



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: \$2,000

April 2024

Club Officers:

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Andrew Phillips

Treasurer

Scott Hegel

Secretary

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The Greatest Little Treasure

Show in Texas!

Larry Vickers took it upon himself to put together a treasure show and coin hunt. The event was March 23 and 24th and held in Llano, Texas. Check out some pics! More on page 3!



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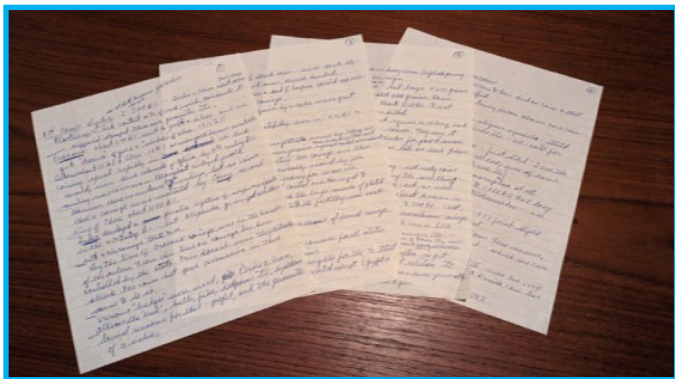
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March Meeting Program

Coins have been a fascination of our hobbyists for a long time. We are happy to find a coin a hundred or more years old. But coins have been around for a whole lot longer. Mitch London gave a presentation on the earliest coins going back to Greek and Roman times.



Mitch started the journey of this presentation with his coin club. As the secretary he was charged with keeping the old records many of which had not been looked at in decades. In them he found the handwritten notes from a member dated 1958. It was a program given to the club and then the papers were filed away. Mitch took it upon himself to transcribe these notes into a PowerPoint presentation.

Beginning in Lydia, Greece the story began about 700 B.C. and followed the creation of gold and silver coins throughout the ages. Some countries had “coins” not typically round. They came in many shapes and sizes. From the Indian coins to the Chinese “knife” and “key” money.



Eventually coins became more regular with better minting technology. They were no longer just bashed into a shape with some rudimentary inscriptions. They had portraits, inscriptions and many commemorated famous events or people.

It was a fascinating program, and Mitch even donated one of the Chinese coins from several hundred years ago as a door prize.



AMDC Monthly Programs Wanted!

AMDC thrives on its members and there is nothing we like more than to have someone give a program during the meeting. We would love you to be the program for an upcoming meeting! The topic can be anything you like, it does not have to be metal detecting related, but it does help. It could be about your aspect of the hobby, a place you have hunted and found interesting treasures or a variety of tips you know about selecting a hunt site. Just get in contact with our Vice President to pick a month you can present a program!



**Sun-warmed earth whispers secrets old,
Coil hums, a spring symphony untold.
Green shoots unfurl, a ferrous chime,
History unearthed, one beep at a time.**



**Spring is Here!
Get Your Detectors
Ready!**

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.



FOUND!

The Story: Can you locate an iron survey stake? Just one. I know about where it should be. I'll be happy to pay you or make a contribution to your club.



The Search: Success in very short order. Brad found the plat plan for the property so we knew within inches where the pin should be. Low and behold - it was. Took just seconds to locate and a few more to dig around and expose the iron. Brad gifted the Club \$30 and forced me to buy Round Rock Donuts for the Club.

FOUND!

The Story: Hello, hoping you can help, lost my wedding ring while working in the backyard. Believe it was lost in the work zone but may have come out in the front yard. Anything you can do to help, even if it is a metal detector suggestion to buy would be helpful.



The Search: Success. Took about 30 minutes. They insisted on making a generous donation to the club. Their first wedding anniversary is next month.



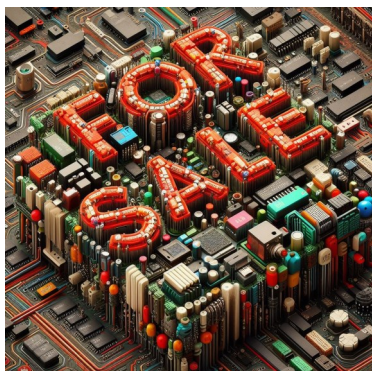
The Story: My wife lost her gold cross and chain in our back yard while we cutting down a fallen limb.

The Search: Fred & Jeanne search with no luck.

FOUND!

The Story: I'm wondering if there are any club members in San Marcos or near by, or anyone else, who could help me. My gold ring which I have had since 1967 flew off my finger when I was throwing a toy for a dog to fetch. I got it when I was in the Army in Turkey, have worn it ever since and it means a lot to me. I have been losing weight recently, which is why the ring was loose.

The Search: Andrew searched and made short order of this for another win.



Have an item for sale?

Perhaps a no longer needed pinpoint. Last years model top-of-the-line detector. Maybe you upgraded and no longer need the older version. Whatever the case may be, you can offer it up to club members right herein the newsletter for the low low price of absolutely nothing! Just send the detail and if possible include a picture or two and send it to newsletter@amdconline.com .



Getting to Know: Blaine Nelson

When did you first get interested in metal detecting and why?

2002. I saw a news clip of detectorists (Scott and Larry, I believe) detecting when the lakes were lowered and it

piqued my interest.



What was your first detector and what did you find with it?

Garret 750 (no longer made). Found lots of coins, jewelry, misc.

What are some of your favorite places to detect? Why?

Fresh water lakes. I love the water and you are more likely to find jewelry

If you could go anywhere and detect, where would you go?

Swim areas that have been off limits for years

What was your favorite place that you were able to detect? What did you find?

I guess Canyon Lake, when I lived in TX. It was not too far from where I lived in Wimberley, and over the years I've found many nice pieces of jewelry

What is the best thing you have found while detecting and where did you find it?

Platinum, emerald and diamond ring - Lake Austin

What was the hardest thing you have had to detect and was the result worth it?

Can't think of one particular thing... probably on one of the Search Team efforts

What advice would you give to someone new in the hobby?

Keep swinging. You won't find good stuff if you don't put in the time!

How many detectors have you owned over your time in this hobby, are there any favorites?

I have owned several Garrett's and before Tesoro went out of business, my preferred detectors were the Cortez and Tiger Shark. Now I have 4 Garrett - 2 AT Gold's a Pro and a Max.



What is your favorite aspect of metal detecting that keeps you going?

This hobby excites me. You can go for a short time or longer time, on the spur of the moment or a planned outing for the day. It relaxes me, gets me out into nature and provides some exercise. The added plus are the treasures you find.

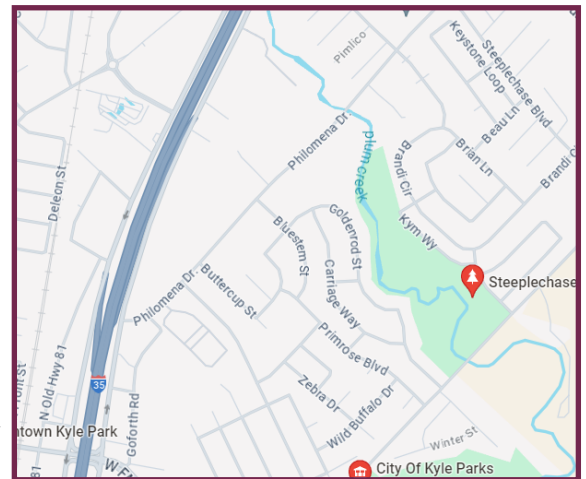


The AMDC has a hidden treasure! Well, sort of. Each month a clue is brought to a meeting that gives a clue to the location of this hidden cache. Each month the clues get more specific. Once the cache is found, a new one is hidden and it starts over. The cache that is found is brought to the meeting and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

The First Cache of 2024 Found!

Tom Baum was the first to locate the Hidden Cache. There were a total of three clues given. All the clues were given by Kyle from the TV show Southpark. That was part of the clue, that the cache was in Kyle, TX. There was also a mention of not jumping through hurdles. That was a clue about which park...Steeplechase. The Steeplechase is a horse race where the horses jump over barriers or hurdles. See?

The next clue helped narrow it down by mentioning. Cartman said "kick you in the plums." That was a reference to the near by Plum Creek. The it said ..."in the yards" which references the yard markers on the driving range at the disc golf course.



The final clue did a little recap of the previous clues, and giving the final clue of a particular Gerard Butler film in 2006. His only movie at that time was the film 300. This was a hint that the resting place of the cache was at the 300 yard marker on the disc golf driving range.

Tom was the first one out there to find the cache but not the only one. Fred had made his way to the park but had some grandkids in tow that diverted his time away from the search. Hopefully everyone still had a good time. Tom can now bring in the cache and exchange it for a prize at the next meeting. He also has the option of hiding the next cache or leaving it to the Cache Master General to hide the next one. Don't forget, you can only get the next clue at a meeting. We hope to see you there!





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| Display | Sandip Chakraborti/Debbie Young |
| Foreign Coin | Sandip Chakraborti—African Coin |
| Token | Sandip Chakraborti—Pinballz Arcade |
| Ring | Debbie Young—Class Ring |
| Jewelry | Debbie Young—Necklace |
| Button | Sandip Chakraborti—Punk Rock Button |
| Artifact | Alan Russell—Braided Twine Bracelet |
| Wild Card | Fred Toewe—Spoon |
| Oldest US Coin | Sandip Chakraborti—1951 Nickel |
| Most Valuable US Coin | Sandip Chakraborti—1916 Cent |
| All Categories Filled | Sandip Chakraborti |
| Newsletter Question | Bob Hope |
| Visitor Drawing | Leroy Stevenson |
| Member Drawing | Fred Toewe |



Upcoming Events



April 11, 2024 **AMDC meeting featuring Tom Ashworth presents a program on water detecting.**

April 13, 2024: **Sunshine Silver and Relic Hunt** at Orlando, FL [Flyer](#)

April 13-14, 2024: **2024 LRRC Hunt** at Lancaster, PA [Flyer 1](#) [Flyer 2](#)

April 20, 2024: **Spring Open Hunt** at Allentown, PA [Flyer](#)

April 24-28, 2024: **Bone 31** by Treasure Coast Archaeological Society at Keene, NH [Flyer](#)

April 27-28, 2024: **Hoosier Classic Treasure Hunt** at Seymour, IN [Flyer](#)

April 27-28, 2024: **37th National Open Hunt** at Pryor, OK [Flyer](#)

April 27-28, 2024: **41st Club Anniversary Open Hunt** at Deal, NJ [Flyer](#)

May 3-4, 2024: **Nugget Noggin Live** by Nugget Noggin at Rock Hill, SC [Flyer](#)

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**

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 _____