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Minutes from Meeting of December 4, 2008

President: John Duffy

□ John called our **BIG** Christmas raffle/pot luck meeting to order and welcomed 6 new visitors to tonight's meeting: **Sonja Walker**, **John Laffey**, Ken & Carol Otterstrom and Chet & Michiah Burress. The names that are in bold & underlined won big prizes in tonight's raffle. Welcome to all newcomers!

□ We had a record **72** people in attendance tonight.

Vice President's Report: Peter Johnson

□ Peter joined us tonight and read a funny joke. Peter later assisted John in tonight's **Huge** monthly raffle.

Secretary's Report: Bob Harrison

□ Bob asked for volunteers to replace Rick Costello as our hunt master for 2009. Rick and his wife Ann have done an outstanding job as hunt masters for the past 2 years and now they *need* time off to travel.

□ Both Bob and John thanked all the volunteers for their continued work and support of our SVDB club.

Membership Report: George Magann

□ George reported that we now have 150 SVDB members in good standing. **David Sturdavant** and **Allan Woltman** each won Silver Dollars in tonight's membership drawing.

Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman

□ Allan gave this month's treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance \$3,112.44

Expenses \$52.72

Income \$900.41

Ending Balance \$3,960.13

Hospitality: Al Ezell & John Hainlen

□ Thanks to Al and John for helping out in tonight's **BIG** pot luck dinner. The food, drinks and hospitality were unbeatable.

□ Here is a picture of **John Hainlen** organizing all the great food that SVDBers brought to share tonight. John just happens to be next to all the delicious deserts.



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Part of the Christmas 2008 Crowd - Chomping at the Bit for Food and Raffle Prize



Hunt Master Report: Rick Costello

□ Rick briefly discussed the November 15th hunt at Madera Park and asked for a volunteer to replace him and Ann. No hunt in December.

Librarian Report: Tom Schweppe

□ Tom was off cruising (again) this month. We needed all the library tables for pot luck food so the library was closed for the night.

****The January 2009 Meeting will*
be held on Wed January 7th
at 7:30pm!***

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 and sell them 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 December, 2008 Raffle & Auction:

We received a **whopping \$1,434** from this month's raffle. Thanks to **James Neeley, Mary Ann Mejia** and **Don Ivers** for selling the *most* raffle tickets we have ever sold! We raffled off 35 prizes (worth over \$1,600) including 3 gold coins and a gold nugget donated by **Paul Giese** tonight. We also raffled off a brand new **Whites MXT 300** detector as the grand prize!

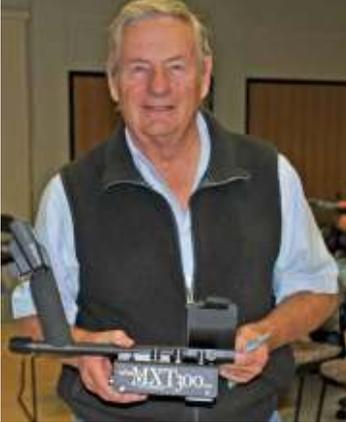


**Mary Ann & Don
Counting money &
Stuffing tickets**

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Big Winners in December 2008 Raffle

John Hainlen White's MXT 300 John Laffey - Gold Coin



Cyndy Johnson - Gold Coin Ken & Eva Marcum - Nugget



Sonya Walker - Gold Coin



George Miscovsky Finds Gold Bracelet

□ **2008** was a very good finds year for SVDBer **George Miscovsky**. He found several gold and silver rings, a platinum ring and one very special gold bracelet. In November George was at his usual hunting place (Lake Tahoe) and his Garrett Infinium gave off a good solid signal. He reached down and scooped up a 14K gold bracelet that weighed in at .51 troy ounce. It was then that George realized it was a Med Alert bracelet. George tracked down the owner - a young girl named Claudia Jauregui, and

gave the \$270 bracelet back to Claudia on her 16th birthday. **Nice going George!**

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 SVDB hunt results and winners:

November 9th (only recorded hunt) at Hagen Park, 10 members found 335 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. There were lots of great November finds (including a gold Med Alert bracelet - see story on left). Winner of this month's FOM show and tell finds was **Allan Woltman**.

Louisville, KY - A No Hunt Zone by Eddie Black

The week before Thanksgiving 2008 the Metro Parks Dept. of Louisville, Ky. stopped metal detecting in all 122 city and county parks under the guise of the Antiquities Statute Act of Kentucky. They are saying we are using the Detector to do an Archeological dig with the intent of digging artifacts and now we are to try and get a permit from the State Archeologist of Kentucky. They have stated that artifacts are anything that is found with a metal detector and start at the age of 2008 and go down. We are in litigations with the city officials but so far we are not allowed to go to any parks. The situation is very serious as our hobby is in trouble. All the support we can get is appreciated. We have informed the FMDAC and State Representatives and Alderman to help but will be after the first of the year before we hear anything. They are using the KRS 164.705 as their right to keep us out and calling Metal Detecting an Archeological dig thus requiring a dig permit to Excavate the park. As you

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know we cannot get one. There are no laws against metal detecting in the city parks that are not restricted as a Historical site. With that said, it was one person who decided to stop us and did. Please **be aware that it can happen in your city easily unless you stop it by legislation to allow your hobby to go on.** I received emails from all over American that this is happening. If you can help our hobby to be secure please write and suggest how it is to be done. Thank you.....Eddie Black

P.S. We have been threatened with Police arrest if we try to return to the parks to hunt. We have hunted these same parks for about 30 years with no problem.

Request to Find Lost Wedding Band

12-17-08 Email to SVDB: *I'm hoping someone in your club might be able to help me. Last year my father passed away and my mom "Wife of 50 years" is taking it very hard as you can imagine. Last week while doing some gardening she lost my fathers gold wedding band. It has little monetary value but semimetal value is high. Do you have someone in your club that might live in south Sacramento that would like to help find it? The ring is in her backyard and its fairy small yard. I live in Placerville and can work with you on this project. Thank You in Advance I hope someone can help.*

Mini with John Duffy



Arrangements were made to go to Mini's home in South Sacramento on Thursday morning to look for the ring with John Duffy and Lee Wiese taking on

the challenge. After introductions and the lost ring area defined we turned on our detectors.

Within two-three minutes John located the lost ring. From that point forward there were smiles, hugs and a very warm thank you. No reward

was wanted but Mini gave the club \$20. I later received a call from her son and daughter who were very grateful for our service....Lee



Tonight's Prizes Obtained by Larry of BVMD

Larry Manger, our club's local supporting MD dealer got **White's, Garrett, Fisher and Minelab** to donate several raffle and auction prizes. Here is a list of the prizes donated by each company:

White's

- Allowed SVDB to purchase a MXT 300 at 1/2 retail price
- For \$100 SVDB purchased: 10" D2 Coil, Bullseye II Pinpointer and Royal GT Headphones. Items were auctioned off for \$210
- DVD collection on Detecting USA Hot Spots

Garrett

- Hats, Diggers, Books & Plastic Rain Gear
- ACE 250 Metal Detector

Fisher

- Hats, T-Shirts, Finds Pouches
- ID Excel Metal Detector

Minelab

- Coffee Cups (70), Hats, T-Shirts
- Fold Up Magnifying Glasses (30)

The **Fisher ID Excel** detector will be the grand prize at the Wilton Gun Club hunt in April. This hunt will also feature several planted silver coins.

The **ACE 250** detector will be the grand prize at a summer hunt to be decided by the SVDB membership.

The SVDB members thank these metal detector companies for their generous donations. We also thank **Larry Manger** for his efforts in obtaining these donations and the opportunity to purchase

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items at a considerable discount. ***Lets show our support by letting Larry at BVD be the #1 guy to buy our metal detecting equipment from. Beginner Metal Detecting Tips***

Article from www.gometaldetecting.com

So... you just bought your first metal detector and you're looking for any help you can find. You came to the right place!

First, we would suggest that you join a metal detecting or treasure hunting club. You will learn a lot more, a lot quicker, from other club members than you would by yourself! You will also find new friends, share your finds, and get support for the hobby.



For some people, it's easier to hunt with a group than by yourself. If your looking for a partner you'll find one there. Most clubs will let you come as a guest. Visit several to find the right one for you. You can even join more than one if you want to.

Trash and Treasure

Great finds make this hobby exciting and interesting! If every time you go out, all you find is a few pennies or just trash, more than likely, your detector is going to wind up in a closet gathering dust!

You will find treasures if you're really looking. But don't expect to find good stuff only, you will find lots of TRASH! There's just no way to get around it. When we come back from a day of detecting, probably 60 to 80% of what we have found goes right back into the trash can. However, a lot of what

you find depends on where you go and how much you know about your detector.

Buying the Best Detector

All of us probably want to have the best metal detector, but many simply can't afford it, or is just starting out in the hobby, and doesn't want to spend the bucks to get the best. Of course, having the deepest machine will give you an edge over other hunters, but from our own experience, it's not that important! And how's that, you ask?

The answer is simple, by doing research and studying your local history, you will find spots that others have never hit, and most likely, the targets are only a few inches under your coil. Then once you get used to telling your signals apart, you'll be able to graduate to more trashy areas that most detectorists bypass because they don't have the patience or skills to deal with it.

Dig Everything

The best place to use your first metal detector is on a beach, and just dig everything till you learn the different types of signals. Most detectors are built with some discrimination that helps you bypass most objects like nails, foil, pulltabs, etc. But the more you discriminate, the less depth you going to have. For example, if you discriminate against pulltabs, you'll miss the nickels or small gold rings. So be careful with it!

Don't start in an area that is so overloaded with signals it drives you crazy. Take our advice and practice on a beach or field, or even better, your own backyard.

Cleaned-out Spots

If you know of someplace that has been well hunted or overhunted, try detecting it after a big rain when the ground is soaked. The wet ground has more conductivity, and you may find deeper stuff. Also, after a hard winter, the ground shifts after it thaws, so there are now targets where there wasn't any last year when you detected there. Go back and check your old turf again.

Respect Others

Always cover your holes even on the beaches, so people that are walking or jogging don't twist their

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ankle, because they rarely look where they're going! Always take the trash you dig up with you. A lot of

times we get home and go through our trash, and discover things we thought was junk and it wasn't.

Nosey People

Let's face it... metal detectorists get a lot of attention! It's rare that you'll be going to a place where nobody else is around. The best thing to do, when you get to a site, is to start detecting at the far end, away from the crowd. Then once people have noticed you, watched for awhile, and noticed how far away you're detecting, they'll go back to their own business, and forget about you. In other words, they'll get use to you.

Once that happens, you can edge your way closer to a crowd or to a better area. Some may even edge their way over to you, just to chat.

If you don't want to be bothered with nosey people, try starting your day early, or later after the crowds thin out, or when it's raining. We even metal detect at night every once in awhile.

Researching New Spots

There are many ways of finding new spots. You don't even have to go to the library. The Internet has grown a lot for the past few years, and new sites are popping up everywhere. All you have to do is go to your favorite search engine and type "History of ..." your state, province or town and see what comes up. A little bit of reading, and you're on the way to some new spots.

Another way is to find some old pictures or postcards. Most old postcards have a picture of a significant place, like parks, casinos, important buildings and beaches.

You can go to Ebay.com and type the name of your town or state, and I'll bet your eyes will pop out of what you going to see! This is by far our favorite way of research. But of course, if that is not enough, and you have the time, you could pay a visit to the library and dig up some old dusty books and maps.

Sayings of the month

Top ten stupid things said while detecting.

#10. *"Honest honey, this new detector will pay for itself in no time at all."*

#9. *"Yah, I hunt here from time to time, but let me tell you where my secret place is."*

#8. *"Sure kids, you can follow me around and dig for me. Why of course you can try out my detector for a while."*

#7. *"Well it looks like an electric line, but they aren't this shallow. I'll just cut into it a little way to see what it is."*

#6. *"I'll just lean the detector up against the car so I won't forget it when we drive off."*

#5. *"You know what? I'll bet that there is some good stuff under those trees where the bulls are laying."*

#4. *"Wade out a little farther, I don't think it's very deep."*

#3. *"Go ahead and pet him, he looks friendly."*

#2. *"It's probably just clad. I'll poke around with my steel probe 'till I feel it."*

#1. *"Hey officer! Watch how fast I can pull my diggin' knife out of its scabbard!"*

I know that you are guilty of at least one of these....by *David Colburn, (Idaho)*

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Metal Detecting on the beach