



# I DIG IT NEWS

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Membership: \$20.00

*Meeting information:*

*Place: Woodlawn Baptist Church*

*4600 Manchaca*

*Austin, Tx*

*Day: Second Thursday of each month*

*Time: 7:00 pm*

## March 2023

### Club Officers:

**President**

Andrew Phillips

**Vice President**

Sandip Chakraborti

**Treasurer**

Scott Hegel

**Secretary**

Charles Goertz

**Board Members:** Andrew Phillips, Sandip Chakraborti, Charles Goertz, Scott Hegel, Mary and Leon Prause, Daniel and Susie Mireles, Jim Lawhon, Carrie Rogers, Fred and Jeanne Toewe, Larry Vickers, Dennis Gans, Paul Krugler, Ed Newsom

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! I hope everyone's had a great month. Personally, I've been enjoying the weather lately. It's been warming up and I'm excited to get back out into the water for lake and swimming hole hunts. I went to the lake last weekend and forgot to wear sunscreen and got a bad burn, so a reminder to wear sunscreen!

There's another Buda hunt this month, so I hope everyone is excited for that. The cache is still out there, so keep looking for it!

All in all, just keep spreading the word about the club and letting people know we have a search team to look for lost items.

Good luck and happy hunting everyone!

Andrew

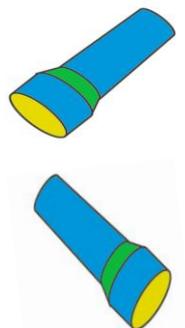
## MARCH PROGRAM

Date: March 9, 2023 Time: 7:00 pm

AMDC Member's program will feature Scott Hegel demonstrating various pin pointers. There will be discussion about the natural hunts being held in March and April (see more information below), plus the next set of cache clues will be available.

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM RECAP

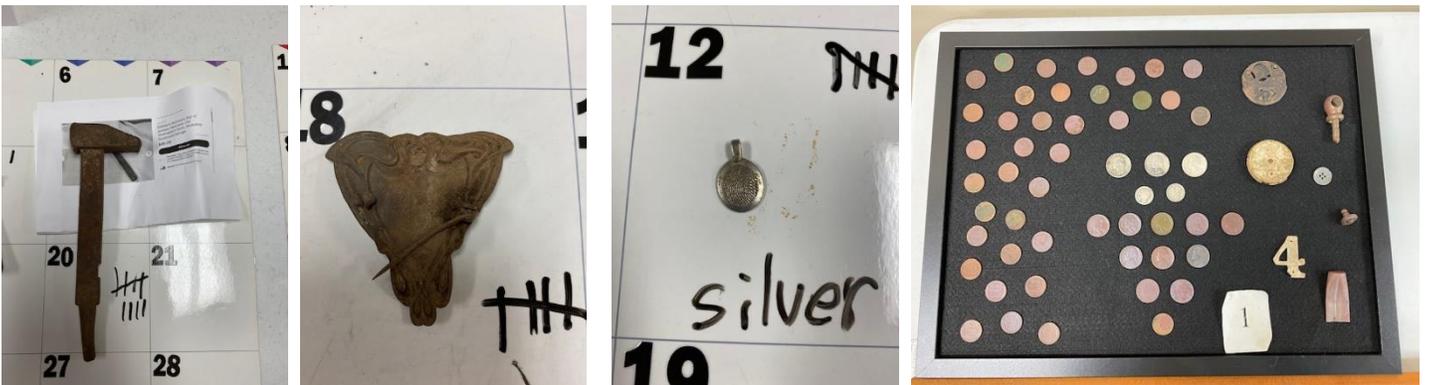
AMDC Member's meeting featured two night hunts outside on the church property, followed by our regular events inside. The first hunt was a lights-out hunt that started at 7:00 p.m. Hunters were not allowed to use flashlights. This hunt lasted only 10 minutes. The second hunt allowed members to use supplemental lighting, although some members chose to continue without lighting. In the end, 32 tokens were found and turned in for prizes; eleven tokens were left unfound.



## FEBRUARY 2023 FOM WINNERS

Display	Scott Jacobsmeyer
Foreign Coin	Wyatt Jacobsmeyer – British 50 Pence
Token	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1933 Ford – 30 Years of Progress
Ring	Sandip Chakraborti -
Jewelry	Mitch London – Locket Andrew Phillips – Silver Fingerprint Pendant
Button	Wyatt Jacobsmeyer – Military Button
Artifact	Charles Goertz - Spoon
Wild Card	Ruby O’Neal - Hammer
Oldest US Coin	Art Tiemann – 1817 Large Cent
Most Valuable US Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1918 Buffalo Nickel
All Categories Filled	Wyatt Jacobsmeyer
Newsletter Question	Susie Mireles

Some finds from the February meeting:



## SEARCH TEAM RESULTS

#1 Brian - Lost Gold Bracelet in backyard (Taylor) - Fred searched with no luck

#2 Jen - Mother lost hearing aid - Mitch searched with no luck, Fred and Jeanne searched and Jeanne found by eyeballing

#3 Bill - Lost Tungsten Carbide ring in backyard (Cedar Park) - Mitch searched with no luck - backyard still had fallen branches and could be searched again when cleared.

A few days later, Scott visited Bill and was successful. Scott wrote:

***Case closed! I went to Bill's house between grandsons' baseball games. Was about ready to call off the search until all tree limbs were removed and I got a signal lower than a nickel, told Bill it was not his ring but a shallow signal AND I was wrong . . . out came his ring.***

## CLEAN UP DAY - MANY THANKS ...

On March 4th, eight members of the Club voluntarily spent their Saturday morning cleaning up the March hunt site in Buda. Those helping included: Ryan Askew; David Dauterie; Jim Lawhon; Ruby, Larry and Kyle O'Neal; Fred Toewe; and Larry Vickers, in addition to the property owner, Margaret.

The goal for the day was to clear the driveway and turn-around circle enough so hunters could park on the property. In January hunters had to park on a nearby side street for safety's sake.

The old English proverb, "Many Hands Make Light Work" was re-proven as brush that had encroached into the 'driveway' was lopped back out of the way and turned into large burn piles and numerous cedar trees were felled, cut into logs, and stacked.

Following the cleanup, five Club members and Margaret enjoyed lunch at Garcia's restaurant in Buda.

On behalf of Margaret and the Club, a huge thanks goes out to the volunteers.

## HIDE AND SEEK

### THE LAST CACHE OF 2022 AND THE FIRST OF 2023

The last cache of 2022 was found by Ed Newsom on January 13, 2023. He found it in Camp Ben McCulloch, which is more than slightly appropriate as Ed hunts Camp Ben more often anyone else in the Club, without any doubt. He found it just a few feet in front of a huge Oak tree that also sported a natural cache hole. Ed was awarded an old silver dollar for his effort and success.



The first cache of 2023 was buried on February 9th. It contains several 'No Value' tokens so should not sound like trash. The first clue set was distributed at the regular Club meeting that evening.

The second clue set will be distributed at the March Members meeting and is more specific than the first. With a little research, you should be able to determine the general location (to within 2000 feet) of the cache.

When you find the cache, please notify the webmaster as soon as practical thereafter. He will then immediately post your name and the location where it was found on the website. Please bring the found cache to the next Members meeting to claim your prize and collect lots of oohs and ahhs!

## **FUTURE FUN HUNTS**

This month we have two fun hunts to talk about at the March Members meeting.

### **FIRST**

The first hunt will occur this Saturday, March 11th, at 9 AM. The location is the same as January's Fun Hunt. The street address of the property will only be divulged at the meeting, at the property owner's request.

If you've been coming to the Club meetings or reading the newsletters, you know that this site has produced some great finds including several FOM category winners. Whether you missed the January hunt or not, understand that this will probably be your last chance to search this site. As a bonus, we have been granted permission to search the adjacent 2.5 acre lot which had a home on it for at least 50 years and has never been hunted to our knowledge.

A signed 'Permission and Release' form is required for this hunt. Please do not enter the property except during the hunt times and dates – if you do, you are breaking the law.

### **SECOND**

The second fun hunt is located in far north Austin and is owned by the father of one of the Club's most successful detectorists. The site is over 21 acres of lightly vegetated land and has probably never been detected. It had a home (~1967-2003), a used car business (circa 1967) and a work shop (~1967-2022) on it according to Historic Aerials and Google Earth images. It shows evidence of being used before 1964, which is the oldest image published for the site.

This hunt will be held Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM to 3 PM. The location of this hunt will also be announced at the March meeting, it will not be published.

A signed 'Permission and Release' form is required for this hunt. Please do not enter the property except during the hunt times and dates – if you do, you are breaking the law.

Both the form and its instructions are part of this newsletter, as well as the Resource page of the Club website.

## **PERMISSION AND RELEASE FORM INSTRUCTIONS**

The form is printed with two copies on one full sheet of paper. One copy is for the property owner and one copy is for the hunter. Do not cut the sheet in half.

Each form (half-page) has two sections - the upper half will be completed by the property owner and the bottom half by the detectorist.

The detectorist should complete and sign the lower sections of \*both\* forms before arriving at the hunt location. It should be given to the huntmaster as you enter the hunt site.

During the hunt, or as soon as practical thereafter, the property owner will complete and sign their portions of the forms. The sheets will be cut in half with one half being kept by the property owner and the other given to the detectorist.

PERMISSION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to allow the use of a metal detector to search for and recover buried coins, relics and other artifacts on my property located at \_\_\_\_\_ . It is understood that recovery includes the digging of small holes which will be repaired as nearly as possible to the original condition. The permission shall remain in effect from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_ .

Property owner signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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RELEASE FORM

In consideration of the above permission, I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to release the property owner from any liability for personal injury or any other loss that I may suffer while on the owner's property during the above period and search activity. My address is \_\_\_\_\_ .

Detectorist signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## UPCOMING EVENTS – METAL DETECTING

March 9-12, 2023: **Digstock 2023** by Pete Sorrell, Matt Jones, Dave Lofgren, and Thomas Barnes at TBA in Eastern NC

March 11, 2023: **35th Annual Benefit Hunt** by Treasure Coast Archaeological Society at Wabasso-Sebastian, FL

March 17-18, 2023: **Gypsy Jewels Treasure Hunt** by Gypsy Jewels at Lions Camp, Kerrville, TX

March 18, 2023: **11th Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt** by East Texas Treasure Hunters Association at Longview, TX

March 23-26, 2023: **Metal Detector Training & Hunt** by Lost Dutchman's Mining Association at Oconee, SC

April 14-16, 2023: **Garrett Memorial Hunt: Diggin' Texas 2023** at Canton, TX

April 19-23, 2023: **Bone 30** by Streeters Treasure Hunting at Keene, VT

April 20-23, 2023: **Metal Detector Training & Hunt** by the Lost Dutchman Mining Assn at Congress, AZ

April 29-30, 2023: **2nd Annual Mike Race Memorial Open Hunt** by Lancaster Research & Recovery Club at Lancaster, PA

April 29-30, 2023: **40 yr. Club Anniversary Mega Hunt** by East Coast Research and Discovery Association at Deal, NJ

April 30, 2023: **LRRC 2023** by Lancaster Research & Recovery Club at Lancaster, PA

May 27-28, 2023: **Southern Winona Beach Hunt** by Rainbows End Metal Detecting Assn at Winona, Ontario, Canada

**See the [Calendar page of the website \(amdconline.com\)](http://amdconline.com) for more details and other events.**

**The website also has lots of stories, pictures, and educational articles so spend some time browsing.**



# AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

## FIND OF THE MONTH

DISPLAY \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

FOREIGN COIN: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

WILD CARD: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

OLDEST U.S. COIN: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_