

The Presidents Report



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We had a great day, Saturday, November 11 at the Old Settlers Park in Round Rock, TX, at the Veterans Day Open Hunt in partnership with Austin Metal Detecting Club. Around 70 people were in attendance with over 50 hunters in the search for 200 prizes, not to mention all the prizes and three additional hunts the Austin Club hosted. I want to give a shout out to Austin MD Club, they were a great host with a very well planned open hunt. The weather was remarkable, the setting was historic, the facilities were accommodating, the food was delicious, and the fellowship was fantastic! I want to say thank you to the Austin Club for inviting the TAMDC to be part of this hunt. I want to also thank all our sponsors, dealers, and individuals who donated prizes, but most of all, I want to thank everyone who came out and supported our 4th Quarter Satellite Hunt and AMDC first open hunt in many years.



Our next event, will be a TAMDC “Gives Back” Service Project, on December 16th in Kosse, TX. This is part of my vision of creating positive relationships of metal detecting in relation to Historical and Heritage Societies, as well as, archeological institutions. We have partnered with the Kosse Heritage Society with a service project to detect and recover artifacts at the 120-year old Hearn-Gidden Home. This historic home sits on the original one-acre tract, with an additional 23 acres adjacent, all open for detecting. All artifacts and finds will be documented and turned over to the Kosse Heritage Society as



part of their restoration plan. We have a team of 25 detectorists representing 10 different TAMDC member clubs, coming together to serve and give back. There will also be a local newspaper there doing a story on this project. Please make sure you check the weather and dress accordingly because you know how Texas weather can be. There will be a catered lunch

(fajitas, chips, salsa), those attending could bring some cookies or brownies. We will also be giving away three prizes (to be determined) for three categories of the artifacts we find (categories will be determined on site). One other thing, I want to thank Ed Pavlasek with Texas Premium Detectors, for donating a 4-oz. silver bank not for a raffle. All raffle money raised will be presented to the Kosse Heritage Society for the Hearne-Gidden Home Restoration Project at the end of the day. For more information on the history of the Hearn-Gidden Home log on to www.oldhousekosse.org.

I'll be on the road again Thursday, November 16th speaking at Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club in Ft. Worth, and then again on January 8th at East Texas Treasure Hunters Association in Longview, TX. These two clubs will be my 10th and 11th clubs to travel and speak to. If you're in the area come out and pay a visit, I would love to meet you. I'll be speaking about the upcoming TAMDC Events, Texas Treasure Show, and how being a TAMDC member can benefit your local club.



If you would like for me or one of the TAMDC Officers to come and speak at your local club meeting, please let us know. You can shoot me an email at preacherdigger49@gmail.com. We can speak on a vast array of topics pertaining to our hobby to name a few: How to Start a Club, How to Grow a Club, Secret Tips to Competition Hunting, Researching and Obtaining Permissions, How to Find Treasure, How to Make a MD Club Fun, Basic Detecting 101, Where and How to Find Rings Water Hunting, Civil War Research and Permission, Relic Hunting and many more topics.



Our 1st Quarter Satellite Hunt will be February 24th in partnership with Houston Archeology and Recovery Club for the HARC 36th Annual Open Hunt on East Beach in Galveston, TX. Once again, we want to thank HARC for this second invitation to partner with them. This past February we partnered together and saw nearly 100 people attend these hunts. Check the TAMDC Facebook Events Page and TAMDC.org for all the latest information, events, and downloadable hunt flyers. Sign-up today!

Don't forget to Like us on Facebook where we just exceeded over 700 Likes. Facebook is where we daily and weekly post TAMDC stuff. You can also check us out and get the latest information on our website where we have surpassed 214,000 visitors as of 11/14/2017! We do want to ask our Member Clubs to link our website/logo to your club website and Facebook Page.

Happy Hunting,

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