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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

#### September 2024

#### Club Officers:

**President** 

Sandip Chakraborti

Vice President

**Andrew Phillips** 

Treasurer

Scott Hegel

Secretary

Charles Goertz

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#### I'll Make Ya Famous!

Tom Baum has been in email contact with Ryan Murray, publisher/editor of Texas Cache Mag this past week. Ryan will have a booth at the Gypsy Jewel/American Digger birthday bash first week in November. He asked that Tom pass on to the club that Ryan welcomes photos of any cool club finds for possible publishing in the magazine.

Photos with brief descriptions can be emailed to him at

texascachemag@gmail.com

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# **August Meeting Program**

The August Meeting Program was a gathering of members as there was no scheduled program. After a brief meeting to discuss business and upcoming events the meeting portion ended. Then, there was snacks! Folks brought home made or store bought goodies for people to enjoy while they discussed metal detecting or while they voted on Finds of the Month. After a brief social and awarding the Finds of the Month the meeting was over.

#### **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 b 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!

#### Have an item for sale?

Perhaps a no longer needed pinpointer. 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 <a href="mailto:newsletter@amdconline.com">newsletter@amdconline.com</a>.



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.



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** 

#### Student Uncovers 'Rare' Viking Treasures with Metal Detector

#### By Alex Mitchell

A young archeology student in the Scandinavian nation discovered seven "spectacular" silver artifacts significant to the Viking rule of centuries past, The Associated Press reported.

The Danish Moesgaard Museum announced Monday that 22-year-old researcher Gustav Bruunsgaard found seven silver arm rings — a material significant to Viking currency circa 800 Common Era — in the city of Aarhus earlier this year. Three of them, found in a Viking stronghold during its time, were

described by the institution as "rare." Bruunsgaard discovered them using a metal detector.

These bands, which weigh more than a pound in total, also have incredibly unique histories and global ties. One of the silver craft's origins was a Viking settlement in modern-day Russia and Ukraine which had its style spread and copied in the Nordic area.



#### **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 <a href="mailto:newsletter@amdconline.com">newsletter@amdconline.com</a>. 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.

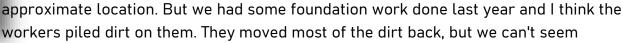


The Story: I lost my wedding diamond that was in a pendant, my necklace broke while watering the garden, with out me noticing.

The Results: We are still waiting to get in touch.

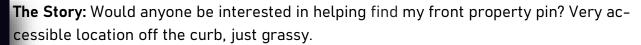


**FOUND!** The Story: We were wondering if you could help us find some sprinkler valves in our yard. We have a map and know the



to find the valve covers anymore. Most of the housing is plastic, but the wires are copper. And they have metal screws in them. Is this something that you could help us with? Please let me know when you have the chance. Thank you!

**The Search:** Mitch went out on this one. There were plenty of other valves to get a reading off of. The map mentioned looked like a treasure map but it was at least something to go on. After narrowing the search area down, Mitch spent about 30 minutes and found the first one and shortly thereafter the second one. There was mention of a third missing valve so Mitch found that one too.



The Search: Mitch went out on this one and searched for about an hour with no luck on the pin. He did find a buried stake that was part of the old gravel retaining border which was in line with where the border should have been. Taking that as a close second the home owner thanked the club.



**The Story:** This one was originally sent in April of this year.

Item was lost in particular area of lake in shallow water. I'm pretty sure of the area it was lost.

The Search: We are still waiting on good weather and searchers for this one.

FOUND! The Story & Search: Fred & Scott searched for a ring lost last year at Lake Pflugerville. Even though the water was lower than before, the plants were overgrown we were not successful. Scott tried one again with no success. Fred was approached as he was leaving Lake Pflugerville and searched the sand for the ring and waist deep water for the

chain, but no luck. Fred, Debbie and Scott went back the next day as searched again. Debbie and Scott left and Fred went to another part of the beach that he had not searched the day before. Fred found the chain in an area that the person said it definitely was not in.

#### Winning Cartoon Caption!



"Found It! Now, to get back to my home on the Sun before I melt in this Texas heat!"

-J. Dale Shively



Another trio of the bands were called "rare" for lacking ornamentation in design, they are from both Scandinavia and England. The others are common to southern Scandinavia and likely Denmark. All the artifacts displayed "the owner's financial ability," per the museum. This discovery also further puts the nation on the Viking map.

"The find emphasizes that Aarhus was a central hub in the Viking world," said museum historian Kasper H. Andersen. Experts who traced the armbands' existence back to around 800 CE noted that this was the early days of the Viking empire, which survived until approximately 1066 — the same year William the Conqueror invaded England from Normandy.

For more on this story please visit the New York Times



**Display** Frank Vick and Debbie Young

Foreign Coin Frank Vick

**Token** Frank Vick

**Ring** Fred Toewe

**Jewelry** Debbie Young

**Button** Frank Vick

Artifact Frank Vick

Wild Card Debbie Young

Oldest US Coin Frank Vick

Most Valuable US Coin None

All Categories Filled None

Newsletter Question Larry O'Neal

Visitor Drawing Claude Veale

Member Drawing Allen Ambuhl



### **Upcoming Events**



September 12: AMDC Members meeting featuring Paul Krugler's Target ID Game. Be sure to bring your detector and pencil, but leave your finds bag, hat, knee pads, pinpointer, shovel and water bottle at home.

September 14: <u>54th Annual Club Hunt and Picnic</u> by Empire State Metal Detector Assn at Berne Town Park. NY

September 15: 47th Annual Treasure Hunt by Mo-Kan Search and Recovery Club at Lathrop, MO

September 21: Midwest Silver Shootout 2024 by Detecting Gear LLC & Jeffery Behnke, Kirklin, IN

September 21–22: <u>33rd Annual Jersey Shore Treasure Hunt</u> by Deep Search Metal Detecting Club at Deal, NJ

October 6: Open Beach Hunt by Staten Island History Hunters NY

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 Treausre Club at Brownwood, TX

October 12: Big Fall Treasure Hunt by Ohio Detectorists Association at Oregonia,

October 19: 19th Annual Leon Johnson & Paul Kennedy Memorial Open Relic Hunt by Tri-State Coin & Relic Hunting Club at Booneville, MS

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

October 26: Fall Silver Hunt by Ozarks Metal Detecting Club at Atkins, AR

November 1-2: <u>2024 Birthday Bash by Gypsy Jewels & American Digger Magazine</u> at Pittsburgh, TX Web page

November 16: <u>Veterans Day Hunt</u> by Austin Metal Detecting Club at Round Rock, TX <u>TAMDC Flyer</u>
\*\*\*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:	\$	#
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