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Editor's Minutes for Meeting of June 7, 2007

President: John Duffy

- The regular meeting of the Sacramento Valley Detector Buffs was called to order at 7:30 PM by President John Duffy. Tom Boyd was introduced as a visitor tonight – welcome Tom. John Duffy acknowledged all the volunteers that help with our SVDB club activities – their names are listed under the [Volunteer Positions](#) on the left. Many thanks!

Vice President's Report: Peter Johnson

- Peter Johnson told another funny joke about a young couple on their honeymoon. The young lady complained to her mom about the terrible 4 letter words her new husband said to her on their honeymoon. She told her mom these words were “Dust, Wash and Iron”. Peter also reminded us that yesterday (June 6th) was D Day. He related a heart warming story about a metal detectorist finding a set of dog tags on the Normandy Beach recently and returning these tags to the family of the soldier.

Secretary: Bob Harrison

- Bob was unable to attend this meeting

Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman

- Allan gave his report of a Beginning Balance of \$2878, Expenses \$105.64, Income \$1126 and ending balance of \$3898.36. Allan then discussed the need for more and better hunt prizes since we have a good treasury balance.



Hospitality: Al Ezell

- Al again supplied the snacks and drinks (soft) for our hungry and thirsty group. Thanks Al!

Hunt Master Report: Rick Costello

- Rick talked about the Wilton Gun Club hunt and

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told us about some of the comments he received after the hunt. These comments ranged from why \$20 for the hunt and that we needed more and better prizes. This generated discussions about adding \$100 in prizes by using the new president's \$1 coins as targets and/or by purchasing good metal detectors for some of the major prizes. Rick then discussed the July 14 – 15 Santa Cruz Beach hunt that begins at 6 am and lasts until to 11 am each day. Rick briefly mentioned the two FMDAC hunts on September 1st starting at 12:30 pm and 3 pm in Foresthill, CA.

Librarian Report: Tom Schweppe

- Tom was away on another world cruise and James Neeley again substituted for Tom. James said all was well in the library. Thanks James!



John Duffy received an interesting book as a gift to SVDB that will be either donated to the library or will be raffled/auctioned off at the July meeting.

Membership Report: George Magann

- George went treasure hunting in Oregon and was unable to attend this meeting. Allan Woltman performed double duty and helped out with the membership chores tonight. The membership drawing winner was **Tony McNamara**.

How Not to Dig: by Don Dunn



I think that's deep enough for a target 2 inches down

I went metal detecting at San Juan High School with Bob Maytum a few weeks ago after the regular school session was over. Two things were big disappointments. 1. Summer school was now in session – however, we were still able to detect for a short time. 2. The biggest disappointment was the number of the open holes we found between buildings while hunting. Some **inconsiderate** novice (I hope) was metal detecting and decided it was beneath him or her to remove their trash and fill in the holes they dug. Bob and I covered the open holes as best we could and picked up the trash that was left. About 30 minutes later we were asked to leave the area by the school custodian maybe because of the mess this other person had made. Even though we explained that we filled in the previously left open holes the custodian didn't want any more metal detector people on the school grounds.



I don't know who the guilty person was, but if it was you or you know who it was please have that person clean up their act! I'm sure we all know of someone who digs big (or small) holes and does a poor job of covering them up. We all suffer in the long run. If you don't tell the guilty person of their poor digging habits **you** won't have any places left to detect. Because someone didn't cover up their holes and failed to remove their trash it looks like no one else will be able to metal detect at San Juan High School. Please learn how to dig and throw away your trash. Then fill up the holes!! If you don't care and can't do this then please quit metal detecting and take up another activity - like skydiving. That way you won't ruin it for the rest of us who do care. If you need help with digging and covering ask any club member for advice. We also have a "How To" section on our SVDB web page that describes Target Recovery.....Don Dunn

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SVDB Web-site by Lee Wiese

- The SVDB web-site is getting about 1000-1200 hits per month. There are a number of detectors for sale and other items wanted on the web-site classifieds. There are also a couple of new items on the club news flash page. One of the news items is about a reward for a lost ring. The annual hunt photos and finds of the month photos are on the site. The treasure news page is up to date with new story links. The web-site is:

www.sacramentovalleydetectingbuffs.com

Do you have metal detecting related equipment taking up space and not being used? Why not place it on the SVDB web-site classified section for sale? Just send an e-mail to SVDB with your ad. You can also include one picture per ad.

Old Business:

• *SVDB Club Patches and Decals*

Lee had our SVDB club logo put on a patch and is selling these patches at our meetings for \$5 each. Patches are still available – profits support our club.

SVDB June Raffle:

- James Neeley sold \$406 in raffle tickets. There were 3 members who won 4 prizes each and 3 others who won 3 prizes each. These repeat winners are going to have to start including all these prizes on their tax returns.



Lee Wiese won the gold coin as a raffle prize.

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:

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

Don Compton and **Tony McNamara** won the day-in-the-park oldest coin prizes for last month.

SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

Photos of these finds are on our website under FOM on the left side of the web page. **James Neeley** and **Nancy Foster** (welcome back Nancy) won the June drawings for Finds of the Month.

New Business:

John Duffy gave a very informative briefing on why buying gold bullion, nuggets or gold stocks is a good investment. John went on to say that South Africa, the world's leader in gold production was finding and mining less and less gold each year. He also said that

China and India were buying gold in greater quantities thereby potentially inflating the market price of gold. Gold is currently selling for about \$642 an ounce and some investment companies predict that it may reach \$1000 an ounce in the

next year or two. Anyone have a good used gold detector for sale?



Show and Sell:

We all know about our “*Show and Tell*” (FOM) section of the tables used to display goodies that we find and show at our monthly meetings. Did you know about our “**Show and Sell**” table that displays great metal detecting bargains for sale? Last month we had 4 slightly used detectors and several other md items for sale at garage sale prices. **Check it**



out! I hear that a used Explorer II with a Sun Ray Probe will be on the S&S table for less than \$700 at the July 5th meeting. Wow! Bring your check books.

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SVDB Santa Cruz Beach Hunt by Lee Wiese

The SVDB Beach Hunt is scheduled for July 14th & 15th. About ten people are signed up. I have learned



during the past couple of weeks that THSSCV a metal detecting club in San Jose will be holding their Annual Beach Hunt that weekend on the 14th at

Sea Cliff Beach. I believe we should discuss at the club meeting about whether to move the beach hunt to August?

Any comment? E-mail me @: leewiese@excite.com

FMDAC Western States Chapter (WSC)

by Lee Wiese



The FMDAC WSC Chapter hunt is finalized and flyers are available on the web-site or at the club meeting.

The TWO Metal Detecting Hunts are scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 1st, Labor

Day weekend. The Hunts are to take place in Foresthill, CA during their Heritage Days Event.

Some early Donation Sponsors are:

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Pro Mack South

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480-983-7011

This WSC Event is shaping up to have two great metal detecting hunts – give it some serious consideration. Also during that weekend there are the California Gold Panning Championships and Lumber Jack Championships in Foresthill.

Flyer available at:

www.fmdac.org/hunts/treasurehunts.htm

The New WSC Newsletter will be available July 1st. If you have e-mail you will get it delivered to your PC. If not, you can get a copy at the August SVDB Meeting. It may be available at the July meeting, depending upon USPS.



Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs Inc. (FMDAC)

by Lee Wiese

What's New at FMDAC?

The next FMDAC Convention & Hunts are scheduled for Nov. 4-7 at Conley's Resort located on Rt. 8, 5 miles south of Butler, Pennsylvania.

Flyer available:

www.fmdac.org/hunts/treasurehunts.htm

The FMDAC Web-site has new sections on

- **Archaeological Story Links**
- **All 50 State - City Municipal Codes**
- **Wal-Mart Program for Metal Detecting Clubs**
- **FMDAC Club Newsletter & Classified Links**

Hot Legislation Issues:

07-110th CONGRESS H. R. 2016 This Act may be cited as the "National Landscape Conservation System Act" - this mean a National Park Type Overlay on BLM's Millions of Acres!

Link to: [H.R.-2016](#)

[Bill's Status](#)

[Library of Congress](#)

[Land Rights Site](#)

07-CA Bill AB-1032 would enable the DFG to close streams to gold mining dredging,

Link to: [Bill Status](#)

Bill: [AB 1032](#)

Link to: [PLP Letter](#)

To the Bill's Author

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These are **two very impacting pieces of Legislation**. Please read them and write a letter or email to the sponsors. If you are reading this newsletter on line you can just **CLICK** on the phrases in **RED** and it will link you to the specifics. Or you can go to www.fmdac.org and link to the Bills, etc. FMDAC member clubs that have a web-site with their newsletter on line or have a classified page are linked on the FMDAC Home Page. Take a look.

During June, I had the opportunity to visit four clubs with one club signing up with FMDAC. I am hoping for at least one more of the visited clubs to sign up. Next month I have two clubs scheduled to visit in northern California.

The FMDAC Quest Newsletter will be available in July. The Quest will be e-mailed to those that have provided their e-mail addresses; otherwise there should be a copy at the meeting in August for FMDAC Members.

SVDB Members are encouraged to submit tales of metal detecting, unusual finds, “how to” or other information for the newsletter. We are also soliciting speakers for our meetings concerning relevant metal detecting stories or information.



Contact Don Dunn, Bob Harrison or other board members so we can publish your article in the newsletter or schedule a speaker for our monthly meetings.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about this newsletter contact the editor, Don Dunn at dadunn02@yahoo.com

Remember, “If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain”. *Author unknown.*

