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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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

### **Meeting Information:**

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca

Date – **September 9<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  
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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!

It seems like maybe fall will arrive sometime. As the weather cools I hope we can get out more to see what we can find. There are a lot of opportunities for competition hunters as well all over the state in the next couple of months.

Last month Blaine and Frank hosted our club social and it was fun as always. It was nice to sit and visit with club members and families that came. It was also nice to see Lake Travis full again. Thank you Blaine and Frank!

Austin's big event is Sept 25-26 in Llano. We have a booth to take care of for 2 days as well as a competition hunt on Sunday. I hope if you haven't already, that you can make plans to join us! Llano is always a fun time with all the activities and visiting with friends. Our club has not hosted a competition hunt in a long time so this will be a new experience for a lot of us! Please come join in the fun and lend a hand to make it a success. This is your club and we need you to make it great!!

Happy Hunting!

*Susie Mireles*

## **September Meeting**

This month our program will feature a “show and tell” of a variety of detectors. Some of our Board Members will demonstrate the use of their detectors, including the new Garrett 350, the Fisher F5, the White’s MXT, Garrett 250, Tesoro Cortez and Golden Umax, and Bounty Hunter Quick Draw II. This will be a good time to learn about the different makes, models and features of machines, ask questions, and try them out on test targets.

Following the program we’ll 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!

Blaine will bring refreshments this month.

Note: There will be a Bible Study class meeting across the hall from our AMDC meeting, so let’s be mindful and keep the noise down as we come in/out.

**WELCOME** – Tom Leining new member who joined last month. Tom is from Wimberley. Please welcome Tom to AMDC.

## **Executive Meetings**

The October Board meeting will be at **Bill Miller’s Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290** on Thursday, October 7th. 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:

- Plans for upcoming programs and club activities. We agreed to present a program on detectors for the September meeting. Jim has some potential speakers for future meetings and will contact.
- Our AMDC web site was compromised, and the web master will be changing hosts. It should be up and running again soon. Blaine will be the contact with the web master for AMDC, and Susie for the Texas Council.
- Llano event in September. AMDC will participate and have a booth and hold a Fun Hunt. The dates are Sept. 25 and 26, with set up on Friday. We need volunteers and will have signup sheets at the next meetings.
- Our club is sponsoring a Competition Hunt at the Llano event on Sunday. We need 2-3 people to run the hunt, as well as members to man our booth simultaneously.
- There is a new club in Smithville – Lost Pines Treasure Club, and they have asked if one or more of our members would be willing to speak at their meeting. Jim will contact and set something up.

### **Search Team Efforts**

This month we had two requests to search for lost items:

The first was a lost men's wedding band in the back yard, here in Austin. , Larry and Scott and Blaine searched for the ring on August 28<sup>th</sup>. After an hour and a half, Blaine located the ring in the next door neighbor's yard. The owner of the club made a donation to our club

The second request was to locate a lost, custom 14K ring with rubies in the owner's back yard in Denver. Blaine and sister Jan (from Aurora, CO.) searched the entire yard but came up empty handed. The owner thinks that the ring could possibly have been thrown out with the recycle papers. The owner makes a lot of beautiful custom jewelry, and showed Blaine and Jan her works of art!

### **Club Social**

We had a great turn out for our annual club social and pot luck at Frank and Blaine's on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Since it is virtually too hot to go detecting, the social is a time to visit, get better acquainted with both new and old members and enjoy good food. Below are some pictures!



Dennis, Mary, Mike, Chandler (seated), Daniel, Jill



Mary and Scott



Bob and Larry



Daniel and Jill



Bob, Betty and Mary



Scott, Bob, Betty and Mary



Betty, Carrie (foreground), Victoria and Susie

## **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's tip is submitted by Jan Hallez.

### **September Tip:**

I was teaching a new person how to detect, and noticed that she swung the detector like a pendulum, with the coil going up in the air, to and fro. This is a common practice for beginners. It takes practice and a conscious effort to swing the coil level to the ground – close to the surface, but not touching it. Naturally, when the coil goes up in the air, it cannot detect targets. It also seems that when detectorists get tired or in a hurry (as in competition hunts) they also resort to swing the coil up in the air. Just something to be aware of.

## **Upcoming Events**

**September 11** – Club Hunt at Camp Ben McCulloch (8:00 a.m. til ?)

**September 25 - 26** – Outdoor Expo in Llano, both days. Competition Hunt on Sunday

**October 2** (Saturday) – Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club Competition Hunt, Lake Worth

**October 16** (Saturday) – Lone Star Treasure Club Competition Hunt – Irving

**October 24** (Sunday) - H.A.R.C. Competition Hunt – Stewart Beach, Galvestonf

**December 9** (Thursday) AMDC Annual Christmas Dinner – Daniel & Susie's club house

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

For more information about the Competition Hunts, see the Texas Council web site:

[www.texasCouncil.net](http://www.texasCouncil.net)

### **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

## Put On Your Thinking Caps

We are always looking for new places to hold Club Hunts. They can be public property (if allowed) or private property with permission. The area does not necessarily have to be right in Austin, as long as the club can make a day trip.

We also would love your ideas for programs. Be thinking of topics and potential speakers.

## August Finds

	<b>Display</b>		<b>U.S. Coin</b>
1	Scott Hegel	1	Daniel Mireles - 1941 Cent
2	Blaine Nelson	2	Blaine Nelson - 1945P Nickel
3	Larry Vickers	3	Ed Newsom - 1943D Nickel
			Scott Hegel - 2000D Dollar
	<b>Foreign Coin</b>		Larry Vickers - 2010D Cent
1	Blaine Nelson - 1913 Penny - England		Jan Hallez - 1965 Quarter
2	Scott Hegel - 1948 Shilling - England		Dennis Gans - 1967 Quarter
2	Jan Hallez - 1987 5 Bolivares - Venezuela		
2	Daniel Mireles - 1964 Cent - Canada		<b>Token</b>
		1	Scott Hegel - National Instruments Token
	<b>Ring</b>		
1	Blaine Nelson - Silver JA Heart with 18K Pistils		<b>Jewelry</b>
2	Scott Hegel - Silver Heart Ring	1	Scott Hegel - Tiffany "Bean" Necklace
3	Larry Vickers - Silver	2	Blaine Nelson - Silver Link Bracelet
		3	Jan Hallez - Charm Necklace
	<b>Artifact</b>		Daniel Mireles - Earring
1	Blaine Nelson - Worn Quarter		Larry Vickers - Earring
2	Dennis Gans - Saw Blade		
3	Larry Vickers - Fishing Weight		<b>Toy</b>
3	Jan Hallez - Old Pin	1	Blaine Nelson - Purple Race Car
	Scott Hegel - Ball Bearings	2	Scott Hegel - Snow Patrol Truck
		3	Jan Hallez - Super Hero Leg
	<b>Button</b>		
1	Ed Newsom - Navy		<b>Most Unusual</b>
2	Jan Hallez - Fancy Snap	1	Blaine Nelson - Quarter Pendant
3	Larry Vickers - Snap	2	Jan Hallez - Red Eye Dragon Pin
	Scott Hegel - Small 2 Hole	3	Larry Vickers - Perfume Bottle
	Blaine Nelson - Old Metal	3	Dennis Gans - Bullet
			Scott Hegel - Large Hair Band with Clear Stones
	<b>Non-Metal</b>		
1	Scott Hegel - Small Plastic Army Man		<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>
2	Larry Vickers - Brad Paisley Guitar Pick	1	Blaine Nelson - 1940 Nickel

3	Dennis Gans - Tile	2	Scott Hegel - 1941S Nickel
3	Daniel Mireles - Beads	3	Jan Hallez - 1958D Nickel
	Jan Hallez - 2 Legos		Dennis Gans - 1967 Dime
			Larry Vickers - 1970 Quarter
	<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>		
1	Blaine Nelson - 1917		<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>
2	Larry Vickers - 1945D	1	Blaine Nelson - 1944 Half
3	Scott Hegel - 1957D	2	Larry Vickers - 1920 Cent
	Jan Hallez - 1961D		
	Dennis Gans - 1975D		

### Ranking After August Find of the Month

Scott Hegel  
 Blaine Nelson  
 Jan Hallez  
 Scott  
 Matthews  
 Jack Ball  
 Daniel Mireles  
 Larry Vickers  
 Ed Newsom  
 Richard  
 Wright  
 Jim Lawhon  
 Rudy  
 Nordmeyer  
 Dennis Gans  
 JohnChapman  
 Leon Prause  
 Mary Prause  
 Victoria  
 Leonard  
 Michele Stahl  
 Roy Stahl  
 Mac McMillin  
 Susie Mireles  
 Lee Presley  
 John Meyers

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