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### **Hello from the President's Desk,**

The first quarter of the year has been a very busy quarter for the FMDAC. For you that I have email addresses, you can attest to that by all the alerts I've sent out. Our hobby has been attacked hard already this year. The FMDAC is doing battle in several states (CA, KY, NY, GA and WS) with the help of the local clubs in defending your right to use a metal detector or to prospect on public lands. In Wisconsin, we might have to help with the cost of a lobbyist group so if we ask for donations, please give what you can, for your area may be next. If I do not have your email address, please send me an email so you can keep up with what is happening around the country. It is important that you respond to these alerts within days sometimes, for if we do not remain vigilant, we will lose more of our freedoms. You can find out more about these issues on the FMDAC website and forum. [www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org)

I have been keeping up with what is happening in your clubs by the newsletters your club sends me. I have seen some great finds this year and have written about some of them in the "clubs" section. Thank you for returning lost items to their rightful owners! We need to get the local papers to write articles about these returns to make our hobby look good in the eyes of the public. These articles will help you if the local and state decide to close off areas.

We are getting closer to the annual National Convention and Treasure Expo to be held in the Kansas City, KS area (Olathe) in October so start planning to attend. Please use the FMDAC travel site to book your reservations! More information and the forms should be on the website shortly. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the FMDAC and should be a great convention to attend.

This year, is the year we elect new Chapter Officers, if you would like to get involved have your club or yourself as an Independent Member submit your information to Mike and Sue Race, Election Committee, for a position by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Keep the communications flowing through both emails and post on the FMDAC Forum!  
May your next find be a golden one!

Mike Smith  
Southwestern Chapter President  
[www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org)

## **From the Chapter VP** by Don Vickers **What have you done for your club lately?**

Are you an active club member, someone who is at every meeting? Well my question to you is "What Have You Done for Your Club Lately"? A club is made up of members all with different abilities and talents and yet very few get involved with the operation of the club behind the scenes. Too many of our clubs have the same core members year after year with little or no growth. Do your officers roll over year after year because no other members express an interest in the month to month operation of the club? Trust me when I say your club officers don't want to hold their positions forever, they are just waiting for someone to step up and take an interest in taking their club to the next level. So many of our clubs memberships are stagnant with little or no growth one reason could be due to lack of change. Change makes things different and maybe different is what is needed to attract new members and interest. Next time your club holds elections don't be afraid to stand up and offer your talents and abilities. You are not going to hurt anyone's feelings and you may be the person to bring new life to a great hobby.

## **FMDAC Caribbean Cruise**

In February, the FMDAC held a cruise for our members in the Caribbean. From what I understand, it went real well and we received a nice commission check from booking the trip through the FMDAC Travel site. There were 16 people on this adventure with rings, coins and jewelry found at every port. Jill McFeeders, National Treasurer, is already getting another one set up for next year in February.

## **Southwestern Chapter Hunt**

On February 15th, we held our 4th Annual Chapter hunt at the GPAA Gold Show here in the Phoenix, AZ area. Every year we have increased in attendance, this year we had 34 hunters take the field. We ended up with over \$1500 in silver coinage on the field and 62 tokens totaling over \$2800 in donated/purchased prizes. The top winner in this hunt was Jack Kindt who won the Fisher F2 detector and 8 other token prizes. We also raffled off gold nuggets at our Chapter booth over this 2 day event to raise funds for the Chapter. Kevin Arnold from Winslow, AZ was the "Big Nugget" winner (1/4 OZ).

We would like to thank the following companies for donating to this event: Reno Prospectors Supply (NV), White's of California (CA), People's Publishing (W&E Mag)(CA), ICMJ Magazine (CA), Jobe Wholesale (OR), Garrett Metal Detectors (TX), Minelab USA (NV), Wal-Mart (AZ), Pro Mack South (AZ), Lost Treasure Magazine (OK), Burke's Pot O' Gold (PA), Kasold Enterprise (CA), The Gold Lady (AZ), Earthly Enterprises (FL), 49er Mining Supplies (CA), GPAA (CA) and A&B Prospecting Supplies (AZ). Please support these companies and tell them thanks for supporting the FMDAC!

## **Southwestern Chapter Clubs & Independent Members Report**

One thing I noticed in going through some of the club newsletters is the lack of names and descriptions of items found. Your members need to be recognized for their efforts in bringing these items in for the members to view and enjoy. Please do a better job at this!

**Arizona Treasures Unlimited** In the best coin category for this quarter, Mark Simmons found a 1926S Quarter, Jack Lofgren a 1944S Half and John Moody an 1896S Dime.

**Superstition West Treasure Hunters** Some of their finds this quarter include a 14K gold Ring, 1950 Deutsche Mark and a 1944 3 Pence coin. This club joined us in January.

**Silver State Detecting** This quarter some gold rings, a silver round and a 1901 Barber Dime was found. For most part of this quarter, the clubs area was under snow which makes it hard to get out and find goodies.

**Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs** From what I could see on their website, lots of coinage was found. Most notable was a 1923S Dime and an 1845 ½ Dime.

**Coinshooters of San Diego** This club has found some fantastic finds this quarter. Russ Gish came up with a 14k Gold ring with a Princess Cut diamond and Frank Tutta found a ladies gold cocktail ring with 40 small diamonds. A lot of nice items are lost on beaches and found by this club.

**Siskiyou County Relic & Recovery** Don Minard located a nice gold nugget. Fred Wellman found an 1874 Dime and a nice 1800's silver thimble.

**Gold Coast Treasure Hunters** No information, as this club does not put out a newsletter.

**Albuquerque Metal Detecting** Terry Ellis found a 1949D Wheat penny. Mickey Cone located a 1928 license plate.

**West Coast Prospectors & Treasure Hunters** Harold Linnestruth came up with a 1901 IH penny. Bill Saimarin found a very nice 1861 \$10 gold piece. Pat Sherrick found a 22K necklace with pendent.

**Mid-Western Artifact Society** John Irby located an 1867 Shield Nickel. Steve Kaighen came to the meeting with an 1825 Dime. John Hutchinson located an 1857 Flying Eagle Cent.

**Austin Metal Detecting Club** Scott Hegel came in with a 1920D Dime and Frank Vick located a 1939 Nickel. Blaine Nelson showed a very nice 14K men's wedding band.

**East Texas Treasure Hunters** Junior St Clair located a Kennedy Half. Jimmy Clark found a gold nugget ring. A.D. Clark came up with a 1936 Wheat penny.

**Oklahoma City Dirt Diggers** This club does not put out a newsletter.

**Flatland Metal Detecting Club** This club does not yet publish a newsletter. They hope to start a "Finds of the Month" program soon.

**Independent Members** Located in all 10 states that make up the Southwestern Chapter.

## **FMDAC FORUM**

Please start posting questions, comments and finds on the forum. Lets us make this the most used forum on the internet. Please sign in and start using this as a way to communicate to the metal detecting community! Go to [www.mymdforum.com/forum/index.php](http://www.mymdforum.com/forum/index.php)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **July 11<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> – Treasure Week – New Stanton, PA**

This year Treasure Week moved further east to Pennsylvania. It will be held at the Fox Den Acres Campground. The FMDAC will sponsor hunts on the 15<sup>th</sup> at this event. Contact Jill McFeeders (330) 364-1608 for more information.

### **July 27<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Southern Indiana Treasure Fest – Vallonia, IN**

This is a new week long event being held at the Starve Hollow Lake campgrounds. The FMDAC Central Chapter will be sponsoring hunts on the 29<sup>th</sup> at this event. Contact Chad Beesley (812) 966-2137 or Ron David (Central Chapter President) (765) 643-1121 for more information.

### **October 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> – FMDAC National Convention – Kansas City/Olathe, KS**

2009 is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the FMDAC and we hope to put together a great convention and treasure expo with hunts. Our Chapter and the local club, Mid-Western Artifact Society, will be the hosts of this convention. We will have hunts all 3 days of the event. There will be raffles for prizes throughout the weekend. There will be seminars on Saturday on different subjects throughout the day and a banquet Saturday night with a guest speaker. Dealers and Manufacturer's will have the latest products for sale. The flyers and forms will be on the website shortly to download for more information. If you do not have the internet, call Jill McFeeders at 330-364-1608 and she can mail you a convention packet.

## **Update on Wisconsin Issue from Duane Biller, FMDAC President**

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, I attended a meeting of the Four Lakes Metal Detecting Club in Madison, Wisconsin. The purpose of the meeting was to see what could be done to the new policy change for a law that has been on the books since 1972. The new policy which took effect in November 2008 would stop metal detecting on all DNR land even if it wasn't designated a historical site. The recent change was made by both the State and DNR Archaeologists. In attendance was Amy Winters, a lobbyist from Wisconsin, who is helping in the efforts not only to change the new policy but also to seek legislation to make it into a law so it can't be changed every time a new administration comes into office. Also in attendance was John Broihahn the State Archaeologist, Mark Dunzik the DRN Archaeologist, Terry Otto from Outdoor Outfitters, Mike Scott form First Texas, Other Wisconsin Clubs, about 50 members of the Four Lakes Club, Ron David, Central States Chapter President and myself. It seems that this new policy was adopted when someone put copper points which have great historical value, for sale on e-bay and articles of finds in Wisconsin in the treasure magazines. Whether the law was broken or not, this doesn't look good and these agencies are monitoring these places to look out for artifacts that might have been taken illegally to help in the fight to shut our hobby down. As ethical treasure hunters, we are obligated to report these historical finds to the proper agencies for data collection. There will always be outlaws in every hobby and we are always under constant attack from these groups so we need to stay on our toes and use some common sense when detecting. Remember helping these groups can only create good will to let them know we are not the bad guys we are made out to be and this could even make for a good working relationship.

The meeting started with Amy explaining what she has already done and how she is proceeding in her efforts. She explained that this could be a long process and for everyone to exercise a little patients. She is going to keep everyone up to date on her activities and let us know when we are needed for both letter writing and petitions to help out but for now she suggested for everyone to step back. Amy was very informative with her efforts and

explanations. After Amy finished, both Archaeologists had their chance to explain their position and answer questions. After about 2 hours of questions and answers, I felt that both sides were enlightened and I feel there is room for negotiations on both sides and each side may give a little to make it work. I have to give both of these Archaeologists credit for coming to the meeting knowing they were going to be grilled on this issue. Both were reasonable and willing to listen to our side and stated they would be glad to set down and maybe work out a compromise on the issue. After they left, Amy spoke and was confident that change and compromise can be made. I would like to thank the Four Lake club for allowing the FMDAC to be part of this challenge. I think that working together can bring positive results.

## **FMDAC - WESTERN CHAPTER 1st QTR (JAN, FEB, MAR) 2009**

### **1<sup>st</sup> National Bank Buffalo Wyoming**

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| Balance as of 12/31/08   | <b>\$ 320.72</b>       |
| Credits:   |                        |
| 1-14 - Hunt entries, 7 Memberships                             | 610.00                 |
| 1-21 - Hunt entries, 5 Memberships                             | 530.00                 |
| 2-03 - Hunt entries, 3 Memberships                             | 570.00                 |
| 2-18 - Hunt entries  | 210.00                 |
| 3/02 - Deposit from AZ Hunt (hunt entries/raffles/memberships) | <u>1,283.00</u>        |
| <b>Total Credits</b>   | <b><u>3,203.00</u></b> |
| <b>Subtotal</b>  | <b>3,523.72</b>        |

### Debits:

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| Check #1034, Postage, Printing, Supplies for hunt          | 114.85          |
| Check #1035, FMDAC - 7 Memberships                         | 70.00           |
| Check #1036, FMDAC - 5 Memberships                         | 50.00           |
| Check #1037, FMDAC - 3 Memberships                         | 30.00           |
| Check #1038, Pro Mack So. (Detector, Display Jars, Badges) | 182.48          |
| Check #1039 - Burke's Pot O'Gold (Silver Coins for Hunt)   | 1,515.00        |
| Check #1040 - FMDAC - 6 Memberships                        | 60.00           |
| Check #1041 - James Townley (50/50 Winner)                 | 16.00           |
| Check #1042 - Miners Keepers (Nuggets for Hunt & Raffles)  | <u>873.10</u>   |
| <b>Total Debits</b>  | <b>2,911.43</b> |

**Balance as of March 31, 2009** **\$ 612.29**

Submitted by:  
Judy Stobbe  
Secretary/Treasurer

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE CODE OF ETHICS AND  
ENJOY THE HOBBY!**

## **FMDAC'S CODE OF ETHICS**

I WILL ALWAYS CHECK FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAWS BEFORE SEARCHING. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO "KNOW THE LAW".

I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER'S PERMISSION, WHERE POSSIBLE SUCH PERMISSION WILL BE IN WRITING.

I WILL TAKE CARE TO REFILL ALL HOLES AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE ANY DAMAGE.

I WILL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY AND ALL TRASH AND LITTER THAT I FIND.

I WILL APPRECIATE AND PROTECT OUR INHERITANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

I WILL, AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE HOBBY, USE THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.

I WILL WORK TO HELP BRING UNITY TO OUR HOBBY BY WORKING WITH ANY ORGANIZATION OF ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT MAY HAVE PROBLEMS THAT WILL LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO PEACEFULLY PURSUE THE HOBBY.

I WILL LEAVE GATES AS FOUND.

I WILL BUILD FIRES IN DESIGNATED SAFE PLACES ONLY.

I WILL REPORT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER AND OR REMOVE ARTIFACTS FROM FEDERAL PARKS OR STATE PRESERVES.

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