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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00
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January 2010

Happy New Year!!

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **January 14th** 2010
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room M 103/104

Officers:

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Betty Vickers, Art Tiemann 272-8902
Richard Wright, John Chapman,
Lee Presley, Leon and Mary Prause,
Cecil Herrin

Club Dues - 2010 dues are due!

Please bring your dues money to the meeting this month or mail to Scott Hegel, 10200 Grand Oak Dr., Austin, TX 78750
Dues are \$20 again this year.

President's Corner:

Happy New Year!

I am excited to represent you as President for 2010 and look forward to involving each of you in our club because YOU are the club and we need your participation to make it successful.

As we prepare for the upcoming busy year including our annual TCTC Treasure Show in Longview, TCTC Satellite Hunts, Kerrville Lions Camp and plenty of activities of our own I wanted to take a minute to reflect back on 2009. Take a minute to read the "Year in Review on page 3. It was an extremely busy year for the Austin Metal Detecting Club with something for everyone throughout the year! You can see that we are a vibrant club!

We added a section to our newsletter for Member Tips and this column included everything from exploding battery warnings and where to hunt to how to buy a detector. Thank you to those members who made contributions to this effort.

As I close, I want to thank each and every one of you for making this club what it is. Officers, Board members and all active members play an important part in keeping our hobby vibrant and alive.

Susie Mireles

January Meeting

The program for January will be “How to Value Your Finds”. Did you ever find a ring with glittering stones and wonder whether they were real diamonds, or if the ring was made of gold or silver? Do you have an old coin that you wonder what the value might be in today’s market?

Come hear information and see/use tools to assist with identifying and valuing your finds. There will be a couple of diamond testers available at the meeting as well as a gold tester which will ID gold and the Karat content. Bring any items that you might wish to test or get assistance with determination of value.

We will also discuss ways you might track your finds and discuss ideas and possible sources for those who might wish to sell find items.

Following the program we’ll have our Find of the Month competition, so bring you FINDS – anything you have found since the NOVEMBER 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!

Rudy and Jenna will bring refreshments for this meeting.

NEW!

Beginning in January, we have added a new category to the FINDS contest. It is for **DISPLAYS!** You may bring any finds found since the last eligible meeting and show them in a display. They can be in a case, a box or any other way you would like to present your finds. This is your chance to be creative. The winner will receive double points. You may still enter finds in the regular categories if you enter a display.

Executive Meetings

The February Board meeting will be at **Bill Miller’s Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290** on Thursday, Feb. 4th. All are welcome to come join us, eat and participate. Come early to eat, the meeting starts at 6:00.

January Board Meeting - Items discussed included ideas for upcoming programs and club hunts, plans for our booth at the Texas Council Show in Longview and a review of the Christmas dinner.

Christmas Dinner

The December meeting was devoted to the holiday dinner where members had time to socialize and enjoy the good food and festivities. Special thanks to Daniel and Susie Mireles for hosting this event at their community club house again this year!

We had another successful club fund raiser thanks to members who brought donated items for this activity. This fund raiser has become a club tradition at the Christmas dinner. Everyone won at least one item, and many had several prizes to take home!

Awards! Scott Hegel was presented with the **President’s Award** for his unfaltering service and participation with our club. Congratulations Scott!

The **Find of the Month Awards** were presented to:

Treasure Hunter of the Year (1st Place) – Blaine Nelson, she received a stone yard decoration

Second Place – Scott Hegel, received a silver dollar

Third Place – Jan Hallez, received a silver round

Fourth Place – Larry Vickers, received a silver half.

Everyone who entered the “Finds” contest this year received a prize and was recognized.

Way to Go Guys and Gals!!

Search Team Efforts

The team had two requests to look for lost items. Both were for rings lost in yards. Blaine and Scott went out on both these searches, and located one of the rings. It was found in the bottom of a lawn and leaf bag. The owner lost it while doing yard work. The second ring was not located. The owner reported that 5 rings had been stolen during a party. Sometime later, 4 of the rings were found in an envelope in the yard, apparently thrown over the fence. The envelope was wet and had been torn. We did not locate the 5th ring after a thorough search.

2009 In Review

Another year has flown by! For most of us it has been a good one - and a busy one for AMDC, peppered with club hunts, volunteer projects, participation in the Council Show and social gatherings. Here is just a glimpse of what we accomplished in '09:

- Club Hunts at Travis Co. Expo Center, Camp Ben McCulloch, Old Home site at TPW, Camp TexLake, Galveston Beach, Lakeway Park
- Service Projects/Community Participation at Kerrville Lion's Camp, and the Llano Gold Fest
- Social Gathering at Blaine and Frank's and the annual club Christmas dinner at Daniel and Susie's
- Participation at the Texas Council Show in Longview. We had a good turnout of club members attending and assisting with our club booth at the show.
- Club Programs on Beach Hunting, Civil War Sites, How to Use Your Detector, Detecting Skills, Arrowheads, Underwater Archeology, Treasure Stories, Remote Viewing/Dowsing, Special Interest Group Discussion, DVDs of Show etc.
- Competition Hunts – members participated in the TCTC satellite hunt, and the Lone Star Club, Cow Town Treasure Club, W.A.C.O. Club and H.A.R.C. (Houston) Club Competition Hunts.
- Attendance at other meetings – various members regularly attend the Archeology Club meetings, have spoken at other club meetings etc. and regularly participate with the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs

Lost and Found – our Search Team has had a successful year in locating lost items for people in the community. We are putting together a book to detail these efforts

Upcoming Events:

March 12-14, 2010 – 25th Annual Texas Treasure Show – Longview. Mark your calendars and plan to come!

Thoughts for January

New Year's Resolutions!

Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? Here are some interesting facts and thoughts about Resolutions:

Resolutions usually have to do with **STARTING** to do something - i.e. start taking vitamins every day; or **STOP** doing something that is not helpful - i.e. stop biting your nails. A resolution can also include **CONTINUING** something that you find beneficial; i.e. continue to go metal detecting or keep up with friends.

10 most common Resolutions:

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| 1. Get in shape | 6. Get new job/start business |
| 2. Eat healthier | 7. Spend more time w. family |
| 3. Get out of debt | 8. Save or make more \$ |
| 4. Stop smoking | 9. Get your life organized |
| 5. Start budgeting | 10. Give more |

Why is it that some people don't make resolutions? Are they afraid of failure, too much trouble etc.?

What are some reasons people often don't keep resolutions? Are they lazy, unmotivated?

To ensure more success, resolutions should be:

MEASURABLE - example; "get organized", is pretty ambiguous. Something like, "I will organize my family photos before the end of April" is defined and has time frame.

REALISTIC - do-able - example; "I will jog 3 times a day every day of the year", is not realistic. Something like "I will jog twice a week for a half hour" is more achievable.

NOT OVERWHELMING - TOO MANY: it is probably easier to meet a few resolutions than a whole slew of them. Be selective and begin with those that are most important to you.

REPEATING RESOLUTIONS - If the same Resolution(s) appear year after year and you don't meet it - try a different approach. It could possibly be that the resolution no longer fits your life goals. (example: for years my goal was to take piano lessons and learn how to play the piano, but year after year, it never happened.) This particular resolution/goal has been replaced with other interests and goals – i.e. metal detecting!

November Finds

U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin
Scott Hegel - Buffalo Nickel (Unreadable)		Blaine Nelson - 1997 2 Kroner - Denmark
Blaine Nelson - 1944 Cent		Scott Hegel - 1985 \$50 - Mexico
Larry Vickers - 1953D Cent		Daniel Mireles - 1982 Nickel - Canada
Jan Hallez - Sacagawea Dollar		Jan Hallez - 1969 Quarter - Canada
Leon Prause - 1996 Nickel		
Daniel Mireles - 1978 Quarter		Ring
Dennis Gans - 2004D Quarter		Mary Prause - Men's Silver Band
Mary Prause - 2007D Dime		Blaine Nelson - 10K Men's Band
Scott Mathews - 1965 Quarter		Scott Mathews - Silver with Dragon
		Scott Hegel - 14K Ladies Band with 2 Diamonds
Token		Larry Vickers - Silver
Larry Vickers - Galveston		
Mary Prause - Heads I Win, Tails You Lose		Artifact
Scott Mathews - Crabtree Amusements		Scott Mathews - Boy Scout Neckerchief Slide
Scott Hegel - Schlitterbahn		Larry Vickers - Calif 403
Blaine Nelson - 2004 Chuckie Cheese		Blaine Nelson - Old Coke Pendant
		Daniel Mireles - Part of Buckle
Jewelry		John Walton - Lipstick Case
Scott Hegel - JA Silver Bracelet		Dennis Gans - Large Tent Peg
Larry Vickers - Copper Bracelet		Scott Hegel - Buckle
Daniel Mireles - Heart Pendant		Leon Prause - Bullet Casing
Scott Mathews - Small Cross		
Blaine Nelson - Skull Bracelet		Button
Jan Hallez - Tongue Ring		Jan Hallez - Silver with Clear Stones
		Scott Mathews - Abercrombee
Toy		Blaine Nelson - Silver 2 Hole
Scott Hegel - Motorcycle		Scott Hegel - Pearl Snap
Scott Mathews - Yellow Viper		
Jan Hallez - Yellow Taxi		Non-Metal
Blaine Nelson - Yellow Race Car		Daniel Mireles - \$5 Bill
		Scott Hegel - Glass Screw
Most Unusual		Larry Vickers - Blue Button
Scott Mathews - Fishing Lure		Jan Hallez - Crocs Charm
Scott Hegel - Steel Mesh		Mary Prause - Blue Flower
Larry Vickers - Catalyst Top		Blaine Nelson - Birch Bark
Jan Hallez - Guitar Peg		Dennis Gans - Ball
Blaine Nelson - Junior Ski Pin		Scott Mathews - Button
Dennis Gans - Brass Piece		
Daniel Mireles - Stamper		Oldest U.S. Cent
John Walton - Smushed Bullet		Blaine Nelson - 1937
		Scott Hegel - 1941D
Oldest U.S. Coin		Larry Vickers - 1946D
Ed Newsom - 1902 Nickel		Scott Mathews - 1959

Larry Vickers - 1919 Dime		Jan Hallez - 1961D
Scott Hegel - 1941D Nickel		Dennis Gans - 1966
Blaine Nelson - 1960D Nickel		
Scott Mathews - 1961D Nickel		Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Jan Hallez - 1965 Dime		Scott Hegel - 1943D Dime
Dennis Gans - 1967 Quarter		Larry Vickers - 1961D Dime
Leon Prause - 1988 Quarter		Blaine Nelson - 1940 Cent

End of the Year Rank (after November Meeting)

Rank	Name	Total
1	Blaine Nelson	322
2	Scott Hegel	317
3	Jan Hallez	234
4	Larry Vickers	188
5	Frank Vick	156
6	Daniel Mireles	140
7	Dennis Gans	95
8	Ed Newsom	71
9	Scott Matthews	69
10	Rudy Nordmeyer	48
11	Susie Mireles	26
12	Mary Prause	25
13	Jim Lawhon	21
14	John Walton	21
15	Leon Prause	13
16	Dwane Ideker	12
17	Dick Nelson	7
18	John Chapman	7
19	Jenna Farrell	4
20	Lee Presley	4
21	Roy Stahl	2

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: _____ # _____