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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

## November 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:**

Ed Newsome and Charles Goertz

#### **Newsletter:**

Mitch London

newsletter@amdconline.com

#### **Webmaster:**

Fred Toewe

webmaster@amdconline.com

### AMDC Member Mitch London is on KUT Radio Program "This is My Thing".



Photo By: Michael Minasi

Two and half years in the making! Back in February of 2022 I contacted KUT in hopes of getting them to record what they call a sonic ID. That's where you hear someone talk about something they do and at the end they say, "You're listen to KUT."

I had hoped to do that while discussing metal detecting. A few back and forth conversations with Michael Lee, the producer of their sonic ID's, and he suggested that

this might work better for a new program segment he

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# October Meeting Program

AMDC members Scott and Wyatt Jacobsmeyer went on a metal detectorists vacation in England. Wyatt's first, while Scott had been a few times before. What is a metal detectorists vacation? Glad you asked. This is a multi-day excursion to various farmlands in England where permissions have been secured by a company to allow detectorists to hunt their land in hope



of finding treasures! As England has have a few centuries more history than the United States, it makes sense that there would be more to find. The company that offers these vacations will help you in processing your finds so they can be shipped back to the states in due course.

But before you can ship it, you must find it! So each day you get taken to a different location and search. Come rain or shine or lots of mud, you can search several acres of fields in hopes of finding something special. Scott and Wyatt did just that. Each day they would gather their gear, head out and detect. Digging practically each and every signal, because you never know if what you have is trash or treasure! Interestingly some things we might find fascinating like a copper coin made in the 1500's commonly called 'greenies' due to the oxidation, are a 'dime a dozen'. Most detectorists in England might liken these to a pull tab in the states. A very 'ho-hum' find while we Americans might find it exciting and keep them. To each their own.



Other finds the Jacobsmeyers found were watch winders, buttons but of course when you hear that high tone in your earphones that denote a possible silver target, your ears perk up. Wyatt found some of his first hammered silver coins on this trip. Scott added a few goodies to his collection as well. However, both had to wait for their finds to be processed by the powers that be in England as they have the right to keep anything found. Typically

however, that will only be the case if it is something of antiquity or of high value, which can be anything from a very rare coin to gold jewelry. The processing can take several months but we can imagine when that package gets approved and sent to you, it's like an extra special birthday present! If one of these excursions piques your interest, a quick Google search will present you with a number of opportunities...for the right price of course!





## 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! AI can come up with some pretty weird stuff.

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



## Guidelines for Find of the Month Contest

Club members participating may enter one item found since the previous month's meeting into each category for the Find of the Month contest.

The categories for items are:

Display—Foreign Coin—Token—Ring—Jewelry—Artifact—Button—Wild Card—Oldest US Coin—Most Valuable US Coin.

### Rules for submission in these categories to be listed below.

Members will submit each item along with a corresponding sheet listing the category and description of each item. This sheet is included in the newsletter. Entries into the Most Valuable US coin will need to be looked up by the submitting member in the "Red Book" and entries will be judged by the G4 value. If there is no G4 value, silver coins will be judged on 10 times the face value of the coin. A copy of the current Red Book will be available at each meeting.

**Judging:** Judging will be done by members and visitors marking one vote on the item they believe to be the best in the category, excepting Oldest US Coin and Most Valuable US Coin. One winner will be chosen in each category except for a tie situation, in which both winners will be chosen. There will be no cumulative points for the calendar year. Category winners will be posted in the newsletter.

### Find of the Month Rules

**Foreign Coin** – a foreign, legal tender coin  
**Token** – a trade coin good for some value in a trade (may include good luck tokens, president tokens, etc.)

**Rings** – any metal ring  
**Jewelry** – any other metal jewelry type, including cuff links, watch fobs, pins, necklaces, brooches, medals, medallions, charms, etc.

**Artifact** – man-made object, either metal or non-metal

**Button** – metal clothing fastener type button or snaps only (does not include advertising pin type)

**Wild Card** – anything

**Oldest U.S. Coin** – U.S. legal tender coin, including cents, dimes, nickels etc. Most Valuable U.S.

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## 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!



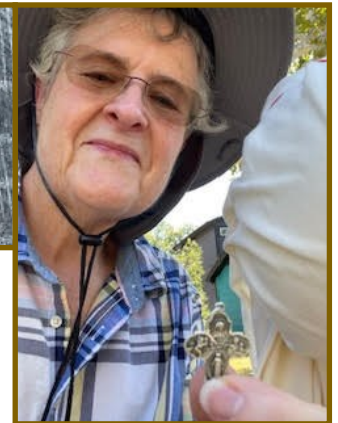
**The Story:** Lost ring on 9/8 at Belterra baseball field. White gold wedding band.

**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. Fred Toewe offered to help Jim. 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. empty. Possibly a second search will come about with better results.

## FOUND!



**The Story:** My son's 9 year old friend lost a silver cross pendant that was a gift from his great grandfather in my front yard. It's about one inch long. We would love help finding it! Thank you!



**The Search:** Jim and Debbie searched and I found it under the ghost. (The ghost was made from a tomato cage and had fallen down.)

## LOST!



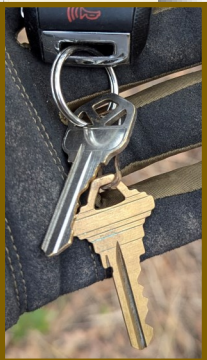
**The Story:** Wedding Ring was likely lost along the sidelines of field 1b (northwest corner field), or between that field and the parking lot. Thank you for any help!

**The Search:** This item was lost in Roanoke, Texas and was forwarded to the Dallas club.

## FOUND!



**The Story:** I lost my car keys in the woods. I know the general location within a 20 foot area. I would like help finding them before the forecasted rain on Wednesday. This afternoon or tomorrow afternoon would be really great. Thank you.



**The Search** Mitch lives just a half mile from the search area. He looked for about 30 minutes until it got dark. No luck. He went back on Saturday and after just a few minutes without the need for a detector, saw the keys on the ground just off the trail.





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was working on called "This is My Thing". The idea of the program according to the website...

*"We're exploring the ways we find and bring joy into our lives. It's about the things we do not because it's a job or a necessity, but simply because we love to do them."*

About a month later I met up with Michael at the home of a lady who had lost her earring somewhere in

the front yard. He brought his microphone and recorder and followed me around for a good hour asking questions, and listening to me search for the lost ring. I found a pocket knife, a house key and some other bits. However, the search resulted with no luck and I left. A few days later I got an email saying the earring was found inside the home. Woohoo!

About a week later I went down to the KUT studio on the UT campus and to record a longer interview over the course of an hour or so. After that it was just waiting. Lee was not sure if the program idea would be accepted, or funded or any number of things, but he would let me know. Apparently all the things that needed to happen to make it work, happened! So now you can listen to the program that aired at the following link to their website.

<https://www.kut.org/2024-10-22/this-is-my-thing-metal-detecting>

There is also a twenty minute version of the story here...

<https://kutkutx.studio/kut-news-now/this-is-my-thing-metal-detecting>

The gracious put a link to our website on theirs so who knows, we may start getting more calls to help find long lost items! Who knew a simple email inquiry could take a long journey of more than two years and lead to an entire interview!



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## Winning Cartoon Caption!



"Digging for gold... or just digging up last year's candy stash!"

-Jim Lawhon

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**Coin** – value based on G4 value in the current red book. (Available to check at the meeting). (coins will not be graded but must have G4 value greater than face (or silver/gold value). If there is no G4 value for the coin, it will be valued at 10 times the face value.

**Cent** (before 1943),

**Nickel** (war, buffalo and older),

**Dime** (before 1965/silver),

**Quarter** (before 1965/silver),

**Half** (before 1971/silver),

**Dollar** (before 1936/silver).

**Display** – Items found since last FOM and separate from items above. They do not need to be in a display case, but need to be contained (not arranged on the table).

1. Entries must be items you have found since the last monthly Find of the Month.
2. You do not have to be present to enter the FOM competition. You may arrange to have your finds brought to the meeting by someone else.
3. Only one item can be entered in each category unless the items were found and must remain together to make the entry complete. For example a necklace with a gold coin attached would qualify as a single entry in the jewelry or artifact categories. A group of coins found together cannot be entered as one item unless they are fused together.
4. In certain instances, a photo of the find may be entered – i.e. you find an item of historical significance which needs to be given to a historical group, owner of the property etc.
5. 3x5 card with description of find allowed









November 12: **AMDC Members meeting** to conduct officer elections for 2025

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

December 12: **AMDC Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m.** Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The main course and beverages will be provided by the Club. Also, please bring an unwrapped present for the raffle table.

## 2025

March 14-16: **TAMDC Treasure Show and Hunt** by TAMDC at Brenham, TX

March 15-16: **Silver Hoard Hunt** by Ozarks Metal Detecting Club at Atkins, AR [Flyer 1](#), [Flyer 2](#)

\*\*\*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: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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