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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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April 2017

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **April 13th** 2017
2nd Thursday of each month
Time - **7:00 pm**
Room - M – 103/104

Officers:

President – Jim Lawhon
Vice Pres – Josh Graham
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Executive Committee:

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

A Word from our President:

Happy April everyone! If you were one of the lucky ones to attend "Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt" in Jefferson on March 31st-April 2nd, thanks for coming and showing your support for Mr. Garrett and our hobby. If you were unable to attend, the good news is that they are already talking about having another one next year. It was a wonderful hunt with over 300 hunters. There were LOTS of prizes given away, too many to mention.

As a reminder the TAMDC show is set for April 22nd & 23rd in Temple, Texas. Make this if you can as it will be the closest location ever!

Hope to see everyone at the meeting Thursday.

Jim Lawhon

April Meeting

The program for our April meeting will be an Aqua Chigger video. Should be fun!

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

Note: “Most Valuable” rules in FOM, the Board agreed that SILVER coins that do not have a G4 rating in the Red Book can still be entered in the Most Valuable category, and the value will be set at 10 times face value. The example brought forward was a 1936 silver quarter. It was noted that quarters from 1932-1964 do not have a G4 rating in the Red Book, but are more valuable than clad quarters. Thus we voted to change the FOM rule to include silver coins that do not have G4 listing. This change is noted in the rules at the end of the newsletter.

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



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.

Lost and Found Efforts

Since the last report we have had four requests to search for lost items. The first request was to search for a diamond stud/platinum earring lost in a yard while gardening. Mitch headed out by himself initially, only to find out that the mate earring did not register on his Ace 350. Next, Dennis and Mitch returned, Dennis had his AT Gold, and Mitch used Dennis’s Tesoro Cortez. The earring could not be located after a good search. The owner is still interested in having someone come give it a try – but time constraints among the team makes it difficult.

A second request was to search for a cell phone lost on a vacant lot – we think in zip code 78734. Unfortunately, when replying to the requestor, the email keeps bouncing back. It is a company email, and when calling the company, the phone is not working – sounds like a fax. We cannot locate the requestor so have to “close” this search. This brings up a suggestion – to REQUIRE that the requestor provide a phone number on the form.

The third request is to search for a James Avery ring that belonged to a young lady who was killed in a car accident along Hwy 183A. Fred is in the process of doing this search

The fourth request is to search for a lost wedding ring set, lost at an Austin City Park. The requester has been asked to obtain a permit for us to do the search, so this is pending.

Additionally, Jan Hallez, our member from Denver, was able to sniff out a little girl’s earring lost on a school playground.

Thanks to Mitch, Dennis, Fred and Jan for your efforts this period!

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.

Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs Show and Hunt!

The big, annual show and hunt is just around the corner! April 21-23. It will be close by – in Temple. Club members will head over Friday to set up our booth. We always go to dinner together after setting up. Saturday the show is open to the public, and there is a banquet in the evening. Sunday morning is the Competition Hunt with silver coins and tokens to be found for prizes. Check out the even the TAMDC website at tamdc.org, or talk to any Board member.

Eureka Club Hunt – Denver

Blaine joined her sister Jan, (member of both AMDC and the Colorado Clubs) for the Eureka club meeting and club hunt. The meetings are held on second Friday evening of each month, and are well attended.

The Eureka Club usually has a planted hunt with a theme, as they did last month. The theme was Pirates and Lost Treasure, to go along with the speaker topic at the meeting. Thus, the hidden targets included old Roman coins, little silver Ingots, old bullets and buttons, silver dimes and a few odds and ends. Everyone had a great time. The events are usually held at large parks, and luckily, park detecting IS ALLOWED up there.



Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt – Jefferson

A number of AMDC members trekked up to Jefferson for this special event: Larry Vickers, Jim Lawhon, Scott Hegel, Mary and Leon Prause, Daniel and Susie Mireles, Dennis Gans, Fred Toewe, Paul Krugler, Blaine Nelson, Jan Hallez, Bill Fogelsanger, This was an amazing time – many, many prizes and lots of friends from Texas and beyond. There are too many pictures to post, but here are just a few!



Dinner on Friday night



Sitting around, waiting for prizes!



Post Hunt – token prizes awarded



Jim presents Mrs. Garrett with a hand crafted ring

For Sale

Brand New Garrett ProPointer II with holster in box: \$100

Brand New Garrett Master Sound Headphones in box: \$20

Brand New Garrett PROformance Elliptical Coil with coil cover, 8 1/2 X 12: \$100

USED Whites M Spider Coil, 9" round: \$90

Brand New Heavy Duty Padded Detector Bag. Measures 51" by 16 1/2 inches. Two velcro pockets on outside. \$50.

Brand New Garrett Ace Sports Tote Duffle Bag: \$10

For any items, contact Mary at mouseketeer0308@yahoo.com

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:

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

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

Question: *What did Jan recover on a Denver playground?*

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 – 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. If there is no G4 value, silver coins will be judged on 10 times the face value of the coin. A copy of the current Red Book will be available at each meeting.

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

March FOM Winners

Display	Paul Krugler – “1800’s Farm Yard Finds”
Foreign Coin	Scott Hegel – 1906 1 Centavo - Mexico
Token	Jim Lawhon – Palmolive soap
Ring	Blaine Nelson – Sparkly Gold
Jewelry	Leon Prause – GSBS Pin, (cool find in old Galveston, he will have to tell you about it)
Artifact	Jim Lawhon – Charles Lyndburg Spirit of St. Louis 1930
Button	Daniel Mireles – Flower Button
Wild Card	Fred Toewe – Cedar Park Police Whistle
Oldest US Coin	Scott Hegel – 1902 Cent
Most Valuable US Coin	Scott Hegel – 1919D Quarter - \$85!
All Categories Filled	Blaine Nelson, Jan Hallez

Good Job!



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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 _____