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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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February 2007

Austin Metal Detecting Club meets at Woodlawn Baptist Church Singles House 4614 Manchaca at **7:00** on the second Thursday of each month. Our meeting this month is **February 8th** 2007. The Singles House is adjacent to the Woodlawn Baptist Church (4600 Manchaca), and is right next to the church parking lot. Below is a link showing a map to the church. Visitors are always welcome.

<http://www.woodlawNBC.org/directions.html>

At each meeting, finds are displayed by category. Members earn points for entering finds and more points for winning in a category. The rules and entry form are available at each regular meeting. Remember, items found since the last meeting until the upcoming meeting may be entered in the **FEBRUARY** Find of the Month contest. You may still show your finds even if you do not wish to compete in the Find of the Month.

Please visit AMDC's web <http://amdconline.com/> site often. New items are added and changed frequently, so to keep up, visit the web site. The newsletters are posted there.

Our executive meeting will be on **March 4** at Luby's, 1410 E. Anderson Ln. The meeting starts at 6:30. Executive meetings are held on the **first Thursday** of each month and all are invited.

Meet the Vice - President:

Dennis Gans is our new Club Vice -President for 2007. Dennis was born in Japan and has had the opportunity to live in a number of places, including Virginia, North Carolina, Hawaii, Colorado, the Congo, Saudi Arabia and Texas. Dennis and his wife currently live in Lakeway and have a 13 year old son, Eric, 3 cats, a dog and 2 ferrets. Dennis spent 18 years in the construction industry, 13 years working for Hewlett Packard, and is currently employed as a contractor for a Human Resource Co. doing analysis. In addition to metal detecting, Dennis enjoys photography and has quite a collection of old cameras. He also has an unusual hobby in that he receives shipments from a sapphire mine in Montana, and sorts through the stones looking for treasures. Dennis uses a Garrett 2500 and has been detecting for about 5 years. Please welcome Dennis in his new position.

January Meeting:

Although we did not have an outside speaker this month, we spent time discussing our political action efforts with Travis County and the upcoming Bill proposal to open up detecting in the State Parks. Larry Vickers updated us on the upcoming TCTC show which will be held at the end of March.

Scott reviewed the new rules for the "Find of the Month" contest. During break we had the voting for the "Find of the Month". Club members had a LOT of interesting finds displayed this month! We had a successful club fund raiser – the prize being an 1800's silver dollar. Special thanks to Jack and Tish for donating a number of special light up pens which were given to everyone who bought tickets.

New Members:

Welcome to Larry and Eileen Campbell from San Marcos. Larry is recently retired and both Eileen and Larry are eager to start detecting.

Of Note:

We will be urging all club members to write to their State level legislators in the very near future, as there will be a bill introduced regarding opening up metal detecting in pre-disturbed areas of State Parks. More information and sample letters will be forthcoming. This is a VERY important step and we need to do everything we can to show our support for this bill.
Update – a Bill number (HB 1016) has been assigned for the bill to go to the House.

AMDC Website:

If you haven't already done so, be sure and check out our club website <http://www.amdconline.com> and see what Cecil has done. There is a new Forum link that is fantastic and allows club members to post items of interest and look at club activities, tips etc. If you need to register for the Forum, or "Member Only" section, jot Cecil an email and he will get you a temporary password. You can then set your own user name and password to get in. **Word of caution** – there is a section on the forum that is open to anyone interested. If you choose to post or reply in this section, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

February Executive Meeting:

- **Political Action Committee** – This afternoon Larry and Blaine attended a meeting with Travis Co. Parks. Two women from the Travis Co. Historical Society were also present. The purpose of the meeting was to review the draft metal detecting policy and procedures to come up with a final recommendation to take back to the Commissioners. We were very

pleased with the proposed final policy and the cooperation from all in attendance. We will keep everyone posted on the progress of this – more at the meeting.

- **Web Site** – The AMDC web site has many features and we want to encourage all members to use the site regularly. We can post activities, notices etc, and will note at the meeting.
- **Program Ideas** – We continue to need ideas for speakers and programs for upcoming meetings. We do not have a Program Chairman, so it will be up to the Board and club members to assist with program planning. Ed will contact the care taker at Camp Ben McCulloch about doing a program on Civil War reenactment and/or the history of Camp Ben.
- **TCTC Show** – The Texas Council Treasure Show is just around the corner – March 24-25 in Killeen. We will ask club members to help by making personal displays to add to our booth, help with set up on Friday, March 23, and help man our booth during this two day show. We will have a club fundraiser at the show, and sell tickets for an Ace 250 as the prize. Larry has purchased the detector at a very good price, so we should be able to make some money for the club. Blaine will compile a list of local hotels and Larry will check with TCTC to determine which hotels (or all) count to qualify TCTC for the lower rate to rent the Killeen Civic Center.

Upcoming Events:

March 24 – 25 2007 – Texas Council of Treasure Clubs Annual Show and Hunt – Killeen

Got Foreign Coins?

Save your foreign coins to donate for the Kerrville Texas Lions Camp service project. Each summer members from our club join volunteers from other area clubs to teach handicapped children about metal detecting. The coins are planted in a large horse arena area and the children spend time learning how to detect and search for the coins. This is SO rewarding and brings many smiles to happy faces. Each summer we use a lot of coins, and Scott will have a jar at each meeting to collect foreign coins for this project.

Of Interest: UK Praises Metal Detectorists

Culture Secretary David Lammy of the UK praised the “responsible approach” of amateur metal detectorists in reporting finds. As reported in the BCC news recently - They were the “unsung heroes of the UK’s heritage” he reported. Why does he say this? Here’s why. In 2005/2006 there were 57,566 finds reported to the government-funded Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) compared with 39,933 in 2004/2005. Speaking at a British Museum on Wednesday, he said, “Thanks to the responsible approach they display in reporting finds and the systems we have set up to record them, more archeological material is available for all to see at museums or study online. It is through the work of metal detectorists that we are encouraging the next generation to be interested in our history.”

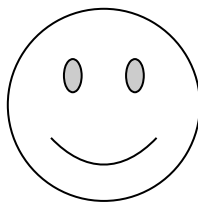
Find of the Month - Rank

Rank	Name	Total	Jan
1	Larry Vickers	27	27
2	Andy Waters	25	25
3	Ray Knowles	25	25
4	Art Tiemann	24	24
5	Frank Vick	22	22
6	Blaine Nelson	21	21
7	Jack Ball	19	19
8	Ed Newsom	17	17
9	Michele Plier	17	17
10	Roy Stahl	17	17
11	Scott Hegel	15	15
12	Tim Ball	12	12
13	Dennis Gans	6	6
14	Daniel Mireles	4	4
15		0	0
16		0	0
17		0	0
18		0	0
19		0	0
20		0	0
21		0	0
22		0	0

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Don't see your name up there?? Be sure to bring your finds to the **February meeting and enter this fun, monthly "Find of the Month" activity. The more we have to enter and show, the more fun it is for all!**



January Finds of the Month

	U.S. Coin		Foreign Coin
1	Ray Knowles - 1954D Quarter	1	Art Tiemann - 1921 One Penny - England
1	Ed Newsom - 1954D Quarter	2	Blaine Nelson - 1997 20 Pence - England
2	Daniel Mireles - 1944 Cent	3	Larry Vickers - 20 Confoederatio Helvetica
2	Tim Ball - 1976D Half	3	Frank Vick - 2003 1 Peso - Mexico
2	Jack Ball - 1944 Cent		Michele Pliier - 1972 5 Cents - Canada
3	Scott Hegel - 1976D Half		Roy Stahl - 1993 - 1 Koruna - Ceska Republika
3	Michele Pliier - 1979 Quarter		Andy Waters - 1994 Quarter - Canada
3	Frank Vick - 1965D Dime		Scott Hegel - 1964 Cent - Canada
3	Andy Waters - 1942S Cent		
	Art Tiemann - 1987 Quarter		Ring
	Roy Stahl - 2002 Quarter	1	Jack Ball - 18K White Gold Men's Band
	Larry Vickers - 2000P Dollar	2	Blaine Nelson - 14K Nugget
	Blaine Nelson - 2000P Dollar	3	Scott Hegel - Silver with 2 Red Hearts
	Dennis Gans - 1968 Quarter		Art Tiemann - Silver with 3 Stones
			Roy Stahl - Girl Scout Ring
	Token		Larry Vickers - Silver with Clear Stone
1	Blaine Nelson - AA 1 Year		Frank Vick - Silver with Enamel
2	Ray Knowles - Crown		Andy Waters - 14K Mickey Mouse
2	Michele Pliier - No Cash Value - Clown		Ray Knowles - Silver
2	Andy Waters - See America First		Tim Ball - Silver
3	Art Tiemann - No Cash Value - Star		
3	Larry Vickers - No Cash Value - The Dozer		Artifact
3	Frank Vick - 1993 Chuckie Cheese	1	Ray Knowles - Pinex Bottle
3	Jack Ball - Peter Pan	2	Jack Ball - Souvenir Mini Cent
	Scott Hegel - Plastic Dilly the Kid (Jason's Deli)	3	Frank Vick - Wool Wine Bottle Cap
	Roy Stahl - Alamo		Roy Stahl - Suspender Buckle
			Tim Ball - Metal Detecting Toy
	Jewelry		Andy Waters - Heavy Metal Fork
1	Roy Stahl - Pair Sharks Teeth Earrings		Scott Hegel - Old Lock
2	Art Tiemann - 14K Cross		Art Tiemann - Part of Plow Pull
3	Michele Pliier - Necklace with Spade & Cross		Michele Pliier - Metal Ring
	Daniel Mireles - Earring		Larry Vickers - Bullet Casing
	Larry Vickers - Silver Angel Charm		Blaine Nelson - Old Canning Lid
	Frank Vick - Silver Necklace		Ed Newsom - Bullet
	Tim Ball - Silver Earring		
	Jack Ball - Yin Yang Pendant		Button
	Scott Hegel - Bracelet	1	Art Tiemann - Large Eagle
	Blaine Nelson - Silver Chain	2	Ray Knowles - 4 Hole Dickies
	Ed Newsom - Glass Bead	2	Michele Pliier - Jolt Jeans
	Andy Waters - Silver Heart Charm	2	Roy Stahl - Black Snap
		2	Frank Vick - Old navy
	Toy	2	Andy Waters - Scott's Level Best
1	Larry Vickers - Pistol	3	Scott Hegel - 2 Hole
2	Frank Vick - Airplane	3	Larry Vickers - 2 Hole
3	Andy Waters - Sheriff's Car	3	Blaine Nelson - Crystal Snap
	Scott Hegel - Jewelry Box Key	3	Ed Newsom - Betty Boop
	Jack Ball - Tonka Truck		

	Art Tiemann - Spear		Non-Metal
	Michele Pliler - 2006D Cent	1	Andy Waters - Old Bottle
	Roy Stahl - Skateboard	2	Tim Ball - Perfume Bottle
	Blaine Nelson - Hot Wheels Car	3	Blaine Nelson - \$20 Bill
			Michele Pliler - Class of 2007 Decoration
	Most Unusual		Dennis Gans - Round Pad
1	Larry Vickers - Metal Duck		Frank Vick - Happy Mother's Day
2	Frank Vick - Camo Key		Scott Hegel - Purple Fingernail with Spider
2	Andy Waters - Quarter Stamped "BAS"		Ray Knowles - Hair Brush
2	Jack Ball - Swish Army Knife		Art Tiemann - Clear Bead
3	Ray Knowles - Door Opener		Roy Stahl - Pink Plastic Button
3	Roy Stahl - Lady Bug Hairclip		Larry Vickers - Pea & Perrins Bottle Stopper
3	Dennis Gans - TGM 204365 Tool Tag		Ed Newsom - Old Bottle
	Scott Hegel - Ornate Piece of Lead		
	Art Tiemann - Scale Weight		Oldest U.S. Cent
	Michele Pliler - Washer	1	Ray Knowles - 1900
	Blaine Nelson - Piece of Depression Glass	2	Ed Newsom - 1919S
	Ed Newsom - Compass	3	Andy Waters - 1924
	Tim Ball - Flattened Quarter		Frank Vick - 1926
			Scott Hegel - 1937D
	Oldest U.S. Coin		Jack Ball - 1938D
1	Ed Newsom - 1898 Nickel		Larry Vickers - 1941D
2	Larry Vickers - 1906 Quarter		Art Tiemann - 1946D
3	Art Tiemann - 1938 Nickel		Tim Ball - 1947D
	Roy Stahl - 1943S Nickel		Blaine Nelson - 1949D
	Andy Waters - 1943 Nickel		Dennis Gans - 1960
	Jack Ball - 1944 Dime		Roy Stahl - 1968
	Blaine Nelson - 1946 Nickel		Michele Pliler - 1975D
	Scott Hegel - 1964 Nickel		
	Michele Pliler - 1965 Dime		Most Valuable U.S. Coin
	Frank Vick - 1965 Quarter	1	Larry Vickers - 1875 Dime
	Dennis Gans - 1967 Quarter	2	Ray Knowles - 1946 Half
	Tim Ball - 1967 Quarter	3	Art Tiemann - Standing Liberty Quarter - No Date
			Andy Waters - 1956D Quarter
			Ed Newsom - 1936D Nickel
			Roy Stahl - 1940 Dime
			Scott Hegel - 1941D Cent

Find of the Month

U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

FOREIGN COIN: _____ # _____

TOKEN: _____ # _____

RING: _____ # _____

JEWELRY: _____ # _____

ARTIFACT: _____ # _____

TOY: _____ # _____

BUTTON: _____ # _____

MOST UNUSUAL: _____ # _____

NON-METAL: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. CENT: _____ # _____

MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN: _____ # _____