



# I DIG IT NEWS

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Membership: \$20.00

*Meeting information:*

*Place: Woodlawn Baptist Church*

*4600 Manchaca*

*Austin, Tx*

*Day: Second Thursday of each month*

*Time: 7:00 pm*

## February 2023

### Club Officers:

#### President

Andrew Phillips

#### Vice President

Sandip Chakraborti

#### Treasurer

Scott Hegel

#### Secretary

Charles Goertz

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone! I hope everyone has stayed safe and warm during the crazy freeze last week. I know many people lost electricity, internet, and plenty of tree limbs.

I think the recent group hunt in Buda was a huge success and it was awesome to see so many people show up! I know some people found old coins and cool relics.

I'm sure many of you are aware of the show "Detectorists", but to those who aren't, you should check it out! It's a British comedy show about a couple of Metal Detectorists. I recently watched the first episode and I loved it! There were lots of good detecting jokes and the strange qualities of the characters were very charming.

Anyways, good luck and happy hunting everyone!

Andrew

## FEBRUARY MEETING

Date: **February 9, 2023** Time: 7:00 pm

AMDC Member's meeting will feature two night hunts outside on the church property, followed by our regular events inside. The hunts will start at 7:00 p.m. so don't be late. Please bring your detecting gear and best flashlight. No diggers are allowed. The meeting will have the usual FOM tables, raffle, and newsletter question.

## JANUARY MEETING RECAP

Last month our speaker was Paul Yura, a Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service for Austin-San Antonio. His presentation titled "South Central Texas Weather Hazards" was interesting and informative. Paul explained the categories and build-up of tornadic activity, and how to best stay informed of significant weather events in your area. The details and consequences of the recent tornado that hit Round Rock was particularly interesting and led to member stories of their experiences.



### AMDC Website

Remember to check out our website often!

Our website is:

<http://www.amdconline.com>



**AMDC is on Face Book!** Be sure to check out and "Like" the Group. We often post pictures and news of Club activities.

# JANUARY CLUB HUNT IN BUDA

## **Property**

On Saturday, January 28th, twelve members of the Club enjoyed metal detecting on a Buda property owned by Margaret. The property is undeveloped acreage covered with trees and many forms of underbrush including many varieties of cacti. Some of the terrain is rough and rocky. There is an arroyo running through the property and some deer paths.

## **History**

The property is in an area near Buda, still known as the Antioch Colony. Antioch Colony was established as an African-American community in the 1870s and named after the Turkish city evangelized by the Apostle Peter, which became an early Christian community.

In 1859 Joseph F. Rowley purchased 490 acres near Onion Creek, and then sold tracts of the land to emancipated former slaves for a farming settlement. There were ten to fifteen families in the colony in the early days. Though long since gone, there was a small church on Margaret's property until about 1970.

## **Margaret**

We met Margaret in late November last year after she submitted a 'Lost item search request' to the Club's website. She had lost a ring while doing yard work at her home. Luckily, we found Margaret's ring. During the search, she told us about the Buda property and offered to let us detect it. Margaret has owned the property for decades and lived there for several years. She takes her roles of steward and caretaker of the land and wildlife very seriously.

## **Hunt and some of the finds**

The weather was a bit chilly and damp with a fine mist in the air much of the time. When the hunt began, most folks scattered in different directions, which was easy to do on such a large tract.

A few of us, including Ruby and Larry, started searching close to the property entrance thinking that since there was only one way in and out, there might be a concentration of good targets there.

Scott, Josh and Wyatt headed immediately to the site of the former church. Scott found a 1937 quarter there, and Josh and Wyatt each found a Wheat penny close by.

Andrew also found a Wheat penny, but in a different area, plus a buckle and an animal trap. Jeanne made a great eyeball find with a decorative, bell-shaped piece of copper that might have originally been a part of lantern or light.

Sandip found some shed antlers and showed us a very efficient way of carrying them. He also found a triangular shaped lapel or hat pin.

Charles made two great nickel finds with a 1912 V-nickel and a 1945 war nickel using his recently purchased XP Deus detector. We hope the V-nickel is from the San Francisco mint as one in 'good' condition is currently valued at \$200.

Ruby found a specialized hammer, the wooden handle of which had long since rotted away. Larry found an old medicine bottle or two.

Margaret very much enjoyed seeing all our detecting finds and let everyone keep what they had found. Most folks stayed past 2 PM, and the hunt was called over at 3 PM, when most everyone seemed to have had enough fun for the day.



## SEARCH TEAM RESULTS

### January

A lady in Elgin lost a ring while picking acorns. Scott has tried contacting her. There has been no response. It could be weather related.



## JANUARY 2023 FOM WINNERS

Display	Scott Jacobsmeyer
Foreign Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1935 5 Reichsmark – Germany
Token	Fred Toewe – 2016 USSSA Token Larry O’Neal – AAA 9 Year Token
Ring	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 10K Gold Ring with Green Stone
Jewelry	Andrew Phillips – 24K Bracelet
Button	Fred Toewe – SS Button
Artifact	Wyatt Jacobsmeyer – Crotel Bell
Wild Card	Scott Jacobsmeyer – Clock Pendulum w/Latvian Coin
Oldest US Coin	Scott Jacobsmeyer – 1890 “V” Nickel
Most Valuable US Coin	Wyatt Jacobsmeyer – 1944 Walking Liberty Half
All Categories Filled	Sandip, Fred, Wyatt, Frank Vick
Newsletter Question	N/A
Visitor Drawing	Bill Guntle, Margaret Mills, Donald Dauterive
Member Drawing	Charles Goertz



## Upcoming Events – Metal Detecting

February 25, 2023: **HARC 41st Annual Galveston Open Beach Hunt** by Houston Archeology and Recovery Club at R.A. Apffel East Beach Park, Galveston, TX

March 9-12, 2023: **Digstock 2023** by Pete Sorrell, Matt Jones, Dave Lofgren, and Thomas Barnes at TBA in Eastern NC

March 11, 2023: **35th Annual Benefit Hunt** by Treasure Coast Archaeological Society at Wabasso-Sebastian, FL

March 17-18, 2023: **Gypsy Jewels Treasure Hunt** by Gypsy Jewels at Lions Camp, Kerrville, TX

March 18, 2023: **11th Annual Piney Woods Relic Hunt** by East Texas Treasure Hunters Association at Longview, TX

March 23-26, 2023: **Metal Detector Training & Hunt** by Lost Dutchman's Mining Association at Oconee, SC

April 14-16, 2023: **Garrett Memorial Hunt: Diggin' Texas 2023** at Canton, TX

April 19-23, 2023: **Bone 30** by Streeters Treasure Hunting at Keene, VT

April 20-23, 2023: **Metal Detector Training & Hunt** by the Lost Dutchman Mining Assn at Congress, AZ

April 29-30, 2023: **2nd Annual Mike Race Memorial Open Hunt** by Lancaster Research & Recovery Club at Lancaster, PA

April 29-30, 2023: **40 yr Club Anniversary Mega Hunt** by East Coast Research and Discovery Association at Deal, NJ

**See the [Calendar page of the website \(amdconline.com\)](http://amdconline.com) for more details and other events.**

**The website also has lots of stories, pictures, and educational articles so spend some time browsing.**



# AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

## FIND OF THE MONTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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