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Hello from the President's Desk,

In the last issue, I had mentioned a situation in Colorado, I believe that issue has been resolved. I communicated with the Assistant Director of the Colorado State Parks and she stated in her email that metal detecting was not banned in the parks and the issue was not on the agenda. If you plan on going to Colorado to metal detect in the State Parks contact me and I can send you a copy of the email. It should eliminate any problems if approached by a Park ranger.

We have a couple of clubs raising money to help out with the cause in Wisconsin, for that I thank them. If you or your club can make a donation to help them out please contact me for the mailing address. If every club could donate them \$100 it would go a long ways to paying for their lobbyist on this cause. Next time it could be your state banning metal detecting and you may need their help.

I attended the national convention in Olathe, KS back in October. Our Chapter was well represented since Kansas is part of our Chapter. The next national gathering is being held here in Arizona the first weekend in May and I have started working to make it a great weekend. I have secured a guest speaker that you will not want to miss hearing. Roy Roush, PhD, will be speaking on the Knights of the Golden Circle (KGC). You might have seen Roy on the History Channel recently in an episode on Jesse James and his association with the KGC. So start planning on attending this Spring Festival, the forms should be available on the FMDAC website by the time you receive this newsletter. I have also planned a trip to a mining claim on Friday, April 30th, and anyone participating in the hunts can come and try to find some gold with us.

I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Mike Smith
Southwestern Chapter President
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Great Find – Silver and Gold

The week before I went to the convention in Olathe, KS I had a new customer, Steve, stop in the store. He is out here wintering for the first time from Florida. He asked where he could go detecting. I told him about Tortilla Flats (old stage stop) and Fish Creek Lodge (lodge existed in 20's and 30's). When I got back to the shop on Wednesday after the convention he was sitting on the porch with a big grin on his face. He brought in a clump of dirt (caliche) the size of a large grapefruit and you could see there were several silver coins lodged in it. He found this near the base of a large Saguaro cactus. I thought they might be silver Morgan Dollars from the edges we could see sticking out. I explained to him to soak it in soapy water for a few days to help break it up. He came back to the store the next day and he had recovered 5 silver dollars and a gold wedding band out of that clump. The oldest Morgan was an 1881 and the newest was a 1921. The ring is marked 18KT and was inscribed but not legible. He gave me one of the 1921's for my assistance. It is now in my display case at the Pro Mack South store. Later he went back and checked the area again and came up with a silver wedding band. It makes you wonder when and why these items were stashed. Great true story or what? Some people have all the luck! Steve joined the local metal detecting club, SWTH, and the FMDAC that same month.

Promote the FMDAC – It is your organization!

The next time you are on anyone's internet forum, post that you are a member of the Federation and that you believe in our mission, which is to promote, protect and educate the public about metal detecting and recreational prospecting. That we as members of this organization are there to help combat the negative publicity related to OUR hobby. If all detectorist and weekend prospectors do not stick together and defend OUR hobby, we will all lose. Ask that everyone abide by the Code of Ethics and be respectful at all times.

Southwestern Chapter Clubs & Independent Members Report

Arizona Treasures Unlimited Best coin finds of the quarter are 1855 Half by Jim Wafflard, 1911-S Penny by Bob Anderson and an 1899 Dime by Bill Vidrine.

Superstition West Treasure Hunters Best coin finds for the quarter are an 1919-D by Tony F., 1859 Austrian coin by Jim F. and a 1880 Morgan Dollar by Steve P..

Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs This club does a Find of the Month Program but does not tell you what was found in their newsletter. Winners of the FOM for the quarter were Scott Kemper and Linda Woltman.

Coinshooters of San Diego Best coin finds for the quarter are Isle of Man gold coin by Phil Pedigo, and a 1926- S quarter by Dave Vilett.

Siskiyou County Relic & Recovery Best coin finds of the quarter are a 1928 penny by Richard Cousins and a 1960 quarter by Leon Whitaker.

Silver State Detecting Club This club is not presently issuing a newsletter.

Gold Coast Treasure Hunters This is another club that does not put out a newsletter but off of their website I found out that Marcos found a V nickel and Dennis located a Peace Dollar in this quarter.

Albuquerque Metal Detecting The last few months worth of newsletters did not contain a list of their FOM because they have been having special hunts plus their Christmas Party information.

Mid-Western Artifact Society Best coin finds for the quarter are a 1908 quarter by Bob Kerr, 1876 penny by Don Vickers and a 1922-D penny by Chris Jolin. This club was the sponsoring club for the 2009 FMDAC Fall Convention in October. Thank you for all the help!

Austin Metal Detecting Club Best coin finds of the quarter was a 1917 penny by Larry Vickers. Website had not been updated since October so missing November and December finds.

East Texas Treasure Hunters Best coin finds for the quarter are an 1852 dime by Stan Mayfield, 1906 penny by Nealie Valentine and an 1860's copper nickel by Tommy Deese.

Flatland Metal Detecting Club This club does not issue a newsletter nor has a website so no information on what their members are finding.

White Mountain Club of GPAA No coins have been reportedly found by the members but they have been having some success find gold and gold nuggets on the claim this quarter.

Mt. Diablo Metal Detecting Club Best coin finds for this quarter were an 1902 penny by Brian Severns, several silver dimes by Silvia Avalos (new to the hobby) and an 1841 half dime by Ray Romeo.

Independent Members The year of 2009 was Terry Ellis first year of retirement and has been very successful for metal detecting. Terry has found 80 rings (16 gold) in 2009 as of December 19th. If the weather permits, he hopes to be able to hunt the rest of the year and add to his count. Some of the rings he found were hunting the beaches and the surf in Daytona Beach, Florida and Galveston, Texas. In 2008 Terry found 53 rings.

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

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (cont.)

April 30th – May 2nd – FMDAC Spring Festival – Goldfield Ghost Town / Apache Junction, AZ We will start out on Friday with a natural nugget hunt at an actual mining claim. On Saturday, we will have a morning silver hunt and in the afternoon an enhanced gold nugget hunt. Saturday afternoon, we will also have some speakers and dealers displaying/selling their equipment. Saturday evening at the Mammoth Steakhouse in Goldfield will be a banquet and live music by Lee Alexander with guest speaker, Roy Roush on the KGC. On Sunday, we will have two hunts with the majority of prizes in the afternoon hunt. Raffles will be conducted throughout the weekend. Do not miss this weekend event!

FMDAC - SOUTHWESTERN CHAPTER 4th QTR (OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER) 2009

1st National Bank - Buffalo, Wyoming

Balance as of 9/30/09 **\$ 568.18**

Credits:

11/25 - SW Chapter Hunt Entries, 1 Nat'l Memb. 2010	260.00
12/29 - SW Chapter Hunt Entries, 3 Nat'l Memb. 2010	<u>905.00</u>

Total Credits **\$1165.00**

Subtotal **\$1733.18**

Debits:

Check #1047, Chapter Newsletter Expenses	94.15
Check #1048, Chapter Convention Expenses	156.59
Check #1049, FMDAC - 1 Nat'l Memb. 2010	10.00
Check #1050, FMDAC - 3 Nat'l Memb. 2010	<u>30.00</u>

Total Debits **\$ 290.74**

Balance as of December 31, 2009 **\$1442.44**

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If you know of any metal detector dealer or manufacturer in this Chapter (10 State Area) that would like to advertise in this newsletter please have them contact me. We are offering business card ads (2"x3") for an unbelievable price of \$25 for the year (4 issues).

**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 REMOVES ARTIFACTS FROM FEDERAL PARKS OR STATE PRESERVES.

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