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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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Membership: \$20.00

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June 2009

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **June 11th** 2009
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room – M – 103/104

Officers:

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Daniel Mireles, John Chapman
Leon and Mary Prause
Cecil Herrin

Note: This newsletter is coming a little
early – prior to the Executive meeting.
Am headed out of town but will be back
for the club meeting.

Secretary Blaine

June Meeting

A Word From Our Pres:

"Well another month has come and gone. I have been doing an unusual amount of traveling for Texas Parks and Wildlife. To see all these places that we should be able to detect but can't just drives me crazy. Rep. Edmund Keumpel from Seguin is expected to get a pacemaker following his massive heart attack and return to work - which is good news but that means we will still be facing his blockage of opening the State Parks to Metal Detecting.

Don't forget the Waco hunt on June 6th and the TCTC hunt in Waco on June 27th at the Speegleville Saddle Club. See ya'll there and hopefully at the club meeting on June 11th....and many thanks to you attending the Kerrville Lion's Camp, have a safe trip.

Jim Lawhon

At the writing of this newsletter the program for June has not been finalized, but your Board has several ideas up their sleeves. To get in the swing of summer, plan to come out to the meeting, visit friends and share in the activities.

Display Contest: Every June we take a break from our “Find of the Month” competition and have a “Display Contest”. All members are encouraged to enter – and this will give everyone a chance to be creative! The only rule is that items included in your display must have been found this year – meaning since our Christmas dinner last December. So gather your finds and have fun creating a display to enter. Meeting attendees will vote on their favorite display, and there will be a nice prize for the winner. If you wish to bring finds or displays to show and not enter the contest, that is always OK.

Leon and Mary Prause will bring refreshments this month.

Executive Meeting

The July Board meeting will be at **Bill Miller’s Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290**. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 2nd. All are welcome to come join us, eat and participate. Come early to eat, the meeting starts at 6:30.

Club Activities

Club Hunt:

On May 16-17th Club members came out for a “member only” hunt at the Texas Parks and Wildlife property, which includes an old home site. Folks continued to find old items from the turn of the century. The grass had grown up quite a bit since we last hunted during the early spring. Thanks to Jim for arranging this hunt.

AMDC Website

Remember to check our web site often to see what’s there! Everyone is encouraged to go to the Forum and participate, as this generates interest, good PR and even info./potential sites for the club. Our web site is: <http://www.amdconline.com> You can register for the Forum, or to get a password for the “Member Only” section, jot Cecil (webmaster) an email and he will get you a temporary password. You can then set your own user name and password to get in. **Word of caution** – If you post items or reply to a posting, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

Lost and Found

The Search Team has done it again! We received a request via our web site to assist a couple to find a lost wedding band. Pres. Jim Lawhon ran out to San Marcos to search for the missing ring, and found it very quickly. The couple had tried everything, including using magnets, renting a detector etc. with no luck. They were amazed how “easy” Jim made it look, and were very happy campers. Kudos to Jim and the others who assist with this important service.

Upcoming Events:

June 6 – Waco Club competition hunt – Speegleville Saddle Club – see flyer on AMDC website

June 10 – 11 – Kerrville Lions Camp - Volunteer Project w. Handicapped Children

June 27 – TCTC Satellite Hunt – Waco – Speegleville Saddle Club. Flyer on texascouncil.net

March 12-14, 2010 – **25th Annual Texas Treasure Show – Longview. Mark your calendars now!**

Kerrville Lions Camp Details

The Annual Texas Lions Camp project in Kerrville is coming up June 10th and 11th (Wed. and Thurs.) A number of folks from our Austin Club, and members of other clubs come out for this service project – to teach disabled children how to use a metal detector. This experience is SO worthwhile, and the adults come away saying they had more fun than the kids! We hide foreign coins and other trinkets in the soft dirt in the horse arena. You just can't put a price on the smile you see when the young girl or boy finds their first coin!

The hours for this event are from 8:30 – 5:00 each day, and we eat lunch at the dining hall. More details and a map are included in the camp website at www.lionscamp.com

FOR SALE

Fisher F-5 and Fisher F-70. See Larry Vickers at the meeting for good price on these detectors. Larry also has a couple of Garrett pro-pointers for sale.

Member Tips for June

This section will include tips, ideas etc. from members. Please email your tips to me (Blaine) at Punkin4048@aol.com , or give to any of the Officers. So far we have not had much response for this section. Members must have a wealth of tips - things you've learned, read, experienced – or things to alert us NOT to do! In order to keep this section alive, as Secretary and Newsletter writer, I will seek out tips from other clubs and web sites to include if I don't receive enough from our club members.

- **Where to Detect?** – This is a question both new and experience detectorists always ask. Where can I go and have the possibility of finding something cool? Many of us get our first detector and head straight for the little town park, only to be disappointed. If you are lucky, you might find some clad coins there, a variety of pull tabs and beer tops, but let's face reality. These public lands are just that...open to the public. That means that Joe Blow was there with his detector 25 years ago and he hit it hard. Detecting clubs have held group hunts and detecting enthusiasts passing through have also hit it. You might find treasure in the old parks, but the pickings are pretty slim. An alternative is to detect in old yards. Any yard with a home prior to 1950 might hold good treasure. But these yards are usually private property. It is important to **get permission** to detect these properties.

- Seeking Permission** – If possible, it is best to ask permission in person. It is easy for a land owner to say “no” over the phone, or disregard a written request. Be pleasant; explain that you enjoy the hobby and locating interesting items that may be forever lost. If you are interested in history, you might expound on that. You might offer to show the owner what you find, or even ask if he/she is interested in keeping some of what you find. If the answer is “yes” – you are on your way! If the answer is “no” for whatever reason, be sure and ask if they know of alternative places in the area where you might detect.

May Finds

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Frank Vick - 1935 Nickel	Scott Hegel - 1971 Un Peso - Mexico
Jan Hallez - 1962 Quarter	Blaine Nelson - 1967 Centimes - France
Dennis Gans - 1967 Quarter	Frank Vick - 1979 Cent - Canada
Daniel Mireles - 1940 Cent	Daniel Mireles - 1987 Cent - Canada
Scott Hegel - 1946 Cent	
Blaine Nelson - 1979 Dollar	Ring
Leon Prause - 1981 Quarter	Scott Hegel - JA Silver with Cross
Mary Prause - 1974D Cent	Blaine Nelson - 14K Horse Head Nugget Ring
Susie Mireles - 1995D Dime	Jan Hallez - Gold Tone missing Stone
Ed Newsom - 1938 Nickel	Frank Vick - Mood Ring
Token	Artifact
Daniel Mireles - 1991 Mardi Gras Doubloon	Susie Mireles - Horseshoe
Blaine Nelson - Florida Pool Products	Scott Hegel - Bird's Barber Shop
Jan Hallez - Casa Bonita (NCV)	Blaine Nelson - Mickey Mouse Watch Face
Scott Hegel - Foremost Insurance Gp - Poker Chip	Frank Vick - Railroad Spike
Frank Vick - Eagle (NCV)	Dennis Gans - 1/4" Malco Socket
	Daniel Mireles - Flashlight
Jewelry	Ed Newsom - Pocket Watch Case
Blaine Nelson - Platinum Edge Watch	Mary Prause - Master Lock
Jan Hallez - Silver Tone Heart Charm (Religious)	
Frank Vick - Key Charm	Button
Daniel Mireles - Bracelet	Jan Hallez - Jeweled with Clear Stones
Ed Newsom - Little League Pin	Frank Vick - Raiders Jean
Scott Hegel - Anne Klein II Watch	Scott Hegel - Large 4 Hole
Mary Prause - Pink Barette	Blaine Nelson - Rewind Snap
Toy	Non-Metal
Dick Nelson - Airplane	Blaine Nelson - \$70.00 Cash (50 & 20)
Ed Newsom - SR71 Blackbird	Ed Newsom - Insulator
Blaine Nelson - Black Race Car	Susie Mireles - Applause Tag
Frank Vick - Land Rover	Daniel Mireles - Plastic Pendant
Jan Hallez - Hotwheel Phantom Racer (Yellow & Black)	Scott Hegel - OK Plastic Hand
Scott Hegel - Toy Bracelet	Jan Hallez - Country Time Lemonade Packet
	Leon Prause - Game Piece
Most Unusual	Mary Prause - Mardi Gras Beads

Ed Newsom - Klingon Warship	Frank Vick - Little Green Man
Scott Hegel - Heart Charm with Bullet Hole	Dennis Gans - Golf Ball
Frank Vick - Majic Trick Nickel	
Dennis Gans - Piece of Metal	Oldest U.S. Cent
Susie Mireles - Knob	Ed Newsom - 1925
Daniel Mireles - Piece of Copper	Scott Hegel - 1945D
Blaine Nelson - JA Silver Dove Ring	Jan Hallez - 1956D
Jan Hallez - Cub Scout Neckerchief Slide	Blaine Nelson - 1960D
Mary Prause - "Sound Stream" Emblem	Frank Vick - 1961D
	Mary Prause - 1964
Oldest U.S. Coin	Dennis Gans - 1967
Frank Vick - 1929 Nickel	Susie Mireles - 1981D
Jan Hallez - 1947D Nickel	Leon Prause - 1982D
Scott Hegel - 1964 Nickel	
Blaine Nelson - 1964 Nickel	Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Leon Prause - 1964 Nickel	Jan Hallez - 1945 Quarter
Dennis Gans - 1967 Dime	Blaine Nelson - 1967 Half
Mary Prause - 1974 Quarter	Frank Vick - 1945D Nickel
Susie Mireles - 1992 Quarter	Scott Hegel - 1941 Cent

Rank After May Meeting

Scott Hegel
 Frank Vick
 Blaine Nelson
 Jan Hallez
 Daniel Mireles
 Ed Newsom
 Larry Vickers
 Dennis Gans
 Jim Lawhon
 Mary Prause
 Susie Mireles
 Leon Prause
 Dick Nelson
 John
 Chapman
 Roy Stahl

