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## Meeting Information:

**Place:** Woodlawn Baptist Church

4600 Menchaca Rd.

Austin, TX

**Day:** Second Thursday of each month

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Membership:** \$20

**July 2025**

## Club Officers:

### **President**

Jim Lawhon

### **Vice President**

Andrew Phillips

### **Treasurer**

Scott Hegel

### **Secretary**

Charles Goertz

**Board Members:** 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 Newsome

### **Huntmasters:**

Ed Newsome and Charles Goertz

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### **Webmaster:**

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## AMDC Goes to Kerrville

A number of AMDC club members made the trek this past month to Kerrville for the Texas Lions Camp. Each year AMDC members help out kids who have some challenge. It could be blindness, wheelchair bound or something else. But each one is guided by helpful people to operate the metal detectors and pinpointers to find a number of hidden coins.

This event is held each year and our club has been an integral part in making these kids summer something to remember. If you want to help out next year, it would do you some good, just as much as the kids will do you some good.

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# June Meeting

Mitch gave a presentation in the form of a PowerPoint. The title was called, How Did the Stock Market Crash of 1929 Affect Coinage? This may seem



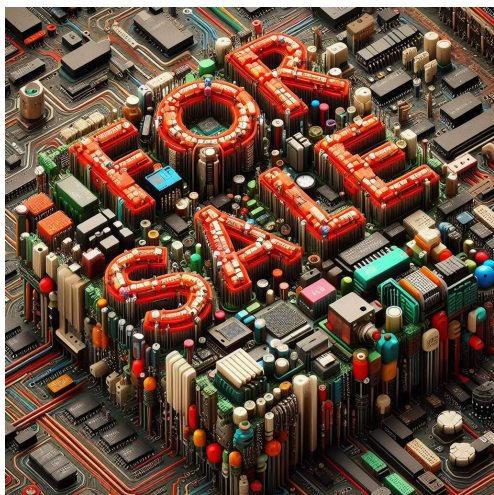
like quite the lengthy title but Mitch mentioned this title was the actual question posed to one of the Artificial Intelligence search tools. It gave back a brief summary of what the affects were and Mitch took that and proofed it for errors. Then he expanded on it. Researching each talking point and looking for more details and fact checking it.

In summary the crash affected coins in the biggest way by changing the number of coins minted, especially in gold and silver. The amount of silver was reduced and eventually taken out completely. The number of gold coins was drastically reduced and in some years none were minted.

People began to panic and take their money out of banks as the value of gold changed. This caused banks to fail as they had no money to transact with. People hoarded their coins, especially silver as the amount of silver dropped. People started looking at their change for scares dates and they bought and traded them with other new collectors. Clubs were formed and publications dedicated to coin collecting became popular.

These days of course there are no silver coins being minted, but every now and then you can still find some in circulation. Just turn the dime, quarter or half dollar and look at the reeded edge. If it has no copper color stripe, it may just be a silver coin!

Happy Hunting!



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 \$50. Only two left! If interested you can email Mitch at [newsletter@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](mailto:newsletter@amdconline.com)



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

Larrys is asking just \$20.

If you are interested please contact Larry 512-243-1831.



At the recent TAMDC Hunt, Mitch and Alan had a booth where they sold a variety of woodworking items including some unique desktop pen holders. They are shaped in the design of metal detecting coils. One large and one small. There are only 5 of each left and just \$25 a piece! Please contact Mitch if you want one of these or if you need a nice pen to go in it! It would make a great gift set for any metal detectorist!



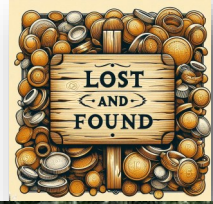
## BOARD MEETINGS

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.



## AMDC Search Team Results: May

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:** Casey lost her silver ring at the end of school water balloon fight. The property is locked up for the summer, but Casey or the principal will be able to let us in to search.

**The Search:** Jim reached out to Casey and we met her at 10:00. We found the ring after 45 minutes. She was a very happy customer!



### **FOUND!**



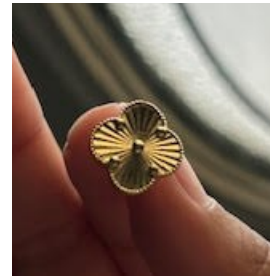
**The Story:** Lost in a field about 50 yards x 50 yards, not much traffic in this field, sparse grass and dirt.

**The Search:** Debbie, Allen and Scott searched for about 2 hours with no luck. Debbie and Fred went back to cover the remaining area and Fred found her ring.

### **LOST!**



**The Story:** Lia lost an earring and bracelet through a hole in her bag in the grass area beyond the beach at Lake Pflugerville. Her family found the bracelet, but not the earring when Debbie saw them. A short search and several pull tabs later did not produce the earring.



**The Search:** Debbie searched multiple time with no luck.

### **LOST!**



**The Story:** Molly lost her Engagement Ring inside her apartment.

**The Search:** Paul gave several suggestions for Molly to search, but the search team did not assist. No luck yet.

### **LOST!**



**The Story:** Coplen lost his Gold Wedding Band in about 15 feet of water in Lake Travis near Lago Vista.

**The Search:** Tom and Scott were not able to search before August and suggested checking with local dive shops. No luck yet.

## June Lost & Found Score: 2/5

## 8 Major Discoveries Made With Metal Detectors [By Dave Roos of History.com](#)

Armed with inexpensive tools, treasure-hunting hobbyists the world over have made some momentous and valuable finds.

1. **The Boot of Cortez**- In 1989, an amateur treasure hunter in Mexico purchased an entry-level metal detector at a local Radio Shack and ventured out into the forbidding Sonoran Desert. Honing his detecting skills on buried coins in his backyard, the man got to work slowly scanning an area of the Gran Desierto de Altar that was rumored to contain gold nuggets. After hundreds of hours under the punishing sun, his metal detector produced an excited “beep!”

2. **The Staffordshire Hoard**- More than 1,500 years ago, a half-dozen Anglo-Saxon kingdoms battled for dominance in Medieval England. One of the largest and most powerful kingdoms was Mercia, whose territory extended over the region known as the Midlands.



In 2009, a British metal detectorist made an astonishing discovery in Staffordshire, what was once the heart of the Kingdom of Mercia. While previous Anglo-Saxon archeological digs had turned up small caches of jewelry and everyday objects, this was something else entirely. The “Staffordshire Hoard,” as it’s now known, contained more than 4,000 objects, the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon silver and gold metalwork in the world.

3. **The Derrynaflan Chalice**- In the County Tipperary in Ireland, a father-and-son team of amateur metal detectorists named Michael Webb and Michael, Jr. made a headline-grabbing discovery in 1980. The site was the ruins of an ancient monastery and church dating from the 8th century A.D. known as Derrynaflan.

Scanning the grounds northeast of the church’s crumbling stone walls, the Webbs’ metal detectors lit up. There was something large and metallic right below the surface. The Webbs were thrilled to find a shallow pit containing a hoard of metal objects, the most striking being a Medieval chalice with a wide, shallow bowl made of beaten silver.



4. **Viking Treasure**- In the 8th century A.D., Viking pirates from Scandinavia sailed across the North Sea to raid and loot the British Isles. A century later, Vikings established permanent settlements in Scotland, Ireland and England, and several Viking kings even ruled England in the 11th century.

In 2014, a retired businessman and amateur metal detectorist named Derek McLennan discovered what many believe is the greatest hoard of Viking artifacts in the history of the United Kingdom.

To read the entire article, visit- <https://www.history.com/articles/metal-detector-discoveries>



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**July 10:** AMDC Members Meeting. Kurt Baty of the Capital City Coin Club will present a fascinating timeline about the origin of dates on coins.

**July 12:** Texana Museum Metal Detecting Hunt—Edna TX-[Flyer](#)

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

**July 20:** Daytona Dig & Find Open Hunt by Daytona Dig & Find Metal Detecting Club at South Daytona, FL [Flyer](#)

**August 9-10:** Black Diamond's 41st Annual Treasure Hunt by Franklin Twp. Vol. Fire Co. at Dallas, PA [Flyer](#)

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

**September 20:** Midwest Silver Shootout 2025 by Indiana Paydirt Co. at Lebanon, IN [FB page](#)

**September 27-28:** TFFHC 38th National Hunt by Three Forks Treasure Hunters Club at Pryor, OK [Web page](#)

**October 11:** [Central Texas Treasure Club Hunt](#) by CTTC at Brownwood, TX

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

## 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** Not available at time of publication

**Foreign Coin**

**Token**

**Ring**

**Jewelry**

**Button**

**Artifact**

**Wild Card**

**Oldest US Coin**

**Most Valuable US Coin**

**All Categories Filled**

**Newsletter Question**

**Visitor Drawing**

**Member Drawing**





# 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 \_\_\_\_\_