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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

October 2024

## Club Officers:

### President

Sandip Chakraborti

### Vice President

Andrew Phillips

### Treasurer

Scott Hegel

### Secretary

Charles Goertz

**Board Members:** Sandip Chakraborti, Andrew Philips, 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:

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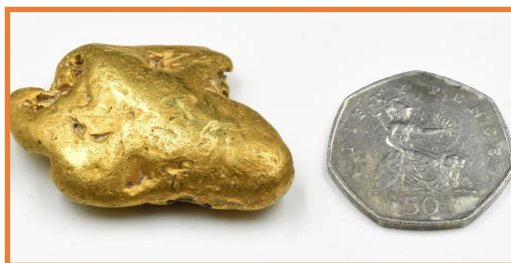
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## Man With Broken Metal Detector Unearths Largest Gold Nugget Ever Found in England

Story Courtesy: [Smithsonian Magazine](#)

Richard Brock was an hour late to a meetup of amateur metal detectorists. Worse still, when he finally arrived, he realized his metal detector wasn't working properly.

The odds seemed stacked against him. But despite everything that went wrong that day, Brock discovered a 2.3-ounce (64.8-gram) gold nugget after just 20 minutes of searching. The object, nicknamed "Hiro's Nugget," is



thought to be the largest gold nugget ever discovered in England.

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# September Meeting Program

The September program was just late enough in the year to hold an event outdoors. Paul Krugler was kind enough to set up his target identification game. Folks brought out their detectors to try their luck at identifying 15 different targets. While some were U.S. Coins of varying denomination and alloys, other targets were everything from rusty nails to everyone's favorite metal detecting find...pull tabs.



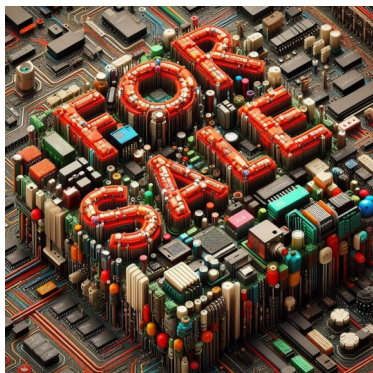
There was a good group on hand to try the game out. People were given sheets of paper with the numbers 1 through 15 with half of them being designated as U.S. Coins and the others listed as "other". The 15 targets were spread out so as to limit the amount of interference from other people's detectors and members and guests took their detectors and swept them over each of the targets in turn to try and identify each one. As people went from target to target and sometimes back again to confirm the identity of a previously scanned target, others made their final choices and turned in their sheets to Paul.

After people turned in their guesses, Paul handed each one an answer sheet to let people see what was truly there. This also gave people the opportunity to go back over the targets, and knowing what the item was, they could then see how it registered on their detector. This ofcourse could be helpful in the future when hearing a signal, and you now have a better idea of what your detector is telling you.

When everyone was done, people went back inside where Paul tallied up the number of correct guesses and handed out prizes. There were prizes for those who got a high score on the U.S. coins and another for those that got the most correct on the "other" as well as a prize for overall high score, which was Andrew Phillips. If you missed out on this event, do not be surprised to see it again at a future meeting of the Austin Metal Detectors Club!







## 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 [newsletter@amdconline.com](mailto:newsletter@amdconline.com).

## 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!

Here is the cartoon, come up with a short caption for the cartoon and send it to

[newsletter@amdconline.com](mailto:newsletter@amdconline.com).

The winner will be announced in the next months issue of the newsletter!



## AMDC Needs Volunteers for the Veterans Day Hunt!

Our annual Veterans Day Hunt is fast approaching and we need a few folks to volunteer to help in various capacities.

Before everything gets going we may need some people to help set up tables and get things organized. There will be people needed to help cordon off the hunt areas by planting flags along the borders as designated by the Hunt Master. We will need people to help plant the tokens before the hunts.

Mitch and Alan will be providing lunch again this year and would appreciate one or two folks to help hand out plates, serve food and such. Towards the end we may need one or two folks to help with the prizes.

If you are willing to be a helper please let our Veterans Day Hunt Master [Jim Lawhon](#) know. Thank You!



# Be Careful When Detecting!

## Man Using Metal Detector Finds Box of Explosives Buried in Forest on North Shore, Police Say.

ROWLEY, Mass. — A man using a metal detector found a box of explosives buried in a forest on the North Shore of Massachusetts on Thursday, authorities said.



Officers were called to a state-owned forest in Rowley near the Newbury town line around 2:30 p.m. after a metal detector-wielding man uncovered a box loaded with TNT and plastic explosives buried in an area off of Route 1, according to Acting Rowley Police Chief Stephen May.

May noted that the box and the explosives “appeared to have been in the ground for an undetermined number of years.” The Massachusetts State Police Bomb Squad was called to the scene and crews safely destroyed the explosives with a series of three blasts, according to May.



May said that no evacuations were ordered because the explosives were found in a remote part of town far away from homes and businesses.

The discovery won't be investigated further due to the apparent age of the explosives and the time they had been buried.

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the FBI also responded to the scene.

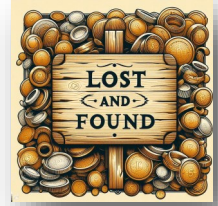
## AMDC Monthly Programs Wanted!

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!



# 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:** Lost ring on 9/8 at Belterra baseball field. White gold wedding band.

**The Results:** Jim Lawhon accepted the search challenge from search team leader, Scott Hegel, and set up the search for 10 am on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. In Jim's email to the team he offered to share the hunt even though he expected it to be easy. Fred Toewe offered to help Jim, hoping that gaining access to the Belterra recreation area might yield more treasure than just the lost ring.



After Jim and Fred met Malcolm at the Belterra ball field, he explained that he had carefully put his wedding ring in his pants pocket along with his phone and other items while playing ball with two of his children. During the play he had both pitched and caught as well as rested at two picnic tables located in the grove of trees behind the backstop.

Jim initially headed for the backstop and Fred for the pitcher's mound. After about two minutes of searching, Fred visually located the ring about 2 feet into the grass behind the mound.

Malcolm was amazed but very happy that we had found his ring so quickly. He further offered that his wife would probably be even happier.

After Malcolm left, Jim hunted the picnic grove and the lot finding a few coins almost achieving a foursome, and a whatsit with a large 'T'. Fred searched around the baseball field and the basketball court and found only a dime, so neither hunter got rich.

## FOUND!



**The Story:** This is an extremely sentimental piece of jewelry with the name of our deceased son engraved on the inside. I'm desperate to find it.

**The Search:** Before any of our team could set up a search we received the happy news the item was found, but we will still chalk it up as a win!

## FOUND!



**The Story:** Patrick's wife lost her yellow gold wedding band, probably in the chicken yard (large but manageable) or in the compost pile (not deep or large) or in the chicken coop.

**The Search:** Jim and Scott both went out to search but came up empty. Possibly a second search will come about with better results.



## Winning Cartoon Caption!



"I've searched everywhere! I don't think I'll ever find that shipwreck."  
-Debbie Young

*(Continued from page 1) Largest Nugget Found*

Now, Brock wants to sell his lucky find—and he plans to split the proceeds with the landowner. The gold nugget is open for bidding through a Mullock Jones online auction that runs through April 1. It's expected to fetch between £30,000 (\$38,000) and £40,000 (\$50,700).

"We've handled gold before but usually in the form of a ring, or jewelry or coins," auctioneer Ben Jones tells BBC News' Lee Bottomley. "This is certainly a one-off for us."

Brock, 67, has been metal detecting since 1989. Last May, he decided to join a group expedition in the Shropshire Hills, a region just west of Birmingham. Brock lives in Somerset, so he spent over three hours driving to the site. He showed up late but decided to see what he could

find anyway. When he realized his metal detector was malfunctioning, he started using an older piece of equipment instead. That back-up metal detector wasn't perfect, either, as it had a faded screen and was "pretty much kaput," he says, per the Telegraph.

But just a few minutes later, the device picked up on something buried about five or six inches below the surface. The nugget is thought to be the largest ever discovered in England, though larger pieces of gold have been found in Wales and Scotland. Mullock Jones

Brock started digging and pulled out a nugget that's "around the size of a U.K. 50 pence coin," writes CNN's Emily Blumenthal. "It just goes to show that it doesn't really matter what equipment you use if you are walking over the find and are alert enough to what might be lurking underneath the soil; that makes all the difference," says Brock in a statement from the auction house, per CNN.

He shared his discovery with his fellow treasure hunters, who soon began scouring the ground nearby, hoping to replicate Brock's success.

Larger gold nuggets have been found in Scotland and Wales, including the 3-ounce (85.7-gram) Douglas Nugget discovered in 2017 and the 4.3-ounce (121.3-gram) Reunion Nugget found in 2019. Still, Brock's may be the largest ever discovered in England.

How such a large chunk of gold ended up buried under the soil in this part of England is unclear. But the site is home to rocks thought to have come from Wales, which is "known to be rich in gold," reports the Guardian's Jessica Murray.

"The site does contain an old road/railway line and has remnants of Welsh stone within," Jones tells CNN. "So [there are] a variety of possibilities [as to] how it made it there."





# Upcoming Events



October 10: **AMDC Members meeting** featuring Wyatt and Scott Jabcoismeyer and Scott Wilkins discussing their latest hunting trips to Colchester, England.

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

October 12: Demonstration of magnet fishing by Randy at TBD.

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

October 12: [Big Fall Treasure Hunt](#) by Ohio Detectorists Association at Oregonia,

October 19: [49th Annual Open Hunt](#) by Lone Start Treasure Hunter's Club at Garland, TX

October 19: Ansley-Kate Metal Detecting Hunt by Scott Lannan at Foster, RI

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: [2024 Birthday Bash by Gypsy Jewels & American Digger Magazine](#) at Pittsburgh, TX Web page

November 12: **AMDC Members meeting** to conduct officer elections for 2025 and featuring Dennis Gans discussing Gold processing for Fun and Profit.

November 16: [Veterans Day Hunt](#) by Austin Metal Detecting Club at Round Rock, TX [TAMDC Flyer](#)

\*\*\*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.



## **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
- 1/2 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







# 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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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_