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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 2015

**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 8<sup>th</sup>** 2014  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – Larry Vickers 512-243-1831

Secretary/Newsletter – Blaine Nelson  
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### **Executive Committee:**

Mike Stafford, Leon Prause  
Daniel and Susie Mireles, Ed  
Newsum, Josh Graham

### **Club Dues - 2015 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 2015 President of the AMDC; I hope we all have a happy, healthy, and safe year

### **Get more out of your metal detecting club!**

- Attend as many meeting as possible
- Bring finds for find of month
- Visit with someone new each meeting
- Bring a friend
- Find a program (give suggestions to AMDC Board Members)
- Find a place for hunts
  
- Take ownership in the club
- Attend the Executive meeting when possible
- Work the club booth at the Texas Association of Metal Detector Clubs
- Bring displays to the Show

It's going to be a great year - hope to see you at the meetings!

Mary Prause  
President

## January Meeting

To start the New Year we have a program on “How to Find Gem Stones”. Dennis Gans will give us tips that he uses to locate various gem stones, sorting through gravel to find them, looking in rivers and streams, and a bit about gold.

The Treasure Hunter of the Year award(s) and other prizes for Find of the Month competition 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.

## Meet Your Officers

**PRESIDENT** – Mary Prause has been married to Leon for 44 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 7 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.

**VICE 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 11 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 14 years ago and currently has two Garrett detectors, a GTI 2500 and an AT Gold

**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 4 years ago to get out of the hustle and bustle, and built a new home on an acre lot. 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** – Larry Vickers is one of our long time members, and he is an avid detectorist. Larry has not only served as past President of our club (and other offices) but he was a past president of the statewide organization, formerly Texas Council - now known as the Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs. Larry is easy to talk to, can teach new comers a lot about detectors, and is always ready to go detecting!



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

## **CLUB HUNT and SALE - NOTICE**

Larry Vickers sold his home and will be moving!

On Sat. January 17<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Larry is having a clearance sale on metal detectors and accessories in stock. Best prices available. There will also be household items available. Current metal detectors: Garrett 2500, Garrett Ace 250, Garrett AT-PRO, Garrett treasure hound for the 2500.

Club Hunt – we are welcome to hunt the property, since Larry has hosted a number of planted hunts over the years. There may well be silver out there. Come to hunt, shop or both!

Larry's home is at 13306 Wright Rd., Buda, TX 78610 (512) 243-1831.

### **Looking Back at 2014**

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 '14:

- Club Hunts at Marble Falls Park, Camp Ben McCulloch, Lakeway Park, Lockhart City Park (with San Antonio Club), Good Luck Grill, and the big competition hunt at the show
- Service Projects/Community Participation at Kerrville Lion's Camp,
- Social Gathering and Competition hunt at Larry Vicker's home
- Annual club Christmas Dinner.
- Participation at the T.A.M.D.C Show in Sweetwater. We had a great turnout of club members attending and assisting with our club booth at the show.
- Club Programs on Coin Values, How to Use Your Detector, How Much is Your Money Worth, Detecting Tips, Competition Hunting, Detecting Ghost Towns, Beach Hunting, Coin Errors and Coils
- 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. Our own talented member Gary Trim entertained us with their variety of songs accompanied by guitar. Ed Newsum picked up the guitar at one point too. Who would have known the talent we have in AMDC! 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. Our new meeting place will be at the Thunder Cloud Subs on S. Lamar (near Manchaca). All are welcome at any Board meetings. We usually come early to grab a bite, the meeting begins at 6:00.

### **Lost and Found Efforts**

In December and January we had two requests for assistance to locate lost items. The first search was conducted by Mary and Leon who searched for a lost key. The key was not found, even after they combed the area at least 3 times. The second request was to search for an Aggie ring that was lost on private property when the owner was duck hunting. This search never materialized, and the owner will contact us when/if he gets permission and wants us to come out.

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

### 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!

### Upcoming Events:

**February 22, 2015** – Houston Club (H.A.R.C.) Open Beach Competition Hunt at Galveston

**March 7, 2015** – Piney Woods Relic Hunt, Lake O Pines, near Longview, TX

**April 10-12, 2015** – Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs Annual Show – Longview, TX.

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

**Question: Who will be presenting the program for the January meeting?**

### Find of the Month – November Entries

Place	Display	Place	U.S. Coin
1	Scott Wilkins	1	Paul Krugler 1953 Dime
2	Blaine Nelson	2	Blaine Nelson Bi Centennial Half Dollar
2	Mike Bird	3	Scott Wilkins Lincoln Dollar
3	Paul Krugler		Leon Prause 1776-1976 Quarter
	Jan Hallez		Jan Hallez 199 Half Dollar
	Mary Prause		Mary Prause 1964 Nickel
	Dennis Gans		Mike Bird 1943 Nickel
			Dennis Gans 1982 Penny
	<b>Foreign Coin</b>		Josh Graham 1936 Penny
1	Blaine Nelson Canada 1876		Daniel Mireles 1965 Penny
2	Scott Wilkins Irish 2 Pence		
2	Paul Krugler 1966 10 Centavos		<b>Token</b>
3	Jan Hallez One English Pound	1	Josh Graham Galveston Transit
	Mike Bird 1989 10 Frank	2	Jan Hallez Boondocks Go Cart
		2	Scott Wilkins Soap Cake Token
	<b>Ring</b>	3	Blaine Nelson NCV Eagle
1	Mike Bird Mans Gold Wedding 1947	3	Mary Prause Crabtree Amusements
2	Blaine Nelson .925 Claddaugh w/Green Stone	3	Paul Krugler Show Biz Pizza

2	Scott Wilkins Sterling w/2 Stones		
2	Paul Krugler Small 10k Gold		<b>Jewelry</b>
3	Mary Prause Dangle Cross	1	Paul Krugler Heart Locket w/Photos
	Jan Hallez Silver Infinity	2	Blaine Nelson Heart Pendant
		2	Mary Prause Flamingo Pendant
	<b>Artifact</b>	2	Josh Graham Owl Brooch
1	Josh Graham Bone Handle Pocket Knife	3	Jan Hallez St Mary's Charm
2	Vicki Landrum Door Lock Mechanism	3	Mike Bird Flat Pin
3	Ollie Ponce Stove Lift	3	Daniel Mireles Love Charm
	Scott Wilkins Sterling Cup Base		Ollie Ponce Gold Earring
	Blaine Nelson Old Shaker Top		Scott Wilkins Onward Pin
	Dennis Gans Fishing Lure		
	Paul Krugler Eiffel Tower Clipper		<b>Toy</b>
	Mary Prause Commitment to Excellence	1	Paul Krugler Vitage F1 Ferrari #73
	Leon Prause Red Dog Tag 2012	2	Blaine Nelson Small Motorcycle
	Mike Bird Old Window Crank	3	Leon Prause Red Figure
			Dennis Gans Red Car
	<b>Button</b>		Scott Wilkins Tank Bottom
1	Mike Bird 1800's Military		Jan Hallez Purple Bug
2	Blaine Nelson WWII US		Josh Graham Car No Wheels
3	Pat Dawson Washington Dee Cee Overall		Mike Bird Orange Animal
	Ralph Dawson US Polo Assn Since 1890		
	Jan Hallez 4 Hole		<b>Most Unusual</b>
	Josh Graham Flower Button	1	Vicki Landrum Fork
	Scott Wilkins Plain Gold	2	Blaine Nelson Bird ID Band
	Paul Krugler Tommy Hilfinger	3	John Walton 1992 Austin Dog Tag
		3	Josh Graham Toy Scorpion
	<b>Non-Metal</b>		Scott Wilkins Live Round
1	Mike Bird Brown Vial		Jan Hallez Fit & Fresh Key Bob
2	Blaine Nelson Birch Bark		Dennis Gans Knob
3	Mary Prause White Hairclip		Mike Bird Grape Shot
	Dennis Gans Game Piece Triangle 5-6-7		Paul Krugler Dart Part
	Jan Hallez Wingless Snow Angel		
	Josh Graham Baseball		<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>
	Scott Wilkins Shrunken \$1 Bill	1	John Walton 1901 Barber Quarter
	Paul Krugler Blue Crab Claw	2	Mary Prause 1942 Dime
		3	Josh Graham 1945 Dime
	<b>Oldest U.S. Cent</b>	3	Scott Wilkins 1945 Dime
1	Josh Graham 1893 Indian Head	4	Blaine Nelson 1947 Nickel
2	Blaine Nelson 1899	5	Paul Krugler 1952d Quarter
3	Scott Wilkins 1910	6	Jan Hallez 1964s Nickel
4	John Walton 1918	6	Leon Prause 1964d Nickel
5	Paul Krugler 1940	7	Dennis Gans 1983 Quarter
6	Mike Bird 191		
7	Jan Hallez 1966		<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>
8	Mary Prause 1970d	1	Blaine Nelson 1920 Dime
8	Dennis Gans 1970s	2	Scott Wilkins 1951 Quarter
9	Leon Prause 1974d	2	Paul Krugler 1963 Quarter
		3	Mary Prause 1953d Dime

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_