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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)
111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676
Membership: \$20.00

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March 2013

Treasure Show Next Month!

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Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **March 14th** 2013
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Mary Prause 512-670-9645
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Executive Committee:

Lee Presley, Mark Kubiak,
Mike Stafford, Leon Prause
Daniel and Susie Mireles,
Jim Lawhon 512-632-3139

Last Call for Dues - 2013 dues are due!

Please bring your dues money to the meeting this month or mail to Scott Hegel, 139 Fairwood Dr., Georgetown, TX 78628
Dues remain at \$20 again this year!

A Word From Our President:

It's March, so we should have a lot of opportunities to go out and swing the detectors! Be sure to bring in your finds for the Find of the Month contest at the meeting. This year we are trying to have a club hunt each month, so take the opportunity to come out and detect with the group.

I know I keep saying it, but please consider coming to the TAMDC state treasure show in Longview: dates are April 12 (for setup). 13th and 14th open to the public. There will be vendors, other clubs, and speakers participating in the show. You are bound to have a good time!

If you haven't paid your 2013 dues, now would be a good time to pay Scott.

If you have any suggestions for meeting programs, hunts, or anything else, please let me know and I will pass them on to the Executive Committee members.

Mary Prause

March Meeting

The program for March McCartney Taylor will present a condensed version "How to Research using Deep Web". Also, McCartney has written a book on Research for Metal Detecting which has been published and is on Amazon. He will have copies available for members.

We will have our Find of the Month (FOM) competition, so bring you FINDS – anything you have found since the February meeting. Even if you are a new member or have never participated, please bring your items to show and enter. It is fun, and the more we have – the more interesting it is! Note that entry in the FOM is for members only.

New Members

We had several renewals in February, but no brand new members to our club.

February Meeting:

At the February meeting Blaine and sister Jan did a skit on Metal Detecting tips, presented in a humorous way. The main tips included: Take the time to know what kind of detector you want – don't buy a real cheap "toy". Get one from a reputable dealer/manufacturer. Learn your detector, find out the regulations before going out, be prepared, and go often. You can't find anything if you are sitting on the couch!

Executive Meeting

Our meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 at Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q, I-35 and Wells Branch Parkway. We plan activities and programs and discuss club business. Everyone is welcome!

Lost and Found Efforts

In February we had **three** requests for assistance to locate lost items!

The first was to search for a lost men's wedding band in a campsite at McKinney Falls State Park. The ring owner contacted the park to get permission for us to use detectors in this State Park. Larry, Mary and Blaine went out, and were accompanied by two rangers on the search. Larry found the ring right away!

A second man's wedding band was lost in a large yard near Dripping Springs during the high winds. The owner was running around trying to pick up papers that had blown out of the tipped recycle bin when his ring flew off. Blaine went out on this one, and located the ring after about 2 hours.

Mary and Blaine were not so lucky on the third search. They were looking for a platinum/diamond ladies wedding ring in a large, terraced yard in Westlake Hills. The area where the ring could have been lost was quite large, and included areas with underbrush and interference. We will poll the search team and try and come a second time to cover the area more thoroughly.

Congratulations to the search team! We have more success stories to add to the club portfolio.

AMDC Website

Remember to check our web site often to see what's there!
<http://www.amdconline.com>

Our web site is:

Upcoming Events:

March 15-17 – Special Hunt at old homestead near Henderson, TX. Details forth coming.

March 23 – AMDC Club Hunt at Lakeway Park – starting at 8:00 a.m.

April 13-14, 2013 – **Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs Annual Show** – Longview, TX.

www.tamdc.org

You won't want to miss this big, annual Treasure Show! Participate with our AMDC booth, meet new friends and see all the latest metal detecting equipment from all the dealers and vendors. Click on the website link to see all the details!

FRIDAY- APRIL 12th

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (VENDOR & CLUB SET UP)

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (TAMDC MEETING)

SATURDAY - APRIL 13th

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC)

6:30 PM - PM (BANQUET and SPEAKER)

SUNDAY - APRIL 14th

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM (HUNT REGISTRATION)

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM (SILVER HUNT)

9:00 AM-10:00 AM (TOKEN PRIZES AWARDED)

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (SHOW)

Admission: \$2.00 per day/ kids 12 & under free

TAMDC Members \$2 both days

(member card must be presented)

May 4 – AMDC Garage Sale

June – Texas Lions Camp Volunteer Project (dates to be announced)

Newsletter

Stories, news etc. is welcome! We want to keep improving the newsletter.

Find of the Month – February, 2013

place	Display
1	Scott Hegel
2	Blaine Nelson
3	Jan Hallez
3	Mary Prause
	Larry Vickers

place	U.S. Coin	entry
1	Larry Vickers	1951d penny
1	Scott Hegel	1972 half dollar
2	Jan Hallez	Sacojawea w/bullet holes
2	Blaine Nelson	2000 Sacojawea
2	Daniel Mireles	2002d dime
3	Dennis Gans	1970d penny
3	Mary Prause	1969d penny

	Foreign Coin	
1	Blaine Nelson	Norway 5 ore
2	Jan Hallez	Argentina 25 cents
2	Mary Prause	Indian Rupee
3	Daniel Mireles	2000 2 cent Euro

	Token	
1	Dennis Gans	III Year Recovery
2	Daniel Mireles	No Cash Value
3	Scott Hegel	Malibu Money
3	Blaine Nelson	Peter Piper
	Jan Hallez	Century Theaters

	Ring	
1	Mary Prause	14k gold w/drk blue stone
2	Scott Hegel	14k mens wedding band
3	Larry Vickers	gold colored
3	Jan Hallez	copper swan
3	Blaine Nelson	metal band
	Jewelry	
1	Jan Hallez	Silvertone locket w/children
2	Blaine Nelson	Religious Necklace
3	Daniel Mireles	Bracelet w/chain attached
	Scott Hegel	Bracelet
	Mary Prause	Child's Cross Charm

	Artifact	
1	Bob Bracht	Mickey Mouse Watch
2	Dennis Gans	Fishing Lure
3	Mary Prause	Boy Scout Slider
	Larry Vickers	Buckle
	Scott Hegel	Pocketwatch Case

	Blaine Nelson	Old Can Top
	Daniel Mireles	Silver Star

Toy		
1	Jan Hallez	Knight
2	Scott Hegel	1976 Hot Wheels Car
2	Ollie Ponce	Crashed Car
3	Mary Prause	Red Safari Car
3	Blaine Nelson	Shovel

Button		
1	Jan Hallez	Sun/flower design
2	Blaine Nelson	Flower Design
3	Larry Vickers	Fastener
	Scott Hegel	4 Hole 1972 Ecko Unltd
	Mary Prause	2 Hole w/Decorative Edge

Most Unusual		
1	Blaine Nelson	Teeth Bridge
2	Jan Hallez	Las Vegas Key
3	Larry Vickers	Pocketwatch
	Scott Hegel	Metal Arrow Point
	Dennis Gans	Window Crank
	Mary Prause	Bob Bullock Museum Flat Penny

Non-Metal		
1	Scott Hegel	Bottom of Old Bottle
2	Ollie Ponce	Brown Liquor Bottle
2	Jan Hallez	Plastic Bone
2	Mary Prause	Plastic Chuckie Cheese Whistle
3	Dennis Gans	Rocket Fin
3	Daniel Mireles	\$1 bill
	Larry Vickers	Embossedd Bottle Piece
	Blaine Nelson	Plastic Teeth

Oldest U.S. Coin		
1	Ed Newsome	1883 V Nickel
2	Larry Vickers	1943 Mercury Dime
3	Scott Hegel	1960d Nickel
	Jan Hallez	1963 Nickel
	Dennis Gans	1965 Quarter
	Mary Prause	1964 Nickel
	Blaine Nelson	1975d Dime

Oldest U.S. Cent		
1	Blaine Nelson	1925
2	Scott Hegel	1936d
3	Jan Hallez	1940d

	Larry Vickers	1950
	Mary Prause	1961d
	Dennis Gans	1967

	Most Valuable U.S. Coin	
1	Blaine Nelson	1956 Dime
2	Larry Vickers	1937 Penny
2	Scott Hegel	1941d Penny

Rank	Name
1	Blaine Nelson
2	Larry Vickers
3	Scott Hegel
4	Mary Prause
5	Jan Hallez
6	Daniel Mireles
7	Dennis Gans
8	Leon Prause
9	Ollie Ponce
10	Bob Bracht
11	Ed Newsome

Find of the Month

Name _____

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: _____ # _____

DISPLAY _____ # _____