that was lost when the ring owner did a back dive. Blaine went out and searched in all probable areas and did not feel the ring was there. The grass was very worn and the ground was solid dry.

Thanks to the search team for their efforts and willingness to serve folks in the community.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Our Annual Meeting and Dinner is set for Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at Daniel and Susie's Club House.

Please begin collecting items you would like to contribute to the Fund Raiser! Bring your offerings to a meeting and Jim will take them off your hands. Every year we have a lot of fun with this activity, and it is our best fund raiser of the year. You can donate a variety of items – new or slightly used – it does not have to be related to metal detecting. Popular items include house wares, decorations, tools, batteries, coins, etc.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**September 25-27** – Llano Weekend – Gold extravaganza, TCTC Satellite hunt and AMDC booth and public hunts.

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** – Cow Town Competition Hunt – Lake Worth

**Oct. 17** – Lone Star Competition Hunt

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** – HARC (Houston Club) Competition Hunt - Galveston

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

### **FOR SALE**

Fisher F-5 and Fisher F-70. See Larry Vickers at the meeting for good price on these detectors. Larry also has a couple of Garrett pro-pointers for sale.

**Note** – if you have any metal detecting related items to sell, we can list your items in this section.

## Member Tips for September

### **AMDC is Going Green!**

#### **Save money, save resources and try a few new ideas this month:**

This issue features ideas we might consider in an effort to **Go Green**. You may already be doing some or all of these, but if not, give them a try!

- **Printers and Copies.** Before printing all those pages, ask – “do I really need these?” When possible, opt to receive bills, newsletters etc. on line. This includes our AMDC newsletter. Recycle printer cartridges. Most come with post paid packages you can send them in, or donate them to the many sites (Pet’s Mart etc.) that recycle. You can also save money by refilling your cartridges. Walgreen’s, Office Max etc. provides this service at a nominal cost.
- **Batteries** – Bring you spent batteries and batteries you find detecting to the AMDC meeting. We will have a box to collect them and we will bring them to an appropriate recycling site. Please pick up all batteries you see when you are out detecting. They are a definite hazard.
- **Recycle aluminum cans for cash.** Save your cans and even pick up cans you find when detecting. There are several sites in the Austin area that pay money for your aluminum, as well as for other metal materials. One site I use is DNT on St. John’s. There are many others listed in the Yellow Pages.
- **Recycle papers.** If you don’t have a recycling option with your trash pickup, take your old newspapers, magazines etc. to most any public school. There are large dumpster type recycling containers on the property and the recycling raises funds for the schools.
- **Thermostats** – turn your thermostat down (or up) just one or two degrees to save both costs and energy. If you will be gone from home for several hours or more, turn your thermostats to a higher (or lower) temperature depending on the time of the year. Install a programmable thermostat.
- **Water** – turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth. Switch to cold water washing for clothes and do not fill the machine higher than you need to for the size of the load. Collect rain water at the end of gutters etc. to water plants and gardens (what rain!?)
- **Unplug!** When not using appliances etc., unplug them. Even a cell phone charger uses electricity when not connected to the cell phone.

Look for more ideas next month!

## August Finds

<b>U.S. Coin</b>	<b>Foreign Coin</b>
Blaine Nelson - 1943 Dime	Blaine Nelson - 1955 Nickel - Canada
John Walton - Unreadable Indian Head Cent	Jan Hallez - 2006 Cent - Canada
Daniel Mireles - 1983 Quarter	Daniel Mireles - 1984 Dime - Canada
Scott Hegel - 1971D Half	Scott Hegel - 1999 10 Cent Euro
Jan Hallez - 2006D Quarter	Larry Vickers - 1971 Cent - Canada
Larry Vickers - 1958D Cent	
Dennis Gans - 1966 Quarter	<b>Ring</b>
	Blaine Nelson - 14K Texas A&M Ladies Ring
<b>Token</b>	Scott Hegel - 10K Nugget with Cross
John Walton - Tompkins Co. Good for 10 Cents	Jan Hallez - Adjustable Eagle w/Green Stone
Blaine Nelson - New Hampshire Transportation	Larry Vickers - 2006 Seagoville Class Ring
Jan Hallez - Colorado Transportation	
Scott Hegel - Disneyland/Fantasy Island	<b>Artifact</b>
Larry Vickers - Crater Of Diamonds	Larry Vickers - Clock Key
	Scott Hegel - Old Spoon
<b>Jewelry</b>	Blaine Nelson - 1945P Nickel
Blaine Nelson - JA Silver Cross and Chain	Jan Hallez - Ball & String (Paddle Ball)
Daniel Mireles - Pair of Earrings	
Jan Hallez - Gold Tone Earring	<b>Button</b>
Scott Hegel - Silver Cross	Scott Hegel - 2 Piece Decorative
Larry Vickers - Gold Earring	Jan Hallez - Silver/Copper Colored
	John Walton - 2 Hole
<b>Toy</b>	Blaine Nelson - 4 Hole
Blaine Nelson - Green Hot Rod	Larry Vickers - Levi Straus
Scott Hegel - Dart Point	
Jan Hallez - Steely Marble	<b>Non-Metal</b>
Larry Vickers - Gold Colored Ring	Scott Hegel - Broken Spear Point
	Larry Vickers - Green Marble
<b>Most Unusual</b>	Daniel Mireles - Golf Ball
Dwane Ideker - German Soldiers	Blaine Nelson - Dollar Bill
Blaine Nelson - Shark Pendant	Jan Hallez - Octopus #1 Card
Jan Hallez - Picture of a Walking Boot	
Daniel Mireles - Logo Tag	<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>
Scott Hegel - Snake Pierced Earring	John Walton - 1902
Larry Vickers - Crater of Diamonds Token	Blaine Nelson - 1918
	Daniel Mireles - 1944S
<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>	Scott Hegel - 1944
Blaine Nelson - 1940 Nickel	Larry Vickers - 1951D
Larry Vickers - 1960D Nickel	Jan Hallez - 1957D
Scott Hegel - 1964 Nickel	Dennis Gans - 1968D
Dennis Gans - 1966 Quarter	
Jan Hallez - 1968D Nickel	<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>
	Blaine Nelson - Standing Liberty Quarter - No Date
	John Walton - 1907 Cent

**Rank after August Meeting**

Blaine Nelson  
Scott Hegel  
Jan Hallez  
Frank Vick  
Daniel  
Mireles  
Larry Vickers  
Ed Newsom  
Dennis Gans  
Rudy  
Nordmeyer  
Susie  
Mireles  
Jim Lawhon  
John Walton  
Mary Prause  
Leon Prause  
Dick Nelson  
John  
Chapman  
Dwane  
Ideker  
Lee Presley  
Roy Stahl

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