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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)  
5007 Timothy Circle Austin, TX 78734  
Membership: \$20.00  
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April 2010

### HAPPY EASTER!

#### Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca  
Date – **April 8<sup>th</sup>** 2010  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

Happy Spring!

With another successful TCTC show out of the way, it's time to re-focus on our activities here at home! I can tell you we have some exciting months ahead. Interesting and exciting topics and guests for our meetings and beautiful weather for detecting are all in store for you. Some of our members have been busy planning and preparing our "garden" and I hope you can come and participate in the unveiling!

I also wanted to remind you of the new category for showing at our monthly meetings. Did you ever think, "Dang, all I found is a bunch of junk and trash"? Well, bring that "treasure" and put it in the display part of the monthly finds contest. We have had some members bring pull tabs to nails and win that category!! Give it a try!

*Susie Mireles*

Congratulations to Scott Hegel and Susie Mireles, who were elected to serve as Officers of the Texas Council. (TCTC). Scott will serve a 4<sup>th</sup> year as Treasurer, and Susie will serve as Secretary.  
We are proud of you both!

## **April Meeting**

Art Tiemann will present the program on “Safety While Detecting”. There will be time for Q & A and group discussion. Don't miss this important program, and invite a friend.

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

Leon and Mary will bring refreshments for this meeting.

## **A Note about the Displays**

Since we added the new category of Displays to the FINDS contest, there have been some creative and interesting entries. But we need more!! 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. You may still enter finds in the regular categories if you enter a display. .

## **Metal Detecting Workshop**

On Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> AMDC is hosting a “hands on” Metal Detecting Workshop at the Crowe's Nest Farm in Manor. This will be an opportunity for both new and experienced hobbyists to come out and try a variety of detectors, learn retrieval methods and practice detecting various targets buried in a test garden. The event is scheduled from 1:00 – 4:00. The public is invited, and supervised children are welcome. [www.crowesnestfarm.org](http://www.crowesnestfarm.org) Contact Art Tiemann, 272-8902 for further information.

## **Executive Meetings**

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

**April Board Meeting** - Items discussed included ideas for upcoming programs, club tee shirts, and plans for the “Metal Detecting Educational Workshop” event out at the Crow's Nest. Art Tiemann is leading the event, which will be held Sunday afternoon, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Search Team Efforts**

The team had three requests to look for lost items this month. The first request was to search for a men's Aggie ring lost in the yard. Despite three attempts, the search team (Scott, Jim and Blaine) could not locate this ring.

The second request was to search for a sentimental locket lost 20 years ago during a back yard wedding. Blaine searched diligently, but could not locate the locket.

A third request was to locate items in 15' of water fallen off a capsized boat. Although the team was unable to physically attempt the search, the requestor was provided ideas and strategies to recover the items from the lake.

## **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. Send in your tips to Blaine at [Punkin4048@aol.com](mailto:Punkin4048@aol.com)

This month Jack Ball submitted a tip to share:

April Tip:

If you are not already using them, consider buying a pair of kneepads. They will save you discomfort while kneeling down on the ground to retrieve targets. They also save wear and tear on your clothing and prevent your getting "Stuck" with something painful or dangerous. "Gel" pads or probably the most comfortable although there are many other types, sizes available. Quite affordable considering what protection they offer you and do not take long to get used to. Some are as low as \$5 a pair and available at Harbor Freight, Lowe's, Home Depot and other hardware stores

## **Interesting Story**

Submitted by Jack Ball

"The other day I was out detecting and while moving the truck from point A to B I noticed something in the middle of the street while I was driving around a curve. I stopped and saw a high dollar Motorola handheld radio and picked it up. After I parked I turned it on and tried to communicate with anyone to ascertain who might have lost it or what company it belonged to. I could not raise anyone so thought I might post it as a "found" item on the internet the next morning.

The next morning I decided to first turn it on and see if anyone might be talking on it and then be able to contact someone to get it returned. Sure enough after only a few minutes I heard a "Dispatcher" calling someone. After they finished I keyed the radio and called the dispatcher and explained the situation. It turned out to have been a radio lost by a Superintendent from the Austin Parks Department. He contacted me by phone and shortly thereafter I went to his area of operation and returned it to him. He was a Happy Camper! Of course I used the opportunity to discuss metal detecting and how respectful we are of the way we conduct our hobby."

## **Upcoming Events**

**April 11** – "Metal Detecting Educational Workshop" hands on activity at Crow's Nest

**May 15** – Texas Council Satellite Hunt – Brownwood - Flyer at [www.texasCouncil.net](http://www.texasCouncil.net)

**May 30, 31** – WWATS Memorial Weekend Open Hunt – K River Campgrounds, Antlers Oklahoma [www.wwats.org](http://www.wwats.org)

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

**June 12** – Waco Club Competition Hunt, Speegleville Saddle Ranch, Waco

**March 18-20, 2011** – TCTC 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Show – Conroe, TX (to confirm)

### **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.

### **Club Pictures!**



**Mary, Richard and Leon putting our booth together!**



**Capt. Fizz and Jim at TCTC Show**



**Your TCTC Officers (2009)**



**Mike and Mary selling tickets**



**Our booth – TCTC Show - Longview**

## March Finds

<b>U.S. Coin</b>		<b>Foreign Coin</b>
Scott Hegel - 1994D Half Dollar		Blaine Nelson - 1988 \$500 - Mexico
John Chapman - 2008P Dollar		Scott Mathews - 1988 \$500 - Mexico
Rudy Nordmeyer - 1964 Nickel		Rudy Nordmeyer - 1964 - 1 Pesata
Jack Ball - 2000D Dollar		Scott Hegel - 1996 10 KC - Ceska Republic
Blaine Nelson - 2000D Dollar		Jan Hallez - 1987 Cent - Canada
Daniel Mireles - 1967 Dime		Daniel Mireles - 1981 10 Cent - Malaysia
Scott Mathews - 1972 Cent		Jack Ball - 1984 Cent - Canada
Leon Prause - 1971 Cent		
Jan Hallez - 1984 Cent		<b>Ring</b>
Dennis Gans - 1965 Quarter		Jan Hallez - Gold with Pink & Clear Stones
Mary Prause - 1963D Cent		Scott Mathews - Silver with Purple Heart
		Scott Hegel - Silver Band
<b>Token</b>		Jack Ball - Silver with Red Stone
Jack Ball - Ryco Car Wash		John Chapman - Plated Ring
John Chapman - Car Wash		Blaine Nelson - Silver Band
Rudy Nordmeyer - Peter Piper		
Scott Hegel - Art Studio		<b>Artifact</b>
Blaine Nelson - 2009 Chuckie Cheese		Ed Newsom - Old Valve
Jan Hallez - Family Sports		Scott Hegel - 1934 Rabies Tag
		Rudy Nordmeyer - Henry Rim Fire
<b>Jewelry</b>		Jack Ball - Buckel
Scott Mathews - Silver Necklace with Cross		Blaine Nelson - Old Cosmetic Tube
Scott Hegel - Heart Pendant on Chain		Dennis Gans - Tip of Knife Blade
Dennis Gans - Earring		John Chapman - Piece of Latch
Blaine Nelson - Pink Watch		Scott Mathews - Sprocket
Jack Ball - Necklace		Leon Prause - Slug
Jan Hallez - Peace Sign Charm		
		<b>Button</b>
<b>Toy</b>		Blaine Nelson - Heart Shaped
Jack Ball - Apache Helicopter		Jack Ball - Blues Snap
Blaine Nelson - Mini Yellow VW Bug		Jan Hallez - Small with Clear Stone
Jan Hallez - Woodie Bus		Rudy Nordmeyer - Metal
Scott Mathews - Blue Jaguar		Scott Hegel - Snap
Scott Hegel - 25 Cent Toy Coin		Scott Mathews - Urban Extreme
<b>Most Unusual</b>		<b>Non-Metal</b>
Blaine Nelson - Longhorn Cent		Rudy Nordmeyer - Glass Bottle
Jan Hallez - Academic Achievement Award		Scott Mathews - Black Plastic Cougar
Scott Hegel - Tiny Pistol		Scott Hegel - Ceramic Cream Jar
Daniel Mireles - Peacock Feather		Jack Ball - Plastic Cent
Scott Mathews - Canon Digital Camera		Jan Hallez - Homey Figure
Ed Newsom - Toy Pitcher		Leon Prause - "Infection" CD
Jack Ball - Soya Milk Keyring		Mary Prause - Marble
Dennis Gans - Rock		Blaine Nelson - Oak Gall
John Chapman - Gun Hammer		Dennis Gans - Tile
Mary Prause - Cut 1968 Cent		John Chapman - Piece of Glass

Rudy Nordmeyer - Ashtray		
		<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>
<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>		Scott Hegel - 1923
Jan Hallez - 1959D Nickel		Jack Ball - 1941D
Blaine Nelson - 1964D Nickel		Daniel Mireles - 1944
Scott Mathews - 1964D Nickel		Blaine Nelson - 1962
Scott Hegel - 1965 Quarter		Dennis Gans - 1963
Jack Ball - 1965 Quarter		Jan Hallez - 1964
Dennis Gans - 1965 Quarter		Scott Mathews - 1964
John Chapman - 1967 Dime		John Chapman - 1978D
<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>		<b>Display</b>
Scott Hegel - 1937D Cent		Scott Hegel
Jack Ball - 1936 Cent		Jack Ball
Jan Hallez - 1942D Cent		Blaine Nelson
		Jan Hallez
		Scott Mathews

### Rank after March Meeting

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

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



