



Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

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April 2, 2009 Meeting Minutes

President: John Duffy

- John introduced and welcomed newcomers Tom Leland, Loren Hammond, Jerry & Lorraine Rollins, and Alan & Carmen Schindler to our group.
- John also talked again about his letter to the City of Sacto where he volunteered SVDB members to assist the city with our metal detectors in any way we can.
- We had another great crowd of 70 people for tonight's meeting.

Membership Report: George Magann

- George reported that we now have 161 SVDB members. He said 48 have not paid their 2009 dues. **Chuck Klein** won tonight's membership drawing.

Treasurer's Report: Allan Woltman

- Allan gave this months treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance	\$3,844.67
Expenses	\$2,657.88
Income	\$ 985.39
Ending Balance	\$2,172.18

Hospitality: Al Ezell

- Al again supplied us with great snacks and drinks for tonight's meeting. **Linda Woltman** also brought in some delicious fresh baked cupcakes - thanks Linda!

Hunt Master Report: Paul Giese

2009 SVDB Hunts

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

- **May 16th** Madera Park - Citrus Hts. 9:00am -10:00
- **June 27th** - Ace 250 (1st Prize) - **Place TBD**
- **August 8th** **Place TBD**
- **September 19th** **Place TBD**
- **October 24th** **Place TBD**
- **December 12th** **Place TBD**

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Wilton Alta Mesa GC Hunt April, 2009



The weather was great, the coin hunting couldn't have been better and the food was delicious. That describes our annual Wilton Gun Club hunt on April 11th. **Candy Workman** (with husband Jake above) won the grand prize - A Fisher Excel Metal Detector donated by **Fisher** through Larry at Big Valley Metal Detectors. The 5 lucky guys above each won a 1/10 ounce gold coin.

Of course none of this fun would have been possible without the hard work and organization by our hunt masters, **Paul Giese** and **Bob Morris**. Make sure you thank Paul and Bob for their outstanding effort!

Librarian Report: **Tom Schweppe**

Tom reported that the library is doing well. He said that a member donated a video and a Minelab book to our collection. Our library is in top notch shape!

SEE YOU AT THE MAY 7th 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 for sale? Just send an e-mail to SVDB with your ad – one picture is allowed.
- You can also bring items to our meetings & sell them on the “**for sale**” table up front on the left.
- **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 March, 2009 Raffle:

We received **\$810** from this month's raffle. Thanks to Mary Ann Mejia, Don Ivers and James Neeley in selling tonight's raffle tickets! In addition to the coins in tonight's raffle, we gave a 1/10 oz. gold coin, a gold nugget donated by **Paul Giese** and a Bullseye II probe given by **Larry at Big Valley Detectors**. The nugget was won by **Chuck Long**, the Bullseye II by **Bob Maytum** and the gold coin by **Rudy Rodriguez**.



Rudy Rodriguez & Gold Coin - Chuck Long & Nugget

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DB 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

SVDB previous hunt results and winner:

March 15th at River City High School, 5 members found 148 coins. Oldest coin found by **John Duffy**

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 April photos were of last month's finds. The "pre-chosen" winner of this month's FOM show and tell finds was **Makayla Barone**.

Hunting Local "Micro-sites"

by Vince Migliore (SVDB)

I love going out on our club hunts on Sunday mornings, but we are often faced with that familiar problem of too many people working the same over-hunted parks. To remedy that situation, some of us are linking up in small groups (2 or 3 members) and setting out to smaller sites. These mini-excursions usually pay off big-time, because the smaller search areas generally have not been scoured by detectors before. We often come across that detectorist's dream – the "virgin" site. These are locations that have never been hunted before, and you can find coins and jewelry at all depths, even on the surface of the ground.



Last week I was fortunate to find a small park, about 2 acres, that was untouched. I found 22 coins in just over one hour, and three of them were earlier than 1965. I plan to go back there soon with a bigger coil and look for the silver that is most certainly hidden there.

So, how do you find such sites? Simple: keep your eyes open! Every time you drive to work, or take a trip in the car, start looking for those small patches of land where lots of people have walked. It might be a tiny park or a strip of public land on a busy street. After a while, like a photographer, you develop a habit of searching for and finding those special locations brimming with opportunity. You store those locations in your memory banks, or even chart them on a map. Then, when you have the opportunity of a spare hour or two, you can run out and hit the jackpot.

Not too long ago, I had jury duty in downtown Sacramento. I decided to take the light-rail train from Folsom to the courthouse – every day for a week. The tracks run along Folsom Boulevard, which is one of the oldest streets in the metropolitan area. From the train I could see dozens of tiny search sites that are ripe for hunting.



This has worked well for me, because sometimes I have only half an hour to hunt with the detector, but that small strip of grass I noticed last week will only take 20 minutes to search anyway. For the areas that are a little larger, I call up a friend or two from the club, and we go out together to these micro-sites. The SVDB club provides us with a great opportunity to meet other hobbyists in our area. Many of them are open to a spur of the moment hunt, or a planned trip to a local site.

Vince is a technical writer and he recently wrote a book entitled, "Metal Detecting for Beginners". He is currently conducting his final review of the book. It will be published and on sale within the next few months.

Vince also produced an excellent youtube video about SVDB and included pictures of the 2009 Wilton annual hunt. Click on the link below to view Vince's video.

[Youtube Video Link on SVDB and the Annual Hunt](#)

*Additional hunt pictures are on the SVDB web site under **Annual Hunt** on the left side of the page...Don*

The following article was written by Lee Wiese on his recent trip to Daytona Beach FL for the final Great Southern Metal Detecting Beach Shootout.

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Daytona Beach, Florida - April 3rd thru 5th, 2009

Welcome to the 7th Annual Great Southern Beach Shootout! Held every year at Daytona Beach, Florida, the GSBS has quickly become known as the world's largest beach metal detection event! This year's Great Southern Beach Shootout featured 5 competition hunts, plus a kid's hunt! The top ten ALL CASH prizes totaling more than \$11,000 included a \$5,000 Cash Grand Prize. There were thousands of targets buried in the 4 main hunts on Saturday & Sunday, along with tokens for cash, twenty-seven detectors and other gold & silver prizes.

SVDB was represented by eight people at the event with six of the eight taking part in the five hunts. They were the Costellos, Carliles and the Wieses.



The photo below represents the metal detectors that were given away as token prizes. There were a total of 50 main tokens for the cash and detector prizes. In addition there were eight detectors raffled off.



The SVDB team did not get any of the top 50 tokens, however, there were two SVDB raffle winners.



Ann Costello won a Fisher Coinstrike



Lois Wiese won a 25 Ounce Silver Bar

The following two photos are of the Beach Hunt Field.



The SVDB Group had a good time; however, it was announced on Sunday the last day of the event that there will be no more Great Southern Beach Shootouts. 😞

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25 Best Metal Detecting Sites by Kellyco Team



While there are literally hundreds of places to use your metal detector to find coins, rings, jewelry, gold, relics, and even real buried and hidden treasures, you must keep one important piece of information in mind - You must go where people have been, where they lived, where they worked and played. From as far back as you can find to even today - What are people doing? Where do they work and play? What places do they visit?

People lose coins, rings, jewelry, and other treasures everywhere they go. All kinds of valuables are lost or hidden for safekeeping. Many valuable treasures are buried and, for unknown reasons, the owners never come back to retrieve them. All these millions of coins and tens of thousands of dollars in rings and jewelry have never been found!

All the sites listed below are ones that have been submitted by our valued customers and members of the Kellyco Test Team who are devoted treasure hunters. Happy hunting and good luck on your metal detecting adventures!

1. *Parks*
2. *Schoolyards*
3. *Playgrounds*
4. *Fairgrounds*

5. *Picnic Areas*
6. *Recreational Vehicle Parks*
7. *Amusement Parks*
8. *Carnival Sites*
9. *Swimming Areas such as Lakes and Rivers*
10. *Seaside Beaches*
11. *Sand, Dirt or Grassy Parking Areas*
12. *Old Home Sites*
13. *Old School Sites*
14. *Children's Summer Camps*
15. *Fishing Camps*
16. *Hunting Camps*
17. *Under Grandstands and Bleachers*
18. *Under Ski Lifts*
19. *Churchyards*
20. *Old Military Bases*
21. *Old Campgrounds*
22. *Roadside Produce Stands*
23. *Around any Resort Area*
24. *Stock Car Speedway*
25. *Small Circus Grounds*

New Suggestions:

Abandoned Areas:

Where I live there are two trailer parks that have been here for 50 to 75 years.

Developers bought the property and the trailers will all be gone or abandoned soon. I'm looking forward to searching them.

I also drive out of the city to the country and look for the remains of old houses, barns or whatever looks empty and run down. Great places to detect.

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Remote Control Metal Detecting



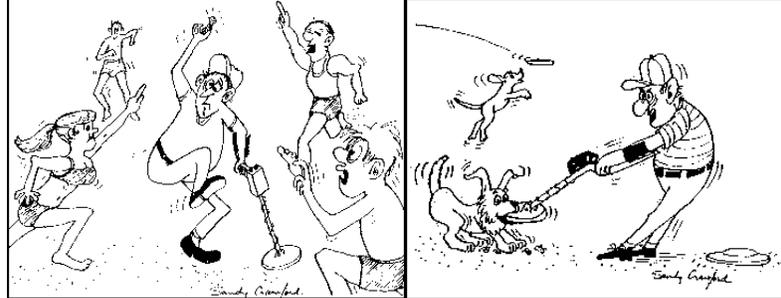
The London Science Museum added metal detecting technology to an R/C car so you can find treasure and have fun at the same time. The car beeps and lights up whenever it nears a metal object. It only costs \$83, so I may actually end up getting one. Walking the beach with a Minelab metal detector is just far too boring for me. *Sure I've found several expensive rings, but the women they're attached to usually start screaming before I can get them off.*

On the Lighter Side

"Congress is so strange; a man gets up to speak and says nothing, nobody listens, and then everybody disagrees."

"There is some talk of lowering the income tax, and they will have to. People are not making enough to pay it."

Both of the above quotes are by **Will Rogers**.



"Anybody lose a ring?"

"It's a coil, not a Frisbee you mutt!"

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