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Meeting Information:

Place: Woodlawn Baptist Church

4600 Menchaca Blvd.

Austin, TX

Day: Second Thursday of each month

Time: 7:00 pm

Membership: \$20

August 2024

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August is Heat Awareness Month For AMDC Members

The summer is heating up and August is going to be a scorcher! If you plan on doing metal detecting, please take precautions...

Drink Water

Wear Sun Protection

Detect Early in the Day

Take Rest Breaks Often

Detect With Someone

Drink Water Some More!

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July Meeting Program

Scott Hegel is what you might call an avid water metal detectorist. This was gleaned from his presentation at the July AMDC meeting. At a previous meeting we heard a program on going deep under water, but Scott's program focused on detecting beaches down to about waist deep.



Scott mentioned that many if not most metal detectors worth their salt, have at least a waterproof coil and you should be safe searching in knee deep waters. However, the control box, or the brains of most detectors are not and if your detector slips out of your hand while in the water, bzzt! You can buy a completely submersible detector, however, they usually cost a bit more, but you may be able to go down several feet. However, you might need to buy special earphones in order to hear the tones of the detector. *(These 'howevers' are getting expensive!)* You can also purchase a handheld submersible detector that lets you down several dozen feet, but now you need air, so let's stick closer to the surface.

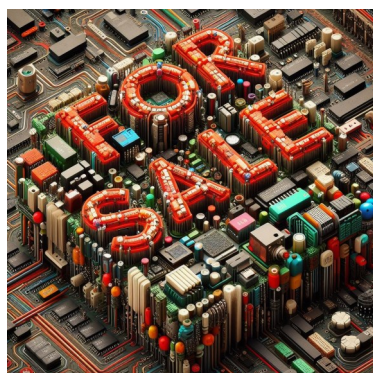
Beach hunting generally includes the dry sand and wading into ankle and

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August Meeting Info:

The program for the August meeting will be a finger food social. Feel free to bring a light snack to share and we will take it easy as we chat

about the hobby and possibly come up with ideas for future programs, places to hunt, and we will also be discussing the upcoming club hunt. Volunteers will be needed. You can also bring your own beverage if you wish though there will be something to drink on hand. We hope to see you there!



Mary Prause has a few items she is looking to sell. If you are interested in any of these items, please contact her directly at [mprasuse\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:mprasuse@sbcglobal.net).



All items are new and in original packaging. If you need a starter metal detecting kit, this would be a great way to start!

. See below.

Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector **\$175** Garrett Shovel **\$50** Garrett Digger **\$25**

Garrett Sand Scoop **\$5** Garrett Finds Bag **\$5**

knee deep waters. Here you might benefit from a sand scoop to help sift out your treasures. Those too can get expensive as Scott has found out over the years whenever he upgraded from one sand scoop to the next. But with each new scoop, he said he would always attach a magnet to the bottom of the scoop. That way any ferrous items would be easily snagged and retrievable.

One specialty item that he built was a floating silt sifter which is made from PVC and pool noodles inside a mesh laundry bag. This can float next to you and allow you to sift your scoops of sand and silt in a bigger space then trying to fish out your finds in the sand scoop.



There was some discussion as to where to do some water hunting and this led to some generalizations as people who hunt the waterways that find lots of good things are sometimes wary to divulge their secrets. But fear not, just head over to the AMDC website and look at the resources page <http://www.amdconline.com/resources.php> where you can find some basic information about the lakes and waterways. Happy Hunting!

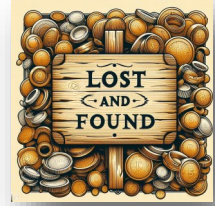
Cartoon Caption Contest!

I will have AI generate a cartoon but I need you to come up with the caption! Each month will be a new cartoon and opportunity to win a prize! Below is the cartoon, come up with a short caption for the cartoon and send it too newsletter@amdconline.com. The winner will be announced in the next months issue of the newsletter!



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.

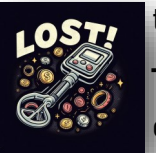


The Story: One section of my sprinklers in my backyard won't turn off. My Gardner told me there should be a small box with a green lid where a valve needs to be replaced. However the box must have been buried because we cannot find it. I'm hoping a metal detector would help.



The Results: Mitch went hoping for a quick find, but upon arrival saw the yard was pretty big and rocky as well as tiered. He tried following the known lines of water to locate the solenoid, but no luck as some lines went off to a dead end and some disappeared

The Story: My white gold wedding rings (both are diamonds with sapphire) were misplaced about two weeks ago when about to move into a new home. Since we are moving, loads of items are being taken to the new house each day. Our move out day is THIS week, on Wednesday, July 31st, so



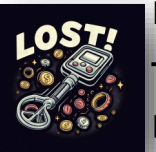
this is a desperate emergency!

The Result: Scott took this challenge on and looked in the back yard with no luck. The determination was that it was likely in the house.

The Story: I have been unable to find my grandfather's class ring since last week, I last remember seeing it on my bedside table.

The Result: Scott mentioned to the person that detectors would be mostly useless in side a house with all the metal and nails and such. No search was scheduled.

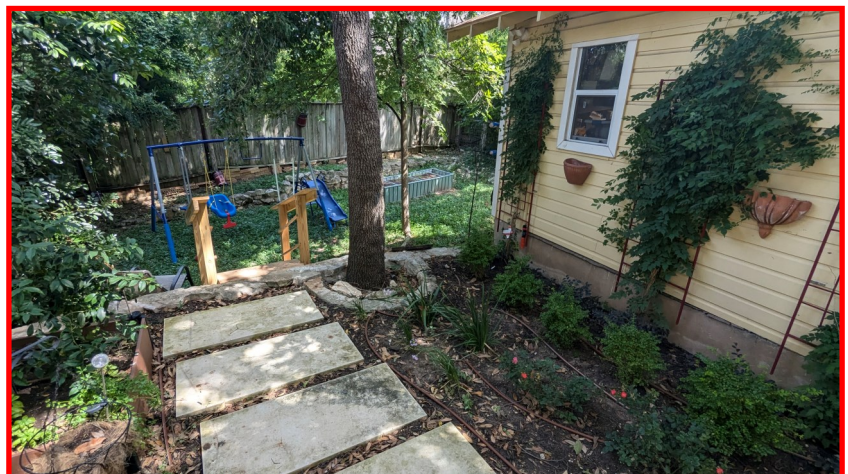
The Story: Hi, I lost my gold ring in my back yard while planting a flower bed. It is special to me.



Please let me know if you can help me. Thank you very much!

The Result: Mitch went to search. The area was a large garden that had a few dozen plants planted and the ring could be down 10-12 inches. There was also the possibility that as a rock in the plant hole was discovered it was thrown into the back yard and the ring could have come off then. Mitch was using a detector with a sharpshooter coil and did not think it was going deep enough for the flower bed area. He emailed the group to see if someone else can make another search. If there is an update to this story, we will let you know.

Side Note: *Be careful when leaning your detector against something. Mitch bumped his AT Max and broke the control box from the pole.*



AMDC Cache Number 2-Found!

The second cache of the year has been found! This cache was different in style than previous ones. It was written in lyrical form with lyrics by Thomas Bob (aka Tom Baum), Music and vocals by Allen Ambuhl, Metal detector special effects by Debbie Young, 2024 . The three sets of clues were made as a song and on the issuing of the third clue we were also treated to a recording of the song. Below is the clues in song form as well as a story of the inspiration of the song. Please enjoy!

Detecting the Hidden Cache

Yahoo, a cache waits! Let's open nature's gate

Lord thank you for this day! Your signs will guide my way

I want to get down. Want to touch ground

With the latest clue, I sense what to do

Detecting the hidden cache. (Finding gifts along the path)

I yearn for what I'll find. It's all in your time

A lady bug flying bye, brought tears to my eye

With an open heart, time for a new start

"Breathe easy here", the motto, Ticket to win, the "lotto"

A kid at heart. Head'n for the city park

From 10 to 2 Sundays, Earth's bounty displayed

Like steel tracks for a train, this stage paves the way.

Dig'n dirty trash, among lush grass

Dig'n aluminum cans, feeling the fertile land

Get'n strange stares. Seeing people who care

Detecting the hidden cache. (Finding gifts along the path)

Lord, thank you for this day! (Your signs will guide my way)

Listen for those tones. (What will I be shown)

I yearn for what I'll find. It's all in your time

Seeking the hidden cache. There's no turning back

Near the buried stash, meet water, onion and track.

Follow the whistle's moan, along the parallel road

Beyond parks, public works and farm. Turn before the blue barn

A car ahead is stuck. - - - - -

My push begins the roll, and a rush fills my soul

Brightened by sunny skies, nature's gleam in my eyes.

Choosing the right trail. I cannot fail.

Detecting the hidden cache. (*GIVING* gifts along the path)

I yearn for what I'll find. It's all in your time

Back at it again. Toward vision's end

A tranquil spirit abounds. Detecting these Budaful grounds

Digging these holes. Spiritual times unfold

I hug the water's bank. God is whom to thank

Picking up the trash. Keeping clean the track

I give a smile, to father and child

I pet the stray, that's lost its way

Tempted to sit the bench. Alas, my soul to quench

Next to the tunneled tree. Will solve the mystery

Digging the final hole. Turning dirt into gold

There I find the cache! Joyful ever last!

Lord, I thank you for this life, leading my soul through its strife

I'll detect for that hidden cache. Giving gifts along the path...

Detecting the Hidden Cache

(By Thomas Bob (aka Tom Baum) and Allen Ambuhl) July, 2024

Lyric writer's Inspiration:

In addition to providing clues leading to detection of the Austin Metal Detecting Club's (AMDC) hidden cache, this song is about one's search for that elusive treasure; our true purpose in life.

Upon retiring, an old man, Tom, was blessed with the opportunity to work as a volunteer at an organic, community farm and form a great friendship with a very unique and special young man, Jack.

Now Jack had an exceptionally friendly, courteous and upbeat disposition in spite of having navigated through significant life challenges. He had suffered through the divorce of his parents, been caught engaging in very serious criminal behavior, was honorably discharged from the army for serious physical and emotional injuries incurred in battle and survived the loss of many close friends to war, suicide and drug abuse.

That said, Jack was very proud of forging a seemingly bright future; he was engaged to be married, was nearing completion of a degree in agriculture and had been hired as the full-time lead farmhand at the community farm.

While co-farming, the men traded life experiences, interests and stories of fishing, hunting, gardening, cooking, sports and metal detecting/prospecting. This resulted in the a solid bond of friendship. In fact, Jack was the first to be informed of Tom's success in finding the AMDC hidden cache! Tom shared that he would be hiding the next club cache and intended to provide clues in the form of song lyrics...

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As time went on, it became apparent that Jack was caught between his commendable desire to pursue an honest living in agriculture and his fiancé's wishes for him to pursue a more illustrious and lucrative career (criminal or otherwise..).

Their relationship eventually blew up and sent Jack into a downward spiral. In addition to being evicted from their apartment, Jack dropped out of school, quit his farmhand job and moved back home with his supportive Dad. Jack was faced with the dilemma of "Where to go from here"...



Congratulations to Debbie Young who found the hidden cache!

Winning Cartoon Caption!



The new Canine Crew Metal Detecting Club is the club to beat! They really sniff out those targets!

-Debbie Young



Congratulations!

AMDC member Carolyn Rost who took the drawing prize from the AMDC club fundraiser.

Happy Detecting with your new Garrett Ace 300!



Display	Fred Toewe
Foreign Coin	Frank Vick – 1919 Large Cent – Canada
Token	Frank Vick – Lost Pines Arcade
Ring	Frank Vick – 14K Gold
Jewelry	Mary Prause – Saints Bracelet
Button	Frank Vick – 2 Hole Brass
Artifact	Fred Toewe – Apple Watch (returned to owner)
Wild Card	Fred Toewe – Toy Helicopter
Oldest US Coin	Frank Vick – 1883 “V” Nickel
Most Valuable US Coin	Frank Vick – 1983D Quarter
All Categories Filled	Frank Vick
Newsletter Question	Jeanne Toewe
Visitor Drawing	Joyce Wood, Carolyn Rost
Member Drawing	Daniel Mireles



Upcoming Events



August 8- **AMDC Meeting**– Club Social. Please bring some snacks to share. Drinks provided.

NOTE:There will be no club hunt in August due to heat.

August 10-11, 2024: **40th Annual Treasure Hunt** by Black Diamond Treasure Hunters Club at Dallas, PA [Flyer](#)

August 17-18, 2024: **45th Annual Buckeye Championship Treasure Hunt** by Don & Bill Hayes at New Concord, OH [Flyer](#)

August 24, 2024: **East Texas Treasure Show** by multiple sponsors at Mineola, TX [Flyer](#)

August 30-Sept. 1: **6th Annual Moonshine Open Treasure Hunt** by Central Kentucky Research & Recovery Team, Metal Detecting Club at Crab Orchard, KY [Facebook Page](#)

September 12- **AMDC Meeting**– Paul will be doing his target ID program. Be sure to bring your detector and pencil, but leave your finds bag, hat, knee pads, pinpointer, shovel at home.

September 21: **Midwest Silver shootout** at Kirklin, IN [Flyer](#)

October 10- **AMDC Meeting**– Scott made another trip to England!

October 11-13, : [Ka-do-ha Treasure Fest 7](#) by Ka-Do-Ha Indian Village at Murfreesboro, AR

October 12 : [CTTC Annual Open Hunt](#) by Central Texas Treasure Club at Brownwood,TX

October 20 : Annual Open Hunt by Massachusetts Treasure Hunting Assn at Milton, MA

October 26 : [Big Silver Hunt](#) by Lehigh Valley Treasure Hunters Club at Allentown, PA

November 1-2 : [2024 Birthday Bash](#) Gypsy Jewels & American Digger Magazine at Pittsburgh, TX

November 14- **AMDC Meeting**– Elections, Mitch will present a program on AI and detecting.

November 16, 2024: Veterans Day Hunt by Austin Metal Detecting Club at Round Rock, TX

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.



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: _____ \$ _____ # _____

Name _____ Month _____