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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00
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March 2010

Note – Meeting this month moved to March 18th

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **March 18th** 2010
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room M 103/104

Officers:

President – Susie Mireles – 989-1134
Vice President – Jim Lawhon 259-1036
Treasurer – Scott Hegel 331-1131
Secretary/Newsletter – Blaine Nelson
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Executive Committee:

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

President's Corner:

Greetings all!

I hope you are as excited as I am about the upcoming TCTC Show in Longview. Our booth has come together and should be a show stopper! Many thanks to all who have helped and will help the Austin Club be well represented. I hope to see you all there!

Another exciting bit of news is that after several rounds of wishing and talking, we will have a “garden” to hunt. Thanks to Art for arranging our location and Jim, Blaine, Scott, and Richard for offering items and planting. We look forward to our first session in April. More news and details to follow in the newsletters and at the meetings.

Happy Hunting!
Susie

Susie Mireles

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.

Show News

The Annual Treasure Show is a few days away!! A number of club members will be coming out to join in the fun and festivities in Longview. The event is at the Maude Cobb Convention Center. Set up day is Friday, March 12, and we will be setting up the AMDC booth. The show is open to the public Sat. and Sunday March 13-14. Along w. the show, there are free seminars, a banquet with renowned Treasure Diver, a big hunt etc. We hope to see many of you there. We ALWAYS have fun, and it's great to see all the other club displays, latest metal detecting equipment, and meet new and old friends who also love the hobby.

March Meeting

The program for March will include a recap from members about their experience at the Treasure Show, and we will watch an interesting DVD "The True Life Story of the Taj Mahal Sunken Treasure". The DVD was done by Carl Fismer, professional treasure diver based in Florida.

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

Blaine will bring refreshments for this meeting.

One More Reminder - Displays!

In January we added a new category to the FINDS contest - **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. Remember also – we are encouraging members to show displays in the AMDC booth at the upcoming Treasure Show.

February Meeting Recap

Many thanks to Charles Goertz for presenting a MOST interesting program on ceramics. Charles and his wife Elaine have been making ceramics for many years. Through the use of a power point presentation, hands on examples and Charles sharing his experience in working with ceramics, he made the hobby really come to life. Charles donated one of his ceramic pieces for the fund raiser that everyone was vying for!

Executive Meetings

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

March Board Meeting - Items discussed included final plans for our booth at the Treasure Show. We will also host a "Metal Detecting 101" event out at the Crow's Nest. Art Tiemann will arrange the date/time, but we are tentatively looking at Sunday afternoon, April 11th.

Search Team Efforts

The team had three requests to look for lost items this month. The first request was to search for a gold band lost off the deck a few years ago in the back yard. The sisters – Blaine and Jan went out on this search, and **came up with the ring in a few minutes!**

The second request was to search for a sentimental men's silver ring lost in a public park. Blaine went out early the next morning and found it fairly quickly.

A third request to search for a men's ring in a back yard is pending a scheduled time.

Member Tips:

This is the section where we list tips and ideas that members want to share. They can either be things from personal experience, or things you have found on line for from another hobbyist. So send in your tips to Blaine at Punkin4048@aol.com

This month Jack Ball submitted a tip to share:

Save film canisters and/or pill bottles to take with you when you go detecting. Fill them ½ full with water and add a few drops of detergent. When you find coins and items, put them in the containers to start the cleaning process. It makes it a lot easier to clean when you get home.

Upcoming Events:

March 12-14, 2010 – 25th Annual Texas Treasure Show – Longview. It's not too late join your friends and participate with AMDC !

April 11 (tentative date) – “Metal Detecting 101” hands on activity at Crow's Nest

June – Kerrville Lions Camp service project. Dates will be announced at the meeting.

Bring to Meeting:

To any meeting you may bring:

- Foreign coins to donate to the Lions Camp hunts for kids
- Your old batteries – we have a box and will recycle them for you
- Items you want to put on the fund raiser table
- Pull tabs - we donate to charity

Newsletter:

We welcome your contributions to the newsletter and/or any ideas for improvements. Look for more pictures to be included in future issues.

February Finds

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Blaine Nelson - 1976 Half	Jim Lawhon - 2000 10 Cent - Bahamas
Scott Hegel - 1916 Dime	Blaine Nelson - 1991 \$1 - Malaysia
Jim Lawhon - 1928 Nickel	Scott Mathews - Asian Coin
Rudy Nordmeyer - 1948 Nickel	Jack Ball - 2008 Quarter - Canada
Daniel Mireles - 1982D Cent	Scott Hegel - 2002 Cent - Canada
Jack Ball - 1963D Cent	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1998 Cent - Canada
Jan Hallez - Memorial Cent Cut in Half	
Leon Prause - 1986D Cent	Ring
Mary Prause - 1981D Cent	Jan Hallez - Silver Spinner with Clear Stones
Dennis Gans - 1965 Quarter	Scott Hegel - Gold Band
Richard Wright - 1966 Dime	Blaine Nelson - JA Silver Belt
Scott Mathews - 1966 Cent	Daniel Mireles - Bent Silver
	Scott Mathews - Kid's Jeweled
Token	Jack Ball - Orlando Magic
Scott Hegel - 10 Cent RC Roddy, Elmaton, TX	Jim Lawhon - 10K Initial Ring
Jack Ball - Pleasant Valley Sportsplex	Rudy Nordmeyer - Silver with Turquoise
Scott Mathews - 1986 Chuckie Cheese	
Blaine Nelson - Crown	Artifact
Jan Hallez - Colorado RTD	Jim Lawhon - Texas Gulf Sulphur Co. Tag
Daniel Mireles - Crabtree Amusements	Scott Hegel - Bird Broach
Jim Lawhon - Carnival Cruise Token	Blaine Nelson - Wooden Lure
	Rudy Nordmeyer - Gun Barrel Band
Jewelry	Scott Mathews - Hanging Hook
Jan Hallez - Silver Heart Broach with Feathers	Jack Ball - Top of Pen
Scott Hegel - Cross	Jan Hallez - Buckle
Jim Lawhon - Friendship in Christ Pendant	Richard Wright - Plate Cover
Leon Prause - Heart Pendant	Daniel Mireles - Part of a Key
Rudy Nordmeyer - Jeweled Cross	
Blaine Nelson - Butterfly Pendant on Chain	Button
Mary Prause - Hematite Cross	Jim Lawhon - Fire Department - 2 Piece
Richard Wright - Metal Cross	Blaine Nelson - Small 2 Hole
Scott Mathews - Cross Pendant	Jan Hallez - Black and Silver with Crest
	Daniel Mireles - Jacket
Toy	Ed Newsom - Decorative
Jim Lawhon - Fire Truck	Scott Hegel - 2 Hole
Scott Hegel - Water Whistle	Jack Ball - Band Uniform
Blaine Nelson - Little Helicopter	Mary Prause - Black
Jack Ball - Toy Figurine	Scott Mathews - Large 4 Hole
Jan Hallez - Yellow SW Racing Car	
Scott Mathews - Purple Speed Racer Car	Non-Metal
Rudy Nordmeyer - Besame Yo No Fumo Pin	Scott Hegel - Mexican Medicine Bottle

	Jan Hallez - Victoria Secret Gift Card
Most Unusual	Scott Mathews - Plastic Mexican Religious Card
Blaine Nelson - Small Armadillo	Daniel Mireles - Bottle Cap
Jim Lawhon - Body by Fisher Tag	Blaine Nelson - Rubber Centipede
Rudy Nordmeyer - Silver Plated Spoon	Jack Ball - Plastic Pendant
Jack Ball - Eyelash Curler	Jim Lawhon - Plastic Case
Daniel Mireles - Clamp	Leon Prause - Hair Band
Scott Hegel - Model "A" Spark Plug	Mary Prause - Key Ring
Richard Wright - Bracelet Part	Richard Wright - \$1 Bill
Scott Mathews - Clasp with Piece of Leather	Rudy Nordmeyer - Fossil
Oldest U.S. Coin	Oldest U.S. Cent
Ed Newsom - 1887 Dime	Scott Hegel - 1879
Scott Hegel - 1899 Nickel	Jim Lawhon - 1919
Jim Lawhon - 1899 Nickel	Rudy Nordmeyer - 1934
Blaine Nelson - 1947D Nickel	Jan Hallez - 1940D
Jack Ball - 1965 Dime	Blaine Nelson - 1951D
Dennis Gans - 1965 Nickel	Richard Wright - 1951D
Scott Mathews - 1965 Quarter	Jack Ball - 1956D
Richard Wright - 2000 Quarter	Ed Newsom - 1956D
	Scott Mathews - 1962D
Most Valuable U.S. Coin	Dennis Gans - 1966
Scott Hegel - 1913D Cent	Mary Prause - 1976D
Jim Lawhon - 1908 Nickel	
Blaine Nelson - 1961D Dime	Display
Jan Hallez - 1919 Cent	Jan Hallez
	Blaine Nelson
	Scott Hegel
	Scott Mathews

Rank after February Meeting

Scott Hegel
 Blaine Nelson
 Scott Mathews
 Jan Hallez
 Rudy Nordmeyer
 Jim Lawhon
 Daniel Mireles
 Ed Newsom
 Jack Ball
 Richard Wright
 Dennis Gans
 Mary Prause
 Leon Prause

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: _____ # _____

DISPLAY: _____ # _____

