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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

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111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676
Membership: \$20.00

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May 2017

Meeting Information:

Place - Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca
Date – **May 11th** 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:

Our President Jim Lawhon has been busy and involved – helping the entire weekend with the TAMDC booth at the Show, doing the leg work to begin plans for an AMDC Competition hunt, attending Board meetings, going out with the Search Team and working on his coin rings.

Please keep Jim in our prayers – his sister passed away in Houston after a short bout with cancer, and the family is down there now, at the writing of this newsletter.

Take the time to get to know Jim, he is a great guy.

Blaine Nelson (for Jim)

May Meeting

The program for our April meeting will be a presentation by our president, Jim Lawhon on his fabulous ring making process. Jim has a Power Point ready to show as well as samples of rings he has made.

We will have our Find of the Month competition featuring items found since the April 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 three requests to search for lost items. The first request was to search for a wedding ring set lost by a woman at Butler Park in Austin. This search required a permit from the City, which was obtained. Fred, Mitch and Jim went out, and after about two hours searching, came up empty handed. The search area was fairly small, and the grass was short. The team believes the ring may have been picked up.

A second request was to search for an expensive wedding ring that is potentially in the owner’s back yard. The owner may have left the ring inside, but has searched the entire home. Blaine and Ed searched Sunday afternoon (May 7). We pretty much eliminated the yard as the place the ring may be, and felt we covered the lawn and in and around the bushes pretty well.

The third request just came in and is to search for a man’s gold wedding band lost in a flower bed that is full of leaves. Mary ran out, and FOUND the ring. Love these success stories!

Thanks to Mitch, Jim, Fred, Ed, Mary and Blaine 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!

Wow! The TAMDC Show did not disappoint! It was an awesome and fun experience. The event was held at the convention center in Temple, and a number of our AMDC members were able to attend. The show included booths from many of the Texas clubs, Metal Detector Manufacturer's booths, vendor booths, workshops, a banquet and the big competition hunt on Sunday morning. Everyone commented that this was a good show.

A special thanks goes to Susie Mireles for suggesting and spear heading the Club display, a "Photo Booth" The photo booth was fun and popular and is pictured below. Thanks also to Larry Vickers, for again offering to get the two detectors and pin pointer for our AMDC fundraiser. The club netted \$329 on the fundraiser.

Thanks to those who helped put up the booth, worked the booth and helped TAMDC with their booth and drawings: Leon and Mary Prause, Daniel and Susie Mireles, Jim Lawhon, Fred Toewe, Paul Krugler, Mike and Annette Stafford, Carrie Rogers, Blaine Nelson, and Dennis Gans.



Some of our members checking out Photo Booth



Mary and Susie working the booth



Fred showing the detector he won!

SAVE the DATE!

Our club will host an “Open” Competition Hunt on Veteran’s Day – Saturday, **November 11th**!
Save this date – it will be fun.

Jim has secured a great location for us to hold the hunt at Old Settler’s RV Park in Round Rock.

The Board is working on plans and developing a flyer for the Hunt which will be distributed to our club members, other clubs, the Treasure Magazines etc. In addition, TAMDC is partnering with us, and will hold a hunt in the afternoon. Thus we have a total of 4 hunts in the works for that day.

Stay tuned!

For Sale

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! 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:

June 14 and 15 - Lions Camp (service project with kids) Kerrville, Texas

October 7 – Cow Town Treasure Hunters Club Competition Hunt

October 28 – Lone Star Treasure Hunters Club Competition Hunt

November 11 – AMDC Veterans Day Competition Hunt – Old Settler’s RV Park, Round Rock

Question: *Who are the three Search Team members who went to search for the wedding ring set at Butler Park?*

March FOM Winners

Display	Scott Wilkins
Foreign Coin	Ali Vassef – 1892 5 Centavos (silver)
Token	Scott Wilkins – 5 cents from Olivia, Minnesota
Ring	Leon Prause – 14K University of Texas ring
Jewelry	Paul Krugler – Sterling hair barrette Blaine Nelson – Cuff Link
Button	Ali Vassef – Republic of Texas “Dragoons”
Artifact	Scott Jacobsmeyer – Masonic key fob, 1923
Wild Card	Scott Jacobsmeyer – copper makeup compact
Oldest US Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1850 Seated Liberty dime
Most Valuable US Coin	Ali Vassef – 1874 1 cent. Worth \$20.00
All Categories Filled	Paul Krugler, Ali Vassef, Scott Jacobsmeyer, Scott Hegel, 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 _____