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SVDB Newsletter

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Minutes for Meeting of Oct. 4th, 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. There was one visitor and 42 members present for the meeting. John started the meeting with two jokes.

• Vice President's Report: Peter Johnson

Peter took the meeting notes since Bob was not present.

• Secretary: Bob Harrison

• Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman

Beginning Balance: \$3,282.09

Expenses: \$49.72

Income: \$334.50

New balance: \$3,566.82

• Hospitality: Al Ezell

Al once again supplied delicious snacks and drinks for our ravenous group. Thanks Al!

• Hunt Master Report: Rick Costello

Hunt Saturday, October 6th @ Dead mans Curve. There will be about 100 of pieces Silver plus Clad coins. The hunt fee is \$7.00. No scoops, probes ok.

There will be a Hunt at Nelson's Groove on November 17th for details go to Metal Detecting Hunts in the Newsletter. All future hunts after the Nelson Groove Hunt will be \$5.00 with the exception of the SVDB Annual Hunt in the spring.

• Librarian Report: Tom Schweppe

Everything is fine with the library; there where some new magazines donated this evening.

Tom will be out of town in December and would like someone to volunteer to handle the club library for December. Contact Tom, 916-988-0993

• Membership Report: George Magann

We now have 125 members. Please catch up on your 2007 dues.

Membership drawing winner: **Kent Marcum** (1922 Peace Dollar)

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• **SVDB Web-site: Lee Wiese**

The web-site is: www.sacramentovalleydetectingbuffs.com

The SVDB web-site is getting about 1000-1100 hits per month. The pages that get the most hits are:

- ❖ Annual Hunt
- ❖ Classifieds
- ❖ Club News Flash
- ❖ Newsletter
- ❖ Treasure Links

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 with your ad.

Also if you are not getting e-mails from SVDB it may be that your e-mail address is not recorded with the club or the club has an incorrect e-mail address for you. Just go to the SVDB web-site and send the club your e-mail address, the clubs e-mail can be found at the bottom of the HOME page or see Lee at the meeting.

FMDAC Report by Alan Woltman

- The Western States Chapter is available for FMDAC members.
 - There are GOLD NUGGET raffle tickets available for the FMDAC November Convention.
- See Alan for items.

New Business:

- The SVDB Meeting room at SMUD is secured for 2008 with the exception of the May 2008 meeting. The May meeting is scheduled for April 30th since someone else will be using the room on our usual meeting day of the first Thursday of each month.
- The first request for Nomination of club Offices took place all nominations were 2nd.
 - ❖ President: John Duffy
 - ❖ Vice President: Peter Johnson
 - ❖ Secretary: Bob Harrison
 - ❖ Treasure: Alan Woltman

- Gene Fuerstenberger's (Mean Gene) hip replacement is going as planned and he is getting along fine.

Attention all Members:

DURING THE SVDB MEETING DO NOT USE THE DOOR IN THE HALLWAY BECAUSE IT IS SECURED AND WILL SET OFF AN ALERT AT SECURITY IF OPENED. DO NOT USE PLEASE.

Old Business:

- The Garrett ACE 250 was auctioned off at the meeting and brought in \$190 to the SVDD Treasury. Club member, Anita Massy was the lucky winner.

SVDB Raffle:

There were 37 coins and other items available for the October raffle and the raffle brought in \$457. The 1/10th oz U.S. GOLD COIN was won by **George Miskovsky**

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

Hunt Results:

1st Sunday there were five hunters with a total of 98 coins the oldest was a 1963 penny. (Carmichael Park)
3rd Sunday hunt there were two hunters the oldest coin was a 1945 nickel. (School Yard)

SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

Photos of these finds are on our website under FOM on the left side of the web page.

- Great finds this month included ~ ONE OUNCE of gold by Alan Woltman.
- Lee Wiese had a great four hours by find 14 rings on one fresh water beach.
- George Miskovsky indicated that he had found 75 rings (All either Gold or Silver) at Lake Tahoe this summer.

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Metal Detecting Hunts

AMDA Laughlin 2007 Rendezvous

October 26, 27, 28th, 2007 in Laughlin, Nevada.

AMDA in conjunction with members of the Colorado River Treasure Seekers will put together 9 hunts for participants to enjoy and swing their detector.

Contact: Bernard Grabowski at 916-635-6854

or email: BG589@aol.com

Website: <http://www.amdaonline.net/>

FMDAC Fall Convention and Treasure Expo

November 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2007

The convention will be at the Conley's Golf Resort located on Rt. 8, 5 miles south of Butler, Pennsylvania and 4 miles north of the Pennsylvania Turnpike exit 39.

Friday: 2:00 pm Registration

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Displays Open

Saturday: 8:00 am Saturday Surprise Hunt

10:00 to 3:00 pm Displays & Seminars

6:30 pm Cash Bar

7:30 pm Annual Awards Banquet & Guest Speaker

Sunday: AM Morning Metal Detecting Hunt

Free Kids Metal Detecting Hunt

PM Afternoon Metal Detecting Hunt

Contacts: Vic Kamer at (724) 295-3046

Website: <http://www.fmdac.org>

SVDB's Nelson's Groove Hunt

SVDB Members Only

Saturday, November 17th @ 10:00 am Woodland, CA

The hunt will take place rain or shine, SVDB has rented the grounds (13+ acres) for one day. The Hunt fee is \$7.00 for the whole day. There will be some tokens planted but other than that just what can be found on the grounds. Rumor is, this is an old area and has not been hunted before.

Direction: Take I5 north past the Sacramento airport to Woodland. Exit I5 at Highway 113 north towards Yuba City. Proceed north ~ 1.5 miles you will see a sign on your left for Nelson's Groove. Turn left at the sign; just after the turn the entrance to Nelson's Groove is on your right.

Contact: George Magann, 530-822-9557

Contact: Rick Costello, 916-773-9378

FMDAC Western Chapter

**February 10th at the GPAA Gold Show in Phoenix, AZ,
at the State Fairgrounds on 1826 W McDowel Road**

The 3rd Annual Diggin in the Desert Treasure Hunt

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1 PM February 10th, 2008, Gold & silver prizes to be won!
ALL SILVER! NO CLAD COINS ON HUNT FIELD
Contact: Mike Smith, FMDAC Western Chapter President
480-983-7011 or email: promack@quik.com

Great Southern Beach Shootout

GSBS @ Daytona Beach, Florida

April 25th thru 27th, 2008

Top ten ALL CASH prizes totaling more than \$11,000 including a \$5,000 Grand Prize and much more.

Contact: Deyton Peyton, 386-255-4659, or

e-mail: peyton@gsbsdaytonahunt.com

Website: <http://gsbsdaytonahunt.com/>

MEASURE: California Bill AB 1032

AUTHOR: Wolk

TOPIC: Dredging; closed waters

VETOED DATE: 10/13/2007

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1032 without my signature.

The purpose of this bill is to protect fish and wildlife from the potential deleterious effects of suction dredge mining. Although I appreciate the author's intent and the need to protect our fish, wildlife, and water resources, this bill is unnecessary.

Current law gives the Department of Fish and Game (Department) the necessary authority to protect fish and wildlife resources from suction dredge mining. It has promulgated regulations and issues permits for this activity. Permits for suction dredge mining must ensure that these operations are not deleterious to fish and allow the Department to specify the type and size of equipment to be used. In its regulations, the Department may also designate specific waters or areas that are closed to dredging.

It is unclear why this bill specifically targets a number of specific waterways for closure or further restrictions. The listed waterways represent only a small fraction of the waters in our State where suction dredging is occurring. The benefit or protection from such a minor closure is negligible and supports the notion that scientific environmental review should precede such decisions.

Sincerely, Arnold Schwarzenegger

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George Miskovsky, a SVDB Member recently had the opportunity to return a bracelet that he had found and the story has been printed and re-printed in many newspaper around the world. Below is the story.

Lost bracelet returned after 53 years in lake

By CHRIS KITCHING -- Sun Media The Winnipeg Sun

When Michael LeBow got a long-distance call from an American man who told him he found his bracelet in a Nevada lake, he thought he was being scammed.

LeBow didn't have a clue what the caller was talking about until he described the engravings -- words that aroused boyhood memories of his father and a silver bracelet he lost 53 years ago.

The piece of jewelry disappeared when LeBow, then 13, was swimming in Lake Tahoe during a family camping trip. "I felt terrible. We looked for it and looked for it but couldn't find it," said LeBow, a 66-year-old psychology professor at the University of Manitoba. "Years went by and I forgot about it."

His memory faded but the sentimental value has grown deeper. The bracelet was a gift from his dad, Bill, who wore it during the Second World War. How the bracelet wound up on LeBow's wrist a half-century later is a tale that involves a stroke of luck.

George Miskovsky was combing Lake Tahoe with his metal detector -- his favourite pastime -- this past summer when he found something buried in the sand in three metres of water. He pulled out a corroded, chain-link bracelet reading "Mike LeBow" on the front and "Love Mom, Dad, Julie and Esty" on the back.

'A BIT OFF'

"I thought it was 20 to 30 years old. I guess I was a bit off," said Miskovsky, a building inspector with the City of South Lake Tahoe, Calif. He took it home and got thousands of matches when he searched "Mike LeBow" on the Internet. He added the names "Julie" and "Esty" and found a website for a book LeBow wrote and dedicated to his sisters, Julie and Esty.

"Once I found that I pretty much knew I found the person," Miskovsky said. He enlisted the help of co-worker Bill Potts, who found LeBow's contact information on the U of M's website. Miskovsky made the phone call a few days

later to make arrangements for the bracelet's return. LeBow got it back in late August and had it fixed.

"George likes to do this because he hopes he can find something and return it to its owner," Potts said. "It's a special thrill when it's a family heirloom." Finding the bracelet's owner was the exciting part, Miskovsky said. "It's not that often you get to return stuff to someone," he said.

Miskovsky turned down a reward offer, but Potts asked LeBow to write about the bracelet in his next book. LeBow agreed, and said he will dedicate the book to the pair.

"It's a great story," LeBow said. "I told my class to never lose hope."

This is an article I wrote for the FMDAC QUEST Newsletter while I was an officer in the organization.

Thoughts on Responsible Metal Detecting

by Lee Wiese, leewiese@excite.com

The term Responsible Metal Detecting can be found in the **Code of Practice on Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales** a May 2006 publication. However, the term Responsible Metal Detecting in the U.S. is rarely used or defined. I have used the term in a number of articles but have never really thought about what this term encompasses. This short article will be an attempt to provide some definition for Responsible Metal Detecting.

Responsible Metal Detecting is to:

- Know and Follow the Law.***
- Always Gain Permission.***
- Always Apply the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics.***
- Join a Metal Detecting Club and National Metal Detecting Association.***
- Understand the Potential Cultural Value of Your Find.***
- Volunteer Your Services to the Hobby.***

Know and Follow the Law means that one should read and understand the *American Antiquities Act of 1906* and *Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979*.

Archaeological resources are part of our Nation's heritage and these two acts cover archaeological resources and their recovery on public and Indian lands.

The two acts cover all national public / Indian lands and in many cases also have been adopted either wholly or in part by many states to cover state lands. There are also

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additional regulations that have been developed by the USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Parks Service.

Most states also have laws that cover just state parks, beaches and recreation areas. States usually have a specific web-site where you can find out almost everything you need to know. Some states do not allow metal detecting under any situations, while most states require either verbal, written permission or a permit.

Then there are the county, city and school district laws. Each of these entities may also have laws regulation metal detecting on their specific lands. Contacting the authorities for these public entities should yield the information you need.

A good rule of thumb is if it is national, Indian land or is a historical site it is off limits to metal detecting and other lands require permission.

Always Gain Permission to search both public and private land. Permission should be acquired in writing when ever possible and cover the following: owner's name, property address (Street, City, State, Zip) with description of the area on the property to be searched, purpose of access to the land, liability waiver, ownership of items found, property conditions after the search, start / end date and time of the search with signatures of all parties.

Otherwise gain verbal permission by contacting a public authority in person or contacting a private property owner in person and obtaining verbal permission to enter the property. This form of obtaining permission should cover the same terms as outlined in the written permission section above.

Always Apply the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics.

The metal detecting code of ethics is meant to re-enforce the national, state, county and city laws. The code of ethics also covers gaining permission, property damage, tampering with structures, equipment, gates and being an ambassador for the hobby. These are important ethics statements and following them may be difficult but very important in meeting the public's perception of how the hobby must and should be practiced.

Join a Metal Detecting Club and National Metal Detecting Association, is a commitment to metal detecting excellences. By joining you are committing your time to learn more about the hobby or to contribute your expertise / knowledge to others who may be less senior in the hobby.

By joining a club and getting involved generates hobby centralism. This centralism can impact many laws that are drawn up in states and cities which in the past have had no voice from those in the metal detecting hobby. If there is no voice or involvement from people in the hobby laws are created - many times with a negative hobby impact.

So joining a club at the local level provides a local hobby voice and joining and getting involved with a national organizations starts to generate the necessary centralism for national support of the hobby.

Understand a Potential Cultural Value of Your Find

is practiced in England but not practiced well in the U.S. at least not in an accepted method for most hobbyists. The reason to characterize your find for its culture value is to understand if it may be part of our American Heritage. If one is following the law and not detecting on historical, national lands or Indian lands there should not be a problem in getting advice on cultural value. However, having said that one must use caution by including others for their opinion / expertise since this could cause a litigation situation. But in the end it is everyone's responsibility who metal detects to ensure whether or not a find may be part of our American Heritage and should be treated as such.

Volunteer Your Services to the Hobby. This could be in the form of starting a metal detecting club in your area, volunteering to be a club officer or a specific club chairperson.

Today more than ever clubs need volunteers to handle officer duties / responsibilities, chairmanships for membership, hunt masters, club involvement projects, evident recovery teams, public relations, newsletters, etc. Many of these chairmanships are important and without them the club will not grow or become an involved part of the community.

As the local club needs volunteer support and expertise so does a national detecting organization. People who have been with the hobby for a while should look in the national leadership direction and move their experience to the next level.

There, now you have my thoughts on **Responsible Metal Detecting and how you must fit as a metal detector hobbyist. **Responsible Metal Detecting is for everyone who puts a detector in his / her hands and starts a search for treasure which may be under that next coil swing.****

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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

