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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)
111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676
Membership: \$20.00
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January 2014

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to the many opportunities of the New Year.

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **January 9th** 2014
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Dennis Gans 512-944-8929
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Executive Committee:

Mike Stafford, Leon Prause
Daniel and Susie Mireles,
Jim Lawhon 512-632-3139

Club Dues - 2014 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 New President:

Happy New Year!

First, thank you for giving me the honor to serve as the 2014 President of the AMDC; I hope we all have a happy, healthy, and safe year.

We are all stunned by the untimely death of a friend and previous club president, Lee Presley, who passed away on Friday, December 20th. He will be thoroughly missed.

In January, we begin the 2014 'Find of the Month' competition. We will include items found after our meeting in November through the January meeting, so bring all of your 'finds' during that time. If you are new to the competition, bring your items and talk with Daniel and Susie Mireles, who run the FOM. They will be glad to help you with the competition categories, etc. Who knows? You could be next year's winner! Besides, it is always interesting to see what 'finds' everyone brings.

The Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs (T.A.M.D.C.) annual Treasure Show will be held in April. If you have never been to one of these gatherings, I urge you to attend and meet other T.A.M.D.C. club members, attend metal detecting seminars, and checkout all the vendors. We are currently looking for volunteers to help plan and/or 'man' our show booth, so if you are interested, contact Jim Lawhon or anyone on the Board.

Hope to see y'all at the meeting!

Dennis Gans

January Meeting

To start the New Year we have a program on "How to Clean Your Targets". Scott Hegel will give us tips on how to clean coins, jewelry etc. We will also review metal detecting "dos and don'ts", where to detect etc.

The Treasure Hunter of the Year award(s) will be presented, so you won't want to miss this meeting! We will also have our Find of the Month competition featuring items found since the November meeting.

Club Hunt – Saturday, Jan. 11. Marble Falls – Lakeside Park on the river (Lake LBJ). Meet at 9:00 (or come later). The park is right off Hwy 281 on Buena Vista Drive near the bridge in town. Turn off 281 on 1st Street, go left on Ave. H to Buena Vista. The park is on the Burnet Side (north) of the river/bridge.

Meet Your Officers

PRESIDENT – Dennis Gans grew up in a military family and continuing the tradition of moving on his own, he has lived in six states and five countries. He began his education, and later high school, while living in Ft. Sam Houston and attended Texas A&M University, graduating in 1971. His first career, construction management, took him to the ends of the earth. The second was in the computer industry, including 13 years with Hewlett-Packard. Dennis met his wife Carol in Colorado and were married 27 years ago. Son Erik was born while they lived in California and is now living here in Austin. After moving back to Texas 10 years ago and settling in Lakeway, Dennis worked for the Texas Attorney General's Office and later as a Business Analyst Consultant. He retired on April Fools' Day in 2012 and now has the time to pursue interests in gems, minerals, and old coins. Dennis took up metal detecting about 13 years ago and currently has two Garrett detectors, a GTI 2500 and an AT Gold.

VICE PRESIDENT – Mary Prause has been married to Leon for 43 years!! She is the mother of two kids and three beautiful grandkids. Mary retired in Nov. 2011 after working for 38 years at UT. Mary started detecting about 6 years ago, and got into it at the urging of Leon, who had already become involved. Both Mary and Leon have been active club members, serving on the Board and taking charge of various projects, i.e. our club booth at the show. Mary enjoys serving as a member of the AMDC Search Team. Mary's favorite machine is a Garrett AT-Pro.

SECRETARY – Blaine Nelson started detecting in 2002 and has been an active AMDC member since that time. Blaine has one grown daughter and is retired from the State of Texas - Dept. of Human Services after working 30 years. She and Frank moved out to Wimberley 3 years ago to get out of the hustle and bustle, and built a new home last year. Blaine loves water detecting, and her favorite machines are her Tesoro Tiger Shark, and Tesoro Cortez. Other interests include nature, volunteering and rooting for the NE Patriots. She is a member of the AMDC Search Team, and has served as an officer for the Texas Council. Blaine is also a member of the Granite State Treasure Hunters club in New Hampshire and participates in activities there whenever possible.

TREASURER – Scott Hegel has served as our Treasurer for almost 21 years! He has been a member of AMDC since 1987 and loves detecting. Scott is married to Sherrie and has 4 grown children and 4 grand children. Scott has also served on Executive Committee of the Texas Council of Treasure Clubs, and is a member of the AMDC Search Team. He has handled our Find of the Month Contest for the past several years, and is always willing to help with a program, locating a site, etc.



AMDC is on Face Book! Be sure and check out and “Like” the Group

Looking Back at 2013

Boy, the year has gone fast! It was a busy one for AMDC, peppered with club hunts, volunteer projects, participation in the Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs (T.A.M.D.C.) Show and social gatherings. Here is just a glimpse of what we accomplished in '13:

- Club Hunts at Camp Ben McCulloch (2), Lakeway Park (2), Seguin Park, Lone Star G.S. Camp, Bryant Station and the big competition hunt at the show
- Service Projects/Community Participation at Kerrville Lion's Camp,
- Social Gathering at Blaine and Frank's and the annual club Christmas Dinner.
- Participation at the T.A.M.D.C Show in Longview. We had a great turnout of club members attending and assisting with our club booth at the show.
- Club Programs on Gem Stones, How to Use Your Detector, Detecting Tips, Valuing Your Finds, Water Detecting, Dousing, Using Maps for Research
- Competition Hunts – members participated in the TAMDC satellite hunt, and the Lone Star Club, Cow Town Treasure Club, and H.A.R.C. (Houston) Club Competition Hunts.
- Lost and Found – our Search Team has had a successful year in locating lost items for people in the community. We are putting together a book to detail these efforts which should be ready for the Show.

December Meeting:

The December meeting was devoted to the holiday dinner where members had time to socialize and enjoy the good food and festivities. And we didn't know we had two musicians among us! Rudy and Ed entertained us with their variety of songs accompanied by guitar. Thanks guys!

We had another successful club fund raiser thanks to members who brought donated items for this activity. This fund raiser has become a club tradition at the Christmas dinner. Everyone won at least one item, and many had several prizes to take home!

Executive Meeting

Our meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 at Bill Miller's Bar-B-Q at 290 E. near Springdale. Everyone is welcome!

Lost and Found Efforts

In December and January we had five requests for assistance to locate lost items. The first search was conducted by Scott to locate a ladies white gold ring in her yard. Scott located the ring!. Mary, Leon and Blaine went out on the second search – for a man's wedding band lost while he was raking leaves. Blaine located the ring in one of the bags of leaves. A third search was conducted by Mary and Blaine. Mary located the lost white gold and diamond wedding ring lost by a woman putting up Christmas lights. Two additional searches are pending.

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:

New Year's Resolutions?

You can help our club in a number of ways. Here are just a few:

- Attend club meetings
- Offer to help with a program or locate a speaker
- Participate in activities – Find of the month, club hunts etc.
- Invite a friend to a meeting
- Support the club fund raisers
- Be a good example to others, both within and outside the club
- Help with committees and special projects
- Share your ideas and expertise – offer to speak at a meeting, or contribute to the newsletter
- **Help locate sites for club hunts - keep your eyes/ears open!**
- Help club with our booth and attend Texas Treasure Show
- Keep informed. Check our website often and read newsletters and club email
- Volunteer to serve as an Officer or Board member next year!

Upcoming Events:

January 11, 2014 – AMDC Club Hunt, Marble Falls (see above)

February 23, 2014 – Houston Club (H.A.R.C.) Competition Hunt at Galveston

March 1, 2014 – Piney Woods Relic Hunt, Longview, TX

April 5-6, 2014 – Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs Annual Show – Longview, TX.

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

Find of the Month – November Entries

Place	Display	Place	U.S. Coin
1	Blaine Nelson	1	Ed Newsom 1904 Barber dime
2	Jan Hallez	2	Blaine Nelson Standing Liberty Quarter
3	Scott Hegel	3	Mary Prause 1983 quarter
3	Mary Prause	3	Scott Wilkins Sacagowea
3	Leon Prause		Scott Hegel 1964d penny
			Dennis Gans 1982d Penny
	Foreign Coin		
1	Scott Wilkins 1945 Indonesia Cent		Token
2	Jan Hallez 1946 10 Centavos	1	Scott Hegel Dairy Queen Sundae
3	Blaine Nelson Canadian quarter	2	Ed Newsom Lord's Prayer
3	Mary Prause 2002 10 cent Euro	3	Blaine Nelson Arcade Token
			Scott Wilkins No Cash Value
	Ring		
1	Blaine Nelson Gold w/Diamonds		Jewelry
2	Scott Wilkins Silver Hopi Ring	1	Jan Hallez Oval w/Diamond Heart Pendant
3	Scott Hegel Silver w/Blue Clear Stone	2	Scott Wilkins Baseball Medallion
	Jan Hallez Smashed-up Fake Diamond	3	Scott Hegel Longhorn Pendant w/Stones
		3	Blaine Nelson Bracelet
	Artifact		Ollie Ponce Earring
1	Blaine Nelson Belt Buckle		Dennis Gans Earring
2	Scott Wilkins Red Compact		
3	Leon Prause Square Nail		Toy
3	Dennis Gans "Weed" Thing	1	Jan Hallez Monopoly Top Hat
	Mary Prause Old Dog Tag	2	Mary Prause Skateboarder
	Jan Hallez Metal Square	2	Scott Wilkins Green Motorcycle
		3	Scott Hegel Hot Wheels Croc Car
	Button	3	Blaine Nelson Red Car
1	Mary Prause Fancy Gold Snap	3	Leon Prause Brown Ford Sport Trac
2	Dennis Gans Heart Button		Dennis Gans Fishing Lure
3	Blaine Nelson Little Snap		
3	Jan Hallez Madavel Brand Snap		Most Unusual
3	Leon Prause Charms	1	Jan Hallez High Heel Tape Dispenser
	Scott Hegel Snap	2	Mary Prause Angel Worry Medallion
		2	Scott Wilkins Mortimor Watch
	Non-Metal	3	Blaine Nelson Old License Insert
1	Blaine Nelson US Army Patch		Dennis Gans Square Nail
2	Mary Prause Crab		
3	Scott Hegel Queen of Spades		Oldest U.S. Coin
3	Dennis Gans Whistle	1	Scott Wilkins 1899 Barber
	Jan Hallez Green Bouncy Balls	2	Blaine Nelson 1960 Nickel
		3	Jan Hallez 1964 Nickel
	Oldest U.S. Cent		Scott Hegel 1965 Quarter
1	Ed Newsom 1906 Indian		Dennis Gans 1966 Quarter
2	Blaine Nelson 1920		Mary Prause 1975 Nickel
3	Scott Wilkins 1924		

	Jan Hallez 1944		Most Valuable U.S. Coin
	Mary Prause 1963	1	Scott Wilkins 1901o Dime
	Scott Hegel 1963d	2	Blaine Nelson 1963 quarter
	Dennis Gans 1973d	3	Ed Newsom 1943p Nickel
			Jan Hallez 1937 Penny

A Few Pictures from the Christmas Party



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: _____ # _____

DISPLAY _____ # _____

