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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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

#### **Meeting Information:**

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca  
Date – **November 11<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:**

Greetings!

Wow, 2010 has flown by. Our great secretary, Blaine, reminded me this is my last presidential blurb. It has been my great pleasure to be your president this year. Before it is time to elect new officers and support them for their upcoming terms, I was thinking about the accomplishments of our club over the past year.

Your fellow members have: planted a “garden”, ordered club shirts, had a great booth at the TCTC Treasure Show, had a booth at the Llano Outdoor Festival and hosted a competition hunt for the first time in a lot of years. In addition, there are plans in place for an exciting first part of next year. None of these would have been possible without the cooperation of the Officers, Board Members and club members. Many thanks to all of you!!

Our November meeting promises to be interesting and December is our annual Christmas Dinner and fundraiser. Start thinking about what side dish you might like to bring and sign up at the meeting Thursday. We also need your contributions for the fundraiser. They don't have to be tied to metal detecting and we usually have several tables full of great gifts to choose from!

Happy Hunting!

*Susie*

**November Meeting**

This is a busy month and meeting you will not want to miss!

We have a guest speaker, James Wright, who will present a program on arrowheads. James is very knowledgeable and has been collecting arrowheads and related items for many years. If you have any arrowheads that you would like to bring to show or have James ID, please bring them to the meeting.

Larry Vickers will tell us about the new Garrett AT Pro detector that is just coming out.

We have election of Officers and will discuss plans for our upcoming Christmas Dinner on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **OFFICER SLATE:**

The following members have volunteered to serve:

PRESIDENT: Larry Vickers

VICE PRESIDENT: Blaine Nelson

SECRETARY: Betty Vickers

TREASURER: Scott Hegel

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the meeting.

Following the program we'll have our "Find of the Month" competition, so bring you FINDS – anything you have found since the OCTOBER 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 and Jan will bring refreshments this month.

#### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Our Annual Christmas dinner will be on our regular meeting night – Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at **6:30**. The club will provide the meat (hams), coffee and iced tea. Members should bring a side dish to share – we will have sign up sheets at the meeting. We will send a flyer with details and directions.

**Fund Raiser** - Please bring items for the fund raiser to the November meeting – Jim will store them until the dinner. You may also bring items to the dinner. These prize items can be anything fun – not necessarily related to metal detecting. Examples of things we've had in the past include decorative items, coins, batteries, goodies, holiday fare, candles, DVD's etc.

#### **Executive Meetings**

The December Board meeting will be at **Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290** on Thursday, December 2nd. All are welcome to come join us, eat and participate. Come early to eat, the meeting starts at 6:00.

## **November Board Meeting**

Items discussed included:

- Plans for upcoming programs and club activities. We plan to hunt at the GS Camp on Sunday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, and Krause Springs on Sat., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. After the first of the year we will plan another training session at the Crow's Nest.
- Officers and Board Members – we need to review our Constitution, and update a number of items including job descriptions for the Officers. Several items are outdated.
- Smithville Club – Larry and Jim visited the new club in Smithville and shared information about AMDC. We agreed to invite the club to our Christmas dinner. There are currently about 8 active members in the club.
- Lee has located old issues of the newsletter, and will provide articles of interest to include in upcoming newsletters.
- Christmas Dinner – Will be a Daniel and Susie's club house again this year. Jim will purchase 2 hams, and we will have sign-up sheets for side dishes at the meeting.

## **Search Team Efforts**

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

Lost - a lost men's wedding band on property out in Elgin. Larry, Scott and Jim made a follow up visit to search for the ring lost on this property. The owner had been dove hunting, and lost the ring somewhere between his truck and the area near the tank where he was hunting. Our team cut down brush to make it easier to detect, but after a diligent search, did not locate the ring.

The second request was to assist with locating an engagement ring which was dropped on a dock and fell into Lake Austin. The loser hired divers to search, but they were unable to locate the ring. Our search team will assist during the next attempt by providing equipment and support.

## **Refreshments**

Beginning next year, we will discontinue having refreshments at every meeting. Members are encouraged to bring their own drinks and any munchies they might want to the meeting.

## **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 Blaine Nelson

**November Tip:**

As metal detecting enthusiasts, most of us are always looking for Treasure, even if we are not conscious about it. We see coins on the ground when we walk, and check out item glimmering in the sun to see if they might be gold, etc.

In addition to finding treasure with our detectors, some good items can be found in Thrift Shops and garage sales. Last month I was bumming in a thrift shop, and noted a display of bracelets hanging – all were \$2.00 each. One bracelet caught my eye. It was a gold colored chain link bracelet, that I was just sure was real gold. I could see a stamp on the clasp, but it was too small to read with the naked eye. I took my chances, and bought the bracelet. When I got home, I could see that the bracelet was 14K! After weighing the bracelet and checking on gold prices that day, the value of the bracelet was \$18, raw gold! Now I carry a jewelry loupe in my purse, to be able to read jewelry markings.

The article below was provided by Lee Presley, and was printed in an old AMDC newsletter:

## Nails: Clues to a Building's History

**Thomas D. Visser**

	Hand-wrought nail, before circa 1800
	Type A cut nail, circa 1790-1830
	Type B cut nail, circa 1820-1900
	Wire nail, circa 1890 to present

Nails provide one of the best clues to help determine the age of historic buildings, especially those constructed during the nineteenth century, when nail-making technology advanced rapidly. Until the last decade of the 1700s and the early 1800s, hand-wrought nails typically fastened the sheathing and roof boards on building frames. These nails were made one by one by a blacksmith or nailor from square iron rod. After heating the rod in a forge, the nailor would hammer all four sides of the softened end to form a point. The pointed nail rod was reheated and cut off. Then the nail maker would

insert the hot nail into a hole in a nail header or anvil and form a head with several glancing blows of the hammer. The most common shape was the rosehead; however, broad "butterfly" heads and narrow L-heads also were crafted. L-head nails were popular for finish work, trim boards, and flooring. Between the 1790s and the early 1800s, various machines were invented for making nails from bars of iron. The earliest machines chopped nails off the iron bar like a guillotine, wiggling the bar from side to side with every stroke to produce a tapered shank. These are known as type A cut nails. At first, the heads were often made by hand, but soon machines were developed to pound a head on the end. This type of nail was made until the 1830s. By the 1820s, however, an effective design for a nail making machine was developed: it flipped the iron bar over after each stroke. With the cutter set at an angle, every nail was chopped to a taper. Nails made by this method are known as type B nails.

Cutting the nails leaves a small burr along the edge as the metal is torn apart. By carefully examining the edges for evidence of these burrs, it is possible to distinguish between the earlier type A nails and the later type B nails. Type A nails have burrs on the diagonally opposite edges, while the type B nails have both burrs on the same side. This kind of evidence can be used to establish the approximate period of construction or alteration of a building. Type B cut nails continued to be the most common through most of the greater part of the nineteenth century. With the rapid development of the Bessemer process for producing inexpensive soft steel during the 1880s, however, the popularity of using iron for nail making quickly waned. By 1886, 10 percent of the nails produced in the United States were made of soft steel wire. Within six years, more steel-wire nails were being produced than iron-cut nails. By 1913, 90 percent were wire nails. Cut nails are still made today, however, with the type B method. These are commonly used for fastening hardwood flooring.

### **Upcoming Events**

**November 14** (Sunday)–Club Hunt at Lone Star GS Camp – details forthcoming

**November 20** (Saturday) – Club Hunt at Krause Springs – details to follow

**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

## October Finds

	Display		U.S. Coin
1	Scott Hegel	1	Scott Hegel - 1945D Cent
2	Jan Hallez	2	Blaine Nelson - 1064D Dime
3	Larry Vickers	2	Jan Hallez - Mt Rushmore rolled Cent
	Scott Mathews	3	Larry Vickers - 1955D Cent
		3	Dennis Gans - 2010D Cent
	<b>Foreign Coin</b>	3	Daniel Mireles - 2009D Cent
1	Scott Hegel - 1976 20 Centavos - Mexico		Scott Mathews - 1971S Cent
1	Jan Hallez - 1998 20 Pence - England		Tom Leining - ??? Cent
2	Blaine Nelson - 1971 2 Pence - England		
2	Larry Vickers - 1983 1 Pound - England		<b>Token</b>
		1	Daniel Mireles - NCV Eagle
	<b>Ring</b>	2	Jan Hallez - South Suburban Family C
1	Larry Vickers - Silver with Aqua Marine Stone	3	Scott Hegel - 2008 Chuckie Cheese
2	Tom Leining - SS Spinner	3	Blaine Nelson - Peter Piper Pizza
3	Blaine Nelson - 10K Men's Band		Larry Vickers - Peter Piper Pizza
	Scott Hegel - Silver with Turquoise Stone		
	Jan Hallez - Plain Band		<b>Jewelry</b>
	Scott Mathews - Heart Shaped	1	Blaine Nelson - Men's Watch
		2	Scott Hegel - Rosary
	<b>Artifact</b>	3	Scott Mathews - Small Pendant
1	Daniel Mireles - Boy Scout Neckerchief Slide		Larry Vickers - Jesus Pin
2	Scott Mathews - Ranger Star		Jan Hallez - LA Dog Tag with Chain
3	Scott Hegel - Scraper made of Cow Bone		
	Jan Hallez - Crunched Bell		<b>Toy</b>
	Larry Vickers - Clamp	1	Scott Hegel - Part of Toy Gun
	Dennis Gans - "O" Ring	2	Blaine Nelson - Purple Sports Car
	Dwane Ideker - Blow Torch Tip	3	Jan Hallez - Yellow Sports Car
			Scott Mathews - Hot Wheels Car
	<b>Button</b>		Larry Vickers - Green Car
1	Blaine Nelson - Tiny Snap		
2	Jan Hallez - Square Screw Top Snap		<b>Most Unusual</b>
3	Scott Hegel - 4 Hole	1	Scott Mathews - Baseball Trophy
3	Scott Mathews - Pin Back	1	Daniel Mireles - Bent Butter Knife
3	Larry Vickers - 4 Hole Decorative	2	Scott Hegel - Small Level
		3	Blaine Nelson - SanDisk
	<b>Non-Metal</b>	3	Jan Hallez - Chestnut
1	Scott Mathews - Blue Plastic Armadillo	3	Larry Vickers - Headphone Adapter
2	Jan Hallez - Plastic Baby	3	Tom Leining - Snake Ring
3	Larry Vickers - Sunglasses		
3	Daniel Mireles - Plastic Button		<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>
	Scott Hegel - Tiny Sunglasses	1	Blaine Nelson - Buffalo Nickel (1938)
	Blaine Nelson - Kid's Plastic Ring	2	Scott Hegel - 1942S Nickel

		3	Jan Hallez - 1964D Nickel
	<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>	3	Dennis Gans - 1964D Nickel
1	Daniel Mireles - 1920		Scott Mathews - 1966 Quarter
2	Blaine Nelson - 1930S		Larry Vickers - 1967 Dime
3	Larry Vickers - 1941D		Tom Leining - 1990 Nickel
	Scott Hegel - 1944D		
	Scott Mathews - 1957D		<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>
	Jan Hallez - 1959D	1	Blaine Nelson - 1064D Dime
	Dennis Gans - 1968D	2	Larry Vickers - Buffalo Nickel
	Tom Leining - 2010	3	Scott Hegel - 1942D Cent

Ranking after October Meeting

1	Scott Hegel
2	Blaine Nelson
3	Jan Hallez
4	Scott Matthews
5	Larry Vickers
6	Daniel Mireles
7	Jack Ball
8	Richard Wright
9	Ed Newsom
10	Jim Lawhon
11	Rudy Nordmeyer
12	Dennis Gans
13	Leon Prause
14	Victoria Leonard
15	John Chapman
16	Mary Prause
17	Tom Leining
18	Michele Stahl
19	Roy Stahl
20	Mac McMillin
21	Susie Mireles
22	Lee Presley
23	John Meyers
24	Dwane Ideker

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

