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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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March 2009

Headline – Texas Treasure Show Coming! See details inside.

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **March 12th** 2009
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

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Leon and Mary Prause
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We have a celebrity among us!! Our own Art Tiemann was featured on the COVER of the March issue of Western and Eastern Treasure Magazine! Way to go Art!

There will be a copy at the meeting to see!

A Word From Our Pres:

"The Texas Council of Treasure Clubs annual treasure show is just around the corner. I would like to encourage all members to attend the show and support TCTC. If you have never been to one of the shows you are really missing out on a fun time. For all the information on dates and times follow the link on our website at www.amdconline.com Don't miss the opportunity to see all the new metal detecting products, meet lots of wonderful fellow hobbyist, and chances to win nice prizes with all the fundraisers, plus participate in the huge silver coin hunt on Sunday Mar. 22nd."

Jim Lawhon

Texas Treasure Show 2009!

Maude Cobb Convention Center – March 20, 21, 22 - Longview, Texas

Show Schedule

Friday - March 20th

8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. – BOOTH SET UP

4:30 P.M. –TCTC Annual meeting. All TCTC members are encouraged to attend.

Saturday – March 21st

9:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. Show is open to the public. Free seminars will be held on both Saturday and Sunday. Some of the featured speakers/seminars include “Beginning and Advanced Metal Detecting”, Texas Trade Tokens, Metal Detecting in England, Bottle Collecting, Competition Hunting, Finding Gold – GPAA, Manufacturer Seminars, and others you won’t want to miss.

6:30 P.M. – TEXAS STYLE BANQUET. This year we are privileged to have Bob Bowman as our guest speaker. Bob is the author of a number of books relating to the history of east Texas.

Our meal will be catered by Adam’s Rib – a favorite in Longview and Gary will serve up some of their good Bar-B-Q. **Do plan to attend** the banquet. Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the door or contact Scott Hegel, TCTC Treasurer, at SDHEGEL@aol.com .

Sunday – March 22nd

8:30 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. “THE HUNT” Silver Extravaganza – held on Convention Center grounds – LOTS of silver and prizes!

10:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. – Treasure Show open to the public. Seminars continue today.

4:30 P.M. – Show closing – Booth take down

We hope that many AMDC members and friends will be able to attend the show, and we can use assistance with our Club Booth. We will have flyers and further information at the club meeting.

March Meeting

Do you have a special area of interest? This month we will divide into SIG's – Special Interest Groups according to areas we are most interested in: Coin Shooting, Relic Hunting, Water Hunting and Research. We'll spend some time discussing topics and tips in the groups.

We will have our "Find of the Month" competition featuring items found since the February meeting. Susie Mireles will again be taking pictures of members for our booth at the show (more info. below). Blaine Nelson is bringing snacks.

February Meeting:

We had a wonderful guest speaker at the February meeting. Steven Hoyt of the Texas Historical Commission presented a fascinating program on "Under Water Archeology". Mr. Hoyt's work specializes in locating and studying Texas ship wrecks. We were surprised to learn that there are over 1900 ships lost in the Texas area – between the rivers and off the coast! Thanks much to John Chapman for arranging this excellent program.

February Club Hunt:

Jim Lawhon obtained permission for the club to hunt on the large Texas Parks and Wildlife field where the Expo is held. This was a "member only" hunt, and we had several members come out on both Saturday and Sunday – Feb. 14 and 15 to try detecting. Although we did not find much in the main part of the field, there is an old home site on the property. Some of the finds included Indian Head pennies, old store tokens, old wheat pennies, period bottles, buckles etc. Thanks to Jim for making the arrangements for this hunt!

Executive Meeting

Note: We agreed to have the APRIL Board meeting at Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00. All are welcome. Items discussed at March. meeting include:

Programs

Scott has a speaker for April or May who does long range detecting.

Hunts

We discussed having a club outing and hunt at Lady Bird Johnson Park in Fredericksburg. This can be a full day event with a picnic or pot luck. The park is quite large and there are targets to be found. Decision on date forthcoming

Interest Groups

We break up into interest groups at the March meeting to discuss detecting tips. We will have "Coin Hunting", "Relic Hunting" "Water Hunting" and "Research/Permission". An experienced member will facilitate each group.

Member Tips

Beginning in March the Newsletter will feature tips submitted by members. Please be thinking of tips you would like to share and let Blaine know to include yours in the Member Tip section.

TCTC Show

Daniel and Susie Mireles, and Leon and Mary Prause are taking charge of our AMDC booth for the upcoming Treasure Show March 21-22 in Longview. The focus of our booth will be on our MEMBERS. Susie will be taking pictures of club members at both the February and the March meetings. If you had your

picture taken last year, you can keep that one or have another taken to replace it.

We hope that many of you will be able to come up to the Show this year and help with our booth. We need persons to come early (Friday) to help set things up, work the booth during the show, and help take things down on Sunday. Our club will cover the entry fee for any of our current members who attend the show.

Crystal Hunting Trip

There is interest in the club taking a trip to Ron Coleman Crystal Mines outside of Hot Springs, Ark. We will discuss at the meeting to determine who might like to go, and look at possible dates.

AMDC Website

Remember to check our web site often to see what's there! Everyone is encouraged to go to the Forum and participate, as this generates interest, good PR and even info./potential sites for the club. Our web site is: <http://www.amdconline.com> You can register for the Forum, or to get a password for the "Member Only" section, jot Cecil (webmaster) 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** – If you post items or reply to a posting, be sure that you send accurate information – especially when replying to questions from the public.

Upcoming Events:

March 20-22, 2009 – Texas Council of Treasure Clubs Annual Show – Longview, TX.

May 23-24 – WWATS Mini-Hunts – K-River Campground, Antlers, Oklahoma

Member Tips for March

- **Recycle Your Batteries (submitted by Jan Hallez)**
Batteries are hazardous to the environment. Rather than just throwing your spent batteries in the trash, there are a number of places that accept them and will dispose of them for you:
Batteries Plus locations in Austin - 7915 Burnet Road, 2300 S. Lamar and 12129 FN 620 N.
Staples Office Stores
- **Move Cans and Trash (submitted by Blaine Nelson)**
This might be a no-brainer, but when you are detecting an area and find a lot of trash – aluminum cans etc., take the time to move it and pile it up to carry to a receptacle. In addition to helping leave a site cleaner than you found it – there are often good targets right under the trash! Not too long ago I picked up some cans and found coins and a silver ring underneath the pile.

Find of the Month:

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. Items found since the **FEBRUARY** meeting may be entered in the **MARCH** 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.

February Finds

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Scott Hegel - Buffalo Nickel (no date)	Frank Vick - 1988 50 Centavos - Mexico
Blaine Nelson - 1976D Quarter	Blaine Nelson - 1964 Cent - Canada
Larry Vickers - 1922D Cent	Daniel Mireles - 2006 Quarter - Canada
Daniel Mireles - 1982D Cent	Dennis Gans - 2001 1 Peso - Mexico
Frank Vick - 1953D Cent	Scott Hegel - 1989 Quarter - Canada
Jan Hallez - 1987D Quarter	
Dennis Gans - 1973 Quarter	Ring
	Blaine Nelson - 10K Engagement
	Scott Hegel - 10K Heart with Chips
	Jan Hallez - Silver Cross w/ 6 Stones
Token	
Jim Lawhon - Lorino Brothers - 1 Gallon of Oysters	Frank Vick - Costume with Stones
Larry Vickers - CCC Cascarets Token	Jim Lawhon - Aluminum
Scott Hegel - 25 Cents Gulf Mercantile	
Frank Vick - Austin Park & Pizza	Artifact
Blaine Nelson - Namco Game	Ed Newsom - Skeleton Key
Jan Hallez - Malibu Grand Prix	Jim Lawhon - Gulf Employee Tag
	Roy Stahl - 1920 Wrench
	Larry Vickers - Watch Fob
	Scott Hegel - Small Bell
Jewelry	Frank Vick - Sub Scout Neckerchief Slide
Jan Hallez - 14K Small Religious Charm	Blaine Nelson - Belt Buckle
Frank Vick - Beaded Thing	Jan Hallez - Square Nail
Blaine Nelson - Silver Pendant with Mood Stone	
Ed Newsom - Drop with Chain	
Scott Hegel - Gilded Charm	Button
Larry Vickers - Admiration Coffee Thimble	Blaine Nelson - Large Great Seal - WWII
Dennis Gans - Green Sea Glass	Frank Vick - Small Eagle
	Daniel Mireles - Polo
	Scott Hegel - 4 Hole
	Jan Hallez - Gold Color 4 Hole
	Larry Vickers - Buckle
Toy	
Jan Hallez - Yellow Car from Movie "Cars"	
Scott Hegel - Andrew Jackson (cracker jack prize)	Non-Metal
Frank Vick - Mercedes	Jim Lawhon - Clear Bottle
Blaine Nelson - Tonka Dump Truck	Larry Vickers - Red & White Marble
Larry Vickers - Yellow Car NOT from Movie "Cars"	Daniel Mireles - Plastic Elephant Charm
	Dennis Gans - Tooth Shaped Rock
	Jan Hallez - Bouncy Ball
Most Unusual	Frank Vick - Arm

Jim Lawhon - Cobbler Stand	Blaine Nelson - Green Marble
Dennis Gans - Bowl Shaped Rock	Scott Hegel - Large Pink Jack
Jan Hallez - 6 Sided Medallion	
Larry Vickers - 928 Tag	Oldest U.S. Cent
Daniel Mireles - USB Drive	Scott Hegel - 1897
Scott Hegel - Lead Seal	Ed Newsom - 1905
Frank Vick - Bullet	Larry Vickers - 1911D
Blaine Nelson - Cub Scout Slide	Jim Lawhon - 1936D
Ed Newsom - Suspender Buckle	Frank Vick - 1950D
	Blaine Nelson - 1960D
	Jan Hallez - 1964D
Oldest U.S. Coin	Dennis Gans - 1976
Scott Hegel - 1908 Nickel	
Larry Vickers - Buffalo Nickel (unreadable)	Most Valuable U.S. Coin
Frank Vick - 1957D Nickel	Larry Vickers - 1917 Half
Blaine Nelson - 1963 Nickel	Jim Lawhon - 1935D Quarter
Dennis Gans - 1964D Nickel	Frank Vick - 1920D Cent
Jan Hallez - 1967 Quarter	Scott Hegel - 1919 Cent

Rank

- 1 Scott Hegel
- 2 Frank Vick
- 3 Blaine Nelson
- 4 Jan Hallez
- 5 Daniel Mireles
- 6 Larry Vickers
- 7 Dennis Gans
- 8 Jim Lawhon
- 9 Ed Newsom
- 10 John Chapman
- 11 Roy Stahl

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: _____ # _____

