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Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

2010 Elected Officers

- President: John Duffy
Vice President: Paul Giese
Secretary: Don Dunn
Treasurer: Linda Woltman
2010 Volunteer Positions
Hospitality: Anita Massey
Hunt Master: Paul Giese
Librarian: Tom Schweppe
Membership: George Magann
Newsletter Editor: Don Dunn
Newsletter Mailings: Rick & Sue Morris
Raffle Table: Mary Ann Meji, Don Ivers & James Neeley
Web-Site Editor: Vince Migliore

July 1, 2010 SVDB Meeting Minutes

President: John Duffy

- John welcomed new visitors Craig Cranston, Carl Stone and Jack & Erla Meyers to our SVDB meeting.
John later introduced Vince Migliore who answered the question that was posed on the web site;
John auctioned off several items that Al Ezell donated to our club.

Vice President: Paul Giese

- Paul told us of club member Yancey Dearing who was not doing well after suffering a brain aneurism.
Paul then described the San Juan Park on July 10th. Pictures of the hunt are on page 2.

Secretary: Don Dunn

- Don described a recent trip to San Clemente when he visited his son and also went beach detecting.
He asked members what kind of articles that they would like to see in the newsletter.

Don later introduced James McClendon from Baysavers. James described the many features of the new (tone ID) White's MXT Pro. James offered members a discount on the MXT Pro plus extras from his Madison Ave store.



Treasurer's Report: Linda Woltman

- Linda gave this month's treasurer's report:

Table with financial data: Beginning Balance \$ 3,198, Expenses 98, Income 974, Ending Balance \$4,074

- Linda said our treasury is building back up after all the expenses we had from the annual hunt.

Membership Report: George Magann

- George announced we now have 167 paid up members and 35 that need to renew membership.
Mike McLelland won tonight's membership drawing. Mike won a 1878 Morgan Silver Dollar.
We had 76 people at tonight's meeting.



July Raffle with John D Calling, Vince M Running, & Emily B Picking

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Calendar Legend

- SVDB Monthly Meetings ■
- SVDB Park Hunt (Vote for a Place) ■

**Hunt Masters Report: Paul Giese**

*Pictures from San Juan Park Hunt – July 10th*



- Paul put on another great hunt at San Juan Park on July 10<sup>th</sup>. All 36 people who attended had a great time. They found lots of coins, won token prizes and/or a raffle prize (33 raffle prizes-unfound tokens). Rick Morris on the right won a nice silver w/ gold edging Peppermill Casino Limited Edition \$10 gaming token.
- Paul is having another hunt on September 11<sup>th</sup>. He will discuss possible locations and time at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Make sure you provide input at the meeting.

**Librarian Report: Tom Schweppe**

- Tom reported that the library was in great shape. A member donated 2 books on Ghost Towns and another person donated a bag of metal detecting related books.

**July 2010 Raffle Results:**

- We received \$790 from the July raffle. Thanks again to **Mary Ann Meji, Don Ivers & James Neeley** for selling tonight's raffle tickets!

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- **Ron Bassell** (right) won a 1/10 ounce Gold American Eagle coin (yes again).



- **Paul Fillo** (left) won a nice gold nugget that was donated by **Paul Giese**.



**See you at the August 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

- SVDB Meetings are held at the old SMUD Building in North Highlands. It's located at the intersection of SMUD Drive and Don Julio Blvd. The meeting is held in a large room facing Elkhorn on the **first Thursday** of each **month** and starts at **7:30 pm**. We meet close to where all the cars are parked.

**Day-In-The-Park Hunts:**

- There are 3 day-in-the park hunts per month. The hunts are on the first, second and third Sundays of each month. Sun breakfast is at 8:00 am with the hunt starting at 9:00 am. More hunts are organized using "**Meetup**". The meeting places for the Sunday hunts are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's Watt and Auburn
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's at Sunrise and Zinfandel Drive (2474 Sunrise Blvd)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Pancake House at 21<sup>st</sup> and Broadway

*Be prepared to discuss proposed changes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday restaurant locations and summer start times at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

**Day-In-The-Park Hunt Results and Oldest Coin Winners:**

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** at Martin Luther Jr. H.S. 13 members found 316 coins. Oldest coin - 1944s penny by **Bob Woods**.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>** at Orangevale Park. 9 members found 82 coins. Oldest coin - 1962 penny by **Chris Wilson**.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>** at JFK H.S. 11 members found 346 coins. Oldest coin - 1958 penny by **Bob Woods**.



**SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):**

- Eleven members brought their great finds to the June 2010 meeting. "By the magic of the internet" (huh?) the big winner of the Show & Tell FOM was **Rick Morris**.

**Free Money?** By Paul Giese

Pennies are a nuisance in our economy and when metal detecting all of us find more pennies than we want. All cent coins minted before 1982 are made of 95% copper. The 1982's could be either solid copper or copper clad. The weight factor is the key. Fully copper weigh 3.1



grams and the clad zincs weigh just 2.5 gr. The price of copper has risen dramatically in recent times so now 100 copper cent coins are worth around \$1.85. The mint does not want us to scrap our pennies to recycle the metal but this also follows the guidelines in

1965 when silver coins were not allowed to be scrapped out for silver content. The fear there would be a shortage of coins for commerce was real. Then as the clad coinage numbers rose high enough to support commerce the silver coins were hoarded and now can be sold for silver content. I would expect the copper situation to be similar. I have started to "hoard" the solid copper coins and so far have about 300. No one can predict the future but why not seize an opportunity?



*Let's all give Paul some 1980 or earlier Copper Pennies at the August meeting....dd*

**Huge Roman Coins Find by Hobbyist**

Thursday, 8 July 2010 UK by BBC News



*Archaeologists from Somerset County Council excavated the jar and coins*

One of the largest ever finds of Roman coins in England has been made by a man using a metal detector.

The hoard of more than 52,000 coins dating from the 3rd Century AD was found in a field near Frome in Somerset.

The coins were found buried in a huge jar just over a foot (30cm) below the surface by David Crisp, from Devizes in Wiltshire using a *Radio Shack detector*.

"I have made many finds over the years, but this is my first major coin hoard," he said.

After his metal detector gave a "funny signal", Dave Crisp says he dug down 14 inches before he found what had caused it.

"I put my hand in, pulled out a bit of clay and there was a little Radial, a little bronze Roman coin. It was very, very small, about the size of my fingernail."

Mr. Crisp reported the find to the authorities, allowing the site to be excavated by archaeologists.

**Offering to the gods**

Since the discovery in late April, experts from the Portable Antiquities Scheme at the British Museum have been working through the find.



The coins were all contained in a single clay pot. Although it only measured 18in (45cm) across, the coins were packed inside and would have weighed an estimated 160kg (**350lb**).

"I don't believe myself that this hoard of coins was intended for recovery," says Sam Moorhead from the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

"I think what you could see is a community of people who are actually making offerings and they are each pouring in their own contribution to a communal ritual offering to the gods."

It is estimated the coins were worth about four years' pay for a legionary soldier.

"Because Mr. Crisp resisted the temptation to dig up the coins, it has allowed archaeologists from Somerset County Council to carefully excavate the pot and its contents," said Anna Booth, local finds liaison officer.

Somerset County Council Heritage Service now hope the coroner (lawyer) will declare the find as treasure. That would allow the Museum of Somerset to acquire the coins at market value with the reward shared by



Dave Crisp and the land owner.

The story of the excavation will be told in a new BBC Two archaeology series, "Digging for Britain", presented by Dr. Alice Roberts and made by [360production](http://www.360production.com), to be broadcast in August, 2010.

**Results from the SVDB Santa Cruz Beach Outing**  
*July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 by Lee Wiese*

The SVDB Beach Outing was attended by 18 -19 SVDB members over the day and half in the Santa Cruz beach region. The weather was cool as you can see by all of the sweat shirts and jackets in the photo.



The outing consisted of 3 seeded hunts and 2 open beach hunts. There was over a \$750 value in Silver coins for either token prizes or for the 3 grand prizes. Over 3,000 Clad coins were planted plus we had 21 donated prizes.

The three grand prizes required the winner to find a key that would open a lock. There were 20 keys planted in each hunt and only 1 of the keys would open a lock for the prize. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize was won by Steve Hallett, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize by Bob Meneely and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize by George Miskovsky.



The two open beach hunts yielded over \$65 in clad coins (this is an estimate since five members did not turn in their summary sheets) with the most coins coming from the main beach. There were also 13 rings found, (one 14K gold with 5 small diamonds, five silver rings and the rest junk) and one silver bracelet. There were also many earrings, charms, etc., found during the two open beach hunts. George (Lucky) Miskovsky found 4 silver rings in 1 scoop and a \$5 bill after the hunts on another beach.

**Everyone had a GREAT time thanks to Lee....dd**

**How to Make a Wooden Metal Detector Wall Rack**  
*By SVDB Member Bill Kaufman*

This project can be completed with simple hand tools or any combination of power and hand tools.

**Supplies needed**

**Wood:** 2½” wide by ¾” thick by 48 inches long

**Hardware:** (2) 2½” wood screws  
 (2) 1¾” wood screws  
 (2) ¾” wood screws

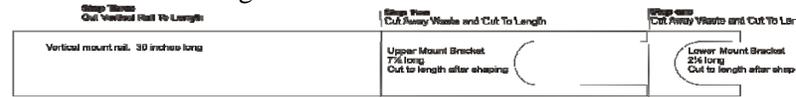
**Finishing:** Sheet each of 100 and 150 grit sand paper

**Paint or Clear Finish** to suit your taste

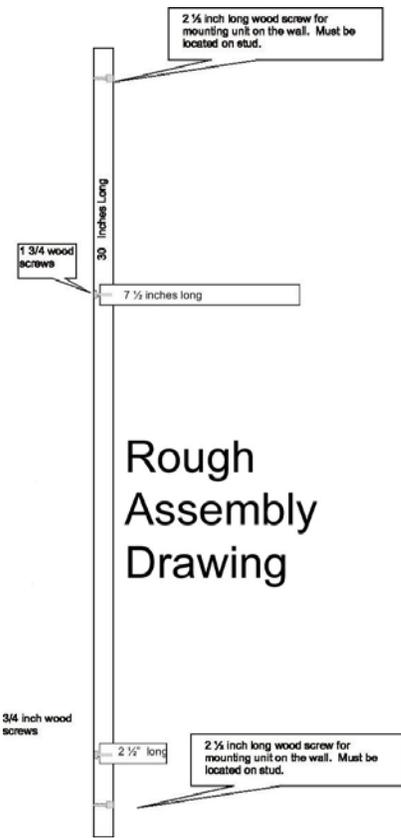


Begin by cutting the parts to proper length after drilling and sawing the relief cuts.

Refer to the drawing



- Lay the board flat on a work surface
- Measure 2½” from the right and mark the board
- Find the center of the board and scribe a line  
 Measure ¾ ” from the cut end of the board and drill a 1” diameter hole
  - Saw the waste away
- Cut this mount to 2 ½ inches long  
 This is now the Lower Mount Bracket
- Measure 7½ inches and mark the board
- Measure 3 ¾ ” from the cut end of the board and drill a 1” diameter hole
  - Saw the waste away
- Cut this mount to 7½ inches long  
 This is now the Upper Mount Bracket
- Measure 30 inches long and mark the board and cut to length. This is now the Vertical Mount Rail
- Decide which end of the vertical mount rail will be the top.
- Measure down 9 inches and mark the board. This is where you will install the upper mount bracket.



Measure 2 3/4 inches up from the bottom and mark the vertical mount rail. This is where you will install the lower mount Bracket

Drill two pilot holes in the vertical rail at each marked location for the mounting brackets.

Drive the screws from the back of the rail into the mounting brackets

Measure 1 1/4 from the top of the rail and drill a pilot hole for the upper wall mounting screw

Measure 1 1/4 from the bottom of the rail and drill a pilot hole for the lower wall mounting screw

Sand and finish with paint or a clear finish.

[Click on this link for better drawings of the Wall Rack.](#)

### Find Treasure Where?

by Frank Pandozzi

You can find treasure because people have been hiding money since the beginning of time. Here are a number of reasons why.



1. People don't trust other people
2. They don't trust banks
3. Many people don't trust their spouses. No kidding..
4. People don't trust the economy, or the stock market
5. Many individuals hide money just to feel secure
6. **Many people hide money with the intention of**

*giving it to their family members or a spouse. Unfortunately they die first and the hidden money is never found.*

The money was not found because the **hider** never told the **hidee**. You can find treasure for the above reasons, many people have.

**Here are some unique places to search. They may be areas you had never thought to look.**

#### 1. Gardens

You can find treasure in gardens. People love working in their gardens. They also love to bury their valuables there.

The garden hiding places are a popular area for secreting a cache.

Everything from mason jars full of coins to large steel boxes of jewelry has been located in gardens.



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## 2. Old Cars

Many old timers used the gas tanks of their abandoned vehicles to stash their coins.

I'm not fooling you here. An enterprising young man contacted me a few years ago about this one.



Apparently he purchased an old farm. The farm had two old automobiles from the early 1920's abandoned on the property.

When this individual was moving one of the old wrecks from the property, and as he was lifting the old tank from the frame of the wreck he heard a clanking sound inside the gas tank. At the same time the rusted bottom of the tank fell to the ground, and with it was a cache of Barber coins.

Amazed at this discovery, the young man began searching for other old abandoned wrecks, hoping for the same situation. He told me that in three years he had located fifteen old, abandoned wrecks, and three of them had coins cached in their old gas tanks.

You can find treasure in old wrecks. If you do, I'd like to hear about your story.

## 3. Hollowed Out Old Trees

A treasure hunting acquaintance of mine was metal detecting an old homestead in Pennsylvania.

The home had been un-lived in for many years. He was working the back of the property in a thick area populated with old elm and maple trees.



One of the old trees that he was near had a large hollowed hole in the center of the trunk, about four feet from the ground. This fellow happened to notice a piece of burlap bag hanging from inside the hollowed out area. Being inquisitive, as most good treasure hunters are, he walked over to investigate further. Inside the hollowed tree trunk was a rotted, old, burlap bag. Inside the bag were old coins dating between 1832 and 1877. Also inside the hole were the remains of a nest that had been lived in by an animal.

*It never ceases to amaze me where people hide money.*

## 4. Bridges

*This also has to do with thieves on the run.*

When you are searching those river and creek beds be sure that you also take the time to search beneath the bridges. Search the bridge itself as well as the ground beneath it.



And remember; when thieves are on the run, they don't spend a lot of time hiding their stolen goods.

So look in the obvious places like between the joists of the bridge, or the steel girders. If it will take time to climb up to, or it's too dangerous, then you're wasting your time. By the way, I know an adventurous individual who has recovered large amounts of cash from beneath two bridges, less than two miles from each other.

*Why was the cash beneath those bridges?*

Most likely it was drug money and the drug dealer was caught before going back to retrieve his/her stash.

### 5. Cold Cellars

Just about every old homestead had a cold storage cellar. This was an area where the property owners stored their food. These holes in the ground were nothing more than a small cellar hole lined with the rock from the area. Many times these cold cellars have produced caches of all kinds for the treasure hunter interested enough to search for them.



*Give it a try.* And please let me know if you find treasure in cold cellars. Back in the 1800's, a man confided to his relatives that he had a rich gold deposit on his property and showed them a gallon jug that he had over the years filled with gold nuggets. When he was on his death bed he would not tell them the location of either the gold deposit or the jug of nuggets. For many years, after the old man died, folks searched for both, neither was ever found.

### *We were not alone at the Santa Cruz Beach Hunt this Year*



*Santa Cruz Wharf to Wharf Race (15,000 Racers) was also held on July 25, 2010*



*"These new metal detectors are great!"*

***A fool and his money are soon elected.....Will Rogers***

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