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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

May 2025

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Charles Goertz

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Metal Detecting 'saved me'

A metal detectorist who is in recovery from drink and drug addiction says his hobby "saved him".



Karl Monks, 40, from Wotton-under-Edge in Gloucestershire, believes metal detecting is the "best hobby in the world" for ex-addicts who want to turn their lives around.

"I am clean and this has definitely saved me from going to the pub, or getting some drugs,

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Austin Metal Detecting Club officer, Charles Goertz is an apiarist. No that does not mean he collects monkeys. That means he is a bee keeper. Charles gave the club members a brief informational talk about his past time. While some people do it for the fun, others for the profit of the honey, there no wrong reason to start a bee hive.

Charles started many years ago but not with the intention of becoming a bee keeper. He ended up really taking off with it though. His son has even joined him in his bee keeping. Charles had a few items that he brought to show the club members what kind of gear you would need in order to keep bees.



Protection is paramount to bee keeping unless you enjoy getting stung. Charles showed his heavy cloth suit, while functional it can be difficult to move around in and wearing heavy matching gloves can make dexterous manipulation of the bee hives more difficult. But, better safe than stung. He also showed the smoker which many people have seen in videos of beekeepers on tv. It was just a little can with a little bellows built in in which he puts in smoldering burlap to help calm the bees.



He also brought a hive, luckily no left over bees were hanging around. It also had some old racks of honeycombs and he showed the special tool used to get those out while one might be wearing heavy gloves. Charles also showed a slide

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presentation of his bee keeping, and talked about the different ways to get started. Whether you buy a whole hive, get a free one from nature or buy a queen bee and start your own. He also showed the

honey extraction process. And he extolled the benefits of honey as a food and even medicinal purposes. A couple of stand out points of interest, honey may crystalize over time but will not go rancid if stored correctly. Also, if you want to enjoy the benefits of honey, do not use it in hot drinks as that kills all the benefits other than the sweet taste.



We do not know if anyone else is going to start keeping bees, whether for fun, or profit, but with the knowledge of our officers, they might just make a go of it.

There are a number of great resources online about bee keeping and there are even beginner classes in the Austin area.

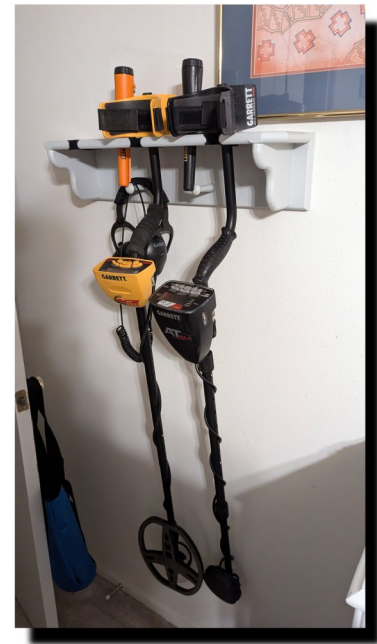




Mitch is selling wall mount metal detector holders. These hold three detectors, two pinpointers and two headphones.

They are made of plywood, and are painted. They have hardware on the back for wall mounting. Asking price is \$60. If interested you can email Mitch at [news-
letter@amdconline.com](mailto:newsletter@amdconline.com)

If you have something you would like to sell, you can write up a description of what you have to offer and a picture or two and send it to Mitch at newsletter@amdconline.com



Larry is selling a metal detector bag. In new condition. Has carrying handles, a zipper and side pocket.

Larrys is asking \$30. If you are interested please contact Larry 512-243-1831.



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.

many times," he told BBC Radio Gloucestershire.

He started detecting nearly three years ago and has since established the Cotswold Metal Detecting Community (CMDC) which has more than 130 members.

Mr. Monks said he began using alcohol and drugs to self-medicate after he experienced multiple family tragedies that sent him down "a rocky road to ruin".

He has been sober from alcohol for eight years and clear of drugs for three years.

"If I'm feeling like [self-medicating] I just think 'right I'll pick up the metal detector and go clear my head for a while'," he said.

"And then it gets cleared and, lo-and-behold, I'm another year sober."



After picking up a detector for the first time, Mr Monks found a silver coin and became "instantly hooked".

His most exciting find to date is a chunky silver ring with a red gemstone engraved with an image, possibly of Mars, the god of war, which has been dated to 43AD.

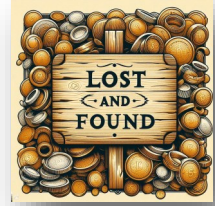
"Sometimes it's not about finding stuff, it's about being out in the field, enjoying the fresh air," he said.

For the entire story, please visit...

[The BBC website](#)

AMDC Search Team Results: April

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: Lane contacted the club about a lost diamond stud earring. The search area was not large so he had hopes of us finding it.

The Search: Troy went out for this one and spent a good 45 minutes of back and forth the search area, ultimately with no luck. He even to the extra steep of giving the dog and cat a quick detecting. Again no luck.



The Story: Hi, I lost a small microphone that has a magnet on the back so it can attach through clothing. It's about the size of a coin and doesn't have a clip, just a magnet to hold it in place. Thanks in advance!



The Search: Mitch took the lead on this one as it was near his work. He met with Thomas who had said he was glad to find the club as he was trying to rent when he found us. The microphone was lost during a picnic in an open field while he was getting footage of the family. The item was lost and due to its size, easily disappeared below the top layer of grass. Mitch got the low down on the search area and made one straight line search, a turn around and about half way back a good signal close to the surface. Success!



The Story: I was in at the South Austin Recreation Center, around 3 weeks ago. I was playing soccer with friends with the ball hit my ear and knocked out an earring of mine that is very dear to my heart.



The Search: Debbie went out first and had no luck searching the wide field. Being such a tiny earring, with little metal, it is the proverbial needle in a haystack. Mitch went out the following day with no better results.



The Story: Feb 2024 - Chuck had asked for help finding a property pin at his house in Driftwood . **The Search:** Troy searched and found it

April Lost & Found Score: 2/4



May 3: Metal Detecting Treasure Hunt by Nugget Noggin at Rock Hill, SC [Web page](#)

May 3: [Highland Lakes Members Only Hunt](#) by Highland Lakes Metal Detecting Club at Kingsland, TX

May 16-18: TAMDC Treasure Show and Hunt by Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs at Brenham, TX [Flyer](#)

May 17: Silver Strike Hunt by Lehigh Valley Treasure Hunters Club at Allentown, PA [Flyer](#)

May 18: [Open National Hunt](#) by Topeka Treasure Hunter's at Hoyt, KS [Flyer](#)

May 30-June 1: [Rendezvous 2025](#) by Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club at Kiowa

May 31: New Date!!! Second Ms. Dee's Memorial Club Hunt by Waco Metal Detecting Club at Lions Park, Waco, TX [Flyer](#)

June 11-12: Texas Lions Camp Annual Hunts, details to follow, but please save the dates.

June 12-15: [Lost Treasure Weekend 2025](#) by the Blackthorne Resort at East Durham, NY [Web page](#)

July 12-19: [2025 Treasure Week](#) by various sponsors at New Stanton, PA [Flyer](#)

August 16-17: [46th Annual Buckeye Championship Treasure Hunt](#) by Don & Bill Hayes at New Concord, OH

AMDC Monthly Programs Wanted for 2025!

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. 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!



Display	Debbie Young
Foreign Coin	Frank Vick – 1972 South Africa
Token	Debbie Young – King of the Road Car Wash
Ring	Andrew Phillips – 10K 2023 Prairie View A&M
Jewelry	Andrew Phillips – 18th Birthday Silver Pendant
Button	Debbie Young – Plain Metal
Artifact	Andrew Phillips – Rusty Wrench
Wild Card	Scott Hegel – Lady Bug Drop
Oldest US Coin	Tom Lusardi – 1940D
Most Valuable US Coin	Frank Vick – 1920S Cent
All Categories Filled	Frank Vick
Newsletter Question	Frank Vick
Visitor Drawing	None
Member Drawing	Scott Jacobsmeyer





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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 _____