

Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

A Nonprofit Organization

The Public is Invited to Attend our Meetings

SVDB Newsletter

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Minutes from Meeting of April 3, 2008

President: John Duffy

□ John called the meeting to order promptly at 7: 30 and introduced 2 new visitors at tonight's meeting, Curtis and Bob Byers We had nearly 50 members in attendance tonight. **John announced that the May meeting will be on Wednesday, April 30th due to a scheduling problem at SMUD.**

Vice President's Report: Peter Johnson

□ Peter discussed the price of gold of an ounce of (\$900) and silver (\$18). Gold has been as high as \$1024 in the last month and has been fluctuating over \$100 an ounce for the past 60 days.

Secretary's Report: Bob Harrison

□ Bob discussed that the revised SVDB by laws and amendments are almost ready for publication. They will be ready to vote on during the May meeting. Al Ezell and Lee Wiese assisted Bob on this project.

Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman

□ Allan gave the report of: Beginning Balance \$4,274.06, Expenses \$2,824.07, Income \$2,075.50 Ending Balance is \$3,525.49. The higher price of gold and silver was reflected in the price we had to pay for our coins for hunts and the raffles.

Hospitality: Al Ezell

□ Al came through with his usual outstanding refreshments for tonight's meeting. Thanks Al!

SVDB Membership Report: George Magann

□ George said that we have 103 members that have paid their 2008 dues. There are still 37 unpaid members from 2007 that need to renew this year's membership.

□ Sue Morris was the lucky winner of a 1921 Morgan Silver Dollar in tonight's membership drawing.

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Hunt Master Report: *Rick Costello*

□ Rick couldn't attend the April meeting, but he did forward the following information concerning our May hunt:

SVDB Metal Detecting Hunt

Saturday May 17th, 2008

Where: Dead Man's Curve on Sac River

What time: 10: 00 A.M

Directions: Get on Hwy 99/70 like you're going to Yuba City. When you get to the Feather River bridge, turn off at the Nicolas exit and go left at the stop sign.

You are now on the Garden Highway. Proceed two miles to the big S-curve. Pull off to the right and park. Do not block the gate on the levee. Follow the signs down to the river on foot.

Cost: \$5.00

Targets: Clad Coins and Tokens

Bring: Water, Digging Tool, Headsets,

Hint: You will be across the street from Rio La Paz Golf Course

Librarian Report: *Tom Schweppe*

□ Tom reported that the library is doing great. Thanks Tom for keeping the library afloat! Speaking of afloat – Tom will again be taking a well deserved (sure) cruise to Alaska next month and Kyle Myles will substitute for Tom next month. Thanks Kyle for helping out!

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!!
FLASH – THE MAY MEETING WILL BE
ON
WEDNESDAY APRIL 30th at 7:30pm

□ 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.

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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 April 3, 2008 Raffle & Auction:

We received \$474 for this month's raffle. Thanks to Mary Ann Mejia, Don Ivers and James Neeley for working our great fund raiser. Larry Manger of Big Valley Metal Detector's was also in attendance and he donated a new White's Bullseye II pinpointer for our club's auction tonight. The Bullseye II sold for \$75 to go into our club's treasury – thanks Larry!

The 1/10 ounce Gold Coin winner was **James Neeley**



Lee Wiese Discussed the Santa Cruz Beach hunt
To be held on June 21, 2008 @ 6:00 am

This Santa Cruz Beach Hunt is a one day hunt only. You will need to be there at 6:00 am with a kick off warm up coin planted hunt on the beach. The hunt will be over by 10:45 - 11:00 am. Instructions on how and where to hunt the beach will be offered by Lee after the warm up hunt. This Hunt will take place on the main beach in Santa Cruz. I suggest getting up and driving in on Saturday Morning. It takes about 2:45 minutes leave a little time for a breakfast stop. We will meet on the right side of the wharf in the usual spot.

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The cost for the beach hunt is \$15. The money goes for the warm up hunt and prizes for: Most Coins, High Dollar amount, Best Silver jewelry, Best Gold Jewelry, Best Find of the Day, Oldest Coin.

SVDB Beach Hunt Rules

1. Entrants must provide their own metal detector and beach digging tools (sand scoops, baskets, headphones, etc.).
2. All holes made in the sand must be filled to avoid injuries to beach goers.
3. Keep a distance of 15-20 feet from all beach goers sitting on the beach.
4. Keep everything you dig. TRASH should be kept and deposited in Trash Containers.
5. All detectorists are requested to signup in advance, and pose for a group picture the day of the hunt.
6. Must be a current SVDB Member.

Contact: Rick Costello or Lee Wiese to Signup

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

Lee Wiese's Search Coil Class

At the end of tonight's meeting Lee Wiese provided a 30 minute talk on Concentric and Double "D" Search Coils. The talk consisted of a brief overview on how a search coil works, comparison between types of coils, and details on what to expect on search coil depth. Lee also answered many questions concerning coils and how they work on specific detectors.

Lee put a lot of work into preparing for this class and we all thank him for the great information that he presented on search coils!

Lee Wiese Discussing Search Coils



Top 10 Reasons to Own a Metal Detector re-print from <http://www.FMDAC.ORG>

Top 10 Reasons for Men to Own a Metal Detector

10. You can trade in an old one for a new one and the old one won't keep your best car, house, or bank accounts.
9. You can keep one metal detector at home and enjoy a different one when you are on the road.
8. If you admire a friend's metal detector and tell him so, he would probably let you try it out a few times.
7. Your primary metal detector won't mind if you keep several others for a back up.
6. Your metal detector will stay with you even when your batteries need replaced.
5. A metal detector does not require much closet space.
4. Metal detectors function normally every day of the month.
3. A metal detector will never ask, "Does this new accessory make me look fat?"
2. A metal detector does not care if you go right to sleep after you use it.
1. A metal detector will never ask you to put down the toilet seat, mow the yard, empty the dish washer, take it out to dinner, or to get a real job.

Top 10 Reasons for Women to Own a Metal Detector

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10. A metal detector will sit quietly beside you as you watch a romantic movie.
9. A metal detector is easy to turn on no matter how old it gets.
8. A metal detector will never pass gas while pulling on any part of it.
7. A metal detectors penetration depth can be improved by getting it a larger coil.
6. A metal detector is always ready when you are.
5. A metal detector will not suddenly look “ashen”, get mad, and throw things when you tell it you no longer want it in the house.
4. Chances are, another woman won’t want to try out or take your metal detector away from you.
3. A metal detector never hogs the TV remote nor will it ask you to bring it a beer.
2. Metal detectors could care less about a big home cooked meal.
1. Metal detectors like to give you gold and diamonds and will go out with you without complaint, on your anniversary, birthday ... or for no special reason at all.

Here is something interesting about metal detecting National Forest Lands and close to home.

Use of Metal Detectors Tahoe National Forest

Website:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe/documents/heritage/05_s_ept_30_metal_detectors.pdf

Metal detectors are used by both hobbyists and professionals to look for hidden coins, pipes, and other metallic objects. Due to the need to protect archaeological sites, we’ve prepared this guide for the use of metal detectors on Tahoe National Forest lands. If you have questions, contact information is listed on the back of this document.

Help Protect History

Archaeological sites throughout California provide important insights and knowledge about the past that can be gained nowhere else. They are the repositories for people and cultures not represented in history books. Removing artifacts from sites destroys the context of the site, much like tearing pages from a book. Professional archaeologists depend on finding

artifacts in their original location and association to other objects, so they can accurately understand and interpret the story of that site. Ultimately, this helps us learn about littleknown aspects of our past.

Sites on National Forest System lands are protected by the Archaeological Resource Protection Act of 1979 and the Secretary of Agriculture’s Regulations. You could be charged with a felony if you disturb, alter, remove, or damage archaeological sites and objects that are over 100 years old on Federal lands.

How You Can Help

The Forest Service’s “Passport In Time” program provides opportunities for citizens of all ages to participate in historical and archaeological projects as volunteers. Many of these projects need metal detector volunteers. For more information on

Passport In Time, visit

<http://www.PassportInTime.com>

You can help preserve our history by leaving archaeological sites undisturbed. Report looting, vandalism, or looters to the closest Forest Service office. When making a report, ask for the District’s Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) or archaeologist.

Should you discover an archaeological or historic object or site, enjoy what is there, but please do not disturb anything. Feel free to call the Tahoe NF Headquarters with a report of your discovery, so our Cultural Resources staff can evaluate it.

Metal Detector Use Definitions

Treasure Trove Treasure trove includes money, gems, precious metal coins, plate, or bullion that has been deliberately hidden with the intention of recovering it later. The search for buried treasure can involve methods that are damaging to natural and cultural resources, thus a special-use permit from the Forest Service is required. Each permit request is evaluated before such permits are granted.

Archaeological Sites

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The use of metal detectors to locate objects of historical or archaeological value is permitted subject to the provisions of the Archaeological Resource Protection Act of 1979 and the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations. This activity requires a special-use permit. Permits are only issued for legitimate research conducted by qualified professional archaeologists. Unauthorized use of metal detectors in the search for and collection of historic artifacts is a Federal violation.

Mineral Deposits

The use of a metal detector to locate mineral deposits such as gold and silver on National Forest System lands is considered prospecting and is subject to the General Mining Law of 1872. Permits are not required for prospecting. However, a Plan of Operations is required if the prospecting methods will involve ground disturbing activities, such as digging holes or moving rocks. Before metal detecting, it's important to make sure the activity is not on an active mining claim. Prospectors can check mining claim records at Bureau of Land Management offices (where claims are filed), or contact the Minerals Officers at the Yuba River or Foresthill Ranger Stations.

Recent Coins/Metal Objects

Searching for coins of recent vintage and metal objects having no historical value, as a recreational pursuit, does not require a special-use permit as long as the equipment is confined to areas that do not possess historic or prehistoric resources.

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

Lee Wiese will be temporarily taking over the chores of newsletter editor for the next 3 months. I will be on a work assignment for the FAA in Albuquerque, NM for the next 3 months. Thanks Lee!

Here are a few pictures taken on my way driving to Albuquerque. Lots of beach sand, but no water. Don

Meteor Crater in AZ



Painted Desert and Petrified Tree



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Sayings of the month

*“Never miss a good chance to shut up”
“If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging”*

Will Rogers

