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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)
111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676
Membership: \$20.00

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August 2020

Meeting Information:

AMDC will not be meeting physically in August, but **we will have a Zoom Meeting!** Details below!

Officers:

President – Jim Clary
Vice Pres – Jeremy Scroggins
Treasurer – Scott Hegel
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Executive Committee:

Mary and Leon Prause, Dennis Gans,
Daniel and Susie Mireles, Jim Lawhon, Carrie Rogers, Fred Toewe, Charlene Smith, Larry Vickers

A Word from our President:

Our President is out of pocket, so our VP Jeremy Scroggins will be facilitating our Zoom membership meeting on Thursday.

All members are encouraged to join in! Don't know Zoom, never tried Zoom, hate Zoom?

Do not be intimidated – all you have to do is click on the link that will be sent to all members later this week, and BINGO, you are on! You can join from a computer or a phone. It's really easy, and a good way for us to connect!

Are there any topics you would like to chat about? Let Jeremy or me know and we will include in the Zoom agenda.

Stay safe, keep swinging, and have fun!

Blaine Nelson

Newsletter Editor

Thursday August 13th (our regular meeting night), we will host a Zoom meeting at 6:30 p.m. for all current paid club members. Members will receive an email with the link to click on sometime prior to the meeting. If you have never used Zoom, it is easy and a great way to connect.

We will have a short business meeting, and then we will all have a chance to show/tell FINDS. It will be great to "see" everyone again, and to share some of the treasures we have found since our last in person meeting.

If you are not a current member and would like to re-join, please fill out an application which is on our website at amdconline.com, and send dues to Scott Hegel, 139 Fairwood Dr., Georgetown, TX 78628. Your dues will be good for the rest of this year and for 2021.

Board Meeting Summary

The Board met via Zoom on Thursday, August 6th. Highlights include:

- The Board agreed to host another membership Zoom meeting. The June Zoom went really well, but was lightly attended by non-Board members.
- Our November 14 Veteran's Day Hunt is in question, for a number of reasons we can expand upon at the meeting. A straw vote of the Board was to cancel, but we will make the final decision next month.
- Scott went over the Search Team activities, which are outlined below.

Lost and Found Efforts

July #1 Westlake – lost ring – two part ring w. platinum part that broke off. Jim went 2x's, Scott once, and no luck.

July #2 Cedar Creek – couple was clearing land when lady lost ring. After several attempts to contact, no response. Case Closed

July #3 Paul Krugler was out water detecting when he was approached to help find a lost man's wedding ring. He found it in 3-4 minutes. Way to GO!

Aug. #1 –Lady lost earring, but she found it before we could get out.

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METAL DETECTING TIPS!

Where to Detect? (from a back issue of our newsletter)

This is probably the most burning question we all have! Where or where can we go detecting???. Here are a few ideas to keep you hopping! Be mindful of gaining permission if there is any indication it might be private land.

(1.) Check alongside boat ramps. Whether you have a water detector or not, there are frequently many coins, knives, rings etc. lost as folks are launching and retrieving their boats. Check alongside the ramp as it goes down, and even on shore. A kid came up to me and said he saw a gold ring in the water at the boat launch

(2.) Detect around your motel/cabin. If you travel, detecting on the grounds of your motel/cabin can produce many treasures! If you have the opportunity and time to choose - select older units to stay in when you travel. I have located Barber dimes and turn of the century coins at these older motel sites, as they often have never been detected!

(3.) Be visual. We can't detect at Travis County Parks or LCRA parks, but we can visually scan for treasure! If you are at the water's edge, look for dark circles. Both coins and silver rings look black in the water. You can also find paper money and items to turn in i.e. lost keys that fall out of swim trunks! Pick up trash and dangerous items as you go. Everything positive we do helps us promote the hobby and show that we really are "good guys!"

(4.) When detecting at an old school yard, church or the like... Check the edges of the sidewalks very carefully... I have found many old coins right up against the sidewalk at these type sites that are supposed to be hunted out!

(5.) Review old maps for the surrounding counties and villages. First, look for and mark the old schools, churches, railroad stations, parks etc. to actually go locate and verify. Sometimes they still exist which is great and sometimes they are now a vacant field which is BETTER. Remember to seek permission on private lands.

(6.) Look at road names as you are going through towns - i.e. - Church Street, Railroad Ave., Old Bridge Rd, Academy St., Grove St. Along these roads is likely the site of an old depot, bridge, school etc. the road was named after!

(7.) When scanning fields and empty lots, look for rows of trees, flowers or shrubs that may have been planted years ago. This could be the site of an old home. Anything that does not appear to be "natural" may be the sign of some good detecting possibilities!

THE LURE OF OLD COINS!

It is so exciting to find old coins! Today we will focus on the U.S. Large Cent – a coin that is large and usually gives a good signal, being made of mainly copper. The following is from Wikipedia.

“The [United States large cent](#) was a [coin](#) with a [face value](#) of 1/100 of a [United States dollar](#). Its nominal diameter was 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ inch (28.57 mm). The first official mintage of the large cent was in 1793, and its production continued until 1857, when it was officially replaced by the [modern-size one-cent coin](#) (commonly called the [penny](#)).

Large cents were made of nearly pure copper, or copper as pure as it emerged from smelting, without any deliberate addition of other metals



First struck in 1793, the large cent was coined every year from 1793 to 1857 except 1815. When the United States [declared war](#) in 1812 against [Great Britain](#), coinage was affected. The wartime embargo against shipments made it so the mint could not get any new copper [planchets](#), which were imported from Great Britain, to strike coins. The mint made do with what supply it had and struck coins into 1815. After the war ended in 1815, the mint wasted no time in ordering new planchets. For an unknown reason no coins were dated 1815 from the supply the mint had in the interim.[▯] In addition to the copper shortage, people also hoarded precious metals during the war.

The Philadelphia Mint produced all large cents, which contained twice the copper of the [half cent](#). This made the coins bulky and heavy, bigger than modern-day [U.S. Quarters](#).”

More information about how the coin changed over the years and their value can be found online or in the Red Book of Coins.



AMDC is on Face Book! Be sure and check out and “Like” the Group

Be sure and check the Face Book page often, as we put pictures and news of club goings on.

AMDC Website

Remember to check our web site often to see what's there!
<http://www.amdconline.com>

Our web site is:

For SALE

You may list items for sale in the Newsletter – let Blaine know what you have.

Upcoming Events – Metal Detecting:

October 3 – Cow Town Treasure Hunters 36th Annual Hunt and Picnic – **CANCELLED**

October 10 – Central Texas Treasure Hunters, Brownwood - hunt

October 17 – Lone Star Club's 46th Annual Open Hunt – Mountain Creek Preserve, Irving

November 14 – AMDC Veteran's Day Memorial Hunt and TAMDC Satellite Hunt – Round Rock (tbd)

April 16-18 – Temple, TAMDC (Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs) Treasure Show – Mayborn Civic and Convention Center

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FIND OF THE MONTH 2020

DISPLAY _____ # _____

FOREIGN COIN: _____ # _____

TOKEN: _____ # _____

RING: _____ # _____

JEWELRY: _____ # _____

BUTTON: _____ # _____

ARTIFACT: _____ # _____

WILD CARD: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN: _____ \$ _____ # _____

Name _____ Month _____