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Minutes from Meeting of February 7, 2008

President: John Duffy

• John promptly called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. John introduced 4 new visitors at tonight's meeting: Louise and Chuck Schumaker, Dave Warner and my friend Chuck Norris. Dave and Chuck Norris joined SVDB tonight – Welcome aboard.

Vice President's Report: Peter Johnson

Secretary's Report: Bob Harrison

• Bob just got back from a trip to FL. He mentioned that the Woodland, CA field at Nelson's Grove has now been completely plowed. It was only half plowed when we hunted there last November. Because of the turned over soil Bob said that we may want to consider having another metal detecting hunt at this old park.

Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman

• Allan gave the report of: Beginning Balance \$3,665.19, Expenses \$1,076.05, Income \$907.00, Ending Balance is \$3,496.14. John Duffy said that our balance would be significantly reduced when he soon buys more coins for the raffles and future hunts.

Hospitality: Al Ezell

• Al again brought in a lot of refreshments and drinks to our meeting and we all appreciate his efforts. Thanks Al!

Hunt Master Report: Rick Costello

• Rick reported on the kid's metal detecting hunt that was held on Saturday February 2nd at Diamond Oaks Park in Roseville. We had 3 fields open for different age groups and there were about 12 kids that showed up with their parents, grand parents, relatives or neighbors. The kids had a great time finding clad coins in cold weather conditions that were rapidly deteriorating. It began raining about 5 minutes after the hunt was over.

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Here are a few pictures of the kids ranging in age from 4 to 15 years old before and during the hunt.

SVDB February 2nd Kid's Hunt at Diamond Oaks Park



Some older "big kids" who helped setup this hunt



**** THE NEXT BIG \$1,200 + HUNT! ****

Don't Miss Our Annual Hunt!

• Rick said that our annual Wilton Gun Club Hunt/Pot Luck Lunch is scheduled for **March 8th at 11 am sharp**. The cost will be \$20 to members for this rain/shine event – **you have to be a member in good standing to hunt**. Here is a list of the prizes:

- First Prize **Garrett Ace 250** Detector (Token)
- Second Prize **Gold Nugget** (Token)
- Third Prize **Gold Nugget** (Token)
- Fourth Prizes **(3) Silver Dollars** (Tokens)
- Fifth Prizes **(20) Silver Quarters** (Planted)
- Sixth Prizes **(350) Silver Dimes** (Planted)
- Remaining Prizes **\$200** in Planted Clad Coins that Include: **Presidents Dollars, Halves, Quarters, Dimes and Wheatie Pennies**

We were able to purchase the Ace 250 directly from Garrett at a very low price – **A BIG thanks goes to Garrett Metal Detectors!**

Directions to the Annual Hunt:

(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)

**Pot Luck: Last Name A - M Bring Hot Main Dish
Last Name: N - Z Bring Rolls, Dessert, Salad**

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Librarian Report: Tom Schweppe

• Tom reported that we have many new items added to our already big collection of reading and watching material. Be sure to check some of these great books, magazines and videos.

SVDB Membership Report: George Magann

• George said that we have 128 members and that about 75% of the members have renewed their 2008 membership. See George for your 2008 dues. A reminder: You have to be a member in good standing to hunt in our **BIG** annual hunt on March 8th.

• The winner of the February membership drawing for a 1922 Peace Dollar was **Orion Coyle**

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.

Old Business:

• **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 – one picture is allowed. You can also bring items to our meetings to sell on the “for sale” table.

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 SVDB**

SVDB February, 2008 Raffle & Auction:

We received \$499 for this month's raffle. Thanks to Mary Ann, Don Ivers and James Neeley for working this great fund raiser. The 1/10 ounce **Gold Coin** raffle winner for tonight was **George Miskovsky**.



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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 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

□ **Last months hunt results and winners:**

1st Sunday at La Riviera, 7 members found 117 coins. Oldest coin was found by **Don Compton**.

2nd Sunday at Rock Park, 7 members found 109 coins. Oldest coin was found by **Ivan Miller**.

SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

• Photos of these finds are on our website under FOM on the left side of the web page. Winner of this months show and tell finds was **John Hainlen**.

F.M.D.A.C. Western Chapter Hunt Winners

February 10th, 2008 by Lee Wiese

Those attending the Hunt from SVDB were:

- ✚ **Ray & Kay Carlile**
- ✚ **Harold Carlile**
- ✚ **Rick & Ann Costello**
- ✚ **Lee & Lois Wiese**

Prizes Won by SVDB Members:

Ray: 15” Gold Pan / Trowel

Kay: Gold Nugget

Harold: Silver Round from White's

Rick: Gold Nugget, White's Apron, Book: Metal Detecting for Beginners

Ann: Garret ACE 250, Gold Nugget, Book, W/E Magazine Subscription, 15” Gold Pan / Towel,

Lee: American Digger Subscription

Lois: Gold Nugget, 50 / 50 Raffle

The GPAA two day event had a large number of viewers with FMDAC having 32 people for the Hunt on Sunday afternoon.

The hunt field was OK but it could have had better ground cover for the targets.

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There were \$4,000 in prizes counting the silver coins. White's did a great job on providing prizes - see below.

Major Prizes Winners Were:

Garrett Ace 250 (Garrett Metal Detectors) –
Ann Costello - Roseville, CA



White's MXT (Refurb) (White's Electronics) - *Brent Gutierrez – Tempe, AZ*

25 OZ Silver Bar (White's Electronics) –
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Dale Witter – Newport, WA

Tesoro Compadre (Jobe Wholesale) –
Lorayne Christensen – Apache Junction, AZ

US Treasure Atlas Set (Jim Straight) –*George James – Glendale, AZ*

Hammered Penny 1100 AD Period (Mitchell French) – *Becky Richards – Lincolnville, ME*

Koss E-9000 Headphones (White's Electronics) –
George James – Glendale, AZ

There were 54 donated prizes worth over \$3000 plus \$1300 in silver coins and \$250 in nuggets that were won at the hunt.

Weekend Big Nugget Winner (108 grains) –
George James – Glendale, AZ

AMDA Update

Carolyn Garrett sent out flyers to last year's AMDA members concerning their 2008 metal detecting hunts. Here is the date and location of their first 2008 metal detecting hunt.

Primm NV Hunt

Terrible's Primm Valley Casino Resorts
April 12 & 13, 2008

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It also appears there will be a Laughlin NV AMDA hunt in the fall of 2008. AMDA's web site is at:
<http://www.amdaonline.net/default.htm>

For further information about this year's AMDA hunts and activities please contact Carolyn Garrett at cgarrettwc@aol.com or call 719 749-0134. Bernard Grabowski can be reached at bgg589@aol.com or call 916 635-6854.

New Business:

March 6th Meeting Speaker

• Larry from Big Valley Detectors will be at our March 6th SVDB meeting for a short presentation and **will bring lots of stuff (caps, head phones, gold pans, umbrellas, cups, etc) to give away to our members.** He is an experienced metal detectorist and will give a 30 to 45 minute presentation on the pros and cons of the latest detectors from White's (new makeover DFX and MXT) and Fisher - The "new" Fisher Division of First Texas comes out with new/updated metal detectors quiet often. Larry will also answer questions concerning other detectors that he is familiar with. Metal detectors he will discuss:

- **Whites:**
 - MXT 300mm
 - DFX 300mm
 - "Brand New Model?" White's Detector
- **First Texas – Fisher Division:**
 - F2
 - F4
 - F5
 - F70
 - F75

• **Minelab's hostile takeover comments**

Sacramento Parks Needs Your Help on March 4th
SVDB members are encouraged to participate in this worthy clean up campaign on **March 4th**.

The Parkway Foundation is partnering with Keep CA Beautiful for 2008's statewide campaign kick-off.

We need able volunteers to help clean up at **Old Sac** and **Discovery Parks**.

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Bill Perry will be your Site Leader at Old Sac ♦ and Chris Cullen will be your Site Leader at Discovery Park.

Send an email to, volunteer@arpf.org and say “Count me in”. After you send the email further details will be sent to all registered volunteers.

Check-in and orientation will be 9:30am

Cleanup 10-12pm

Lunch 12pm

Let’s show CA how Sacramento community works together to keep our local watersheds beautiful!

This is a high profile kickoff event with a potential to help future awareness and support for our local Parkway programs.

From 9-10am there will be a press conference held at the Discovery Railroad Museum in Old Sac for invited media, politicians, VIPs, etc.

They will then be escorted to the bike trail where they will be met by Bill Perry’s team, then board shuttles to proceed to Chris Cullen’s team at Discovery Park.

Please Consider Volunteering in SVDB

Every once in a while we need volunteers to help with special projects in support of our club. John Duffy will be asking for assistance at the March meeting to help update our SVDB Constitution.



You will be working with Lee Wiese and Bob Harrison to rewrite a few of the SVDB By-Laws to reflect our current operation.

SVDB Officers and Volunteers Meeting

On February 23, 2008 John Duffy hosted a meeting for all elected SVDB officers and key volunteers. Here are some of the issues that were discussed:

- Income, Expenses and Budget
- Ways to Reduce Expenses
- Consideration of Membership Dues Change
- More Advance Notice for SVDB Hunts
- Prizes for Annual Hunt (Results on page 2)
- Guest Speakers at SVDB Meetings
- Cleanup of Old Sac and Discovery Parks on March 4th
- SVDB Constitution and By-Laws that need Updating

John Duffy will briefly discuss these items at the March 6th SVDB meeting.

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

Last Month’s Riddle

*I can run, but I never walk
Often a murmur, but I never talk
I have a bed, but I never sleep
I have a mouth, but I never eat...*

What am I?

Answer: **A River**

Saying of the month

“Your metal detecting secret hot spots are safe with me... and all of my friends”

