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AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

(Since 1963)

111 Live Oak Drive, Wimberley, TX 78676

Membership: \$20.00

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March 2020

Meeting Information:

Place _ Woodlawn Baptist Church
4600 Manchaca Blvd.

Date _ **Thurs March 12, 2020**

Time - **7:00 pm**

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Officers:

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Mary and Leon Prause, Dennis Gans,
Daniel and Susie Mireles, Jim
Lawhon, Carrie Rogers, Fred Toewe,
Charlene Smith, Larry Vickers

A Word from our President:

All the signs are there! Spring is upon us, after a very long, hard winter. Ha! And you know what? We now have more daylight hours for detecting!

As metal detectorists, we're very fortunate to live in a geography where winter doesn't usually stop us from getting out there and swinging the detector except for maybe very short periods of time. Of course, for us, it's that unbearable summertime heat that can keep us indoors doing our research.

Regardless, if you haven't done so already, it's time to check out your equipment, dust off your detectors, and get out there following up on leads that you've developed over the last few months. Personally, I have resolved to do more "door knocking" this year. Door knocking and asking permission to detect a property can be kind of a difficult thing for many of us to do, me included, but we've all driven by properties many times and said to ourselves, "I'd really like to detect that property." Well, the only way to do that is to ask. Of course, there is always the rejection (hopefully, nicely), but then there will be those permissions which will more than make up for the rejections. I am looking forward to getting out there and trying!

Jim Clary

March Meeting

This month we will have a program "Time Traveling: The Detectorist & Archaeologist" presented by Jeremy Scroggins. He will discuss how, in many cases, our finds are puzzle pieces to the past, and how doing some detective work can help us understand that past and lead us to more interesting finds.

We will have our Find of the Month (FOM) competition, and you can enter items found since our last FOM at the January meeting. The entry sheet is at the end of the newsletter.

TAMDC Treasure Show!

The annual TAMDC Show and Hunt is right around the corner! It will be held March 13-15 at Brazos County Expo Center in Bryan, TX. Our club will have a booth – and we need volunteers to man the booth. Please make plans to come help with the Show. It is fun and a great way to meet other detectorists, and see the latest detecting equipment, and just have fun! For details, directions and application forms for hunt etc., see the TAMDC website – tamdc.org

Galveston Hunt

Members of our club headed to the Galveston Coast to attend the Houston Club's (HARC's) Annual Open Beach Hunt on Feb. 29. Attending were Mary and Leon Prause, Larry Vickers, Scott Hegel, Fred and Jeanne Toewe and Daniel and Susie Mireles. Susie shared these great pics!





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

Be sure and check the Face Book page often, as we put pictures and news of club goings on.

AMDC Website

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

Note: Art Tiemann wants to recover a tackle box with bullet casings that he says he lent to someone (he does not know who) several years ago. If by chance that was you, and you have this, please let Art know.

Interesting! Please note this great story – shared by Larry Vickers.

Larry - “A nice thing happened to me this last week. First received a phone call from a person, I met on April 28, 1980. This person became a friend and was the one to get me interested in metal detecting, His name is Larry O’Neal and just joined our club. Hope everyone can have the same kind of experience. Shortly after starting metal detecting in 1980, I joined the Austin club and have been a member ever since. There were many members when I joined that are no longer members, some went on to the metal detecting club in the SKY and others just lost interest. Then there are a few that just can’t get out anymore. This has been an amazing journey and looking forward to many more years of amazement”.

For SALE

You may list items for sale in the Newsletter – let Blaine know what you have.

Lost and Found Efforts

Since the last period the Search Team has had five new requests to search for lost items!

- Feb. #1 – Titanium wedding ring lost in yard. Ed and Charlene searched but could not locate. This one can be tried again, as the ring should be somewhere there...
- Feb. #2 – Wedding ring fell in the dumpster. Fred made arrangements to assist, but by the time he was to meet, the dumpster had been emptied.
- Feb. #3 - Men’s wedding ring lost in backyard. The owner acquired a detector and found his ring.
- Feb. #4 – Request for help clearing metal debris from a burned area, to make it safe for horses.
Ed, Blaine and Jeremy are went out and cleared a lot f debris.



March #1 – Men's wedding ring lost in yard while gardening. This is a repeat requestor, team found his ring during a previous search, it is lost again. Ed and Blaine will search 3/7.

Additionally, Paul and Fred were able to find a lost Aggie Ring! The opportunity arose when they were out detecting, and had asked permission to detect at a church. They learned that the Youth Minister had lost his ring during an activity on the church grounds. Way to go!



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.

NOTE – if you are doing a search – be sure and take pics and send to Blaine! We love to see the finds.

Upcoming Events – Metal Detecting:

March 13-15 – TAMDC Show, Bryan, County Expo Center

March 27-29 – Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt

June 3 & 4 - Texas Lions Camp volunteer effort, Kerrville

November 14 – AMDC Veteran's Day Memorial Hunt and TAMDC Satellite Hunt – Round Rock

FIND OF THE MONTH RESULTS

There was not a Find of the Month in February, since the Club meeting and hunt was out of town at a park. We will have results of our March FOM in the April newsletter!



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FIND OF THE MONTH 2020

DISPLAY _____ # _____

FOREIGN COIN: _____ # _____

TOKEN: _____ # _____

RING: _____ # _____

JEWELRY: _____ # _____

BUTTON: _____ # _____

ARTIFACT: _____ # _____

WILD CARD: _____ # _____

OLDEST U.S. COIN: _____ # _____

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

Name _____ Month _____