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Minutes from Meeting of August 7, 2008

President: John Duffy

- John called the meeting to order and welcomed 3 new visitors and their detectors to tonight's meeting: **Tristen Wells** – MXT 300, **Marvin Wiese** – MXT and **Joe Peach** - no detector yet. Also in attendance was past President **Ron Swenson** who has just moved back to the area – welcome back Ron! He has every model of Minelab Explorer that was ever made (E-TRAC USB?).

- John requested and received feedback on the day of the week we have our meetings. A motion was voted on to change the meeting day of the week to Wednesday. It was not carried and a show of hands indicated to leave it on Thursday. We had an excellent attendance tonight of 56 SVDB members.

Vice President's Report: Peter Johnson - Absent

Secretary's Report: Bob Harrison



- Bob discussed the SVDB By-Laws that were recently re-written to reflect our up-to-date operating practices. We later voted to approve the motion to change the By-Laws. **The revised By-Laws are included in the last 2 pages of this newsletter.**

Membership Report: George Magann

- George reported that now we have 126 SVDB members in good standing.
- There were 2 membership drawing winners tonight: **Tom Schweppe** - 1926 Peace Dollar, **John Duffy** - 1922 Peace Dollar.

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Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman

- Allan gave this July treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance	\$3,116.31
Expenses	\$208.07
Income	\$680.00
Ending Balance	<u>\$3,588.24</u>

Hospitality: Al Ezell

- Al again brought in a large selection of refreshments and drinks – A BIG thanks to Al!

Hunt Master Report: Rick Costello

Rick was unable to attend tonight and there will not be any club hunts in the month of August. The next club hunt will be on September 13th - details at the September 4th meeting.

Librarian Report: Tom Schweppe

- Tom reported that we now have new DVDs on White's XLT in the library. You can rent the DVD for \$1 or buy it for \$5. Tom said that the library is in good shape and encouraged members to check out the books, magazines, video tapes and DVDs that we have in our very large library. Books & magazines are free to check out.

From the President's Desk: John Duffy



Our dedicated Newsletter editor, Don Dunn, has asked me to put down a few thoughts for this issue. I was first drawn to thoughts of one of our members who consistently brings in a large number of

found coins to the meeting for "Show and Tell." When he talks about his finds he always notes that he hunts "for a couple of hours every day."

Then I thought about my trip in July that included Key West, Florida. I took the opportunity to tour the Mel Fisher Museum where some treasure from the wreck of the Spanish galleon *Atocha* is on display.

For those of you not familiar with Mel's story, he spent 16 years of search and research looking for this fabulous treasure ship – without success – before finally, on July 20, 1985, locating the heart of the \$450,000,000 treasure.



Artist's Rendition of Atocha Sinking

Even after 23 years the hunt for remaining items of Atocha's treasure goes on today.

Finally, a friend of mine, an avid golfer who does not metal detect, just sent me a news story about an amateur golfer who, after some 18 previous attempts to qualify for an Amateur Tournament, had given up... until a friend convinced him to "give it one more try" ... and of course, he was successful on his 19th attempt. (Maybe there is something about the 19th hole being the most enjoyable?)

So, what does all this have to do with "us" in our day-to-day metal detecting adventures? Simply put, it is "Don't quit" or "Don't give up" or even, "The finest detector in the world won't detect anything sitting in the closet."

I have found that the more I detect the "better" I get, especially at learning the subtleties of my detector – noting that a certain quality to the sound of a target nearly always means ... treasure or trash.

One of the easiest ways to get out and hunt is to join with fellow SVDBers on a first or third Sunday "Day in the Park" hunt where you can always find support, get questions answered and see how others do. Briefly, we meet at the Denny's at Watt and Auburn Blvd. on the first Sunday and at the Pancake Circus at 21st and Broadway on the third Sunday. Come at 8 am for breakfast or just before 9 am to join the hunt without eating. Members confer to select a school or park to hunt, and we caravan to the site. Hunts always end promptly at noon. Of course the real payoff comes when we award a prize for the oldest coin at our monthly meeting.

So, please do get out there to a hunting ground near you soon! And have fun, too.....*John*

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SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING!!

□ SVDB Meetings are held at the North County Corporate Yard (Formerly SMUD Building) 5026 Don Julio Blvd. North Highlands - at the intersection of Elkhorn and Don Julio. The meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month and starts at 7:30 pm.

Old Business:

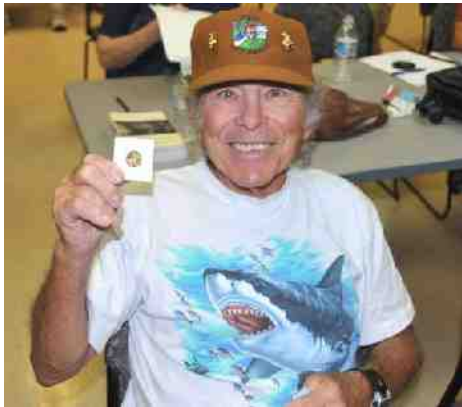
• **Do you have metal detecting related equipment** taking up space and not being used? Why not place it on the SVDB web-site classified section for sale? Just send an e-mail to SVDB with your ad – one picture is allowed. You can also bring items to our meetings to sell on the “for sale” table.

• **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 August, 2008 Raffle & Auction:

We received \$634 from this month’s raffle. Thanks to **Mary Ann Mejia** and **Don Ivers** for selling the many tickets for tonight’s big income raffle. We had a 2nd drawing for a gold nugget donated by **Paul Giese** – (Thanks Paul) and won by **Dave Warner**.



August Gold Coin Lucky Winner (Again) – **James Neeley**

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 2 months SVDB hunt results and winners:

June 1st at AR College, 5 members found 117 coins. Oldest coin was found by **Don Compton**.

July 6th at Phoenix Park, 7 members found 159 coins. Oldest coin was found by **John Phelps**.

July 20th at William Land Park, 6 members found 187 coins. Oldest coin was found by **David Stern**.

SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

• Photos of these finds are on our website under FOM on the left side of the web page. The August finds were the largest collection of treasures your editor has seen in several years! Winner of this month’s FOM show and tell finds was **Paul Giese**.

Club Competition Hunting Strategy: by **Streak!**

I've attended and participated in hundreds of competition hunts....and done pretty well for myself over the years. One thing I can positively tell you - fast isn't necessarily better. Let me clarify that.

If you go to a club competition hunt...and watch the guys that are going like lightning across a field....and then check their pouches at the end of the hunt.... you'll find the bulk of them didn't do nearly as good as you thought they did. (Don't take THEIR word for it....count em).

A better and MUCH more profitable approach is to develop a hunt strategy that combines speed with coverage and retrieval skills. I don't care HOW fast you're going across a field.....if you're swinging wildly and over swinging and missing targets.....you not going to do well. A MEASURED approach is better. Try to go as fast as you can (forward that is)....but slow enough to make sure you don't miss any you walk over.

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You might be surprised at how many targets guys just walk right over and **don't hear at all**...because their forward motion is WAY WAY too fast. What good is it to RUN to the far side of the field.....when there are targets UNDER you feet along the way? If

you watch the really good guys (and Gals) in hunts.....they methodically clean a section out first...and when the target retrieval level drops below a certain point....they will move on the another section. They also use economy of motion.

In other words - They use the smallest amount of movements possible to get any given target out of the ground. A LOT of guys have a practice garden in their back yard. (We do) and practice their own style on a regular basis. Face it.....you can only get so much practice in at a hunt....and that's the WRONG time to practice!!

My better half Linda is arguably the best female comp hunter on the east coast (I'm not kidding...I **really** have to work to beat her).....and in fact will regularly beat 80% of the guys in a given hunt as well. She is just a natural at it.....and one of the reasons she is so good is her low key thorough approach to hunting. (She is lightning fast on retrieval too) **Take your time**.....be more thorough.....and concentrate on getting the targets you WALK over...instead if running wildly about fanning the ground. AND keep that coil on the ground!!!!

Now to using the Fisher F5 versus the F70 in a competition hunt. I haven't used the F70 in a hunt yet.....but I have seen the F5 in action just two weeks ago...and the F5 did VERY VERY well....as compared to a bunch of my friends using tried and true machines. The F5 requires a slower swing speed than the F70 to get a better signal.....and that's a GOOD thing.....as it FORCES you to slow down a bit.....and that's the key.

Linda used the F5 in one hunt...and another proven machine in another....that responds better than the F5 at speed. Her coins counts were very good....but the F5 count bested the other machine by a good 20%. Now.....you have to also take into consideration that she has many, many hours experience with the "other" brand...but this was her first hunt with the F5.

Everything else being equal.....I'd say you will do as good if not better with the F5.....IF you follow good swinging practice and stay within the limits (or should I say the sweet zone) of the F5's sweep speed preferences. Use what you like and are comfortable with.....but the F5 seems to go a very good job of it. And I'm betting it's a tad quieter than the F70 too....so you'll have less time wasted rechecking signals. Good luck!!!! **Streak!** (Find's Fisher Forum)

p.s. The Ring King just got a F5 – I think we are all in big trouble.....editor dd

2008 Rush to the Rockies Treasure Hunt: Lee Wiese

Four members from SVDB attended the Treasure Hunt in Colorado. They were: Ann & Rick Costello and Lois & Lee Wiese. This was a very interesting hunt held at 8,500 feet altitude - gasp - in the Rocky Mountains. There were five hunts in two days with the first hunt for 10,000 Silver dimes; the last hunt was also for Silver that included Dines, Qtr's, Half's and Dollar coins. The other hunts were for Gold Coins, Gold Nuggets and lastly a Miscellaneous hunt.



Lee & Lois Wiese, Rick & Ann Costello

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SVDB members found 6 Nuggets: Ann-3, Rick-1, Lois-1, and Lee-1. There were 253 Nuggets attached to Wheat Pennies.

There were a total of 85 people in each of the hunts with 10 of the hunters from California (4-SVDB, 4-Bay Area, 1-San Andreas & 1-Southern CA). Many of the other mid-west and southwest states were also well represented



Lois Wiese Won the MXT Raffle, best prize of the Event



Lois and Ann both found a Gold Plated Token for one 1945 DOS Peso Gold Coin

August 2nd & 3rd SVDB Santa Cruz Beach Group by Lee Wiese

We had 17 members from SVDB attend the Beach Hunt, the most members since holding the hunt in Santa Cruz. Another first was the high number of Gold jewelry items found over the two morning hunts.

The Beach Hunt was a success-take a look at the chart below and you will see that there were five Gold jewelry items found, 1,089 coins for a dollar total of \$89.92. This does not include the warm up coin hunt which is recorded separately.



SVDB Beach Hunt Group Picture



Groups Saturday Morning's Finds

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Groups Sunday Morning's Finds

On Sunday, Mary found a ring & religious metal, Jim a ring & David a ring -possibly his personal best. Lois found a 14KGF Cross on Saturday.

	Total Coins	Total Dollars	Gold Ring	Gold Other
Ann Costello	14	\$2.03		
Rick Costello	50	\$4.29		
Jim Hallett	205	\$16.28	1	
Janis Loveday	35	\$3.29		
George Magann	51	\$4.20		
Bob Meneely	98	\$6.82		
Kyle Miles	118	\$10.80		
Al Schroeder	67	\$4.30		
John Sharpe	31	\$2.99		
Mary Soultanian	108	\$6.97	1	1
David Warner	84	\$9.06	1	
Lee Wiese	74	\$7.43		
Lois Wiese	45	\$3.57		1
Candy Workman	39	\$2.64		
Jake Workman	28	\$1.82		
Allan Woltman	39	\$3.33		
Linda Woltman	0	\$0.00		
Totals	1086	\$89.82	3	2



Gold Found During Sunday Morning's Hunt



**Mary Soultanian, Jim Hallett, David Warner
Found the Gold on Sunday**

There was \$246 in Silver coin value available for prizes and \$60 of clad coins for the Warm-up Hunt.

Next year it was decided that the Beach hunt would be held on Sunday and Monday rather than Saturday & Sunday. This would provide the hunt team with two full days of beach activity by the public plus the motels are cheaper at the end of the weekend.

Allan Woltman found a hand made Silver Ring up on the San Lorenzo River off Highway #9, and an old penny or two.

David Warner found a Silver Toe Ring Saturday evening.

Bob Meneely found two Silver Rings Friday PM on the beach and a Gold Diamond ring before leaving Sacramento on Friday for the beach hunt.

Sayings of the month

"What do you call a fish with no eyes?" **A fish**

"The man with the best job in the country is the vice-president. All he has to do is get up every morning and say, "How is the president?"." **Will Rogers**

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

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CONSTITUTION

THE OBJECTIVE (PURPOSE)

The objective (purpose) of this club is to bring together in good fellowship individuals interested in the Earth sciences as a hobby including the use of detectors, dowsing, natural findings of gold, silver, fossils, coins, rocks, mineralogy, geology and archaeological pursuits.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY DETECTING BUFFS **BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I: NAME and OBJECTIVE

~~Section 1.1 A.~~ The name of this non-profit corporation, hereafter referred to as the club, shall be the Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs.

B. The objective (purpose) of this club is to bring together in good fellowship individuals interested in the Earth sciences as a hobby including the use of detectors, dowsing, natural findings of gold, silver, fossils, coins, rocks, mineralogy, geology, geocaching and archaeological pursuits.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP and DUES

~~Section 2.1 A.~~ Membership shall be open to any person and his/her family interested in the objective and purpose as stated in ~~the club constitution~~ these by-laws.

~~Section 2.2 B.~~ Membership is established by ~~attending one club function and~~ payment of dues.

~~Section 2.3 C.~~ Dues are for the calendar year and shall be at such a rate as established by vote of members. All membership dues are to be paid in full at time of joining. Renewal dues will be due on member's anniversary date. Any member that does not renew by their anniversary date meeting will be dropped from the club roster. Renewal of dues by current members shall be completed by December 31st for the next full calendar year. There is no grace period.

D. New members joining during the first three quarters of the year shall pay dues in full for that year. New members joining during the last quarter of the year shall pay dues prorated for that quarter plus full dues for the following year.

~~Section 2.4 E.~~ Honorary Membership may be awarded to any individual for outstanding service or assistance to the club. Honorary members shall have all rights and privileges of members except the right to vote and shall be exempt from payment of dues. Honorary members are awarded according to notification and voting by the members.

~~Section 2.5 F.~~ Any member may have his membership terminated without cause by a two thirds vote of the members in attendance at a regular meeting, for non payment of dues or conduct considered detrimental to the club. ~~Membership termination for bad conduct is possible only after notice in voting is given to the offending member and said member is given an opportunity for a hearing before the board of directors. A two thirds vote of the board shall be required to terminate membership.~~

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

~~Section 3.1 A.~~ Meetings shall be held on a day selected by membership vote at the August meeting, subject to meeting room availability from the County ~~the first Thursday of each month~~, beginning at 7:30 PM.

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~~Section 3.2~~ B. A quorum of ~~one third of the membership~~ 25 members must be present to conduct a regular business meeting.

C. Only items approved by the Board may be brought to meetings for solicitation purposes.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

~~Section 4.1~~ A.-The elected officers of the club shall be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. This constitutes the board of directors.

~~Section 4.2~~ B. The term of office shall be one year

~~Section 4.3~~ C. A nominating committee shall be appointed at the September meeting by the president. Nominations are to be announced at the October meeting with additional nominations accepted from the floor. All names placed in nomination must have prior approval from the nominee as to willingness to serve.

~~Section 4.4~~ D. Election of officers by secret vote to be held at the November meeting when there is more than one candidate running for office. If only one eligible candidate has consented to serve that candidate shall be elected by acclimation.

~~Section 4.5~~ E. Officers are to assume duties at the first meeting in January.- Following the installation of new officers the preceding board of directors (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be honorary members of the board of directors for one year, ~~with full voting privileges.~~

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

~~Section 5.1~~ A. President: The president of the club shall preside over all meetings and perform all duties customary to the office including appointing all committees and filling any vacancies to complete an officer's term for the remainder of the year.