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June 3, 2010 SVDB Meeting Minutes

President: John Duffy

- John welcomed new visitor Jim Booth who was looking to buy a detector like a White's V3 or MXT.
- He also had praise for all the people who volunteered to help at the annual hunt.
- John later introduced Chuck Clark who described a 6 months stay in AZ learning about hard rock mining

Vice President: Paul Giese

- Paul went into detail concerning his next planted hunt. This hunt will be at San Juan Park on July 10th at 9 am. The fee is \$10 and the map is on page 2 of this newsletter.
- Paul also explained he will continue to be SVDB hunt master & VP for the foreseeable future.

Secretary: Don Dunn

- Don specifically thanked the following people for their help with the 2010 Annual Hunt:
 - o Allan Woltman & George Magann – Organizing
 - o Linda Woltman – Staffing Sign in Table
 - o John /Joy Duffy – Leveling Grass & Taking Pictures
 - o Chris Poulsen/Christine Miles/Molly - Guard Duties
 - o Cherie Peters & Others – Cleanup/Garbage Bags
 - o Vince Migliore – Pictures & Story for Web Site
 - o Allan Wagner – Arriving Early & Allowing 2nd Hunt

• Don later described an unusual hunt that he and Jim Milbradt had searching for a lost wedding ring. The gold ring was lost in a Cameron Park yard of the lady who was getting married in 2 weeks. She was seeing how the ring fit and promptly lost it. We found her buried ring (someone had stepped on it) and her future husband sent SVDB \$50 as a thank you.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Woltman

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

Beginning Balance	\$ 927
Expenses	414
Income	2,685
Ending Balance	\$3,198

- Linda also said that our new expenses should be minimal for the next few months.

Membership Report: George Magann

- George announced we now have 153 paid up members and 35 that need to renew membership.
- **Richard Switzer** won tonight's membership drawing.
- We had 67 people here tonight.



What's This?
(Answer on page 3)

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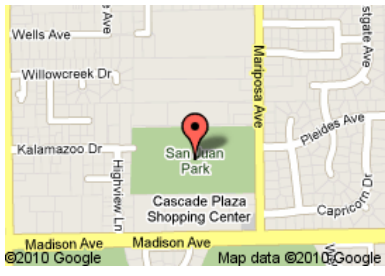
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Calendar Legend

- SVDB Meetings
- San Juan Park Hunt
- Santa Cruz Beach Hunt

Hunt Masters Report: Paul Giese

• Paul said that the San Juan Park hunt on July 10th is one that you don't want to miss. Lots of prizes and coins will be given away. The hunt will start promptly at 9 am – so don't be late! It is a SVDB members only hunt and there will be a \$10 entry fee. Paul would like everybody to sign up no later than at the July 1st SVDB meeting.

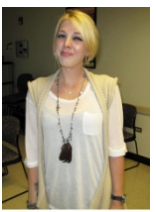


Librarian Report: Tom Schweppe

• Tom was back from his latest mandatory several ocean cruises a year. Tom said the library was in great shape and that Vince Migliore donated 2 copies of the book he just had published, "Metal Detecting for the Beginner: 2nd Edition". See story on page 3.

June 2010 Raffle Results:

- We received \$607 from the June raffle. Thanks again to **Mary Ann Meji, Don Ivers & James Neeley** for selling tonight's raffle tickets!
- **Ceil Wiegard** (right) won tonight's 1/10 ounce Gold American Eagle.



• Thanks go to **Emily Bosen** (left) who picked the winning raffle tickets for tonight's prizes from the big raffle drum.

See you at the July 1st 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 now 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:
 - 1st Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's at Watt and Auburn
 - 2nd Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's at Sunrise and Zinfandel Drive (2474 Sunrise Blvd)
 - 3rd Sunday Hunt: Meet at Pancake House at 21st and Broadway

Day-In-The-Park Hunt Results and Oldest Coin Winners:
May 9th at Mitchell School, 4 members found 71 coins. Oldest coin was a 1961 penny found by **Bob Woods**.

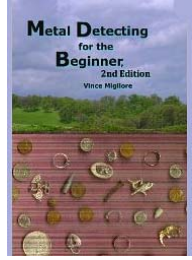
May 16th at Laguna HS, 12 members found 350 coins. Oldest coin was a 1962 penny found by **Robert Byers**

SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

• Only 8 members brought their finds to the June 2010 meeting. The weather started warming up making the ground a little harder than the soft diggings we had in a wet May. **Ron Swenson** found the digging to his liking because he found several silver coins along with an 1845 large cent and an 1871 two cent piece – see below. *Show & Tell FOM* winners were **Chuck Blaisdell** and **Pete Pobor**.



**Metal Detecting for the Beginner:
2nd Edition**



Vince has done it again. He has had his 2nd metal detecting book published. Here is an extract from Amazon.com concerning his latest literary effort.

“Metal Detecting for the Beginner: 2nd Edition

is an expanded version of the original best-selling book on metal detecting. We've added more pages, more photographs, and a vastly enhanced discussion of using the Internet to compliment your treasure hunting. The book includes a thorough explanation of crucial concepts for the beginner, such as Discrimination and Target ID. Resources include a list of manufacturers, hobby-related web sites, and step-by-step instructions for using the Internet for planning and research.

About the Author

Vince Migliore is a writer and researcher with an abiding interest in metal detecting. He has written several articles for hobbyist magazines, including Western and Eastern Treasures. The first version of this book (2009) has been the top seller in metal detecting for many months on Amazon.com.”

Way to go Vince..... Don

**How To Make Kids Smile
By Paul Giese**

I've driven by the R. Stevenson Elementary School many times and would have liked to hunt the grounds but could see no entryway and could only fantasize about how good it should be. Recently on a Saturday I noticed 2 children playing on the



equipment. I pulled into the parking lot and got out and asked them how they got into the playground. They shared with me there was an open gate around the corner from the auditorium. With some excitement I gathered my hunting gear together and headed into the Promised Land. I started detecting the chip wood and was finding a few coins but no bonanza.

The boy and girl were watching intently as I went about my business. It was not long until they were asking me questions and were amazed I was able to identify and announce each find buried from 2 to 3 inches deep. They introduced each other as Brittany, 9 and Brandon, 13.

Brittany lived within a block of the school & her cousin Brandon lived in Stockton but often came to Sacramento with his parents to visit. Brittany asked if the detector could find keys as she had lost her house keys a couple of days earlier and she thought she might have lost them while playing on the equipment during recess. When I swung the coil just in front of the slide I heard the distinct sound of a brass target. Barely covered up was her key ring. She was so delighted to get her keys back and thanked me several times. Brandon then asked me if I would look for his shiny Gold dollar. He said they had played pirates and somehow had lost his treasure. I asked him if he could point out the area where he lost it. He took me over to a spot under the cover of a platform and within the posts.



Within a couple of minutes I got a clear dollar signal and in a flash had his treasure in hand. The only thing about it however was that the coin was quite tarnished. I turned to him, handed him his dollar, and asked when he had lost it. He replied he thought it was last July!!! He looked at his coin and soon a huge grin appeared. After finishing the play area I moved out into the grass field for another hour but the lack of coins and jewelry proved others knew about the secret gate and have worked this school pretty hard.



**White's New MXT Pro
By Jimmy Sierra**

The Now Legendary MXT has just gotten better....if that's possible.

Those of you who are familiar with the MXT's blood brother, the Goldmaster GMT, already know about its very popular "GRAB" button feature. Well, now we have the Grab button on the **MXT Pro** as well.....



This feature is very useful when operating the MXT with the Tracking in the LOCK position, a practice which is popular among gold prospectors.

White's New MXT Pro (Continued)

In the LOCK position, the MXT Pro, like the GMT, is storing in memory the ground condition as the loop is swept over the ground, but since the tracking is locked off, the ground balance level stays the same.

However, when the **Grab Button** is pressed, the ground balance is corrected to the last piece of ground the detector has seen. In addition, it has the great powder paint job and two other new features that have been added to the MXT Pro.

A **Backlight**, which numerous people have asked for and a new **TONE ID** feature, which is different for each program....Coin/Jewelry, Relic and Prospecting.

All 3 of these new features are accessed by 3 touch pads on the Display Pod. The MXT Pro will be packaged with the 300mm (12" dd) coil and is priced at \$899.95 sug.retail.

Now for the BIG MXT Pro News

James of Baysavers.com will bring the new MXT Pro to the July 1st SVDB meeting and give a short demo on it. **James will offer SVDB member's optional savings on a new MXT Pro and accessories. You have to be at our July 1st meeting to hear all about the details of the savings.**



James will present us an offer that is only good until July 8th. The offer can't be advertised so you have to attend the meeting to find out what it is. He will bring a few MXT Pros with him and they will be sold to those who are interested.

If you can't wait until then Call James now at 916-961-9130 for more information.

Gold prices sets record high

By The Associated Press- Fri Jun 18, 2010

GOLD'S DAZZLE: Gold prices set a record high for a second day Friday as investors continued to question the strength of the global economic recovery. Gold for August delivery settled at \$1,258.30 an ounce after hitting \$1,263.70 an ounce earlier in the day. Some analysts speculate it could hit \$1,300 an ounce in the months ahead.

PRECIOUS GAINS: Silver, platinum and palladium all rose as they attracted traders and investors interested in precious metals.

MIXED BAG: Crude prices rose while gasoline, natural gas and heating oil all fell.



Last Chance to Sign-up for the SVDB-Santa Cruz Beach Outing

Sunday & Monday, July 25th & 26th, 2010



It's that time of the year again to sign up for the Santa Cruz Beach Outing. This year it is a little different; there will be three paid hunts and two open beach hunts which should make for a busy day and a half.

The first hunt will be for silver dine tokens, donated prizes and

clad coins.

The second hunt will be for silver quarter tokens and clad.

The final hunt will be for silver half tokens, donated prizes and clad.

Five dollars of every entry fee will go to two or three prizes. All three hunts will have keys planted to open two or three locks for the top prizes. The locks will be opened after the last hunt on Monday and each key found will be worth something.

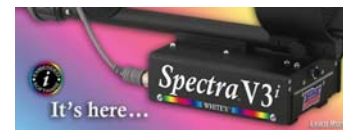
- ✓ Cost on or before July 1st: **Three Hunts \$65, Two Hunts \$45, One Hunt \$25**
- ✓ Cost After July 2nd to Hunt Date is: **\$25 per Hunt**

There will be three paid hunts and to two open beach hunts – Five Total.

Lee needs at least 20 people signed up and paid to have this hunt. He needs these sign ups no later than at the July 1st meeting. See Lee at the July 1st meeting to sign up. Get the complete Flyer from Lee or on line at: <http://www.sacramentovalleydetectingbuffs.com/clubnews/May20SantaCruzOuting.pdf>

White's V3i Seminar by Lee Wiese

Lee gave members a great introductory hands on briefing on the new White's V3i after the June 3rd SVDB meeting.



It was an informative session with lots of questions and answers. Lee used a laptop hooked up to the large screen for viewing. He also had a camera focused on his V3i screen to show real time images. *Great Job...DD*

Dutch Flat Still Has Gold (Placer County)

The following 3 lost treasure stories were from the Friendly Metal Detecting Forum.

This mining town started back in 1851, when the Dornback brothers found a sunny hollow near the richest section of the Bear River. They set their stakes here and started looking for the precious yellow metal. To the South was the mining camp of Green Valley, Little York was just across the river, and west of them was the trading post known as Cold Springs (called Gold Run by some). Muleskinners brought in supplies and called the Dornback's camp "Dutch Charlie's Flat." As gold was depleted from other areas, the Chinese moved in and a China Town developed in the 1850's. In the 1870's the China Town burned down, at this time the town made a move to the south close to the railroad depot. Hydraulic mining was used to free the gold, but this was stopped in time by new laws and the gravels are said to still hold millions in the yellow metal. Their camp went on to become the largest town in Placer County; it is now just a peaceful village. Dutch Flat still has much to offer the modern gold seeker.

Photos Included:

Dutch Flat as it appears today. The Bear River, the gravels still hold gold. A prospector, not much has changed over the years. Is there any color in his pan? Let's jump his claim.

Attached Images



A Bottle Hill Cache (El Dorado County)

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.

Photo Included:

The old man lived in what would be considered a shack to us today. But there are no remaining buildings at the site of Bottle Hill anymore. So where is the old man's gold deposit and buried jug of gold nuggets? This one would take a great deal of research and luck to find.

Attached Image



Treasure Awaits (Inyo County)

For those who venture to the Ghost Town once called "Cerro Gordo". The area mines here produced over \$25 million before the mines eventually gave out. Founded in 1865, the end came in 1874. It peaked at 2,000 residents and had a large Chinatown. The Chinese moved in when things slowed down in a boomtown and reworked what everyone else gave up on. Holdups were often in the Mojave Desert, a short distance from town. Still to this day the ruins of mine buildings and foundations can be found on the slopes of Buena Vista Peak.

No doubt there are hidden caches to be discovered placed there by those who stole and those who wanted to keep what they worked so hard for!

Photo Included:

Just some of the many buildings remaining yet to this day in “Cerro Gordo”.



Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.
- Will Rogers



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