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## AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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

### **Meeting Information:**

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca  
Date – **April 10<sup>th</sup>** 2014  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Time - **7:00 pm**  
Room - M – 103/104

### **Officers:**

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### **Executive Committee:**

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

John Chapman

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### **Newsletter Contest!**

There will be a drawing for a silver dime at the meetings. If you can answer the mystery question correctly taken from information in the newsletter, your name may be drawn. Good luck! Thanks to Jan Hallez for donating the silver dimes.

### **President's Message**

It's April, no fooling, the weather is wonderful and a great time to get out and swing our detectors. Be sure to come out and detect with the group at our monthly club hunt and don't forget to bring your "finds" to the meeting for our Find of the Month contest.

If you missed the TAMDC Treasure Show, you missed a great opportunity to meet with other enthusiasts and learn more about our hobby! Our AMDC Booth was a hit; we got to see all the latest metal detecting equipment and accessories. We all had a great time!

If you have any suggestions for meeting programs, hunts, or anything else, please let one of our Board members know

Dennis Gans

## SWEET TIME IN SWEETWATER!

What a **GREAT TIME** we had at the annual T.A.M.D.C statewide Metal Detecting Treasure Show! The Show, banquet, hunt, seminars etc. were tops, but the camaraderie that we share every year spending time with other metal detecting enthusiasts is priceless.

Twelve AMDC members attended the Show, and we want to say THANK YOU to all who joined us in Sweetwater to support our club and our hobby. A **SPECIAL THANKS** goes to the following members who worked diligently to set up our booth, man at the booth, made and contributed displays for the booth and represented our club during this event:

Dennis Gans  
Jan Hallez  
Paul Kruger  
Daniel Mireles  
Susie Mireles  
Blaine Nelson  
Leon Prause  
Mary Prause  
Larry Vickers

Club members made out like bandits at the hunt and in the drawings, and won:

Daniel – White's MX5 detector  
Blaine – White's Coinmaster detector  
Larry – AT-Pro Package, head phones, digging tool  
Dennis – Two peso gold coin  
Scott W. – AT-Pro detector (1<sup>st</sup> prize AMDC drawing)  
Mary – Quality digging shovel



Our club fund raiser was quite successful, netting \$373.50. Larry Vickers added incentive for ticket buyers by offering silver coins for \$20, 30 and \$40 ticket purchases. Thanks Larry for the idea and getting the coins.

## **APRIL Meeting**

Our program for April will be “**Detecting Ghost Towns**” presented by Larry Vickers. There is something very exciting about ghost towns that draws most all metal detecting enthusiasts – to think about the possibility of finding treasure in these old places. Gold coins, caches, let your imagination take over. Larry will discuss ghost town resources, personal experiences of detecting in ghost towns, and answer questions. You won’t want to miss this program!

We will also have our Find of the Month competition featuring items found since the March meeting, so bring any finds you want to enter. The more we have, the more interesting it is!

## **Club Hunt**

The location and date of the next club hunt will be determined. We will discuss at the meeting.

## **Executive Meeting**

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

## **Lost and Found Efforts**

Since the last report we had 2 requests for assistance to locate lost items.

The first search was conducted by Mary and Blaine – to search for a man’s gold wedding band lost while he was mulching his yard. Mary and Blaine started at opposite ends of the yard, and Blaine found the ring. It was 18K white gold. The owner gave the club a \$30. donation.

The second request is to locate a sharp knife in a yard. That search is pending.

**Congratulations to the search team!**

## **AMDC Website**

Remember to check our web site often to see what’s there! We have a link to a video of Scott’s program on coin cleaning, and Ron Edlestein’s program on “What is Your Money Worth” and hope to put additional programs up.

Our web site is: <http://www.amdconline.com>

## **Upcoming Events:**

**June 18 and 19** – Texas Lions Camp Volunteer Project – Kerrville

**August ?** – Summer social at Frank and Blaine’s

Question: Which club member won a two peso gold coin in the hunt at the show?

## Find of the Month – March Entries

place	Display	place	U.S. Coin
1	Larry Vickers	1	Scott Hegel 1925 quarter
2	Scott Wilkins	2	Scott Wilkins 1944 dime
2	Blaine Nelson	3	Blaine Nelson 1981 Kennedy Half
3	Paul Krugler		Ed Newsom 1947s dime
	Scott Hegel		Leon Prause 1965 quarter
	Leon Prause		Larry Vickers Buffalo nickel
	Jan Hallez		Paul Krugler Rutherford One Dollar
	Ed Newsom		Mary Prause 1961d penny
	Mary Prause		Mike Bird Madison One Dollar
	Charles Goertz		Jan Hallez Sacojawa
			Charles Goertz 2013 quarter
	<b>Foreign Coin</b>		
1	Scott Hegel Large Chinese Coin		<b>Token</b>
2	Leon Prause Turkish Kupus 2005	1	Larry Vickers Palmolive
2	Larry Vickers 2.50?	1	Paul Krugler Cracker Jack Thomas Jefferson
3	Scott Wilkins 1943 Centavos	2	Scott Wilkins Cracker Jack President Taft
3	Jan Hallez 2 Rand S Africa	3	Scott Hegel Green River Whiskey Good Luck
	Blaine Nelson Un Nuevo	3	Mike Bird POG
		3	Blaine Nelson AA 24 hour
	<b>Ring</b>	3	Jan Hallez Parking
1	Scott Wilkins Gold w/Red Stone		Ed Newsom #79
1	Mike Bird 1998 Bowie Class Ring		Leon Prause No Cash Value
2	Ed Newsom 10k White gold		Mary Prause Video Game
2	Blaine Nelson Copper Silver		
3	Scott Hegel Junk		<b>Jewelry</b>
3	Leon Prause Gold Color Child's Rink	1	Scott Wilkins Heart Bell w/Chain
3	Paul Krugler Woven Multi Color	2	Jan Hallez Silver Purple Bead Bracelet
3	Mary Prause Small Silver Flower Design	3	Blaine Nelson Earrings
3	Jan Hallez Copper Lord of the Rings		Paul Krugler Silver Colored Hair Pin w/Stones
			Ed Newsom Copper Bracelet
	<b>Artifact</b>		Scott Hegel Antique Broach/Clear Stones
1	Scott Hegel Schrader Tire Pressure Gauge for Model T		Leon Prause Gold Colored Bangle
2	Ralph Dawson Fish Lure		Larry Vickers Bracelet
2	Scott Wilkins Taylor Lock		Mary Prause Silver Bangle
2	Blain Nelson Bird Pin		Mike Bird Medallion
3	Leon Prause Iron Decorative Pipe		Charles Goertz Earring
3	Mary Prause Noble Eagle-Enduring Freedom Challenge Coin		
3	Mike Bird Lock with Key		<b>Toy</b>
3	Charles Goertz Mini Ball	1	Scott Wilkins Buckaroo Pistol
	Ed Newson Lipton Tea	2	Jan Hallez Silver Pig
	Larry Vickers Spray Nozzle	3	Scott Hegel Toy Lead Soldier from England
	Paul Krugler UT Inventory Tag		Ralph Dawson Bat Box

			Blaine Nelson Monopoly Thimble and Iron
	<b>Button</b>		
1	Scott Wilkins Eagle		<b>Most Unusual</b>
2	Jan Hallez Big Gaudy with Stones	1	Mike Bird Tent Stake
3	Ed Newsom Buffalo Nickel	1	Charles Goertz Trap
3	Paul Krugler Mon No Thvriensis	2	Ed Newsom Harley Davidson Keychain
	Blaine Nelson Tiny Flower	2	Leon Prause 1950's Cutex Bottle
	Scott Hegel WWI Eagle Cuff	2	Jan Hallez Dog Flu Vaccine Bottle
	Larry Vickers Metal	3	Scott Hegel Jar Lid
	Mary Prause Justice Premium	3	Paul Krugler Plastic Soldier
	Mike Bird 4 hole	3	Scott Wilkins Eagle
	Charles Goertz Metal		Larry Vickers Compact and Mirror
			Mary Prause Scout Archery Badge
	<b>Non-Metal</b>		Blaine Nelson Ring w/Dice
1	Ralph Dawson Stuffed Bear		
1	Larry Vickers Houston Coke Bottle		<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>
2	Leon Prause Blue Vapor Rub Jar	1	Larry Vickers 1903 Nickel
2	Mary Prause Pinewood Derby Racer Patch	2	Scott Wilkins 1905s Dime
2	Charles Goertz Cubic Z diamond	3	Scott Hegel 1917 Nickel
3	Scott Hegel Domino		Blaine Nelson 1941 Nickel
3	Paul Krugler Purple Butterfly		Mike Bird 1943 Walking Liberty
3	Mike Bird Plastic Horse		Paul Krugler 1964d Nickel
	Ed Newsom Blue/White Bracelet		Mary Prause 1964 Nickel
	Blaine Nelson Flower Button		Jan Hallez 1964 Nickel
	Jan Hallez Clear Button		Leon Prause 1965 Quarter
			Ed Newsom 1965 Quarter
	<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>		Charles Goertz 1983 Quarter
1	Larry Vickers 1896		
2	Scott Hegel 1901		<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>
3	Scott Wilkins 1914	1	Scott Hegel 1917 Quarter
	Ed Newsom 1919d	2	Scott Wilkins 1944 Quarter
	Mike Bird 1939	3	Ed Newsom 1933 Penny
	Mary Prause 1942		Larry Vickers 1914 Dime
	Blaine Nelson 1945		
	Paul Krugler 1960d		
	Jan Hallez 1960d		
	Leon Prause 1962d		
	Charles Goertz 1973d		

## Ranking after March

Rank	Name
1	Scott Wilkins
2	Blaine Nelson
3	Scott Hegel
4	Jan Hallez
5	Paul Krugler
6	Mary Prause
7	Charles Goertz
8	Larry Vickers
9	Leon Prause
10	Ed Newsom
11	Mike Bird
12	Daniel Mireles
13	Dennis Gans
14	Ollie Ponce
15	Mitch London
16	Ralph Dawson

**Don't see your name here? You have a full month to get out and search. It's fun and easy to enter!**

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 \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

