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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 2017

### Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church  
4600 Manchaca  
Date – **January 12<sup>th</sup>** 2016  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Time - **7:00 pm**  
Room - M – 103/104

### Officers:

President – Jim Lawhon  
Vice Pres – Josh Graham  
Treasurer – Mary Prause  
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### Executive Committee:

Dennis Gans, Leon Prause  
Daniel and Susie Mireles, Ed Newsom, Larry Vickers

**2016 Dues are due! \$20.** If you write a check, make it to Mary Prause (not AMDC, as we do not have a DBA.)  
**Get dues in by Feb. to get card for Show**

### A Word from our President:

Happy New Year!

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

In January we begin the 2017 '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. Remember that the procedure has changed, and we will not be counting cumulative points – but there will be a winner for each category and a prize for filling all the categories.

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 do urge you to attend. It really is a memorable experience. We are currently looking for volunteers to help plan and prepare our club's show booth.

I look forward to seeing y'all at the meeting!

Jim Lawhon

## January Meeting

Our program this month will include a number of items of interest to the Club. Susie will further explain and demonstrate the new Find of the Month procedures. Blaine will present an annual report on behalf of the Search Team, and Josh will share the results and tell us more about the Recycling program

The winners of the 2016 Find of the Month Competition will be recognized at the meeting.

We will have our Find of the Month competition featuring items found since the November meeting. The new FOM form is the last page of this newsletter, and Daniel and Susie will have copies at the meeting.

**Reminder** – Josh Graham will be collecting recyclables, so bring any you have been saving.

## **AMDC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our party was fun and successful! We had a great turnout, great food, great company, wonderful music, and successful fund raiser. Thanks to all who helped organize, set up, cleaned up, cooked, played music, brought fund raiser prizes etc. Here are just a few pics.





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

### **Executive Meeting**

Our meetings are the first Thursdays of most months, at 6:00. We will meet at the Bill Miller’s at 709 E. Ben White (right at I-35). All are welcome at any Board meetings. We usually come early to visit and grab a bite; the meeting begins at 6:00.

### **Thoughts for the New Year**

As we kick off a New Year in our hobby, please consider these Questions: Why did I join the Austin Metal Detecting Club? The answer is different for each of us, but might include things such as “to find out where to go detecting”, or “to get help selecting a detector” or “to meet others who like to detect”.

Please also ask yourself, “What can I contribute to the club? What are my special interests, talents and skills that I can offer to help make the club even better?” Perhaps you have a long detecting history with knowledge to share. Perhaps you are good at finding and getting permission to detect sites. Perhaps you are good at welcoming newcomers, or working on making interesting displays. The list is unlimited.

Together we can make the Austin Metal Detecting Club a model club - one that people talk about and are proud to be a member of. As we begin this New Year, let’s answer these questions for ourselves and make a vow to step up. We can make a difference!

### **Lost and Found Efforts**

Since the last report we have two requests to search for lost items. The first request was to search for a ring that was lost in a back yard some years ago. Paul and Fred were ready to go search when we learned that the ring had actually been found a year or so ago.

A second request was to look for a very nice Tiffany platinum diamond engagement ring lost on Jan. 1 at Peter Pan Mini-Golf. Mitch and Blaine got out to search the day after getting the request, but had no luck. The area was mainly AstroTurf and concrete, and like the owner, we feel the ring was probably picked up.

Ed Newsom and Peter Jarjoura went to search for a lost 14K wedding band for an acquaintance. The ring was lost in the back yard, the ring was found!

Many thanks to those who serve on these searches. It takes a lot of time and effort to go out, but it is always appreciated – even if the item(s) are not located.

**For Sale** - Garrett Ace 250 Metal Detector, \$175 OBO. Gently used. Price includes a set of Garrett headphones and a belt pouch to keep your treasures safe while detecting. Contact Debra Tompkins if interested. 512-964-2598.

### **AMDC Website**

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

Our web site is:

### **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:**

**January** – AMDC Club Hunt – Hunt Masters will provide details

**February 10** - Houston Archeology & Recovery Club 35th Annual Open Beach Hunt Galveston, and TAMDC hunt – same location.

**March 11** - 6th Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt - (Lake O'Pines near Longview)

**April 1 & 2** – Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt - Jefferson

**April 22 & 23** - 2017 TAMDC Convention & Show, Temple

**Mid-June** - Lions Camp (service project with kids) Kerrville, Texas

**Question:** *During our January meeting, what topic will Josh be telling us about?*

## Find of the Month – November 2016 Entries

Place	Display	place	Foreign Coin
1	Scott Jacobsmeyer	1	Blaine Nelson 1875 10 Centesimo Rep De San Marino
2	Ali Vassef	2	Scott Jacobsmeyer 1921 Mexico 10 Centavos
3	Blaine Nelson	3	Ali Vassef 1920 Canadian Large Cent
	David Gresch		Jan Hallez 10? Asisan
	Jan Hallez		Josh Graham 1941 Canadian Cent
	Mary Prause		
	Paul Krugler		
	Dennis Gans	1	<b>Jewelry</b> Blaine Nelson Janes Avery 14k & Sterling Band
	Scott Wilkins	2	Scott Wilkins Justin Beiber Ring
	Josh Graham	2	Scott Jacobsmeyer Lord of the Rings Ring
		3	Ali Vassef Wolf Ring
			Jan Hallez 10k w/Red & Gold Hearts
<b>Token</b>			
1	Scott Jacobsmeyer 1897 Dr. Pepper		Paul Krugler James Avery Silver Woven Ring
2	Scott Wilkins NYC Transit Authority		Josh Graham Silver Ring
3	Ali Vassef Good for "50"		David Gresch Ring
	Jan Hallez Rocky Token		
	Blaine Nelson NH Transportation		
	Leon Prause Chucky Cheese 2014	1	<b>Button</b> Scott Wilkins Old Brass "Dandy" Style
	Paul Krugler Malibu Grand Prix	2	Josh Graham Military Button
	Josh Graham Good for 5cents New Sweden, TX	3	Jan Hallez Small Silver Sparkly Dome Shaped
		3	Ali Vassef POD Post Office Button
			Leon Prause Cherokee
<b>Artifact</b>			
1	Scott Jacobsmeyer 1926 American Legion Amarillo		Scott Jacobsmeyer Hawk Brand
2	Blaine Nelson Old Hinge Piece		Blaine Nelson Metal 4 Hole
2	Ali Vassef UCV Pin		Mary Prause Old Green Button
3	Paul Krugler Antique Calf Nose Ring		Paul Krugler Cloth Covered
3	Scott Wilkins Vintage House Fuse		
3	Owen Lucente Cartridge		<b>Oldest U.S. Coin</b>
	Mary Prause Boy Scout Slide	1	Ali Vassef 1873 Nickel
	Dennis Gans Knife	2	Scott Jacobsmeyer 1882 Cent
	Josh Graham Cub Scout Slide	3	Josh Graham 1883 Cent
			Scott Wilkins 1897 Quarter
			Blaine Nelson 1938 Nickel
<b>Most Unusual</b>			
1	Owen Lucente Trumpet Pipe		Paul Krugler 1944 Cent
2	Blaine Nelson Buffalo Nickel Pendant		Mary Prause 1960d Cent
3	Ali Vassef Leaf Pattern Money Clip		Dennis Gans 1964 Nickel
	Josh Graham Brass Hand		Jan Hallez 1964 Nickel
	Jan Hallez Unfinished Ceramic Penguin		Leon Prause 1969d Cent
	Paul Krugler Boat Drain Plug		
	Dennis Gans Paint Brush		<b>Most Valuable U.S. Coin</b>
	Scott Wilkins small Lead Pheasant	1	Scott Jacobsmeyer 1877 Quarter
	Scott Jacobsmeyer #4 Wood Golf Club Head	2	Josh Graham 1922d Cent
		3	Ali Vassef 1883 nickel (with cents)
			Blaine Nelson 1956 Dime
			Scott Wilkens 1942d Dime
			Paul Krugler 1937 Cent

## Guidelines for Find of the Month Contest 2017

Club members participating may enter one item found since the previous month's meeting into each category for the Find of the Month contest.

The categories for items are:

Display

Foreign Coin

Token

Ring

Jewelry

Artifact

Button

Wild Card

Oldest US Coin

Most Valuable US Coin

Rules for submission in these categories to be listed below.

Members will submit each item along with a corresponding sheet listing the category and description of each item. This sheet will be included in the newsletter. Entries into the Most Valuable US coin will need to be looked up by the submitting member in the "Red Book" and entries will be judged by the G4 value. A copy of the current Red Book will be available at each meeting.

Judging:

Judging will be done by members and visitors marking one vote on the item they believe to be the best in the category, excepting Oldest US Coin and Most Valuable US Coin. One winner will be chosen in each category except for a tie situation, in which both winners will be chosen. There will be no cumulative points for the calendar year. Category winners will be posted in the newsletter.

## **Find of the Month Rules for 2017:**

**Foreign Coin** - a foreign, legal tender coin

**Token** - a trade coin good for some value in a trade (may include good luck tokens, president tokens, etc.)

**Rings** – any metal ring

**Jewelry** – any other metal jewelry type, including cuff links, watch fobs, pins, necklaces, brooches, medals, medallions, charms, etc.

**Artifact** – man-made object, either metal or non-metal

**Button** – metal clothing fastener type button or snaps only (does not include advertising pin type)

**Wild Card** - anything

**Oldest U.S. Coin** - U.S. legal tender coin, including cents, dimes, nickels etc.

**Most Valuable U.S. Coin** – value based on G4 value in the **current red book**. (Available to check at the meeting). (coins will not be graded but must have G4 value greater than face (or silver/gold value). Cent (before 1943), Nickel (war, buffalo and older), Dime (before 1965/silver), Quarter (before 1965/silver), Half (before 1971/silver), Dollar (before 1936/silver).

**Display** – Items found since last FOM and separate from items above. They do not need to be in a display case, but need to be contained (not arranged on the table).

1. Entries must be items you have found since the last monthly Find of the Month.
2. You do not have to be present to enter the FOM competition. You may arrange to have your finds brought to the meeting by someone else.
3. Only one item can be entered in each category unless the items were found and must remain together to make the entry complete. For example a necklace with a gold coin attached would qualify as a single entry in the jewelry or artifact categories. A group of coins found together cannot be entered as one item unless they are fused together.
4. In certain instances, a photo of the find may be entered – i.e. you find an item of historical significance which needs to be given to a historical group, owner of the property etc.
5. 3x5 card with description of find allowed



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**FIND OF THE MONTH 2017**

DISPLAY \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

FOREIGN COIN: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

TOKEN: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

RING: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

JEWELRY: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

BUTTON: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

ARTIFACT: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

WILD CARD: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

OLDEST U.S. COIN: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

MOST VALUABLE U.S. COIN: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_