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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)  
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Membership: \$20.00

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**November 2020**

### **Meeting Information:**

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

### **Officers:**

President – Jim Clary  
Vice Pres – Jeremy Scroggins  
Treasurer – Scott Hegel  
Secretary – Blaine Nelson  
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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:**

In my message last January, I talked about how “some changes can be good.” And this month, our club has some good changes coming up. First of all, Fred Toewe volunteered to revamp our AMDC webpage and be our new web master, a role that Mary Prause has done so well for the past many years. Thank you, Mary, for all you’ve done for our club and web page! And thank you, Fred, for taking on this responsibility going forward. Everyone, please take a look at our new web page. It’s been great for our club’s public visibility over the years. Secondly, our long-time member and past President, Larry Vickers, has volunteered to take on the very important position of AMDC Newsletter Editor, a role that Blaine Nelson has served in, practically forever! Thank you, Larry, for volunteering, and thank you, Blaine, for serving as our Newsletter Editor for so many years. Our Newsletter is one of the most important ways we have of staying connected as a club. Finally, as we approach the end of 2020, please consider how you can volunteer to support our club in any way you can

Jim Clary

## **AMDC ZOOM Meeting!**

Thursday November 12th (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, Election of Officers for 2021, and then we will all have a chance to "Show and Tell" items you have found. Do plan to click on the Zoom link to join in on Thursday!

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, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Highlights include:

- **TAMDC Hunt** - Saturday, 11/14/20 at Lodwick, TX - **Jim L, Scott, Larry and Jeremy** will attend.

### **- AMDC Officers Elections for 2021**

We have a slate of officers to present and vote on at the November Zoom meeting: President – Jim Clary, VP – Jim Lawhon, Secretary – Mary Prause, Treasurer – Scott Hegel. Blaine will send email to members to see if anyone else is interested in running.

### **- Christmas Party**

Blaine sent an email to club members asking their preference about having our Christmas party at the usual time in December (this year the 10<sup>th</sup>), or deferring until a later time. Of the responses, 14 want to defer, 4 prefer the Dec. time, and one was OK either way. With this information, we voted to cancel the Dec. Christmas party, and will revisit having a party when things look better w. the virus situation

## **TAMDC Treasure Show**

Jim Lawhon, who is on the TAMDC Board, had reported that the 2021 Show will be combined w. the Garrett Memorial Hunt and moved to Canton, TX. It will be held April 16,17, 18 at the Civic Center in Canton. **See TAMDC below**

## **Lost and Found Efforts**

### **Search Team - Results for September - Scott**

#1 Jason Moczygemba

Lost wedding ring at Louis Craft BBQ in Buda

Scott - No luck

#2 Luke Farmer

Lost ring at disc golf course in Round Rock

Paul, Mary and Leon - No luck

Luke's wife found ring between cushions on couch

#3 Christian Lindquist

Lost wedding ring in Colorado River (Bastrop) kayaking

- Fred and Scott - No luck
- #4 Lisa Marie Amaral  
Lost wedding ring at Circle C disc golf course  
Lisa found ring at course before we could set up search
- #5 Shea Sturdevant  
Dorm key on UT Campus  
Did not return calls or email
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## Here's "The Scoop" on the TAMDC TREASURE SHOW!

As noted in the Board Meeting Summary, the TAMDC show has been moved from Temple to Canton, TX, but will still be held the weekend of April 16-18. TAMDC is partnering with Garrett, and the Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt will be held the same weekend, with most events/hunts at the site of the Show. Our Club will have 2 booths at the Show, but rather than proceed with our planned "Beach Theme" (interactive) booth, we will go back to a more traditional set up with displays, our AMDC Banner, etc. We will need volunteers to man the booth, as folks will be spread thin with the other hunts and activities going on. Displays are needed for our booth!

If anyone is interested in participating in the Garrett Hunts, you must act quickly. Go to the TAMDC website ([tamdc.org](http://tamdc.org)) to find info. There may be limited slots available.

Due to demand to have a TAMDC Hunt at the Show, TAMDC has offered to hold a special hunt on May 15 at the Old Settlers RV Park in Round Rock!

## Who is this?

Some years ago, in the middle of the year a person walked into an AMDC meeting being held at Crestview Methodist Church in their Gym and sat next to me. This person was new to metal detecting. We talked during the meeting and I notice their great personality. They joined the club and became active in all the activities. That same year the person was elected President of the club and has served in every office except Treasurer. This person is especially important in keeping our club moving and helps with all causes and club endeavors. I was wondering if anyone knows the name of this person so I can thank them for being a friend.

Submitted by Larry Vickers

### **My hunting tips in times of COVID – Submitted by Member Jan Hallez, Aurora CO.**

So, I'm getting quite dismayed over the lack of finds around here. Used to be the schools would have quite a few coins in the playgrounds, and around the school in the grass. The COVID arrived. While there are still children playing there after school hours, the number of finds has greatly diminished. The detectorists up here in Colorado have been invading "My territory!" The usual athletic fields are being picked clean.

I decided to return to the beginning, when my sister showed me about this sport. A few weeks ago, I dug out my old Mapsco Denver Regional Street Atlas. It shows all of the parks and schools in the Metro area. It also lists all the schools in the back, with addresses and phone numbers. This is very handy at this point to see if there are students in attendance. I have also called the schools to gain permission to hunt. Mapsco atlases are not available everywhere now. Got my first one at Sam's Club. Now I can only find them at our local AAA store. Using these, I make a written plan for detecting trips, making sure I cover all locations, and not skip a good field or school.

Scouting trips have been good as well. Taking pictures of soccer fields while in use, can direct you to where the crowds are sitting, or where the athletic bags are dumped. The most productive areas on these fields is where the snack shack is parked. More than one ring has been found this way!

And of course I am also into Geocaching. After signing up (free), you will have access to the maps online at [Geocaching.com](https://www.geocaching.com). Using this will take you to some really nice, and some old parks that are not hunted out. I always bring my caching equipment, along with a couple of detectors on these trips.

Hope some of these tips can help. If you are ever in the Denver area, stop by and say Hi.

Jan

Scouting Pic





## 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!

Our web site is:

<http://www.amdconline.com>

## *For SALE*

You may list items for sale in the Newsletter – let Larry Vickers [larry@larryvickers.net](mailto:larry@larryvickers.net) know what you have.

## THE LURE OF OLD COINS!

In this issue we will look at a wonderful coin – the Flying Eagle Cent! As a kid I was able to trade some baseball cards for two Flying Eagle Cents, and still have them today. What a treasure! Here is some interesting information from Wikipedia about these cents:

“The **Flying Eagle cent** is a one-cent piece struck by U.S. Mint as a pattern coin in 1856 and for circulation in 1857 and 1858. The coin was designed by Mint Chief Engraver James B. Longacre, with the eagle in flight based on the work of Longacre's predecessor, Christian Gobrecht.

By the early 1850s, the large cent (about the size of a half dollar) being issued by the Mint was becoming both unpopular in commerce and expensive to coin. After experimenting with various sizes and compositions, the Mint decided on an alloy of 88% copper and 12% nickel for a new, smaller cent. After the Mint produced patterns with an 1856 date and gave them to legislators and officials, Congress formally authorized the new piece in February 1857.

The new cent was issued in exchange for the worn Spanish colonial silver coin that had circulated in the U.S. until then, as well as for its larger predecessor. So many cents were issued that they choked commercial channels, especially as they were not legal tender and no one had to take them. The eagle design did not strike well, and was replaced in 1859 by Longacre's Indian Head cent.”



## Upcoming Events – Metal Detecting:

**November 14** – TAMDC Hunt in Lodwick (Ghost Town). Check TAMDC website (TAMDC.org) for info.

**February 27, 2021** – Houston Archeology and Recovery Club (HARC) 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Beach Hunt, Galveston.

**April 16-18, 2021** –Canton, TAMDC (Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs) Treasure Show –Canton Civic Center

## *MEMORIES! Treasure Show - 2013*





**AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

