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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 2014

### Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca  
Date – **Oct. 9<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,  
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### Newsletter Contest!

We continue our drawing for a prize at the meetings. If you can answer the mystery question correctly taken from information in the newsletter, your name may be drawn. Good luck!

### A Word From Our President:

The weather is getting cooler, so be sure to get out there and start swinging those detectors.

I hope some of you were able to visit the Austin Gem & Mineral Show last weekend. I worked there all three days and had several chances to stop by and chat with Amanda and Travis, from the Weather Channel's show Prospectors, who were there selling their finds.

If you would like to contribute to the success of your club, please consider serving as an officer or a board member for 2015. Just mention your willingness to serve to either a current board member or an officer.

Dennis Gans

## **October Meeting**

Our October meeting we welcome Jon Zeitler from the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). Jon will present a program on Weather Safety and the 2014-2015 Winter Forecast. Do plan to attend this most interesting program and support our speaker and your club.

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

## **Club Hunt at Rose Hill**

Club members had a second chance to hunt at Rose Hill – a ghost town that is now property which includes the Good Luck Grill. A number of interesting relics were found, and after detecting, members headed into the Grill for lunch and fellowship. Thanks to Art Tiemann for making arrangements for this club hunt.



## **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! Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 6.

## **Reminder!**

As members of the Austin Metal Detecting Club we all need to abide by National, State and Local laws/rules regarding metal detecting. Remember that detecting is not allowed in **City of Austin Parks or land** without a permit. It is your responsibility to check the detecting rules before detecting. We are role models for our hobby.

## **Save the Date!**

**Saturday, November 1**, we will have a joint hunt and breakfast snacks with the San Antonio Club. The site will be outside of Austin at a location convenient to both clubs. The get together will be 9:00 til noon-ish. Details upcoming!

## **Lost and Found Efforts**

Since the last report one request has come in via our web site, and there was one request from our Face Book Page.

The first request was to locate a lost gold wedding band lost at Barton Springs pool or Greenbelt. We had to obtain permission from the City of Austin to search for the ring. Larry, Mary and Blaine searched thoroughly for the ring, but did not locate it. We believe the ring have been picked up.

The second request was to search for a key that the owner dropped near her car. Mary and Leon went out

on this search, and Mary found the key in about 2 minutes.



A happy camper. Thanks Mary!

### **Upcoming Events:**

**October 18** – Lone Star Treasure Hunter's Club (Dallas) Competition Hunt

**November 1** – Joint Hunt and Pot Luck with the San Antonio Club

**December 11** – AMDC Christmas Dinner (regular meeting night)

**April 10, 11, 12, 2015** – TAMDC Annual Treasure Show and Hunt – Longview

### **AMDC Website**

Remember to check our web site often to see what's there! We have a links to You Tube videos of some of our recent programs.

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

## **Club of the Month**

Each month the Newsletter will feature a Metal Detecting or Treasure Hunting Club. It is fun to know what others are doing, and how they operate.

### **Granite State Treasure Hunting Club (GSTHC) – New Hampshire**

**Founded** – 1974

**Membership** – 75 (membership is capped, but will take new members when members are lost through attrition)

**Dues** - \$40. per year for individual, \$20. for family member in same household. There is also a \$20. Initiation fee due the first time one joins

**Web Site** – [www.gsthc.org](http://www.gsthc.org) **Face Book Page** - NO

**Meetings** – 3rd Sundays of each month, all year. April through October the meetings are held prior to the Club Hunts, and during winter months there are more formal meetings featuring speakers/programs.

**Club Hunts** – GSTHC holds club hunts each month April through October. The hunts are usually on private property – at old farms, homesteads, resorts or ski areas. In June GSTHC has a large planted hunt and cookout which usually lasts all day. This hunt and meal is free or very low fee for members.

**Service** – GSTHC donates funds to local charities. They most recently awarded over \$650 to St. Charles Children’s Home in Rochester. Members are involved with locating lost items as a service, and in educating the public about metal detecting.

**Fellowship** – GSHC members enjoy getting together and have a cook-out in conjunction with designated hunts, and a big Christmas party in November.

**Fundraisers** –. During the GSTHC meetings, a “50-50” drawing, and drawing for other prize(s) are held. The biggest fundraiser is a garage sale, usually held at the Pembroke Library in the spring.

**Find of the Month Contest** – GSTHC has 3 categories for FOM: Coin, Relic, and Jewelry. Members vote for their favorite in each category, and winners get a prize – i.e. a silver quarter.

Pictures below include the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hunt and Pig Roast, Yard Sale in Pembroke, Club Hunt at Farm, and Club Hunt at Gunstock Ski Area.





*Question: How many members does the Granite State Treasure Hunters Club have?*

### Find of the Month – September Entries

1	Blaine Nelson	1	Scott Wilkins 1929 Nickel
2	Paul Krugler	2	Mary Prause 2000d Dollar
2	Scott Wilkins	2	Daniel Mireles 1948 Wheat Cent
3	Mike Bird	3	Jan Hallez Jefferson Dollar
	Mary Prause	3	Leon Prause 1963d Cent
	Josh Graham	3	Dennis Gans 1977d Cent
		3	Blaine Nelson 1936 Buffalo Nickel
	<b>Foreign Coin</b>	3	Mike Bird Garfield Dollar
1	Scott Wilkins 1000 Peso		Paul Krugler 2014 Shenandoah Quarter
2	Jan Hallez 2003 2 Euro		Mitch London 1951d Cent
2	Blaine Nelson 5 Cent Euro		Victoria Leonard Dirty Cent
3	Leon Prause 1993 50 Centavos		Josh Graham 1947 Nickel
3	Josh Graham 2002 50 Euro		
3	Daniel Mireles 1 Cent Euro		<b>Token</b>
	Mike Bird 50 Peso	1	Scott Wilkins San Angelo Bus
		2	Blaine Nelson Schrafft's Candy Lollipop Money
	<b>Ring</b>	3	Pat Dawson HEBuddy
1	Blaine Nelson Platinum Wedding Ring		Paul Krugler Hill Country Resort No Cash
2	Jan Hallez Silverone w/ Big Dark Stone		Mike Bird Sleigh Lottery
3	Paul Krugler Gold w/Red Stones		Mary Prause Crabtree
	Scott Wilkins Gold/Aluminum		Jan Hallez Boondocks stuck in cap
	Mitch London Sterling w/Green Beads		Josh Graham Ski Token
	<b>Artifact</b>		<b>Jewelry</b>
1	Mary Prause Propelling Pencil	1	Dennis Gans CubicZ Earring
2	Paul Krugler Vintage Wooden Fishing Lure	2	Scott Wilkins Sterling Teddy Bear
3	Ralph Dawson Dart	3	Jan Hallez Dark Pink Star Charm
3	Victoria Leonard Brylcreme Tube	3	Leon Prause Colerful Bracelet
	Blaine Nelson Old Pocket Watch		Paul Krugler Childs Chain Bracelet
	Josh Graham Track Medal		Mary Prause Old Time Ladies Watch
	Scott Wilkins Harmonica Reed		Blaine Nelson Butterfly Pin
	Mitch London Suspender Clip 1907-1920		Mike Bird Heart Shaped Costume

	Alan Russell Metal Tassel from Pull Chain		Josh Graham Victorian Brooch
			Daniel Mireles Disc Earring
	<b>Button</b>		
1	Scott Wilkins Old Brass Army Button		<b>Toy</b>
2	John Walton Knight on Horse	1	Josh Graham Cap Gun
3	Pat Dawson Round	2	Jack Hoffman Gameboy Game
	Jan Hallez Zanadi	3	Paul Krugler Girl Sticker
	Paul Krugler Imperial Star	3	Mary Prause Majorette White Corvette
	Mary Prause 2 Hole	3	Scott Wilkins Hot Wheels Motorcycle
	Blaine Nelson Worth & Co.	3	Blaine Nelson Orange Sports Car
	Mike Bird Kelvin Kline	3	Mike Bird TransAm
	Daniel Mireles Part of Button	3	Leon Prause Part of Yellow Truck
	<b>Non-Metal</b>		<b>Most Unusual</b>
1	Josh Graham Adams Extract	1	Josh Graham Foam Skeleton Hand
2	Victoria Leonard Plastic Gun	2	Ralph Dawson Honey Jar
3	Paul Krugler Brown/Tan Bracelet	3	Mary Prause World Cup Key Chain
3	Vicki Landrum Soldier with Gun		Paul Krugler 1964 Rabies Tag Lackland
	Mary Prause Pink Cell Phone Cover		Mike Bird National Defense Medal
	Scott Wilkins Marble		Scott Wilkins Swim Away Swimsuit Buckle
	Jan Hallez Red Rock		Vicki Landrum Gas Nozzle
	Mike Bird Blue Friendship Bracelet		Jan Hallez 6 Tooth Grill
	Leon Prause Marble		Dennis Gans Dental Floss Holder
	Dennis Gans Wrist Band		Blaine Nelson Maine Tree Tag
	Blaine Nelson Mean Fish		Pat Dawson Fishing Lure
	Alan Russell Broken Bottom of Glass Bottle		Mitch London Commander Sardine
			Alan Russell Chunk of Lead Solder
	<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>		Victoria Leonard Key Piece
1	Scott Wilkins 1910		Daniel Mireles Part of Bracelet
2	Blaine Nelson 1914		
3	Mary Prause 1944		<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>
	Josh Graham 1948d	1	Scott Wilkins 1903 Dime
	Mitch London 1950d	2	Jan Hallez 1942s Nickel
	Paul Krugler 1956d	3	Josh Graham 1948 Nickel
	Jan Hallez 1957d		Paul Krugler 1964 Nickel
	Leon Prause 1963d		Blaine Nelson 1964 Nickel
	Mike Bird 1967		Mike Bird 1965 Dime
	Dennis Gans 1969		Mary Prause 1967 Dime
	Jack Hoffman 1969		Leon Prause 1969 Dime
	Victoria Leonard 1980		Dennis Gans 1982 Quarter
			Victoria Leonard 1995 Dime
			<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>
		1	Scott Wilkins 1936 Dime
		2	Blaine Nelson 1942 Cent
		2	Mitch London 1937 Cent

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>
1	Scott Wilkins
2	Blaine Nelson
3	Paul Krugler
4	Jan Hallez
5	Scott Hegel
6	Mary Prause
7	Leon Prause
8	Mike Bird
9	Ed Newsom
12	Daniel Mireles
10	Josh Graham
11	Charles Goertz
14	Jack Hoffman
20	Larry Vickers
13	Dennis Gans
15	Ollie Ponce
16	Mitch London
17	Ralph Dawson
18	Rudy Nordmeyer
19	Bob Fernandez
21	Pat Dawson
23	Victoria Leonard
22	Peter Jarjoura
24	Vicki Landrum
25	Alan Russell
26	Jim Robertson
27	John Walton
28	Mike Stafford

***If your name is not here, you are not swinging!***

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



