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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

November 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

Huntmasters:

Fred Toewe and Ed Newsom

Newsletter:

Jeanne Toewe

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Webmaster:

Fred Toewe

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Hello everyone! I hope you are all doing well. I was finally able to get some good detecting in this last month, which has been awesome. It definitely helps that the weather is so nice right now.

I'm sure many those who have been in the club for a while know about how Lake Austin gets lowered every so often. I've heard stories about all the great finds, so I did some research of my own to try to figure out when the lake will be lowered again. It was last lowered in 2017 and before that in 2011, so I think it may be lowered again soon. If I had to guess, I would say 2024 or 2025. We'll see. LCRA hasn't said when the lake will be lowered again, but they usually announce it a few months in advance.

It has been a pleasure to serve as president this last year and I want to thank everybody who helped me out along the way and for all the supportive comments. We really have an amazing community here!

Good luck and happy hunting!

Andrew

OCTOBER PROGRAM RECAP

The program for October was a fabulous presentation by Scott Jacobsmeyer and Scott Wilkins. They once again had a great film and discussion of their completed detecting trip to Colchester, England. In addition, they had some of their collections for members to view and discuss.

Thank Scott and Scott for another fascinating program. It will be exciting to see how Wyatt does during their March hunt in England. Wyatt gives his father a run for his money locally and will probably do the same in England.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

For the November meeting, AMDC is happy to welcome back members, Jan Hallez and Blaine Nelson. They will give us an insight to the Eureka Treasure Hunters Club (Colorado) and the Granite State Treasure Hunter's Club (New Hampshire). They will talk about membership, what kind of hunts they have, what they do for fundraising, etc. This may lead to some interesting ideas we can apply to AMDC in the future.

Blaine will then do a SHORT presentation on Civil War tokens. Civil War tokens are most interesting, as they were privately minted and distributed in the U.S. between 1861-1864, mainly in the Northeast and Midwest. The widespread use of these tokens was a result of the scarcity of regular government issued cents during the Civil War. Blaine will share information about the types (categories) of these tokens, talk about their classification and values, and have her collection to show.

Blaine has done many presentations for the club and they are always interesting and informative. Come join the fun!

VOTING FOR AMDC OFFICERS

During the November meeting nominations for officers are invited and the Club will be voting for 2024 AMDC officers. The slate of nominees is as follows, but again other candidates are welcome:

President - Sandip Chakraborti
Vice President – Andrew Phillips
Secretary – Charles Goertz
Treasurer – Scott Hegel

The volunteer positions of Newsletter Editor and Co-Hunt Master are also open. If no one volunteers for these positions, there won't be Newsletters or Fun Hunts.

Position Descriptions for AMDC Elected Officers and Volunteers

Please review these descriptions of the duties for the AMDC elected officer positions, and Hunt Master, Webmaster, Finds of the Month Master, and the Newsletter Editor which are volunteer positions. Serving our club is a rewarding and fun opportunity!

President

Duties:

- Lead the Club meetings and Board meetings
- Prepare agendas for Board meeting, and for the Club membership meetings
- Solicit input from Board (and membership as appropriate) for topics/issues
- Prepare a “Presidents Message” for the Newsletter, monthly
- Serve as leader of the Club and contact person from the public

Time Required:

- 1 hour for monthly Board meeting via Zoom
- 2 hours for monthly Club meeting
- 1 hour for preparing agendas for Board and Membership meetings
- ½ hour to write President’s message

Vice President

Duties:

- Leads the monthly Board meeting and the Membership meeting if the President is unavailable
- Shall form and lead the Program Committee and ensure that it performs its duty
- Other tasks as necessary

Time Required:

- 1 hour for monthly Board meeting,
- 2 hours for monthly Club meeting
- Less than 1 hour per month for Program Committee

Secretary

Duties:

- Attend the Club meetings and Board meetings to record notes. Compile notes of the Board meeting and distribute to the Board, and identify Action Items
- Identify and communicate to the Newsletter Editor key points to include in the Newsletter
- Responsible for club correspondence, i.e., sending Thank You notes, cards for concerns, other correspondence as needed
- Send out all alerts, newsletters, and crucial information to the club members electronically

Time Required:

- 1 hour for monthly Board meeting,
- 2 hours for monthly Club meeting

- 2-3 hours for compiling minutes, doing correspondence etc.

Treasurer

Duties:

- Receive annual dues, monies from fundraiser and entries from annual hunt
- Write checks for meeting room, TAMDC dues & expo, hunt expenses, coins for prizes.
- Provide ongoing reports for account balance, hunt registration, membership list, coin inventory.
- Provide prize coins for Find of the Month, fundraiser, newsletter question, membership drawing, visitor drawing, program presenters.
- Provide annual financial report.

Time Required:

- 3 hour per month for meetings
- 1 hour per month for dues
- 20 hours per year acquiring coins
- 40 hours per year hunt duties
- 2 hours per month preparing reports

Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor puts together a monthly newsletter for the Club.

Duties:

- Identify and/or obtain the pertinent information on upcoming programs, activities and items of interest (using Board Meeting notes, etc.)
- Enter information into the Newsletter
- Obtain President's message and include on front page
- Obtain the Find of the Month results from the previous month and include in the FOM section
- Take or obtain from pictures of activities, searches, etc. from club members to include in Newsletter
- Encourage others to contribute news, stories, etc. to the Newsletter
- If possible, send draft to another Board member for review
- Finalize Newsletter (Microsoft Word), and also save as a PDF file
- Distribute final copy of the Newsletter in PDF to club members, webmaster and others as appropriate (visitors, members who have moved away, etc.) Use Excel membership spreadsheet as a guide for list of current members. Send using blind copy for recipients

Time Required:

- 8-10 hours per month

Hunt Master

Duties:

- Organizes, publicizes and runs monthly members only fun hunts

Time Required:

- 2 hours per month to organize and publicize

- 1 hours per month to run each hunt

Finds of the Month Master

Duties:

- Runs the FOM contest at monthly meetings
- Stores the materials used in the contest

Time Required:

- 2 hours per month to attend membership meeting and run the contest

Webmaster

Duties:

- Revise the website monthly to advertise the upcoming Club meetings, Fun hunts, and all the seeded hunts around the country.
- Revise the website as needed to add new pages and public notices as requested by the Board and Volunteers.
- Add newsletters, interesting News articles, Lost & Found articles as they become available.
- Backup the files that comprise the website.

Time Required:

- 4 hours monthly

AMDC VETERANS DAY HUNT

On Saturday, November 11th, the Club will conduct its annual Veterans Day Open Hunt at Old Settlers RV Park in Round Rock. This will be the sixth time we've held this event since 2017, missing only 2020 because of Covid 19.

The event will begin at 8:00 AM with registration when prepaid hunters should pick up their hunt badges and new registrants may sign-up. The full agenda is:

Registration	8:00 – 8:45
Warm-up Hunt	9:00 – 9:30
Silver Hunt	10:00 – 10:30
Kids Hunt	11:00 – 11:30 (free for kids 12 and under)
Lunch 11:30	12:30
TAMDC Hunt	12:30 – 2:00 (managed by TAMDC)
Main Hunt	2:15 – 3:00

We need prizes for the kids hunt such as foreign coins, small toys like cars or action figures, and other metal things appropriate for children. If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them to the meeting this Thursday or to the hunt on Saturday.

The Main Hunt will feature buried silver dimes and quarters, plus tokens for silver dollars and many prizes including metal detectors.

Parking will be different this year as a new 6' fence has been erected that prevents use of the space near where the Lunch tent has been set-up in the past. Attendees will need to park along the main driveway or in the large parking area closer to US 79.

If you haven't registered yet, there is still time to get in on the fun!

SEARCH TEAM RESULTS

Oct #1 – Adam – Lost Large Silver Ring in yard – Alan and Mitch tried with no luck.

Oct #2 – Josh – Lost Gold Pendant at ACL – Fred & Scott searched and Scott found.

Oct #3 – Mike – Lost Gold Wedding Ring while tilling gardens 1-2 years ago – Paul, Mary, Mitch and Andrew tried with no luck.

Oct #4 – Rena – Lost Sapphire Wedding Ring at ACL – Mitch & Scott tried with no luck.

Oct #5 – John – Wife lost Earring in yard – Neighbor is going to search. We will count that as a win since we never head back from John.



AMDC CACHE

Charles Goertz buried the cache on public property in September. It contains a few 'No Value' tokens so it should not sound like trash.

The first and second clues were distributed at the September and October Members meetings. Each clue is more specific than the previous. Another clue will be presented at the November meeting.

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!

OCTOBER 2023 FOM WINNERS

Display	Scott Hegel
Foreign Coin	Wyatt Jacobsmeyer – 1955 20 Centavos - Mexico
Token	Andrew Phillips -Bally's LeMans Family Fun Center
Ring	Tom Ashworth – 14K Ring
Jewelry	Fred Toewe – 10K Gold Earring
Button	Scott Hegel – Scott's Brand Levi
Artifact	Tom Ashworth – 1920 Mason Pendant
Wild Card	Jeanne Toewe – James Avery Ring
Oldest US Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1897 Dollar
Most Valuable US Coin	Wyatt Jacobsmeyer – 1936 Mercury Dime
All Categories Filled	None
Newsletter Question	No winner
Visitor Drawing	Lynden Lowery
Member Drawing	Guy Davis

UPCOMING EVENTS – METAL DETECTING

November 11, 2023: AMDC Veterans Day Open Hunt at Williamson County Old Settlers Association (RV Park) in Round Rock, TX

December 14, 2023: AMDC Annual Christmas Party starts at 6:30 PM. Bring a dish and gift to share and a song in your heart.

PLEASE NOTE: It should come as no surprise that it takes a lot of volunteers to conduct a successful hunt like our Veterans Day event. Volunteers will be needed to setup the hunt fields, to plant the fields, to direct parking, to register hunters, to sell chances for drawings, to purchase, prepare and serve the lunch food, to clean-up after the hunt is over, etc. Please do your part. There will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting. Volunteers are asked to be at Old Settlers at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are open to all Club Members. If you are interested in attending a Board meeting, please contact an Officer, Board Member, or the Webmaster for details. These are held via Zoom on the first Thursday of each month at 6:15 p.m.



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FIND OF THE MONTH

DISPLAY _____ # _____

FOREIGN COIN: _____ # _____

TOKEN: _____ # _____

RING: _____ # _____

JEWELRY: _____ # _____

BUTTON: _____ # _____

ARTIFACT: _____ # _____

WILD CARD: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

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

Name _____ Month _____