



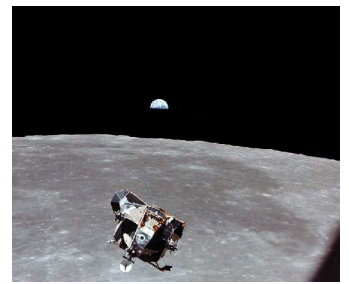
Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

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SVDB Newsletter

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July 2, 2009 SVDB Meeting Minutes

President: John Duffy

- John introduced and welcomed new visitors Bob Woods and Steve Eubanks to our membership.
- There was a discussion why people need to be members to participate in club hunts. John said our insurance carrier mandates this requirement. He also said key members of SVDB will draft rules (*see page 6*) for the members to vote on at the August meeting to clarify how we handle last minute hunt requests.

- John also said that we will also be changing the by-laws to reflect new wording (*see page 6*) on purchasing coins for the hunts and raffles. The change is needed because the state raised the minimum single purchase of coins from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for an exemption on paying state sales tax.

Vice President: Peter Johnson

- Peter mentioned that last week when going through Rancho Cordova he hit a deer in the early morning hours on the way to his favorite winery. The impact nearly totaled his 2 door sports car. Peter just had a few bumps - he's now driving a safer 4 dr. sedan.



- We had an attendance of 48 tonight.

Membership Report: George Magann

- George reported that we now have 134 SVDB members. Ted Spelis won tonight's membership drawing.

Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman

- Al gave this months treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance	\$3,015.08
Expenses	334.70
Income	1142.62
Ending Balance	\$3,823.00

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Hospitality: *Candy Workman*

- **Candy** brought in tonight's treats and drinks with able assistance from husband **Jake**. Thanks to both of you for filling in this month with great snack/drinks!
- **Anita Massey** volunteered to take on the full time responsibility as full time hospitality chairperson. Thanks Anita!

Hunt Masters Report: *Paul Giese & Bob Morris*

2009 SVDB Hunt's (Remaining)

Paul Giese and **Bob Morris** have announced the updated 2009 planted hunt dates for SVDB members:

- **August 8th** **Tahoe Park 9:00 am**
 - **October 10th** **1st Prize: Metal Detector**
 - **November 14th** **TBD**
 - **December 12th** **TBD**
- Paul said that the next hunt will be on August 8th at Tahoe Park. The cost is \$5 for the members only hunt and it will begin at 9 am sharp so be there in plenty time to join us for the hunt. A few members asked that our hunts be held at parks with restroom facilities. Although Tahoe Park has restrooms, they are currently locked up due to county "budget cuts".
 - You can still sign up for the August 8th hunt at the August 6th meeting. Hunt's at SE corner of park.
 - Directions to Tahoe Park: From Interstate 50 take the 65th Street exit and go south. Turn right on 8th Avenue. Tahoe Park begins at 61st Street and 8th.

Librarian Report: *Tom Schweppe*

• Tom was crusing to Alaska this week and Vince Migliori sat in for him. Vince mentioned that we are missing several magazines - so if you have some please return them. Also, SVDB would appreciate it if you could to donate any metal detecting type mags, books or videos to add to our library. Thanks Vince!

SEE YOU AT THE AUGUST 6th 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 in a large room facing Elkhorn 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**. Just send an e-mail to SVDB with your ad – one picture is allowed. An MXT & a Vibra-Tector 720 pinpointer are currently for sale on the web site.
- You can also **bring items to our meetings** & sell them on the "For Sale" table up front on the left. There were **5 detectors at bargain prices** and several other detecting items for sale at the **July meeting**. We also have a freebees table. Check them out.
- **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 July, 2009 Raffle:

- We received **\$523** from this month's raffle. Thanks to Mary Ann Meji, Don Ivers & James Neeley for selling tonight's raffle tickets! We gave away a US 1/10 oz. gold coin and gold pickers donated by **Paul Giese**. *July winners are pictured below.*



Don Dunn (Yea) & Gold Coin - Rich Switzer & Gold Pickers

Day-In-The-Park Hunts:

- There are 2 or more two day-in-the park hunts per month. The hunts are on the first Sunday and the third Sunday of each month. More hunts may be organized. Breakfast is at 8:00 am with the hunt starting at 9:00 am. The following locations are the meeting places:
 - ❑ 1st Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's at Watt and Auburn
 - ❑ 3rd Sunday Hunts: Meet at Pancake House at 21st and Broadway

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SVDB Day-In-The-Park Hunt Results and Winners:

June 7th at Rio Linda HS School, 15 members found 454 coins. Oldest coins found by (tie - both found 1951 wheaties) **James Neeley & Dan Cherney**.

June 14th at Hagan Park, 9 members found 295 coins. Oldest coin found by **John Felt**.

June 21st at Reichmuth Park, 10 members found 79 coins. Oldest coin found by **Vince Migliori**.

SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

• Photos of these finds are on our website under FOM. The photos are of the previous month's finds. The winner of this month's FOM show and tell finds was Mr. Lucky, **Jake Workman**.

My First Gold Ring - Or Was It?

by **Vince Migliori**

Well, I **finally** found my first gold ring! Or at least I **thought** I did.



It's a beauty too - heavy in weight and simple in design, like a wedding ring. It has an odd eastern-looking script engraved in it, both inside and out. I found it in one of the parks in Folsom. I know there's a substantial Muslim population in Folsom, as many engineers work for Intel located here. The top photos show my find (top) and the ad display for the ring (bottom).



When I got home, I looked up the script, but I could not find a match. At first I thought it was Arabic, as shown in the top photo above. A little more searching, and I found something called Mordor script, which seemed a much closer match in the bottom photo.

This was my first clue something was amiss. You see, the bottom script not only matched what was on the ring, but it matched EXACTLY. So I looked up Mordor script and it seems it's also called Elvish, which is a language used in the movie, Lord of the Rings. Whoops! This is a costume jewelry collectors' ring! So, now I go to eBay, and look up Lord of the Rings. Sure enough, there's the ring on sale for \$35. Guess what, it's not gold either, but a tungsten alloy.



"**Poof!**" went those mental images of me in the local paper shaking hands with some appreciative Arab stranger. Oh well, it was a nice, cheap thrill anyway! Isn't that what it's all about?.....Vince



In Britain, Guys with Metal Detectors Find Respect Along with History

By Mary Jordan and forwarded by **Jake Workman**
Washington Post Foreign Service
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PENARTH, Wales -- Derek Eveleigh walked carefully, searching for buried treasure.

"It's such a thrill when I find something - - and I often do," Eveleigh said as he listened to the steady beeps of his

metal detector. Not far away from this Welsh seaside town, he recently found 6,000 copper coins dating to the Roman Empire.

"It turned out they were 1,700 years old! Many emperors ago," said Eveleigh, 79, one of thousands of British "metal detectorists" who search for history as a hobby.

While archaeologists in many countries, including the United States, disparage amateurs like Eveleigh, [Britain](#) embraces them. Last year alone, 4,300 metal detectorists reported tens of thousands of finds: Bronze Age axes, Roman brooches and hairpins, medieval candlesticks and swords, and thousands of other relics.

Before museum archaeologists began working with metal detector enthusiasts a decade ago, only about 25 reported discoveries annually met the official



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definition of "treasure" -- the most rare finds, which include **gold and silver caches** more than 300 years old. Every year since, that number has soared, hitting 802 last year.



"The collections in our museums would be thinner without the detectorists' finds," said Roger Bland, head of Portable Antiquities and Treasure at the British Museum in London, as he pointed out jewelry, coins and other displays found by weekend warriors combing fields for fun.

All around the world, long-buried antiquities are turning up as modern farm machinery plows ever deeper into the soil. At the same time, more sophisticated detectors can pinpoint coins, swords, necklaces, knives and other relics hidden deeper underground.

This has alarmed many.

Looters are sneaking onto protected historical sites -- Civil War battlefields in the United States, archaeological sites in Thailand, cemeteries in Italy -- and finding objects to sell privately.

In England, these thieves with metal detectors are called "nighthawks." People are prohibited from bringing detectors onto protected historical sites and monuments, but many holes in the ground have been discovered where items have been removed.

In Ireland, as in many countries, the use of metal detectors is restricted.

Nessa O'Connor, archaeological curator at the National Museum of Ireland, said there is concern that treasure seekers will "dig a hole through an Iron Age burial" to get a brooch and destroy the historical information that could be gleaned from a careful unearthing.

British authorities estimate there are about 10,000 metal-detecting enthusiasts and say the vast majority are responsible people who obey the law, seek permission to go on private land and even watch out for thieves. Also, by working with detectorists, offering to authenticate objects and paying market value for those declared treasure, British museums aim to

minimize the number of antiquities quietly dug up and sold on eBay.

In many European countries, buried treasures recovered from the soil and not traced to any family are deemed state property; often a relatively small fee is paid to the finder. That is also seen as a reason many finders choose to keep secret their discoveries and sell them privately.

Since the 1996 Treasure Act became law, finders in Britain are offered market value for their discoveries, and museums have the first option to buy official treasures.

Mark Lodwick is an archaeologist at the **National Museum Wales** who works out of the back room of the grand museum in Cardiff.



He is part of a network of "finds liaison officers" -- archaeologists throughout England and Wales who regularly attend metal-detectorist club meetings so people know to call them when they hit a relic.

"Every day the phone rings," Lodwick said.

His office is cluttered with labeled plastic bags full of items brought to him by collectors, most of whom are men, he said. He visits sites where significant artifacts are found, such as the field where Eveleigh unearthed his hoard of coins in two broken pots.

The overwhelming majority of items turned over to museum archaeologists are returned to the finders after their information is recorded.



Rare discoveries -- such as this million-dollar 10th-century **Viking treasure trove** a father and son discovered with their metal detectors two years ago -- receive extensive publicity.

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But most have little commercial value -- cracked pieces of medieval pottery, for instance -- though archaeologists and enthusiasts still cherish what they tell of life centuries ago.

"If you want to get into metal detecting to make a profit, forget it," said Trevor Austin, general secretary for the National Council for Metal Detecting, a body that represents those in the hobby. "As a general rule, people get into it for the historical aspect, to find a Roman or medieval coin -- that's the interest."

Americans come to Britain to pursue the hobby here because of the liberal laws and the richness of the country's buried bounty.

Dick Stout, founder of the Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs in the United States, said there have been only rare examples of U.S. archaeologists working with detectorists. After a fire swept through the Little Bighorn Battlefield in eastern Montana in 1984, a team of detectorists helped find remnants of battles where George Armstrong Custer made his famous last stand.

Stout, a Texas resident, said that on his side of the Atlantic, "too many people associate the pastime with the old guy at the beach searching for pennies and dimes."

Eveleigh's 5,913 copper coins were found to date from A.D. 260 to 269 and valued at \$83,000. "If they were gold or silver, they would be worth much more," said Eveleigh, an optimistic man who likes to be alone. He will split the money with the landowner, as is customary.

He is delighted his find will be displayed at the National Museum in Cardiff, five miles from his home in Penarth. "One day I'll be gone, and my grandchildren will go to the museum and say, 'My grandfather found that,' " he said.

His 17-year-old grandson remembers the one and only time he joined Eveleigh on a search. "I ended up staying in the car eating a sandwich. It was pouring but he was out for hours, even jumping over fences," he said.

Eveleigh, a retired watch repairman, said only now is he really getting into his hobby, as he nears 80.

"When I rubbed those coins in my hands, I couldn't believe it," he said.

As he walked through a neighbor's horse farm on a recent cloudy day, the signal on his detector grew stronger. He shoved his spade into the soft ground. He found an inch-long piece of metal, encrusted in dirt, that he held close to his pale blue eyes.

"Looks like shrapnel," he surmised.

Bombs were dropped here during World War II, he said as he put his newest find in a worn blue plastic bag, just as he has with 19th-century coins, brooches and shoe buckles on days past.

"I like walking in the country," Eveleigh said. "Sometimes pheasants walk beside me. Sometimes there are rabbits or a view to the sea. It's fantastic. "

SVDB - 2009 Santa Cruz Beach Hunt

There are currently 15 SVDB Members signed up

There is still room for a few more....*Lee Wiese*

SVDB-Santa Cruz Beach Hunt

August 23rd & 24th, 2009

Entry Fee for Prizes: \$20 per hunter

Hunt Time: 6:00 am to 11:00 am each day

August 23rd Santa Cruz Main Beach

August 24th Seacliff or ??



Sunday morning there will be a 20 minute warm up hunt with planted coins.

After 11:00 am each person is free to do what ever..
Lunch Sunday Noon: Lunch after Sunday's Hunt

6 AM Morning Hunt

Drive Down Early Sunday Morning - if you leave the Sacramento area about 3:00 am it gets you to Santa Cruz around 6:00 am. . [Make your own motel reservations.](#)

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Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section D is amended to read: (Change in Yellow)

D. Treasurer: The treasurer shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the club funds and their proper disbursement. Funds shall be kept on deposit in a financial institution approved by the club officers. Checks for disbursement must be signed by one (1) of the two officers (treasurer and president) authorized to sign checks for the club. The treasurer shall report the current bank balance and all expenditures and deposits at each meeting of the club. Any expenditure exceeding \$150.00 for general use or \$1,500 \$500 above the then current dollar amount required for exemption from state sales tax for coin purchases must be approved by prior vote of the membership. All expenditures for the general running of the club are to be approved by the board of directors. In January of each year, both the old and new treasurer and the new president will audit the club books upon take over by the new board. The treasurer shall annually provide the board with an analysis of membership dues ability to support club activities.

Recommendations for SVDB Planted Hunt Rules

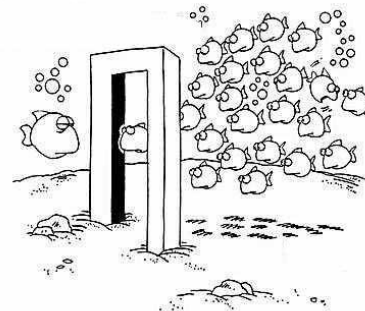
SVDB elected officials and other key volunteers met on July 18, 2009 and recommend the following planted hunt rules:

Purpose: The purpose of the metal detector planted hunts is to generate interest in metal detecting, to have fun, to provide a quality hunt experience and to attract people to join SVDB.

1. To comply with insurance requirements every person participating in planted hunts shall be a SVDB member.
2. To provide for the orderly conduct of planted hunts there is a 30 minute cut off time prior to the hunt for signups.
3. There is a \$5 penalty fee to sign up on the day of the hunt. The Membership chairman or designee will collect funds for both membership and hunt fees.
4. The hunts will be scheduled on the 2nd Saturday following the monthly SVDB meeting. We encourage signups on the meeting date to reduce signups on the hunt day.

Recommendations for Additional Hunt & Raffle Prizes

1. SVDB would purchase a metal detector for every other club hunt. The next detector to be given away as a planted token prize is on October 10th. The cost of these detectors to SVDB would not exceed \$300. The exception to this would be the annual hunt (Wilton or another site) where the amount would not exceed \$400. Larry at BVD will work with us on purchases. There will be 4 yearly hunts that have a \$300 detector purchases and the annual hunt at \$400. We will run a cost analysis until the end of 2009 to determine if these detector purchases will continue into 2010.
2. The cost to the SVDB member would normally be \$5 for a coins/token prizes hunt and \$15 for a coins/token prizes/metal detector hunt. The cost to SVDB members for the annual hunt (Wilton or another site) would be determined by the hunt masters, but not to exceed \$30.
3. The Christmas raffle would allow SVDB to purchase a metal detector from a manufacturer for roughly 1/2 of the MSRP. The SVDB cost to purchase this detector would not exceed \$500.



"My mom told me she feels better now that they've installed metal detectors in schools."

Reminder; Lee Wiese will discuss metal detector discrimination at our August 6th SVDB meeting.

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