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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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5007 Timothy Circle Austin, TX 78734
Membership: \$20.00

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April 2009

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca

Date – **April 9th** 2009
2nd Thursday of each month

Time - **7:00 pm**

Room – **M-201 upstairs**

Officers:

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Betty Vickers
Art Tiemann 272-8902
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Leon and Mary Prause
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A Word From Our Pres:

If you weren't able to attend the Texas Treasure Show in Longview last month, you missed a good one!

Our Austin Club booth looked great, and we had a lot of favorable comments!

Many thanks to Daniel and Susie Mireles, and Leon and Mary Prause for taking charge of our booth, and to Betty and Larry Vickers, Lee Presley, and Mike and Annette Stafford for all their help in making our experience at the show a success.

We are already planning for next year's show, and welcome everyone to get involved.

Jim Lawhon

Note: April meeting only - please park in Joslin ES parking lot on Cimarron street; the church is having an Easter Service Thurs. night and parking will be tight.

April Meeting

The program this month will include viewing a DVD that was made during the recent 24th Annual Texas Treasure Show in Longview. Following the DVD we will continue our discussion and tips for the “Special Interest Group” areas of Coin Shooting, Relic Hunting, Water Hunting and Research. This forum is a good way to toss ideas around, ask questions and share our expertise.

During break we'll have our “Find of the Month” competition featuring items found since the March meeting. Rudy and Jenna are bringing refreshments.

Executive Meeting

Note: The May Board meeting at Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q – 8700 E. Hwy 290. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 7th at **6:30**. All are welcome. Items discussed at the April meeting include:

Programs

Scott has a speaker for May who does long range detecting. For April we will view the DVD that Leon made from the Show and continue our Interest Group discussion topics

Hunts

We discussed upcoming club hunts and outings. The Rodeo was recently held at Travis Co. Expo Center, so we will seek permission to hunt out there. Jim will request another time for us to detect at the old home site on the Texas Parks & Wildlife property. We would also like to spend a day at Krause Springs and include a picnic or pot luck. Dates for upcoming hunts forthcoming.

Review of TCTC Show

The Treasure Show was quite successful and everyone who went had a great time! The Austin Club members really worked as a team - manning the booth, greeting people, helping at the door and even at the TCTC booth. Our Austin Club booth looked real good! We got many comments from other clubs and the public. The rose basket Susie and friends put together was such a nice touch. The fundraiser netted \$371 for our club. Two of our members ended up winning prizes – Dennis Gans won the gold peso and Betty Vickers won the set of books.

Llano GPAA Meeting

Daniel, Susie and Charles Goertz attended the Llano GPAA meeting on Saturday to hear W.C. Jameson speak. He relayed a most interesting story about a trip to Kentucky. Susie reported that Earl Theiss and Todd Pickens from GPAA will be devoting time to work with AMPCO – America's Mining and Prospecting Org. The mission of AMPCO is to educate and protect freedom and expand interest in recreational prospecting, metal detecting and rock and mineral collecting.

Club Display

How about putting together a Club display including items found during the club hunt at the TX Parks & Wildlife old home site? If you found items and would be willing to contribute to this display, please let Blaine or one of the Board members know. We can notate who belongs to each item and return them at some point. You may also donate the item(s) and we can keep a permanent display. It will be interesting to show what a club can do, and what items one might find at an old home site.

Club Tee Shirts

Jim has offered to take charge of the T-shirt project so that we can get shirts for club members. We agreed that after seeing all the other clubs donning their club shirts at the show, that we need to get going on this.

Crystal Hunting Trip

We will poll members at the meeting to determine interest in the Crystal Hunting trip to Ron Coleman Crystal Mines outside of Hot Springs, Ark. and set a date if there is enough interest.

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:

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

June 6 – Waco Club competition hunt – Speegleville Saddle Club – see flyer on website

June 27 – TCTC Satellite Hunt – Waco – Speegleville Saddle Club. Details forthcoming

FOR SALE

Fisher F-50 and Fisher F-70. See Larry Vickers at the meeting for good price on these detectors

Member Tips for April

- **Playground Detecting (submitted by Jan Hallez)**
The first tip is in the "learned the hard way" category. When you are crawling around under the equipment to find that elusive item, remember that you are indeed under that equipment. A couple of times I stood up too soon, and ended up with abrasions on my back from scraping an edge. The other item is, I have found that sometimes the woodchips or pea gravel will spill outside of the "box". Hunt that also. A couple of times I found more on the outside than on the actual playground area.
- **Watch for Poison Ivy (submitted by Blaine Nelson)**
It's that time of year – and believe me – (I've learned the hard way twice) that poison ivy lurks out there! Wear disposable gloves, and above all, don't wipe your face or forehead with your hands, as the poison ivy will get all over! Even innocent looking mowed grass in parks can have poison ivy plants among the grass blades.

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 **MARCH** meeting may be entered in the **APRIL** 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.

March Finds

U.S. Coin	Foreign Coin
Frank Vick - 2007D Dollar	Jan Hallez - 50? - ???
Daniel Mireles - 1983 Dime	Scott Hegel - 1996 500 ? - ???
Dennis Gans - 1974 Quarter	Blaine Nelson - 2004 \$5 - Mexico
Scott Hegel - 1977 Cent	Frank Vick - 1985 Quarter - Canada
Blaine Nelson - 2000D Dollar	Daniel Mireles - 1988 Cent - Canada
Jan Hallez - 2004D Quarter	
	Ring
Token	Blaine Nelson - 10K Men's Ring
Scott Hegel - Camay Toilet Soap - 3 for 15 Cents	Frank Vick - Fairy Ring
Jan Hallez - Cinemark - NCV	Jan Hallez - Silverstone Star
Blaine Nelson - RTD Colorado Transit	
Frank Vick - Chuckie Cheese	Artifact
	Daniel Mireles - Small Bottle
Jewelry	Ed Newsom - Tooth Fossil
Frank Vick - Oscar de la Renta Watch	Scott Hegel - 1935 Belt Buckle
Blaine Nelson - 14K Anchor/Crucifix Pendant	Blaine Nelson - Old Serving Spoon
Jan Hallez - Cat with Red Eyes Earring	Frank Vick - Small Bottle
Scott Hegel - Earring with Stars	Dennis Gans - Saw Blade
	Mary Prause - Tire Tool
Toy	Dick Nelson - Ruger Pistol Pin
Frank Vick - Iron Pistol Handle	
Scott Hegel - Cracker Jack Prize - Snapper	Button
Blaine Nelson - Purple Car	Jan Hallez - Gold Sparkles on Brass Snap
	Scott Hegel - Small Star
Most Unusual	Blaine Nelson - 4 Hole
Blaine Nelson - Old Porcelain Figure	Frank Vick - 2 Hole
Daniel Mireles - Pottery from a Whiskey Jug	
Dennis Gans - Old Wrench	Non-Metal
Scott Hegel - Old Fishing Weight	Ed Newsom - Old Bottle
Frank Vick - Holy Cow Pin	Blaine Nelson - Shell Fossil
Jan Hallez - Jose Cuervo Key Ring	Jan Hallez - "I Like to Watch" Patch
	Daniel Mireles - Marble
Oldest U.S. Coin	Scott Hegel - Insulator
Blaine Nelson - 1949 Nickel	Frank Vick - Bennington Marble
Scott Hegel - 1962D Nickel	Dennis Gans - Plastic Orange Button
Frank Vick - 1967 Quarter	
Jan Hallez - 1968D Dime	Oldest U.S. Cent
Dennis Gans - 1973 Quarter	Blaine Nelson - 1919
	Frank Vick - 1958D
Most Valuable U.S. Coin	Jan Hallez - 1964
Scott Hegel - 1899 Cent	Scott Hegel - 1964D
Blaine Nelson - 1920 Cent	Dennis Gans - 1981D
Frank Vick - 1935D Cent	

2009 Rank as of

April

Scott Hegel
Frank Vick
Blaine Nelson
Jan Hallez
Daniel Mireles
Dennis Gans
Larry Vickers
Jim Lawhon
Ed Newsom
John Chapman
Dick Nelson
Mary Prause
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: _____ # _____