



Metal Detecting Club

Since 1963



Meeting Information:

Place: Woodlawn Baptist Church

4600 Manchaca Blvd.

Austin, TX

Day: Second Thursday of each month

Time: 7:00 pm

Membership: \$20.00

January 2024

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Editor's Message

Welcome to 2024! A new year, a new look for the newsletter. Ever since I decided to do the newsletter, things kept coming into my mind as to what I would like to try and accomplish with it. The first thing that I kept thinking about was a logo for the newsletter. I did not want to change the name, but I thought it could stand a little title treatment as they say.

I had the idea for the logo pretty early on and I even passed it by some friends at work who then went a different direction than what I wanted and I came back to it and after some modification I ended up with what you see at the top.

I also wanted to spruce up the look with color title bars and backgrounds, hyperlinks to what is referred to in stories and more. I also will be trying out new ideas and even using Artificial Intelligence to help with some idea generation. If you have questions or comments about the newsletter please let me know, my email is just to the left and down a bit. This is the AMDC membership's newsletter, so please contribute articles and or pictures. Thanks and Happy New Year!

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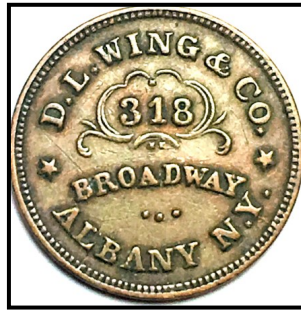
November Meeting Program

The program for the November meeting brought back some familiar faces and they brought some insight into the clubs they attend in Colorado and New Hampshire. Blaine Nelson and Jan Hallez talked about the [Eureka Treasure Hunters Club](#) in New Hampshire as well as the [Granite State Treasure Hunters Club](#).

There was discussion of the two clubs and how they differ from ours in what they do for hunts and also what categories their “Find of the Month” they have. Blaine also had a show and tell about some Civil War Tokens that she collected. Tokens are typically in one of three types: Patriotic, Store Cards and Sutler tokens.



Patriotic



Store Card



Sutler

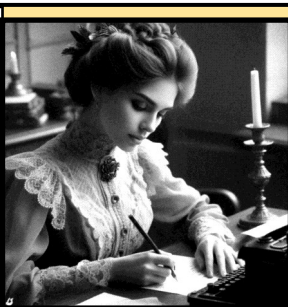
Patriotic Tokens are tokens in the category of Civil War tokens that contains over 500 different “stock” dies not relating to any specific merchant.

Store Card Tokens are those that have the name of a privately held business. Often times with their location on the token.

Sutler Tokens are a special kind of Store Card that was issued by sutlers who supplied the Union Army. These are also the rarest of the Civil War token types.

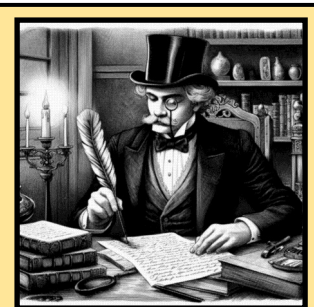
Civil War Tokens were issued mainly between 1861 and 1864 in the Northeast and Midwest but their collectability has seen them spread over the entire U.S. Civil War tokens, depending on their condition can cost from a few dollars up to many thousands of dollars for the rarest and best condition specimens.

If you happen across a Civil War token while metal detecting, you have truly come across a piece of American history!



Articles Wanted!

Have you gone on a metal detecting excursion? Would you like to share your favorite experiences while detecting? Or perhaps some pictures of you sharing the love of detecting with friends or family? I would love for you to write up a story and send it to me along with a few pictures.

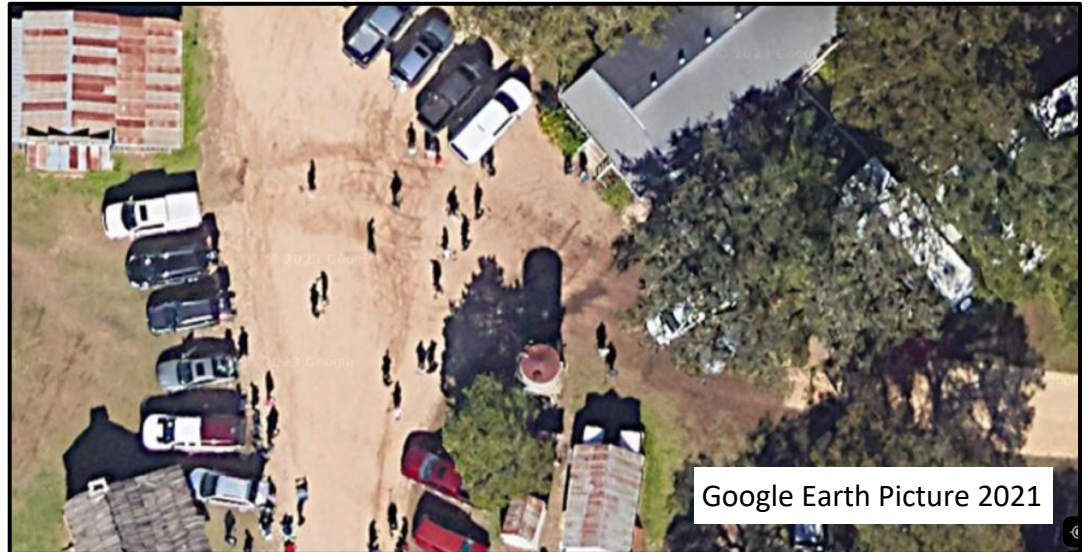


Please send submissions to newsletter@amdconline.com

Veteran's Day Hunt 2023

November 11th was the date for the AMDC Veterans Day Hunt. Along with the Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs (TAMDC) we put on a great series of Hunts. We had silver hunts, token hunts, kids hunts and the TAMDC had their own hunt. There was certainly plenty of targets to find. The only questions were how many could you get and would you find any prize tokens? A big thanks goes out to our outgoing Veterans Hunt Coordinator Jim Lawhon who helped get this hunt going and has been instrumental in making it happen year after year. We will be looking for someone to take over for Jim for the 2024 hunt and I am sure Jim will be happy to give you some pointers.

This year's hunt had nearly 100 people signed up for all the different hunts. People came from all over the state and beyond to take part in this yearly tra-



dition. Mitch and Alan were able to provide lunch for everyone at the hunt. There were burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, chips and tea and water. Many compliments were handed out for the benefit of not having to leave the site to find food.



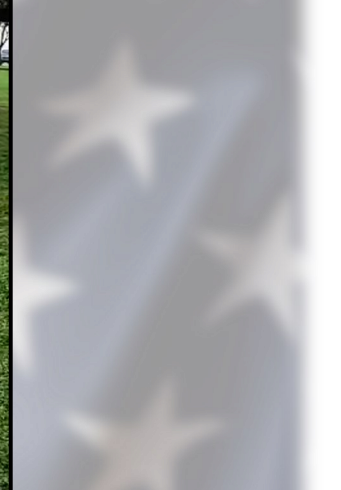
Every year is a learning experience and we learn a little more each time to make the next hunt that much better. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the raffle, the food, setting up the field, burying coins....burying more coins, and also to TAMDC.

We hope you will join us next year for the veteran's

Day Hunt, whether as a participant or a volunteer or both! Please enjoy these pictures from this year's event! You can also enjoy a video made by [Panther City Outdoors](#) as they made their way through the various hunts. You can also see this brief video from the [TAMDC Hunt](#).



Veteran's Day Hunt 2023 Pictures



Picture Courtesy:
[Panther City Outdoors](#)



Click the pictures for link to the video!

Holiday Party!



December had all regular club meetings postponed in order to make room for the holiday party!

Folks came in style and bearing gifts and food! Now who doesn't like that combination?

Enjoy some photos of this year's party extravaganza!





Metal Detecting News

Straight from the headlines of news outlets across the world, here are some stories you may have missed.

AMDC Editor is not responsible for the content or how it will make you feel after you see someone find a hoard of coins.

[Metal Detecting Brits Unearth Medieval Church Artifacts](#)

[Man buys a metal detector for fun and makes the 'gold find of the century' in Norway](#)

["Significant" hoard of Bronze Age treasure discovered by metal detectorists in Wales](#)

[Metal detectorist finds rare 15th Century Madonna and Child ring](#)

AMDC Search Team Results

The Austin Metal Detecting Club has a team of searchers that go out and attempt to find lost items. These are the results of our recent searches.



The Story: I lost my double banded wedding band! I was climbing on the dinosaur head at a park and holding onto the rope, and it caught my rings and launched them!! I found the engagement ring, but we couldn't find my wedding band.

The Search: Mitch was able to search for this item. After spending 20 minutes searching where the ring should likely have fallen, the only thing left to do was to look in a less obvious place.

The Result:

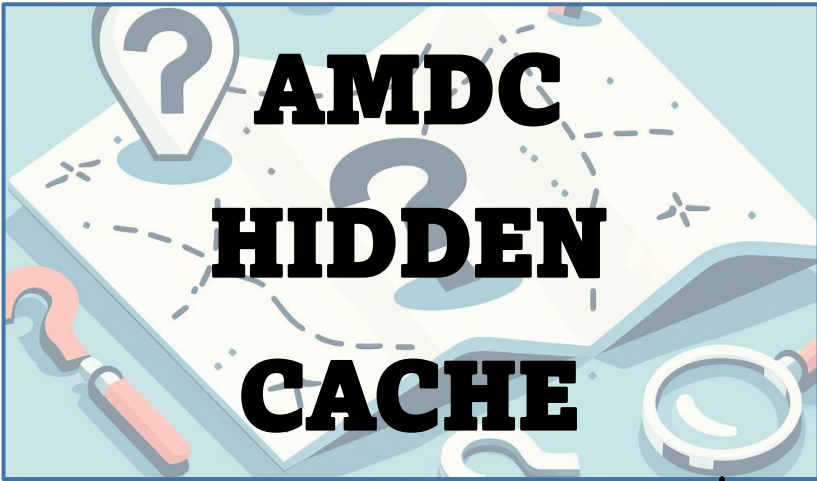


The Story: Small gold nugget pendant in the shape of my initial given to me by a Native Alaskan shaman while on a movie set on a lama trekking ranch in Alaska. It is very important I find this soon, as we are moving across the country, and it holds a lot of personal value to me. I believe it slipped off my chain while I was raking leaves somewhere in the yard. Hopefully, I didn't throw it in a leaf bag.

The Search: Mitch went out and searched for about 30 minutes but he got into something that got his skin itching. Perhaps a hackberry tree or something, so he called it off early with hopes someone else could go out and give it a go.

The Result:

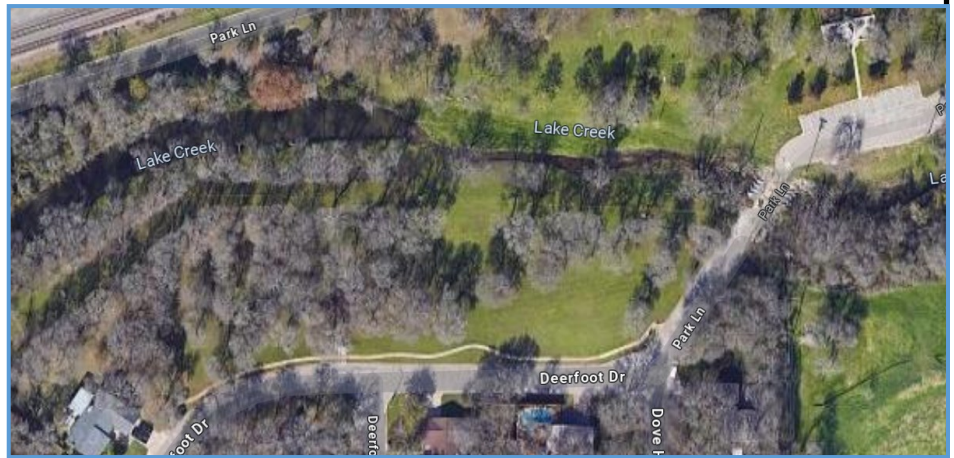




The AMDC has a hidden treasure! Well, sort of. Each month a clue is brought to a meeting that gives a clue to the location of this hidden cache. Each month the clues get more specific. Once the cache is found, a new one is hidden and it starts over. The cache that is found is brought to the meeting and exchanged for a prize! Can you find the cache???

Cache Found!

Mitch found the cache! The first clue gave us the hint that the cache was hidden in Round Rock. The second clue was a YouTube video called [The Ballad of Deerfoot](#). Mitch said, had he thought a little more it might have given him a better idea where to look, but the final clue was a picture of a tree in a park. Mitch then Googled Deerfoot in Round Rock and Found a road called Deerfoot Dr. near a



After about 10 minutes he located the tree in the picture. He first circled the perimeter of the tree detecting for buried treasure. No luck. Then he just used his eyes and thought, "What would make a noticeable landmark to hide a cache?" He spotted a small tree stump not far from the tree but in line of site of the tree in the picture. Sure enough, after a little digging, there was the cache! A new cache will be hidden and the first clue will show up soon

at a meeting near you! Remember, clues are only given at the meetings, so you must be present to obtain each one.




Display	Scott Hegel
Foreign Coin	Sandip Chakraborti - Kazakhstan
Token	Blaine Nelson - Triborough Bridge & Tunnel
Ring	Blaine Nelson - Silver with Turquoise
Jewelry	Blaine Nelson - 18K Cross with Diamonds
Button	Mitch London - Austin Pizza
Artifact	Blaine Nelson - Merry Widows Cap
Wild Card	Scott Hegel - Claw Charm/Blaine Nelson - Bell
Oldest US Coin	Blaine Nelson - 1927 Mercury Dime
Most Valuable US Coin	Charles Goertz/Blaine Nelson - 1945 Mercury Dime
All Categories Filled	None
Newsletter Question	None
Visitor Drawing	Allen Rojas
Member Drawing	Donald Dauterive



Upcoming Events



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- January 11- **AMDC Meeting**– New year, new detectors. Hear about what’s new for 2024.
 - February 8- **AMDC Meeting**– Lights On/Lights Off Hunt! Bring your detectors!
 - February 23-25, Florida Hunt 10 Metal Detecting Fundraiser
 - February 24, 2024: HARC 42nd Annual Galveston Open Beach Hunt by [Houston Archeology and Recovery Club](#) at R.A. Apffel East Beach Park, Galveston
 - March 14- **AMDC Meeting**– Mitch presents a program on the earliest coins.
 - March 22-24, 2024: [First-ever Greatest little Treasure Show](#) in Texas by Larry Vickers at Llano, TX
 - April 5-7, First Annual Show-Me Pro/AM, Treasure Hunt, Missouri
 - April 11- **AMDC Meeting**– Underwater Hunting with Tom. How long can you hold your breath?
 - April 27-28, East Coast Research and Discovery 41st Anniversary Open Hunt, New Jersey
 - May 9- **AMDC Meeting**– 3D Printing...can it help metal detecting? Come find out!
 - June 13- **AMDC Meeting**– Paul presents his target ID game. Bring your detectors!
 - July 11- **AMDC Meeting**– TBD
 - August 8- **AMDC Meeting**– TBD
 - September 12- **AMDC Meeting**– TBD
 - October 10- **AMDC Meeting**– TBD
 - November 14- **AMDC Meeting**– Elections
 - December 12- **AMDC- Holiday Party**



See those empty spaces to the left?

If you would like to present a program at one of our meetings, please get in touch with one of our board members.

It does not have to be on metal detecting, but perhaps on a topic you know and care about.

Let’s learn something!

Meeting Topics Subject to Change

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 _____