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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)
111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676
Membership: \$20.00
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October 2013

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **October 10th** 2013
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Mary Prause 512-670-9645
Vice Pres – Dennis Gans 512-944-8929
Treasurer – Scott Hegel
Secretary/Newsletter – Blaine Nelson
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Executive Committee:

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

A Word From Our President:

The weather is starting to get cooler, so be sure to get out there and start swinging those detectors. We will hold a Club Hunt on Saturday, Oct. 12 – details at the meeting and in future email.

If you would like to contribute to the success of your club, please consider serving as an officer or a board member for 2014. Just mention your willingness to either a current board member or officer; we would love to have you.

The next state Treasure Show has been set for April 4 - 6 in Sweetwater, Texas. If you haven't been before, please make plans to attend with your fellow AMDC members for a good time. There are lots of seminars, vendors and a great hunt.

Your Prez,

Mary Prause

October Meeting

The program for October will be presented by Ron Edelstein, and the topic is "What Colour is Your Gem?" Ron will talk about different gems of the same color and gems that are different color than most people think of them. Ron is very knowledgeable about both coins and gems and has extensive collections of both. You won't want to miss this program!

We will have our Find of the Month (FOM) competition, so bring you FINDS – anything you have found since the September 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.

Executive Meeting

Our next Board meeting will be on Thursday November 7th at 6:00 at Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q, 8700 E. Hwy 290. We plan activities and programs and discuss club business. Everyone is welcome!

Officers for Next Year

It is time to identify potential officers to serve our club in 2014. We will vote in November. The following members have offered to serve, but nominations are still open:

President:	Dennis Gans
Vice President:	Mary Prause
Secretary/Newsletter:	Blaine Nelson
Treasurer:	Scott Hegel

If anyone is interested in becoming an Officer or Board member, please let one of the current officers know.

New Members

Welcome to Alan Russell, Paul Krugler and Gary Whittaker who joined last month. Be sure to take time to visit with the new members and welcome them to the club.

Lost and Found Efforts

In September we only had one request for assistance to locate a lost item - to search for a sprinkler head. When the requestor was contacted to make arrangements to go out, he had already located the sprinkler head but thanked us for our prompt response and willingness to serve.

Thanks to the Search Team for their efforts to provide this service to the community.

AMDC Website

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

Our web site is:

FOR SALE:

Fisher ID Excel. Only used twice. I am selling it because I use my other detectors and this one just sits. **\$100.** See Blaine at the meeting or call 512-722-3148

Upcoming Events:

Oct .12 – Club Hunt at either Buda City Park or Lakeway City Park (to be decided at meeting).

Oct. 19 - Lone Star Hunt - (Competition Hunt - Dallas)

Dec. 12 - AMDC Christmas Dinner and Party

March 1, 2014 – 3rd Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt – near Jefferson, TX

April 4-6, 2014 – TAMDC Treasure Show – Sweetwater, TX

Club Hunt Ideas – Yes, Still Need!

We always need ideas for places the club can have a hunt. Please be thinking of new places and people you know that may have an old property we could detect.

Newsletter

Stories, news etc. is welcome! We want to keep improving the newsletter. Stories, personal experiences, tips etc. are all good!

Jewelry/Metal Markings

Last month the program was on “Valuing Finds” and we talked about markings in jewelry to determine metal content etc. Below is information from the handout.

Gold

K = Karat, P = Plumb (Plumb is high quality when a P is on gold) Example 18KP

10K = 41.7% pure .**417** = 10K

12K = 50% pure

14K = 58.3% pure .**583** = 14K

18K = 75% pure .**750** = 18K

22K = 91.2% pure

24K = 99.9% pure

G.F. = Gold Filled (bonded to brass or bronze w. fusing). By law 5% of total weight must be gold

HGE = Heavy Gold Electroplating – Thin coating of gold over base metal

Silver

Ster or Sterling = 92.5% silver, 7.5% copper

.925 = Sterling (92.5% silver)

Mexico = Sterling (92.5% silver)

Lion Hallmark = Sterling from England

S.F. = Silver Filled (1/20 silver filled)

Vermeil is sterling silver covered by an electroplating of gold

Platinum

PLAT or PLATINUM = 75% platinum (.**750** = Platinum)

Designer Stamp

Maker of the piece will often stamp their insignia inside – i.e. **Avery** (and/or candlesticks) is James Avery

Find of the Month – September, 2013

Place	Display	Place	U.S. Coin
1	Blaine Nelson	1	Will Prather 1934 Peace Dollar
2	Charles Goertz	2	Scott Hegel 2011d \$1 Coin
3	Mary Prause	2	Blaine Nelson 1981 Cent
3	Ollie Ponce	3	Jan Hallez Abe Lincoln Dollar
3	Jan Hallez	3	Mary Prause 1967 Quarter
	Scott Hegel	3	Charles Goertz 1971 Quarter
	Foreign Coin		Token
1	Blaine Nelson Finland Konung	1	Blaine Nelson Richard Ojeda Rey Feo LXIV
2	Will Prather 20 Cent Chinese	1	Jan Hallez Squeaky Clean Carwash
3	Mary Prause 1966 Panama 5	2	Mary Prause Crabtree Amusements
	Scott Hegel 1986 Canadian Penny	3	Scott Hegel Parking
	Jan Hallez 1985 Canadian Penny		
			Jewelry
	Ring	1	Scott Hegel 18k Gold Filled Chain w/Heart Charm
1	Will Prather Coast Guard Cadet Ring	2	Jan Hallez Magnetic Bracelet
2	Jan Hallez White & Yellow Gold Band	2	Daniel Mireles Bracelet
3	Blaine Nelson 10k Men's Band w/real diamonds	3	Blaine Nelson Silver Link Bracelet
	Scott Hegel 14k White Gold Pink Stone		Mary Prause Peace Sign Pendant
			Charles Goertz Earring
	Artifact		
1	Blaine Nelson Old Wooden Fishing Lure		Toy
1	Jan Hallez Square Nail	1	Blaine Nelson Play Hand Cuffs
1	Daniel Mireles Pocket Knife	2	Scott Hegel Miniature Iron Game Token
2	Charles Goertz Mini Ball	2	Jan Hallez #39 Race Car
3	Scott Hegel Miniature Elephant Claw Bell	3	Mary Prause Orange Scorpion Hot Wheels Car
	Mary Prause CompX Key	3	Charles Goertz Shovel
	Button		Most Unusual
1	Scott Hegel Snap	1	Blaine Nelson Military Honor Bracelet
2	Jan Hallez 4 Hole Brass	2	Charles Goertz Electrical Outlet
3	Charles Goertz Brass Liberty Button	3	Scott Hegel Copper Ring
	Blaine Nelson Metal 2 Hole		Jan Hallez Ski Binding Part
			Mary Prause Connector
	Non-Metal		
1	Scott Hegel Popsicle Stick w/Joke		Oldest U.S. Coin
2	Jan Hallez Plastic Gun	1	Scott Hegel 1941d Nickel
3	Mary Prause Smurf	1	Blaine Nelson 1941 Nickel
	Blaine Nelson Old Glass Dome	2	Jan Hallez 1962 Nickel
	Charles Goertz Piece of Pottery	3	Charles Goertz 1964 Nickel
			Mary Prause 1965 Dime
	Oldest U.S. Cent		
1	Will Prather 1943 Steel		Most Valuable U.S. Coin

2	Scott Hegel 1957	1	Will Prather 1858 Flying Eagle Penny
3	Charles Goertz 1960d	2	Scott Hegel 1940 Penny
	Jan Hallez 1967		
	Mary Prause 1971d		
	Blaine Nelson 1981		

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Rank	Name
1	Blaine Nelson
2	Scott Hegel
3	Jan Hallez
4	Mary Prause
5	Larry Vickers
6	Daniel Mireles
7	Charles Goertz
9	Leon Prause
8	Dennis Gans
10	Ed Newsom
12	Ollie Ponce
11	Mark Kubiak
13	Rudy Nordmeyer
14	Will Prather
15	Bob Bracht

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 _____ # _____