

Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

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Minutes from Meeting of December 6, 2007

President: John Duffy

• John called the meeting to order after everyone was through eating the great pot luck food. There were 51 members and 2 visitors at tonight's special holiday meeting.



Vice President's Report: Peter Johnson

• Peter stated that the new policy at the State unclaimed property department is to locate & return all items to owner.

Secretary: Bob Harrison

• Bob thanked everyone for coming to the Nelson's Grove Hunt. The club cleared One Dollar on the event. There were 45 lbs of Trash removed from the site. The finds included some silver coins, several wheaties, a few rings, an old token and lots of clad. He also thanked everyone for the positive feedback. He apologized to the club for allowing the early start time at the Nelsons Grove Club hunt.

• Is there anyone who is an expert with Microsoft Word? Bob needs help making a template for the meeting minutes which would include using a text box where text can be added.

Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman

• Allan gave the report of: Beginning Balance \$1654, Expenses \$356, Income \$1035, Ending Balance is \$2323.

Hospitality: John Hainlen for Al Ezell

• John helped out tonight in over seeing and cleaning up after the great pot luck dinner that was brought in by club members. Thanks John!

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Hunt Master Report: *Rick Costello*

• Rick asked if anyone would be interested in having a Kids hunt. There was positive feedback for this type of event. Rick also asked the membership for assistance in setting up the hunts if he could not make due to travel. Here is the info on the kids hunt:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2008 11:00 A.M.

**Diamond
Oaks Park,
Roseville**

**(Intersection
of Diamond
Oaks Rd and
Shasta)**



Open to member's children and grandchildren

Two divisions

A - Divixion children ages 5-10

B - Divison children ages 11-16

Free hunt...all clad coins

Age divisions are just guidelines...we can fudge a little on the ages.

Rules

A - Division hunters can get assistance from adults (help swinging detectors, digging (within reason), etc.

B - Division hunters must wear head phones

Contact: Rick Costello @ 916-773-9378 or rcostello@rcsis.com

- Rick is looking at having a club hunt in February more to follow.

Librarian Report: *Kyle Miles for Tom Schweppe*

• Thank you to Kyle for stepping into the Library and helping while Tom was out cruising.

Membership Report: *George Magann*

• George reported we have 125 members and he reminded everyone of 2008 dues. Membership Drawing: Winner was **Mark Hill**

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. You can also include one picture per ad.

• *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 December Raffle & Auction:

• We received over **\$1000** for this month's great holiday raffle and auction. Thanks to Mary Ann, Don and James Neeley for working this important holiday fund raiser. Since we had such a great dollar amount taken in, John Duffy raffled off 3 Gold Coins! The Gold Coin raffle winners for tonight were **Lawry Yerby, Joy Duffy and Jim Milberry.**

Don Dunn was able to get some items donated from metal detector manufacturers for tonight's raffle. Please show your support to these manufacturers

Garrett Electronics

Garrett Ace 150 Metal Detector Christmas Package **List price \$179.95 & Extras**

Winner – Bob Harrison



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Whites Electronics

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

Winner Sharon Anderson



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 Carmichael Park 8 members found 182 coins. Oldest coin went to **Don Compton** with a 1964 Quarter.

2nd Sunday at Oak Park, 5 members found 238 coins and again the oldest was found by **Don Compton** with a 1957 penny.

SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

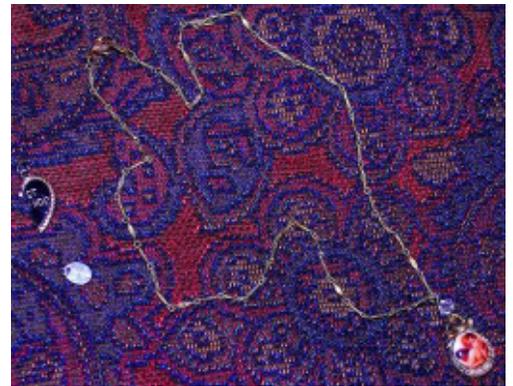
- Photos of these finds are on our website under FOM on the left side of the web page. Winner of this months show and tell finds was the "Ring King" **Bob Maytum**. He received a 1958 silver Washington quarter.

A Note from one of our Locals Sponsor's: Larry at Big Valley Metal Detectors

Early in December I sold a White's M6 to Mike, who had joined the Marines for 4 years straight out of high school. He was returning to civilian life after very recently completing 2 tours of duty in Iraq. People like that are special, and I always stop to think about what they are willing to sacrifice for all of us.

I include a lesson with every new detector I sell, so about 10 days after he bought the detector we went to a nearby park for his lesson. My shop is close to a number of

parks and schools, so I never run out of places for field training. As he had only dug quarters, dimes and pennies with



the machine, it was my goal to show Mike how to detect for gold jewelry. The M6 is a good performer, and actually is one of the detectors I like to take out when I go detecting. Sure enough, as you can see in the picture, during the lesson we came up with a few good targets that fell within the range we were working and it turned out to be 14k gold jewelry. Mike gained a lot of confidence in handling his machine that day and was very pleased with his finds.

"Right now, another great choice for a solid detector, the Fisher F4, comes with 3 loops during Fisher's Holiday promotion. And at only \$425.00 for all that, and me paying the sales tax, makes it hard to pass up...Larry".

News Flash

*Larry Just Donated this
New White's \$120
Bullseye II Pin Pointer
for our Club's January
2008 Raffle/Auction*



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New Business from our President

John Duffy read part of an E-mail received by the club this pass month:

“There is a guy who used to be in a metal detecting club in the Pacific NW who was notorious for night hawking and never got caught. He even went night hawking in England and brought his entire finds home with him illegally. Once again, he didn't get caught.

He now lives in the Sacramento area and may be hunting in Capitol Park in Sacramento – it is illegal to hunt in Capitol Park.”

We were asked to be aware of this and take appropriate action if we hear or see any individual's metal detecting illegally.

Action voted on by the club:

There was a show of hands to empower John Duffy to represent the club to notify the authorities of these hunter's potential actions in the area. Motion Carried.

John Duffy presented *Certificates of Appreciation* to the Board Members including those members that volunteer their time on important club tasks such as the Newsletter, Hunt Master, Library, Hospitality, Membership, etc.

President's Certificate Awards to: Club Officer's & Volunteers.



Those receiving Award Certificates were:

- **Vice President:** Peter Johnson
- **Secretary:** Bob Harrison
- **Treasurer:** Allan Woltman
- **Membership:** George Magann
- **Hunt Master:** Rick Costello
- **Librarian:** Tom Schweppe
- **Hospitality:** Al Ezell
- **Coin Raffle:** James Neeley, MaryAnn Mejia
- **Newsletter Editor :** Don Dunn
- **Newsletter Distribution:** Sue & Rick Morris
- **Web Site:** Lee Wiese
- **Web-Pages:** Gary Zang

No FMDAC or AMDA news: However, there was a reported sighting of Bernard by John Duffy.

Don't miss the January 2008 Meeting!

Professor 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. Lee queried the club on what they would like to learn at the upcoming detector classes. Many topics came to light and we will move forward with one topic at a time. Most likely it will be based on a particular brand of detector with its features and benefits.

Club Officer Elections for 2008

Open to the floor for nominations were: President – **John Duffy**, Vice President – **Peter Johnson**, Secretary – **Bob Harrison** and Treasurer **Allan Woltman**: Nominations were then closed. All the above club officers were voted in for 2008 by the SVDB membership. *Congratulations team and keep up the great work!*

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.

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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 and Bob Harrison for gathering information and supplying pictures for this issue of the newsletter. Your regular editor (Don) was in Atlanta (again) working to upgrade the air traffic control computer system for the FAA.

How to Make a Ring from a Silver Coin

Article contributed by **Bob Meneely**



If you can spare the change and a little bit of time, you can create a simple ring from any silver coin. It'll be cheaper than buying one and it makes a more personal keepsake as well.

Steps



1.

U.S. Quarters and half-dollars from 1964 or before are 90% silver.

Obtain a silver coin. If you are using a U.S. coin, you need to use one from 1964 or earlier. More recent coins are not made of silver and will ruin your project. You can get one from any coin dealer for \$2 or \$3. A quarter makes a woman's size ring (or a very thin ring for a man with below-average finger size) and a half-dollar makes a nice men's ring.



2.

Turn the coin on edge as you tap it with a small hammer or large spoon against a steel plate.

Tap the coin down to a smaller diameter while widening the edge. Take a small hammer or large spoon and, holding the coin on edge between your thumb and finger, tap it against a steel plate.



As you tap and turn the coin, the edge widens and the diameter decreases.

After 10 or 15 minutes of work, tapping and turning the coin on its edge, the reeding on the edge should disappear and the edge will get wider. Don't rush through this or hit it too hard, this will cause the ring to deform, as will be shown later.

Continue until the coin's diameter is reduced to the desired size of the ring (in this case, just smaller than a nickel). This may take a few hours.

Drill a hole in it and let it get "hung up" on the drill bit. With your adjustable-speed drill and coin spinning together, and a light touch on the trigger (perhaps 100 RPMs), use 200 grit sandpaper to remove the largest tooling marks.

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When the coin is the diameter of the ring size you desire, the center must be removed and the ring must be polished.



Let the drill bit catch on the metal and slowly and carefully turn your ring against 200 grit sandpaper to remove large tooling marks.



3.

Next move on to 400 or 500 grit sandpaper, followed by 1000 or 1200.

Follow the 200 grit sandpaper with progressively finer grains, 400/500 and then 1000/1200. (Note: The ring pictured is warped as a result of rushing and hitting it too hard in previous steps. Take your time and your ring will not try to fold in half.)



4.

Use a Dremel tool to widen the hole until a sanding barrel will fit in. Finish removing the metal from the center.

Widen the hole in the center with a Dremel tool. When it is wide enough to allow a Dremel sanding barrel, use one or more to clear out the rest of the ring opening until the inside is sanded smooth.



5.

Wedge the coin onto a piece of cloth on a drill bit and, again using a light touch on the variable-speed drill, spin it on polishing compound on a clean rag.

Wedge it back onto a big drill bit with some cloth for padding on the inside. Slowly spin the ring, this time on the polishing compound on a clean rag. After a minute or two of polishing this way, it will pick up a nice shine and is ready to be worn and shown off!

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

“There are only two things people can't stand...the way things are, and change”. Author unknown.

