

Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

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SVDB Newsletter

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Minutes from Meeting of November 1, 2007

President: John Duffy

• The regular meeting of the Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs was called to order at 7:30 PM by President John Duffy. John and Peter shared the joke telling duties. New club member Bill Bachelor was welcomed by all.



Vice President's Report: Peter Johnson

• Peter is still getting used to his Lobo Super Trac detector and had a few items to display that he found last month. He also read a joke and commented favorably about the Nelsons Grove hunt.

Secretary: Bob Harrison

• Bob enthusiastically talked about the upcoming club hunt at Nelsons Grove. This old 12 acre park in Woodland is now owned by the YMCA. The property has a varied past – everything from being a bordello site to a Boy Scout campground - hmmm.

Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman

• Allan gave the report of: Beginning Balance \$3,566.82, Expenses \$2,561.48, Income \$648, Ending Balance is \$1,654.34



Hospitality: Al Ezell

• Al again supplied us with great munchies for our hungry group. Thanks Al!

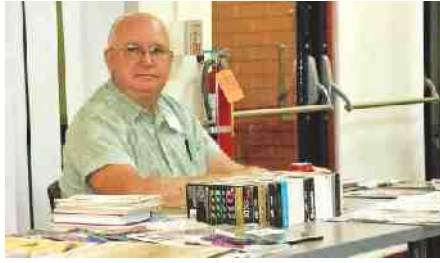
Hunt Master Report: Rick Costello

• Rick also talked about the club hunt to be held on November 17, 2007, 10:00 AM at Nelson's Grove. Cost is only \$7.00. Rick will plant 3 tokens for silver dollars. Results and pictures of the hunt are mentioned later in this newsletter.

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Librarian Report: Tom Schewpe

- Tom reported that the library was in terrific shape. Lots of books, magazines and videos are available to club members. Tom recently received several books and magazines from club members as donations to our library. Thanks! Tom will be cruising (again) next month so **James Neeley** will be filling in for Tom.



Membership Report: George Magann

- George mentioned something about a reward for those who renew next year's club membership before the end of this December. SVDB club yearly dues are \$20 a person or \$30 for a family. SVDB members can also get membership into FMDAC for only \$5 a year. The winner of this month's membership drawing for a 1922 Peace Dollar was **Bob Harrison**

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.

- 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 November Raffle:

- We received \$435 for this month's great raffle.

Thanks to Mary Ann, Don and James Neeley for working this important monthly fund raiser. The Gold Coin raffle winner for tonight was **Rod Mumm**

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 the meeting place:

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

The 2 winners of the Day-In-The-Park oldest coins last month were: **Ivan Miller** and **James Neeley**.

SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

- Photos of these finds are on our website under FOM on the left side of the web page. Winners of this months show and tell finds were **James Neeley** and **Ray Goyette**.

New Business

- Jake Workman reported that "Mean Gene" Fuerstenberger is starting to get around with the aid of a walker. He also uses a cane when he can. Gene had a hip replacement and he hopes to join us soon at a club meeting.



Nelson's Grove Park Hunt – November 17, 2007

- Bob Harrison put together a suburb metal detecting hunt at Nelson's Grove YMCA Park near Woodland. There were 29 people that showed up for a foggy morning start that ended up in sunshine and shirt sleeves. Bob Harrison also brought donuts and other good pastries – thanks Bob!



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There were at least 8 wheat pennies found (John Duffy-3, Lee Wise-3 (1910 S), and Don Dunn-2). 3 silver rings were found along with an Oklahoma Consumer's Tax token. Here are a few pictures of our group at Nelson's Grove. It was a Great Hunt!

Nelson's Grove YMCA Campground Hunt



A Penny Saved is Worth How Much?

Today's pennies are copper-plated and mostly zinc. But from 1864 to mid-1982, pennies (memorial cents) were 95 percent copper and weighed 3.1 grams. It takes roughly 160 of these pennies (at 95% copper) to make 1 pound of copper.



With copper currently selling for \$3.19 a pound (Nov 2007), a **1864 to 1982 penny is actually worth a little over 2 cents** -- 200 percent above face value -- based on its copper content alone.

In 1959 the reverse (back side) of the cent was changed from Wheat Ears to the Lincoln Memorial to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth and the 50th anniversary of the Lincoln cent. The composition of the coins remained unchanged. A minor change in composition was made in 1962 from 5% tin & zinc to 5% zinc; this composition remained unchanged until 1982. If you look closely at a current penny, you can see a tiny picture of Lincoln sitting inside the Lincoln Memorial.

Copper Statistics

- Copper is one of the oldest metals ever used and was an important material in the development of human civilization
- It has become a major industrial metal, ranking third after iron and aluminum in terms of quantities consumed
- It is a better conductor of heat and electricity than any other metal except silver. Electrical applications such as power transmission and generation, building wiring and telecommunications, account for about three-quarters of total copper usage
- Copper turns green when it reacts with atmospheric pollutants and corrodes
- The Statue of Liberty contains 31 tons of copper
- At any given time, an estimated \$10.5 billion in coins sit idly while increasing in value in US homes.

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The weight and copper content of U.S. pennies have been reduced since their introduction in the late 18th century.



1793-95: pure copper; weighs 13.48 grams.

1795-1857: pure copper; weighs 10.89 grams.

1857-64: 88 percent copper, 12 percent nickel; weighs 4.67 grams.

1864-1982*: 95 percent copper; weighs 3.11 grams.

1982-present: 97.5 percent zinc, 2.5 percent copper; weighs 2.5 grams.

* Most pennies minted in 1943 were made of zinc-coated steel due to heavy demand for copper during World War II.

Question: How many pennies are made each year?

Answer: "It costs the government 1.4 cents for every penny produced. Multiply that by 7 to 8 billion pennies made each year and it comes to a yearly \$20 million loss."

Source: "A Guide Book of United States Coins"

SVDB Christmas Pot Luck Dinner & Raffle

John Duffy reminded us that our annual **Christmas Pot Luck Dinner & Raffle will be held on December 6, 2007.** John said here are the guidelines of what to bring for the dinner:



If your last name starts with the initial:

A-H: Bring a main dish

I-O: Bring a side dish

P-Z: Bring a desert

John also announced that he will raffle 1/10 ounce gold coins like he did last December. If the raffle generates \$475 we will have **2 gold coins** and if we Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

hit \$525 we will have **3 gold coins**. PLUS no one person can win more than 1 gold coin.

Don Dunn was able to get some items donated from metal detector manufacturers for our December 6th raffle. *Please show your support to these manufacturers.* **Garrett and Whites** contributions:

Garrett Electronics

Garrett Ace 150 Metal Detector Christmas Package

List price \$179.95 & Extras – Includes:

- Ace 150 Metal Detector
- Stereo Headphones
- Detector Carry Bag
- Instructional DVD Video

Garrett Coin Digging Kits **List Price \$24.85 (3) –**

Includes:

- Digging Tool
- Coin Probe
- Carry Pouch for Treasure

Garrett Portfolio Bags **List Price \$29.95 (3) -** Nice looking bags

Garrett Fountain Pens (150) - Enough pens for all

Whites Electronics

Whites Prizm IV Metal Detector **List price \$449**



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Election for 2008 SVDB Offices

We will hold the annual election for our SVDB offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer during the December 6, 2007 meeting. These club members will be elected for calendar year 2008. If you want to run for office or want to nominate someone please say so at the December meeting.

Don't miss the January 2008 Meeting!

Lee Wiese will conduct a lecture/lesson on metal detecting discrimination during our January 3, 2008 meeting. His focus will be on detector discrimination in general but he can answer questions on specific detectors. He will ask members what they would like to learn at the December meeting and set the January discussion around those inputs.

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.

Thanks goes to Lee Wiese for publishing the November issue of this newsletter. Your regular editor (DD) was traveling around the US last month working to upgrade the air traffic control computer system for the FAA.

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

"Christmas is a time of year when you get homesick - even when you're home." ~ Carol Nelson

