

# Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

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*SVDB Newsletter*

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## **Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs**

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## **Secretary's Minutes for Meeting of April 5, 2007**

**President:** John Duffy

• The regular meeting of the Sacramento Valley Detector Buffs was called to order at 7:30 PM on April 5, 2007 by President John Duffy. Two visitors were with us tonight.

**Vice President's:** Peter Johnson

• Peter Johnson said he will be detecting more with his new Lobo ST. Peter then read a lame monthly joke about a man on a bus and baby/monkey.

**Secretary:** Bob Harrison

• Bob Harrison introduced himself and gave a short bio on his 1<sup>st</sup> official day on the job.

**Treasurer:** Allan Woltman

• Allan gave this report: Beginning Balance \$3617, Expenses \$216, Income \$565, Coin Purchases \$1700 (Wow), Ending balance \$2139.

**Hospitality:** Al Ezell

• As usual Al supplied us with several munchies and drinks for the meeting! Another SVDBer also donated some tasty brownies.

**Hunt Master:** Rick Costello



• Rick has scheduled the following 2 metal detecting hunts listed below. Rick asked for a few members to plant coins on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

1. May 12, 2007 (Sat) – **Wilton Gun Club** at 11 am. This is our annual pot luck event and hunt. The cost will be \$20 and is a rain/shine event. **Directions:** (1) From Sacramento: Take **CA-99 SOUTH** toward **FRESNO** go 17.8 miles (2) Take exit **#281 DILLARD RD (East)** go 3.8 miles (3) Turn **RIGHT** on **WALMORT RD** go 3.2 miles (4) Turn **LEFT** on **REIGL RD** go 0.6 miles (5) Arrive at **10100 REIGL RD, WILTON**, on the left. (Yahoo directions)

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2. July 14, & 15, 2007 (Sat & Sun) - **SVDB Beach Hunt:** The SVDB Santa Cruz, CA beach hunt will be put on by Lee Wiese. A flyer is on the SVDB web-site [www.sacramentovalleydetectingbuffs.com](http://www.sacramentovalleydetectingbuffs.com) under the **Club News** Tab. *Sign up with Rick or Lee - there is an \$18 Hunt Fee.*

### More Hunt News

We had another great hunt at San Juan Park on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Nineteen soaked SVDBers braved the elements to search for bunches of clad coins and 11 tokens for prizes. **Jack Bower** won the grand prize.



### Librarian: Tom Schweppe

- Tom said the library was in good shape with a new book about Orangevale being added. Tom will be on yet another cruise during the May meeting and James Neeley will be handling the library while Tom is on the high seas.

### Membership: George Magann

- George reported that we have 148 members so far this year. See George for your 2007 badge or to **renew** your membership. The membership drawing winner was **Randy Crew**.

### SVDB Web-site:

- If 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 and you can include one picture per ad.

### 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.

### News Flash 1

**Garrett Corporation** made it possible for SVDB to purchase 4 Ace 250 metal detectors at a good price.



We had several people interested in purchasing them so we had a raffle for 3 of the Ace 250s. SVDB made enough money

from this raffle to purchase the 4<sup>th</sup> Ace 250 at no cost to the club. **This Ace 250 will be the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in SVDB's annual Wilton hunt on May 12<sup>th</sup>.** Included with the Ace 250 is a coil and rain cover thanks to **Garrett**. Don't miss this great pot luck and hunt that features the Ace 250 and lots of silver coins.

### News Flash 2

- **Lois Wiese**, an SVDB member (Lee's wife) found the **BEST** prize token at the THSSVC (Treasure Hunters Society Santa Clara Valley) annual hunt on the Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in San Jose. There were 79 hunters on the field. The token was for a 1918 1/4oz Gold Australia Sovereign worth about \$175. Way to go Lois!

### News Flash 3

- **Ring Found & Returned after 21 Years**

*One week ago today I met up with Scott Farley and gave him his class ring back that had been missing for 21 yrs. It had been stolen from his house right after he got it in 1986. An SVDB Club Member, **Pete Pobor**, found the ring; contacted Mira Loma...looked in 1986 year book...etc. (Pete you da Man!...editor)*

Pete then contacted me as the class reunion contact person. I gave Pete the address I had for Scott. Pete went out to the address but found Scott Farley had just moved. The neighbors didn't know where he moved to. Scott wasn't listed in any phone books. Anybody with the last name of Farley claimed they had never heard of Scott.

Pete went ahead and gave Scott's ring to me in the hope I would be able to locate him. I promised Pete that I'd let him know when I found Scott.

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I went ahead and sent a letter to the last address I had for my classmate Scott Farley, hoping that the Post Office forwarding order had not yet expired. It hadn't. Two weeks later, Scott Farley called me. On April 21 2007, I met with Scott and gave him his ring back. As soon as I left the meeting with Scott, I called Pete with the good news. He reminded me that the Club's monthly meeting was that very night. I assured him I'd be there. I was about 10 minutes late, but I did show up and told the story in person.

The rest is, as they say, history! I just wanted to share the happy ending with all of you that may not have attended the meeting....all the best to you.

**Dusti Garside Brannecki**



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### **FMDAC Report** by Lee Wiese

Visit the FMDAC site @ [www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org)

Give some consideration to joining FMDAC to support our hobby for only \$5.00 per year.

***There is still time to attend the Hunts & Convention.***

***FMDAC Spring Convention May 4-6 Mesa, AZ  
3 Major Hunts + Free Hunt + Kids Hunt.***

### **Speakers for Saturday seminars will be:**

Jake Cruzen, Spanish Sign Interpreter. He will be talking about Spanish treasure signs and symbols of the southwest.

Jack San Felice, part owner of the world famous

Silver King Mine will discuss the mine and bring some displays.

### **Banquet speaker will be:**

Bob Schoose, part owner of Goldfield Ghost Town (see front page) and the world famous Mammoth Mine. He is a long time treasure hunter who has worked on the Lost Dutchman, Lost Adams and the Knights of the Golden Circle Treasures and has appeared on national television shows.

### **FMDAC Western Chapter Foresthill Hunts (2) Labor Day Weekend Sept. 1, 2007**

Flyer available at meeting or click here [Flyer](#)  
See much more at [www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org)

- **There is a NEW section on the FMDAC web-site it contains links to Metal Detecting stories World Wide.**
- **The latest FMDAC newsletters are available on the web-site there is a good selection.**
- **Check out the Passport-in-Time link on the front page of the site.**

### **Note from Lee:**

I am off to Florida with Al Ezell for the Daytona Beach Shootout Hunt. We will provide a report on this great beach hunt in the June Newsletter.

### **SEE YOU AT THE NEXT SVDB MEETING May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- **SVDB Meetings are held at the SMUD Building located at Elkhorn and Don**



**Julio in North Highlands. The meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month and starts at 7:30 pm. We meet in the bldg facing Elkhorn.**

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### *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

Day in the park April drawing winners: **James Neeley, John Duffy, Jake Workman.**

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

Photos of these finds are on our website under FOM on the left side of the web page. **Rick Morris** won the April drawing for Find of the Month.

### *SVDB April Raffle*

James Neely sold raffle tickets of \$442. The big winner of the gold coin was **Sharon Anderson.**

### *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.

### *Coin Collections – 7 Best Ways To Ruin Them*



The seven best ways to ruin your valuable coin collections are things that many beginning collectors



do without even thinking about them. I've even seen expert coin dealers spitting on their coins! If you care about protecting the investment you're making in your coin collection, take the time to learn how to properly handle, clean, store, and protect your coins – especially your rare coins.

#### **1) Touch Your Coins**

Just touching your valuable coins with your bare fingers is enough to cause damage to them, especially if you collect higher grade coins. And you will

definitely damage them if your fingers come in contact with mint-state and proof coins. Your fingers contain oils and miniscule pieces of grit that will adhere to the coins and cause them to discolor or suffer microscopic scratching. If you handle your coins, wear latex or cotton gloves on the coin edges.

#### **2) Clean Your Coins**

With the exception of freshly dug-up detector finds, cleaning or polishing your valuable coins will do more harm than good. Once metal has been exposed to the air, it is natural for it to oxidize, or tone. If you strip the coin of this toning, not only will you lose any remaining mint luster, the coin will appear harsh and unappealing, and suffer microscopic abrasions that lower its grade. Plus, toned coins are worth more than stripped coins. If you really must clean your coins - clean them safely.

#### **3) Spit on Your Coins**

Talking about your coins can do just as much damage as touching them or cleaning them, if you do so with the coins exposed while you chatter away. Little bits of saliva escape from your mouth when you talk, and these can cause spotting and discolorations that are difficult to remove. Many uncirculated and mint-state coins have been ruined this way.

#### **4) Break Their Holders**

You are certain to greatly decrease the value of your mint set and proof set coins by removing them from the mint-issued holders they come in. The holders, along with the box and literature (if any) are part of the "set" and should be kept intact and pristine. Similarly, coins that have been slabbed are worth a premium in their protective cases. Never remove coins from these types of permanent holders.

#### **5) Expose Them to Acid**

Storing your coins in envelopes, wrapped in paper, with your notations beside the coins, or in cardboard boxes is a good way to damage them unless you are careful to use acid-free paper materials. Over time, the paper material breaks down, releasing acidic chemicals around your coins. This causes spotting, discoloration, and can promote oxidation (toning) of your bright, mint surfaces. Be sure to buy only acid-free paper and cardboard supplies for your coin collection.

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### 6) Coat Your Coins in Green Slime

Another good way to cause spotting and degraded surfaces is to store your coins in PVC-based plastic flips, holders, and boxes. Similar to the way the acid in paper can harm your coins, the chemical by-product of certain plastics can damage your coins over time. If you store coins in those handy food-grade plastic containers, or in soft, pliable coin flips, your coins will eventually develop a slimy green coating on their surfaces which will damage them permanently.

### 7) Expose Them to the Elements

If you store your coins in the attic or basement, you are probably exposing them to extremes of temperature and humidity that will promote their oxidation. In addition, these conditions will more quickly break down the storage materials (such as flips, paper and cardboard, plastic containers, etc.) your coins are organized in. To protect your valuable collection the best, store it in a dark, dry, temperature-controlled environment (such as a safe deposit box or specialized coin cabinet.)

**As Will Rogers said** "The best way out of a difficulty is through it."



Near Rainbow Road off I80 - Bob Maytum on a Detecting Trip

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### SVDB Classified:

#### Minelab Excalibur for Sale (Used )



*Two coils with Water Proof Connectors*

Coil 1) 10 inch Minelab Tornado Coil with cover

Coil 2) Minelab 8 inch Seasearch Coil no cover but little wear

*Two Battery Packs*

- Pack 1) Standard rechargeable with AC Charger
- Pack 2) Alkaline Pack
- Std Minelab Excalibur Headphones

- Copy of Minelab's Excalibur manual

*Mods to this Excalibur are:*

- 1) Waterproof Connectors
- 2) Coil Cable Shorten
- 3) Upper Arm Handle Shorten
- 4) White's Heavy Duty Arm Cup
- 5) Labels have been trimmed

**Price: \$625 Shipped & Insured**

Contact:

Lee Wiese [leewiese@excite.com](mailto:leewiese@excite.com) or 916-780-7365

#### Detector Pro Headhunter Wader for Sale (Used)

This is a Water Proof detector to six feet and the electronics and battery are in the headset. The detector is very light and has an eight inch coil no cover.

**Price \$345**

Purchased new in May 2002

**Manual Available – No Mods**

Lee Wiese [leewiese@excite.com](mailto:leewiese@excite.com) or 916-780-7365



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### *SVDB Classified Continued:*

#### **John's Custom Made Silent Running Power Sluice For Sale: 1 ½ Years old and works great.**

##### **Includes:**

- John's Custom Made Power Sluice
- 35 feet of Bilge Pump Hose
- 1250 Atwood Bilge Pump 12v
- Bucket (for Bilge pump) and 35 feet of wire

All you need is a small 12v battery to use with this compact silent running power sluice. You can then put the power sluice anywhere within 35 feet of your water supply and begin finding **GOLD**.

**Cost \$625    Sell \$325**



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