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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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May 2010

AMDC Tee Shirts are
available!

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **May 13th** 2010
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room M 103/104

Officers:

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Lee Presley, Leon and Mary Prause,
Cecil Herrin

President's Corner:

Greetings!

My how time flies, I can't believe it's already May and the heat is on again! We had a busy month with our first Garden Party and our first order of shirts back in time to sport our logo for the TCTC Satellite Hunt in Brownwood! (Come to our meeting on Thursday for a sneak preview, I would lay money on a few of these great looking shirts being worn). Thank you for all the work in making both of these long term projects blossom. The seeds for both of these were planted a while back and we have now reaped the benefits! Look for more Garden Parties coming soon and if you'd like an AMDC shirt, please see Mary Prause.

I will be talking about our service project at Lions Camp in Kerrville as the topic for our meeting this month. It's very near and dear to my heart along with the hearts of anyone who has participated in the past.

Don't forget the three S's for the summer time... Slip on a shirt, Slop on the sunscreen and Slap on a hat! Be Safe and Happy Hunting!!

Susie Mireles

May Meeting

Our program will feature the DVD “The True Life Story of the Taj Mahal Sunken Treasure”. The DVD was done by Carl Fismer, professional treasure diver based in Florida. Susie Mireles will also share information about the upcoming service project at the Kerrville Lions Camp.

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

Richard Wright will bring refreshments for this meeting.

April Club Activities

Metal Detecting Workshop

Thanks to Art Tiemann and the club members who assisted with our Metal Detecting Workshop at the Crow's Nest on April 11. There was a very good turnout of approximately 20 people. We are able to use the Crow's Nest as a permanent site to have our metal detecting “Garden” of planted targets. Art indicated that they will be planting more and different targets to expand the practice area. Everyone commented how difficult it was to locate the gold coins, and the gold read in a variety of ranges with the different types of detectors. Another workshop will be held in the near future.

Monday Morning Hunt

Five early risers met out at the Lakeway Park on April 26 for a Monday Morning Hunt. Leon was the first out there, and after methodically probing around, he came up with a treasure you might see at the meeting. Some of the rest of us were clutching coffee cups and still waking up. It is fun to swing detectors, visit and enjoy the early morning solitude over the lake.

Executive Meetings

The May Board meeting will be at **Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290** on Thursday, June 3rd. All are welcome to come join us, eat and participate. Come early to eat, the meeting starts at 6:00.

May Board Meeting – Mary brought the first order of our new Tee Shirts – they look great! We discussed ideas for upcoming programs and an opportunity for the club to detect an old home site from 1892. This will be a Member Only hunt. Map and details will follow. Other items discussed included the possibility of getting a storage unit for the club, and having a swap meet to buy, sell, trade, give away items.

Battery Recycle

Bring your old batteries (and batteries you find when out detecting) to the recycle box at the meeting. This month we disposed of 90 batteries at the hazardous waste day. Please note, that upon testing the batteries, about 1/3 of them were totally GOOD! So be sure and check.

Search Team Efforts

The team had four requests to look for lost items this month. The first request was to search for a men's silver wedding ring lost in a public park. Scott and Blaine searched the large field for about an hour, and were joined by Jack Ball, who located the ring in the grassy parking area. Good job, Jack.



The second request was to search for a set of ladies wedding rings that were lost 2 years ago in a gravel restaurant parking lot. Blaine searched diligently early one morning, but could not locate the rings.

A third request was to locate a men's wedding ring lost in the back yard. Jim Lawhon went out on that one and located the ring quickly.



The last request was to search for a Black Berry lost on UT property. We asked the requestor to obtain permission for us to detect on UT property and that is pending.

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

This month Jan Hallez submitted a tip to share:

May Tip:

I call it "Scouting", and it has really helped me to zero in on caches of coins and other items. I spend a weekend day going to parks, soccer fields, etc. Any place that has a large area of grass. I check to see where the most people are playing, or picnicking etc. Sometimes I will even take a picture of these locations. Having a digital camera on hand is great for refreshing the memory the next day. One soccer field I visited yesterday had a temporary shelter set up where they sold refreshments. This morning I made out in the coin department by going in front of and around this tent.

Upcoming Events

May 15 – Texas Council Satellite Hunt – Brownwood - Flyer at www.texasCouncil.net

May 23 – Member Only Club Hunt at 1892 home site in Florence (details to follow)

May 30, 31 – WWATS Memorial Weekend Open Hunt – K River Campgrounds, Antlers Oklahoma www.wwats.org

June 9, 10 – Kerrville Lions Camp service project for special needs children

June 12 – **Waco Club Competition Hunt is CANCELLED – the club is disbanding**

March 18-20, 2011 – TCTC 26th 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.

April Finds

	U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin
1	Daniel Mireles - 1999 Painted Quarter	1	Scott Hegel - 1989 Dollar - Canada
2	Richard Wright - 1964D Quarter	2	Scott Mathews - 2002 20 Euro
3	Jack Ball - Quarter with Bullet Hole	3	Jack Ball - 1987 Cent - Canada
	Scott Hegel - 2000D Half	3	Jan Hallez - 2002 10 Euro
	Blaine Nelson - 2006 Quarter		Blaine Nelson - 2001 Un Centesimo - Balboa
	Jan Hallez - 1991 Half		
	Larry Vickers - 1951D Cent		Ring
	Dennis Gans - 1967 Quarter	1	Jack Ball - JA Silver with 14K Band
	John Chapman - 1983 Quarter	2	Jan Hallez - 5 Centime Ring
	Scott Mathews - 1967 Quarter	3	Scott Hegel - Silver with Purple Stone
		3	Scott Mathews - Silver Horseshoe & Coil
	Token		Blaine Nelson - Stainless Steel Band
1	Larry Vickers - Games People Play		John Chapman - Silver (smashed flat)
2	Scott Hegel - George Washington Presidential		Richard Wright - Silver Band
2	Jack Ball - Celebration Station		
3	Jan Hallez - 2004 Chuckie Cheese		Artifact
3	Daniel Mireles - Crabtree	1	Jack Ball - Falstaff Bottle Opener
	John Chapman - Crabtree	2	Daniel Mireles - Leather Stamp
	Richard Wright - Crabtree	3	Scott Hegel - Harness Ring
			Blaine Nelson - Top of Old Oil Can
	Jewelry		Susie Mireles - Gas Key
1	Jack Ball - JJ Marco Broach		Jan Hallez - Broken Desk Key
2	Scott Hegel - Madonna Pendant		Larry Vickers - Screw
2	Blaine Nelson - Gold tone Cross		John Chapman - Brass Rope Hook
3	Daniel Mireles - Earring		Richard Wright - Freezer Key
3	Scott Mathews - Silver Cross		Scott Mathews - Bullet Casing
	Jan Hallez - Paw Print Charm		
	Larry Vickers - Earring		Button
	Richard Wright - Charm	1	Jack Ball - American Eagle
		2	Jan Hallez - Flower Design
	Toy	2	Scott Mathews - Dickies
1	Rudy Nordmeyer - Articulated Wolverine	3	Larry Vickers - Snap
2	Scott Hegel - Tank		Scott Hegel - LEI Snap
2	Jan Hallez - Red Space Cruiser		Blaine Nelson - Old Navy
3	Jack Ball - Purple/Black Roadster		
3	Blaine Nelson - Tonka Steam Roller		Non-Metal
3	Larry Vickers - Blue Bear Claw	1	Scott Hegel - Wide mouth Medicine Bottle
	John Chapman - Skull Ring	1	Jack Ball - Blue Plastic Mug
	Scott Mathews - Grey Humvee	2	Jan Hallez - Clear Plastic "Thing"
		2	John Chapman - Marble
	Most Unusual	2	Susie Mireles - Book "The Commanding Stone"
1	Scott Mathews - Plastic Dinosaur Head	3	Rudy Nordmeyer - Blue/Black Plastic Ring
2	Scott Hegel - Metal Rod		Blaine Nelson - Bead
2	Jack Ball - Gold tone Butterfly Spinner		Scott Mathews - Plastic Roman Coin
2	John Chapman - Stow Mass. Dog License		

3	Blaine Nelson - Metal Little Money Bag		Oldest U.S. Cent
3	Daniel Mireles - Keychain	1	Jack Ball - 1940
	Jan Hallez - Small Pocket Knife	2	Daniel Mireles - 1941
	Larry Vickers - Crabtree Token	3	Larry Vickers - 1944S
	Richard Wright - Half Moon Earring		Scott Hegel - 1959D
			Blaine Nelson - 1959D
	Oldest U.S. Coin		Jan Hallez - 1960
1	Jack Ball - 1941 Nickel		John Chapman - 1964D
2	Richard Wright - 1951 Dime		Scott Mathews - 1964D
3	Scott Hegel - 1963 Nickel		Dennis Gans - 1967
	Jan Hallez - 1964 Nickel		Richard Wright - 1968S
	Larry Vickers - 1964 Nickel		
	Daniel Mireles - 1964 Dime		Display
	Scott Mathews - 1964 Nickel	1	Jack Ball
	Blaine Nelson - 1965 Nickel	2	Scott Hegel
	Dennis Gans - 1966 Dime	2	Mary Prause
	John Chapman - 1966 Quarter	3	Larry Vickers
		3	Blaine Nelson
	Most Valuable U.S. Coin	3	Daniel Mireles
1	Richard Wright - 1956 Dime	3	Scott Mathews
2	Larry Vickers - 1919S Cent		Jan Hallez
3	Jack Ball - 1942D Cent		

Rank After April Meeting

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

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: _____ # _____