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Hello from the President's Desk,

We started out this quarter with events in Pennsylvania and Indiana, both FMDAC days were a success at the events. Through the metal detector raffle at Treasure Week, our members were able to raise \$1500 to help out the situation in Wisconsin with the metal detecting ban on DNR land. In California, we and other groups (GPAA, New 49'ers, PLP) were unsuccessful in stopping a bill to ban dredging. The Governor signed it into law and now it might be a couple of years before the DFG completes their Environmental Impact Study and dredging can resume. It is estimated that the State of CA will lose millions in revenue because of this law. How crazy is that when the economy is hurting and it has been proven time after time that dredging is beneficial to the fish habitat. We and other groups were able to stop Clay County, Florida in September from banning metal detecting on county property through our email campaign. The county commissioners changed the proposed ordinance to reflect most national and state laws which just bans you from historical and archaeological sites. If we did not have your email addresses to contact you and you responding to the alert, this would have been a different story. Thank You!

I was notified last week (9/14) that the Colorado State Parks Department might be considering banning detecting. I have sent them an email and I am awaiting word back from them about this issue. So be prepared to send them an email to help out our fellow detectorist in Colorado. This has been a busy year for defending your rights and the year is not over.

This is the year you elect your Chapter Officers. I hope you sent in your nominations by the deadline of September 15th. If there is only one candidate nominated for each position we will not be sending out ballots as it would be a waste of money and time. More information on the election should be in the national newsletter, Quest.

Reminder: If you send in your Club/Independent Membership renewal for 2010 before the end of December, your club members/you will be entered in a drawing for a year free membership or other prizes. Last year our Chapter club, East Texas Treasure Hunters won the free membership prize.

Hope to see you at the convention!

Mike Smith
Southwestern Chapter President
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Southwestern Chapter Clubs & Independent Members Report

Arizona Treasures Unlimited Member, Vic Mathis, gave a talk on researching old sites and their potential. Several members attended the “Antiques Roadshow” when it was in Phoenix. One member may get a spot on the show when it airs in early 2010.

Superstition West Treasure Hunters Resumed having their monthly meetings on September 1st, now that it has cooled down a bit. They are getting ready for their Annual Steak Fry in November.

Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs This club has increased its membership to 150 members. 5 members attended the “Rush to the Rockies” event in July. 27 members attended the clubs annual Santa Cruz Beach Outing with good results.

Coinshooters of San Diego Excellent articles on “Beach Hunting Etiquette” and “Diamond Clarity”. Expanded their “Show and Tell” to 8 categories now, they added “Best North American Coin” to the list.

Siskiyou County Relic & Recovery Looking to find a new place to meet, as Denny’s closed its doors due to the economy.

Gold Coast Treasure Hunters This club holds metal detecting classes on the Saturday following their meetings. They have 2 levels of classes, Beginners and Intermediate/Advanced. These classes are open to anyone wanting to learn about metal detecting. Good way to attract new members!

Albuquerque Metal Detecting This club gained permission to hunt a local school that was established in 1881. After 2 trips to the grounds, the members assembled a display case of their finds and presented it to the school. What a great way to establish good relations in the community!

Mid-Western Artifact Society This club likes to keep track of numbers. So far this year their members have recovered 9660 coins and 182 of them were silver. John Irby is leading the club with 32 silver coins for the year.

Austin Metal Detecting Club They have created a link on their website called “Lost and Found”. It allows anyone to request help from their members to locate lost items. Great way to help out the community!

East Texas Treasure Hunters This club held a night hunt because of the heat. They held a “Chinese Auction” in August with the proceeds going to the club. What is a Chinese Auction?

Flatland Metal Detecting Club Have heard no news from this club as they have no newsletter or website. Email me if you have something for the next quarter newsletter.

White Mountain Club of GPAA Participated in a local event to help raise funds for autistic children. They set up an educational booth and ran a nugget raffle, donated half of the proceeds. Well done!

Mt. Diablo Metal Detecting Club Gave a talk and demonstration to a local pack of cub scouts and their parents on metal detecting. They also worked with a group of blind children, at the Leoni Meadows Blind Camp this quarter.

I am really impressed with all of the clubs and their community involvement. You are doing a great job!

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 and fellow members! Go to www.mymdforum.com/forum/index.php

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 16th, 17th and 18th – FMDAC National Convention – Kansas City/Olathe, KS

2009 is the 25th 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. 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 are on the website 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.

February 6th, 2010 – 5th Annual Diggin in the Desert sponsored by the FMDAC Southwestern Chapter – Goldfield Ghost Town / Apache Junction, AZ

We will be holding 3 hunts (nuggets/silver/silver and tokens) at this 1890's gold mining town. This is a natural desert field with the targets being planted. Email or call Chapter President Mike Smith for flyer and forms. (480-983-7011 or promack@quik.com)

February 2010 FMDAC Caribbean Cruise – Check with Jill McFeeders, National Treasurer, for information on this trip.

April 30th – May 2nd – FMDAC Spring Festival – Goldfield Ghost Town?

This is a possibility and will be decided at the Convention in Kansas. I will have more in the next newsletter on this event.

FMDAC - SOUTHWESTERN CHAPTER 3rd QTR (JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER) 2009

1st National Bank - Buffalo, Wyoming

Balance as of 6/30/09 **\$ 476.51**

Credits:

7/26 – 1st & 2nd Qtr Membership Fees 265.00

Total Credits **265.00**

Subtotal **741.51**

Debits:

Check #1045 2nd Quarter Newsletter Expenses 83.33

Check #1046 FMDAC - Convention Banquet 90.00

Total Debits **173.33**

Balance as of September 30, 2009 **\$568.18**

Submitted by: Judy Stobbe – Chapter 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 ENTERS AND/OR REMOVES ARTIFACTS FROM FEDERAL PARKS OR STATE PRESERVES.

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