

# *Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs*

A Nonprofit Organization

The Public is Invited to Attend our Monthly Meetings

*SVDB Newsletter*

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## *Minutes for Meeting of September 6, 2007*

### **President: John Duffy**

- President John Duffy called the meeting to order and read a good joke about a dishwasher repair man, a parrot and a dog named Spike. We had 2 visitors tonight and John welcomed them to our club.

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

- Peter was picking grapes for his favorite winery tonight - where he receives a substantial discount on his favorite beverage. He will join us next month barring any pickin or sippin duties he may have.

### **Secretary: Bob Harrison**

- Bob didn't have anything to say when introduced, but later talked about having the YMCA hunt near Woodland in November.

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

- Allan gave the report of: Beginning Balance \$2750.24, Expenses \$163.15 Income \$590.00, Cash on hand \$105.00 for an Ending Balance \$3289.00.

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

- Rick talked about an upcoming club hunt to be held on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> at Dead Man's Curve at 10 am. Cost is \$7.00. Come to the SVDB meeting on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> for directions and updated information.

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

- Tom reported that the library was in pretty good shape. Lots of books, magazines and videos are available to club members. Bob Harrison donated some magazines to the library.

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

- George reported that we have 120 members in good standing. We still need other members to renew their memberships and for all of us to invite new people to our meetings so they too can join. Tonight's membership drawing winner was **Paul Guise**.

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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.**

- 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 September Raffle:**

- We received \$292 from this month’s raffle. Thanks to Mary Ann, Don and James Neeley for working this important fund raiser. The Gold Coin Winner for tonight was, "Mr. Lucky" - **George Magann.**

### **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

The July data for the 2 winners of the Day-In-The-Park drawing was unavailable.

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

- Photos of these interesting finds are on our website under FOM on the left side of the web page. Winners of this month’s and previous month’s finds were **Ivan Miller (2), James Neeley, David Sturdivant and Don Compton.**

### **New Business:**

- Jake Workman reported that “Mean Gene” Fuerstenberger just got home from the hospital where he had another hip replacement (3). Our prayers and best wishes are with Gene during his recovery. Gene would appreciate calls, visitors and good finds stories while he is at home.

### **FACTS ABOUT SILVER**



#### **SILVER CONTENT OF SILVER COINS**

COIN	YEAR	AMOUNT OF SILVER
<b>DIME</b> (90% Silver 10% Copper)	1853- 1964	.07234oz.
<b>QUARTER</b> (90% Silver 10% Copper)	1853- 1964	.18084 oz
<b>HALF</b> (90% Silver 10% Copper)	1853- 1964	.36169 oz
<b>HALF</b> (40% Silver 60% “Other”)	1965- 1970	.14792oz
<b>DOLLAR</b> (90% Silver 10% Copper)	1840- 1935	.77344oz

**Coins manufactured prior to 1853 contained slightly less than 90% silver**

1. Silver's chemical symbol is Ag.
2. Silver can be hammered out into sheets so thin that it would take 100,000 of them to make a stack an inch high.

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These sheets are so thin that light shines through them. It is second only to gold for malleability. Silver can be drawn into wires that are finer than a human hair. It is the best conductor of heat and electricity among the metals, but copper is mainly used because of cost.

3. The atomic weight of silver is 107.870, and its atomic number is 47. Silver melts at a temperature of 1761 degrees F or 960 degrees C. Silver has a specific gravity of 10.5. When melted, silver can absorb as much as 20 times its own volume of oxygen.

4. Pure silver is too soft to stand up under constant wear. It is usually mixed with copper to form an alloy before it is made into commercial articles.



5. Silver coins in the US used to be made of 90% silver and 10% copper. But, in 1965 congress passed a bill to eliminate all silver from new dimes and quarters, and to reduce the silver in new half dollars from 90% to 40%.

6. Until the coinage act of 1920, British coins were 92 1/2 % silver and 7 1/2 % copper. The 1920 act reduced the silver content to 50 per cent. The 1946 act eliminated all silver in British coins. They are now made of a copper nickel alloy.

7. Sterling silver contains as much or more silver as British coins did. The word sterling has been used to mean high quality silver since the 1200's.

8. Silver items marked sterling means they contain at least 92.5% silver. Some jewelry, especially some of foreign makes, may be marked .925 instead of the word sterling.

9. Silver plate is made by coating base metals with pure silver or silver alloy by electrolysis. Silver plate, being a lot less expensive than pure silver, is more widely used for tableware.

10. Silver is not changed by moisture, dryness, alkali's, or vegetable oils, but sulfur will cause silver to turn black.

**On 9/12 silver was selling for \$12.61 an ounce. FYI -James at Baysavers (one of our sponsors) is currently buying silver dimes, quarters and halves for 8 times their face value.**

**SVDB Foresthill, CA  
Learn to Metal Detect Event  
on Sept. 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 by Lee Wiese**

First, I would like to thank those on the list below for volunteering and working at the SVDB fund raiser in Foresthill, CA. It was very much appreciated. A special thanks to Al Woltman for bringing tables, ice chest and display cases.

The event consisted of a popup tent, tables, chairs, water & soft drinks, show and tell displays (3), free books, business cards, and other free donated items for people to take away. There was a small area behind the popup for the hunt field where coins and tokens were planted.

	<b>Saturday 10 to 5 pm Sept 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 10 to 5 pm Sept 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
1) Don Dunn	between hunts	
2) Rick Costello		Yes
3) Al Schroeder	Yes	Yes
4) Rudy Rodriguez	Yes	
5) Ken McDole	Yes	
6) George Magann	Yes	Yes
8) Lee Wiese	between hunts	Yes
9) Al Woltman	between hunts	Yes

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The Learn to Metal detect booth had 40 kids and adults try their hand at metal detecting for three coins (dollar and fifty cent coins) and one token for one of the donated gift. FMDAC donated a Bounty Hunter Junior to SVDB and we provided each person a ticket and those that were 12 and under were eligible for the detector drawing that SVDB held on Sunday afternoon. SVDB also had a drawing for one Silver Dollar on Saturday evening. Both the Detector and Silver Dollar went to someone under the age of 12. We saw a lot of excitement by those that tried their hand at finding the targets. All the comments were very positive. SVDB also gained one new membership on Sunday. The final outcome of the funds raiser was \$97 dollars, plus the membership fee, and lots of hobby **good will**.

### The Donations came from:

**Bay Valley Metal Detectors** a local Internet Retailer.  
(916) 225-9150 or  
[www.bigvalleymetaldetectors.com/](http://www.bigvalleymetaldetectors.com/)

White's 15 inch Gold Pans, White's Black Cap, Trowel 6 1/2 Inches, White's Treasure Aprons-Natural Color, 2-Books, White's Hot Liquid Cups, White's 4 inch Pager Clip, White's Pens and Key Rings, etc.

### Garrett Metal Detectors

25 ea of Garrett Rain Ponchos, Garret Soda Can Insulators, Lost Treasures books and two sets of Headphone and 3-Ace tote bags.

**FMDAC-WSC** donated a **Bounty Hunter Junior** Metal Detector from its donations and prizes.



### FMDAC Western Sates Chapter Update

First I would like to let the club know my reasons for leaving FMDAC it was very much my own decision. I had spent a considerable amount of time re-designing and handling the FMDAC web-site. After the redesign I was getting some material to update the web-site but as time passed I was just not getting any new material from the Chapter officers to refresh the web-site. I felt the site should represent all the chapters and states in FMDAC and not just material that I put on the site through my re-search and investigation. There were two individuals that provided a good deal of information but the site was still lacking.

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So after a number of e-mail requests with little or no results I decided to leave the web position. Once leaving the web-position it became apparent at least to me that I should also leave the Chapter VP position.

### *Now on to the FMDAC Western States Chapter's Two Hunts at Foresthill on Sept.1<sup>st</sup>.*

There were Two ALL Silver Hunts on Saturday the first at 12:30pm and the second at 3:00pm. The first Hunt was for Silver Dimes only. The second hunt was for Silver Dimes, Silver Quarters and Silver Dollars.

The second Hunt also had 59 Tokens that were planted for the donated prizes. The donations for token prizes and the registration package had a value greater than \$3,000.

**Summary of Prizes:** 25 Ounce .999 Silver Bar, Four Detectors, Digital Scale, Electronic Pin Pointer, Headphones, 15 & 10 inch Gold Pans, Gold Pan Kits, 6 ½ inch Trowels, Classifiers, Caps, "T" Shirts, Treasure Pouches, Detector Soft case, Books, Magazines, CD, Pens, Key Rings, Liquid Containers, Knives, Pins, Subscriptions, etc

### **Donation Dealers & Manufacturers**

#### **Local Dealers in Bold**

American Digger Magazine

A & B Prospecting

**Baysavers.com**

**Bay Valley Metal Detectors**

Bounty Hunter

Garrett Metal Detectors

**Goldmine - (916) 480-9090**

Lost Treasure Magazine

Minelab USA

Pedersen's Metal Detector

**Pioneer – Motherlode Mining Supplies** **Auburn**

Pro Mack South

Prospector's Claim

**Tesoro Dealer Sales**

Western Eastern Treasure Magazine

White's

Jimmy Sierra-White's California

**Orangevale**

**Citrus Heights**

**Sacramento**

**John Hainlen**



FMDAC-WSC also held three Gold Nugget raffles and two of the nugget raffles were won by SVDB members:

**Earl Frey**

**Lois Wiese**



**Major prize winners from SVDB were:**

**Rudy Rodriguez** – Fast Tracker Bounty Hunter

**Lois Wiese** – Garrett ACE 150

Everyone that detected the hunts got token prizes - some more than others.

The hunts were held on the Ball Diamond Green area adjacent to the Foresthill Memorial Park – Rule # 1 was no digging of any kind (fingers only).

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Overall, I think the hunts went off pretty well. There were a couple of hunters from as far away as Arizona.

### *This is my last FMDAC update to the SVDB Newsletter - Lee*

**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.

### ***NEWSFLASH***

We are auctioning off a new Garrett Ace 250 at the October 4<sup>th</sup> SVDB meeting. Lee Wiese bought it for the FMDAC hunt, but wasn't allowed to raffle it off in Foresthill. So Lee donated it to SVDB - so bring money or non rubberized checks to buy this great detector. Also, make sure you thank Lee at the October meeting for this terrific donation!

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](mailto:dadunn02@yahoo.com)*

When somebody tells you nothing is impossible, ask him to dribble a football. ~Author Unknown

