

# Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

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### *Editor's Minutes for Meeting of January 4, 2007*

#### **President: John Duffy**

- John opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and welcomed members, guests and visitors.

#### **Vice President's Report: Peter Johnson**

- Peter was not in attendance.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman**

- Al was not in attendance. However, Al emailed the following information to me. The December 2006 beginning balance was \$3900.19. December expenses were \$1212.28, income was \$1756.50 and the 2006 year end balance was \$4444.41.

#### **Hospitality: Al Ezell**

- We thanked Al again for the great goodies and drinks he furnishes each month at our meetings!

#### **Hunt Master Report: Rick Costello**

- Rick told us that the next club hunt would be on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be at San Juan Park off Madison and Mariposa at 10 am rain or shine.
- Bernard Grabowski told us about the upcoming AMDA hunt on January 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at the GPAA show in Primm, NV. A few SVDB club members went on this interesting hunt (9 hour drive to get there). There were 2 hunts on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. Approximately 87 people participated and here are few pictures taken at the hunt.



Primm, NV ---- Don, Ann, Rick and Bob

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Primm, NV -----Bernard



Primm, NV ---Windy (isn't it always in NV) and Cold

### **Librarian Report: Tom Schweppe**

- Tom reported that everything in the library was in great shape. He also told us that there were more donations of books and magazines to our library. Tom said it would take a couple of months to sort through them and bring them to our meeting.

### **Membership Report: George Magann**

- George was busy most of the night collecting SVDB 2007 membership dues and FDMAC dues.

### **Web-Site Report: Lee Wiese**

- The web-site needs your input what can I add or change? I also need you to provide to me or George, our membership chairman with your e-mail addresses so that you can get the e-mail SVDB Update once a month.
- The Treasure News on the SVDB web-site has been updated there are some very positive and interesting stories (3) coming from the U.K. **a must read.**

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### ***New Business:***

President John Duffy confirmed that the following people were elected as 2007 SVDB club officers.

**President** – John Duffy  
**Vice President** – Peter Johnson,  
**Treasurer** – Allan Woltman

Congratulations to our newly elected 2007 officers and to all the volunteers who help make our club operate! The more people that help out means the more successful our club will become. We still have a Secretary vacancy.

### ***Old Business:***

#### ***SVDB Club Patches and Decals***

Lee had our SVDB club logo on a patch and sold these patches at the meeting for \$5 each. There are still some patches available.

### ***From our FMDAC Vice President:***

by Lee Wiese

- FMDAC has a new web-site take a visit at: <http://www.fmdac.org>. One of the new areas is a comprehensive metal detecting web-page on state parks all states are listed.
  - **The Spring FMDAC Convention** is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> at Mesa, Arizona. A flyer and information is available at <http://www.fmdac.org>
  - There is a **FMDAC Western Chapter Hunt** taking place at *GPAA Gold Show, Mesa Convention Center, 201 Center Street, Mesa, AZ* on February 4, 2007.
- Mesa is not that far away - so give it some consideration maybe a group could get together and drive over for the event.**

- The FMDAC Western Chapter (Mike Smith, President & Lee Wiese, VP) are planning a HUNT for September during Heritage Days at Foresthill, CA. The hunt details have been pretty much finalized. Put this on your schedule we will make it happen. The hunt will be on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Flyer available soon.
- Support our hobby think about joining FMDAC its \$5.00 though SVDB see George our membership chairman.

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### **SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!!**

- **SVDB Meetings are held at the SMUD Building located at the intersection of Elkhorn and Don Julio in North Highlands. The meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month and starts at 7:30 pm.**

### **SVDB Day-In-The-Park**

There are two day-in-the-park hunts per month. The hunts are on the first Sunday and the third Sunday of each month. Breakfast is at 8:00 am with the hunt starting at 9:00 am. See the following for meeting place:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's at Watt and Auburn
- 3rd Sunday Hunts: Meet at Pancake House at 21<sup>st</sup> and Broadway

### **SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):**

The Show and Tell for January had lots of good finds. Not much rain (boy do we need it) was attributed to members still getting out in the nice weather. Photos of these finds are on our website under FOM on the left side of the web page.

### **SVDB January Raffle**

Mary Ann Mejia and James Neeley were selling lots of raffle tickets even for the slow month of January. They sold tickets for \$458. Because 1 gold coin was left over from the December raffle 2 gold coins were raffled off this month.

### **SVDB Evidence Hunt 1-26-07**



Five members of the SVDB club- (L to R) Bob Maytum, John Duffy, Al Ezell, Ken Marcum and Lee Wiese - put in a combined 10 hours searching for evidence for the

Davis Police Department. Suspects in a robbery had tossed a small caliber handgun from the window of a car driving east on Interstate 80 near the State 113 off ramp. We covered a triangular shaped area approximately 100 yards long by 20 yards wide at the narrow end and 40 to 50 yards wide at the wide end.

Lee divided the search area with flag markers and we began about 10 a.m., working N-S passes between the freeway and the 113 transition road. Even in the presence of abundant "other" targets (I was amazed at how much junk "we"

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collectively toss from moving cars onto our highways) I thought we would have a successful search - however, such was not the case, as after nearly two hours of searching we came up empty handed.

The Davis Police Department was very appreciative of our effort and actually took our group photo. I extend my thanks to those who were able and willing to respond on such short notice. - John Duffy

### **A Reminder**

If you plan on hunting in **RENO** and/or **OREGON**, make sure you get a permit.

**Roseville** requires a permit to hunt. Get it at the Park and Recreation Office

**San Jose Parks** also require permits.

### **More Authentic(?) Buried Treasure in California**



This is the last segment of a 3 part description of (secret) lost California Treasures, Gem Stone locations and little known Ghost Towns. They are listed by CA counties.

### **Los Angeles County:**

Lost Treasure - There is a treasure of sixty five thousand dollars in gold buried close to the peak of the Santa Susanna Pass in Los Angeles County. It was put there by a bandit who had robbed a stagecoach.

Lost Treasure - Three miles east of the old Rincon Stage Station in an oak grove there is thirty thousand in gold that was robbed from Wells Fargo in 1853 and buried. It is located southeast of the junction of the East Fort and San Gabriel Rivers, just north of Azusa.

### **Mendocino County:**

Lost Treasure - Sixty five thousand dollars in gold coins are buried in a safe in the Russian Gulch which is just north of Mendocino on State 1.

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### **Mono County:**

Ghost Town - The ghost town of Bodie was considered to be one of the toughest and rowdiest boom towns in the West. It is located twenty miles east of State 395 and twenty miles north of Mono Lake. Today the saloon and the assayers shop are about the only remains of this town.

### **Orange County:**

Lost Treasure - On the old Irvine Ranch there is thirty thousand dollars in gold bullion. The ranch is located off of US 5 freeway and is near the present city of Irvine.

### **Placer County:**

Lost Treasure - At the Mountaineer Roadhouse on Folsom Road, three miles from Auburn there are several treasures buried. This was a famous outlaw hideout in the mid nineteenth century. We will see if Bob M can find these treasures.

Ghost Town - The semi-ghost town of Iowa Hill was surrounded by the largest gold producing mines in the area. There are many other mining camps near Iowa Hill. This is located fifteen miles east of Colfax.

### **San Benito County:**

Lost Treasure - Tiburcio Vasquez, the Mexican bandit buried over five hundred thousand dollars in gold somewhere in the Pinnacles National Monument by the Monterey-San Benito County line.

Lost Treasure - A Chinese merchant named Tom Sing was robbed of \$780,000 in gold that was taken from his iron safe in Monterey. The robbers buried the loot along the banks of the Salinas River halfway between Chualar and Gonzales.

### **San Bernardino County:**

Ghost Town - Calico ghost town is in the Calico Mountains four miles northwest of Yermo in San Bernardino County. This was a booming silver mining town in it heyday with four thousand residents. To date the town is being restored.

Gem Location - Near the town of Garlock in San Bernardino County the gem hunter can find azurite, silver, and chalcophyrite. Near Coyote Lake there is silver and talc,

near Crucero there is magnetite and hematite to be found and near the town of Valley Wells there is uranium, azurite, dolomite, and cassiterite that can be found.

### **San Diego County:**

Lost Treasure - A stagecoach that was held up by bandits in 1876 was robbed of sixty thousand in gold. The stage was at Vallecitos when the hold up occurred and the robbers are believed to have buried the loot a mile to the north of the station. It is located off County 52, forty miles east of San Diego.

Lost Treasure - There is a silver mine in the area near the Santa Maria valley by Escondido. It was sealed off at its entrance but not before two oxcarts full of gold church treasures were put in a tunnel within the mine.

Lost Treasure - There is a treasure of gold worth \$65,000 that bandits buried in a strongbox here between the stage stations of Vallecitos and Carrizo on the old Butterfield Stage Route.

### **Santa Barbara County:**

Lost Treasure - Near Solvang by the mouth of Cachuma Creek there is several bags of raw gold buried that Mexican miners from the 1800's put there.

Lost Treasure - Near the top of the San Marcos Pass in a canyon there are many treasures buried. One of these treasures is a strongbox with thirty thousand in gold inside of it that a bandit had robbed from Wells Fargo.

### **Shasta County:**

Lost Treasure - Along the banks of the Middle Creek which is five miles upstream from Redding, a prospector buried \$25,000 in gold nuggets. Also in the same vicinity there is a place called Ruggles Boy Gulch, here there is \$10,000 buried from a 1890's holdup.

Lost Treasure - \$75,000 was robbed by the Ruggles Brothers in a stagecoach holdup in 1892. The brothers buried the \$75,000 in gold nuggets on Red Bluff in a cave, which is located by Redding off of US 5.



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Ghost Town - Six miles west of Redding on State 299 is the ghost town of Shasta. The town was established in 1849 when gold was discovered. The town was known as the "Queen City of the North" because the wagon road ended here and the Oregon pack trail began. Like so many towns from this period of time - when the gold ran out the town was abandoned. There are many buildings still standing today to see.

Gem Location - In the county of Shasta the gem hunter can find the following gems; barite, gold, opal, gaiena, molybdenite, cinnabar: sulphur, chromite, graphite and chalcopyrite.

### Siskiyou County:

Lost Treasure - Near the area of Dunsmuir there is (\$210,000) in gold bars buried. The treasure is known as the "Treasure of Castle Crags".

Lost Treasure - Near the town of Weed, bandits buried \$128,000 in gold coins that they robbed from a holdup.

Lost Treasure - At the western foot of Mt. Shasta there is \$106,000 in gold that was robbed from two different holdups by the bandit Rattlesnake Dick and his gang.

### Solano County:

Lost Treasure - Opposite of the town of Rio Vista on the Sacramento River is Andrus Island. This is where a resident by the name of J. William Wilcox in 1884 buried \$50,000 in gold on his land before he died.

### Sonoma County:

Lost Treasure - Twenty thousand dollars in gold coins were buried near the summit of the Calistoga-Middletown State Route, which is now County Road 29 by bandits in 1888. The Calistoga-Middletown State Route is a few miles north of the Sonoma county line.

### Note from your Editor

The March SVDB newsletter will have some interesting recommendations concerning which gold detector to buy. I will be including comments from an Alaskan friend of mine, Steve Herschbach. Steve will give us a candid evaluation of what he thinks of the following detectors for gold prospecting:

- **Garrett Scorpion Gold Stinger**
- **Tesoro Lobo Super TRAQ**
- **Whites MXT**
- **Whites GMT**
- **Fisher Gold Bug 2**
- **Minelab X-Terra 70**
- **Minelab Eureka Gold**
- **Garrett Infinium LS**
- **Minelab GPX-4000**



As Yogi Berra said, "If you come to a fork in the road, take it."