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**Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs**

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**May 6, 2010 SVDB Meeting Minutes**

**President: John Duffy**

- John welcomed new visitors Ron Boyd, Daniel Ynacay, Judy Wilson and Bill Woodturner.
- He then proceeded to tell a joke about a Genie in a bottle and a gullible couple.
- John said he would be flattening the grass in preparation of the annual hunt in Wilton on May 7<sup>th</sup> with Allan Wagner's tractor.
- John later described how he was able to assist local law enforcement officers in finding a crime scene gun.

**Vice President: Paul Giese**

- Paul attended his 1<sup>st</sup> meeting since he had surgery 4 weeks ago. He said he would not be able to attend the May 8<sup>th</sup> annual hunt and has given those duties over to Allan Woltman and George Magann.
- Paul also explained the situation of his partnership in a mining operation near Foresthill and the probability of him selling this property to a Canadian group. If this group buys the property then Paul would act as a consultant to them for 1 to 2 years.
- Paul also thanked everyone for the cards and calls while he was recovering from his recent surgery.

**Secretary: Don Dunn**

- Don announced that we needed volunteers for the annual hunt to help with setting up the food/tables, handling the prizes table, helping with cleanup and taking home the garbage sacks afterwards. He also said it was OK to bring a friend or spouse and explained that an oven and micro wave were on site.
- Don said that Sue Morris had printed up extra copies of the annual hunt page from the May Newsletter which includes directions to the hunt site.

**Treasurer's Report: Linda Woltman**

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

Beginning Balance	\$5,852
Expenses	6,745
Income	1,821
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 927</b>

- Linda also received \$30 from John Moustakas in appreciation of SVDB members **Vince Migliore, Steve James and Don Dunn**. They found John's lost gold wedding ring in his Folsom back yard. John lost the ring over a year ago in a 2 foot raised planter bed. This lost/found ring story was also published in the May 12<sup>th</sup> *Folsom Telegraph* newspaper.



**6,000 + Clad Coins Planted at the Annual Hunt**

- Linda said that the large expenses this month were due to the cost of recent annual hunt prizes plus John also bought several coins for the monthly raffle prizes.

**Membership Report: *George Magann***

- George announced we now have 141 paid up members and 46 that needed to renew membership.
- **Sue Morris** won tonight's membership drawing.
- We had 78 people here tonight.

**Hunt Masters Report: *Paul Giese***

- Allan Woltman sat in for Paul and discussed the upcoming annual hunt at the Alta Mesa Gun Club. He said we had over 70 people sign up for the hunt so far and some new people here tonight expressed an interest in joining SVDB and participating in the hunt.
- Allan explained that he and George would be planting the coins and tokens from his ATV early Saturday morning prior to the hunt. He also reviewed all of the token prizes that will be won and said that each person in the hunt would receive a sign-in prize.

***Photos from the May 8, 2010 Annual Hunt***

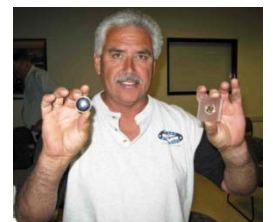


**Librarian Report: *Tom Schweppe***

- Tom was cruising again this month and was unable to attend the meeting.

***May 2010 Raffle Results:***

- We received **\$800** from the May raffle. Thanks to **Mary Ann Meji, Don Ivers & James Neeley** for selling tonight's raffle tickets!
- **Dale Metoxen** won a nice nugget that was donated by **Paul Giese**. Dale also won tonight's 1/10 ounce Gold American Eagle. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time the same person won both major prizes!



### See you at the June 3rd Meeting

- SVDB Meetings are held at the North County Corporate Yard (Formerly SMUD Building) 5026 Don Julio Boulevard North Highlands. It's located 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** sharp.

#### *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:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny's at 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

*Day-In-The-Park Hunt Results and Oldest Coin Winners:*  
**April 4th** at Mira Loma HS, 8 members found 153 coins. Oldest coin was a 1961 D penny found by **David Warner**.

**April 11th** at Pasteur Middle School, 5 members found 89 coins. Oldest coin was a 1965 quarter found by **David Warner (again)**.

**May 2nd** at Rio Americana HS, 14 members found 417 coins. Oldest coin was a 1952 Buffalo nickel found by **Chris Poulsen**.

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

- There were several people that displayed their impressive finds at the May meeting. The sun broke out for a few days and many members were out digging. *Show & Tell FOM* winner was **Bob Woods**.

#### *Lost Gold Mines in California from Legends of America*

Once gold was discovered and the California Gold Rush began, more than 500 camps, villages and towns sprang up almost overnight as some 80,000 prospectors poured into the Mother Lode country in 1849 alone. For more than a decade, the flood of people continued to come, arriving



overland on the California Trail, by ship around Cape Horn, or through the Panama shortcut.

In the beginning, the miners easily gathered the surface gold, scratching more than \$10 million from the land in 1849. By 1853 the yield had peaked at more than \$81 million before dropping in 1855 to \$55 million (in today's dollar over \$2 billion).

Among these tens of thousands of prospectors and an almost equal amount of claims, tales of "lost mines" began almost immediately as pioneers were killed, sickened, or lost their way back to many of the rich ore finds in the mountains and deserts of the Golden State.

Whether these tales of lost mines are fact or fiction, their legends are still alive for hopeful prospectors of California.

#### **Lost - Cement Gold Mine of Mammoth Mountain**

In 1857 two German men who had been traveling with a California-bound wagon train, left the rest of the group and headed out on their own. Winding up in the Mono Lake region of northern California, one of the men would later describe the area as "the burnt country." While crossing the Sierra Nevada near the headwaters of the Owens River, they sat down to rest near a stream. Here, they noticed a curious looking rock ledge of red lava filled with what appeared to be pure lumps of gold "cemented" together, hence, the name.

The ledge was so loaded with the ore that one of the men didn't believe it to be real, laughing at the other as he pounded away about ten pounds of the ore to take with him. The believer drew a map to the location and the two continued their journey. Along the way, the disbeliever died and the gold-laden traveler tossed the majority of the samples. After crossing the mountains, he followed the San Joaquin River to the mining camp of Millerton, California. During his journey, the German had become ill and soon went to San Francisco for treatment. He was diagnosed and cared for by a Dr. Randall who told the man he was terminally ill with consumption (tuberculosis). With no money to pay the doctor and too ill to return to the treasure, he paid his caretaker with the ore, the map he had drawn, and provided him with a detailed description.



Mammoth Mountain

Dr. Randall shared this knowledge with a few of his friends and together they arrived at old Monoville in the spring of 1861. Engaging additional men to help, Randall's group began to prospect on a quarter-section of land called Pumice Flat. Thought to have been some eight miles north of Mammoth Canyon, the 120 acres were near what became known as Whiteman's Camp. Word spread quickly and before long miners flooded the area hunting for the gold laden red "cement." One story tells that two of Dr. Randall's party had in fact found the "Cement Mine," taking several thousand dollars from the ledge. Unfortunately, for those two men, the area was rife with the Owens Valley [Indian War](#) which began in 1861.

The Paiute [Indians](#), who had heretofore been generally peaceful, balked at the large numbers of prospectors who had invaded their lands. The two miners who had allegedly found the lost ledge were killed by the [Indians](#) before they were able to tell of its location. Though the "cement" outcropping was never found, the many prospectors who flooded the eastern Sierra region did find gold, resulting in the mining camps of Dogtown, Mammoth City, Lundy Canyon, [Bodie](#), and many others. The lost lode is said to lie somewhere in the dense woods near the Sierra Mountain headwaters of the San Joaquin River's middle fork.



### Lost - Goose Egg Mine of El Dorado County

As early as 1848, gold was found in the Mosquito Valley of El Dorado County, [California](#). As more and more people found their way to the [Gold Rush](#) country, hundreds of mining camps sprung up all over the region. One that flourished was Newtown, some nine miles southeast of Placerville.

Established in 1852, Newtown was first settled by Swiss immigrants who spoke Italian and called the village "Sunny Italy." Growing quickly, Newtown boasted a post office, several retail establishments and about 5,000 residents, with some claiming it was bigger than Placerville.



Rich with placer gold, the [Wells Fargo](#) Express began serving Newton three times a week and passenger stage routes were added later.

Tales abounded of the easy gold to be found. On one occasion two large nuggets, one weighting 36 ounces and the other 42, were plucked from the South Fork of Webber Creek, one mile downstream from Newtown, in Pleasant Valley.

Into this midst of easy findings and quick fortunes came a young immigrant from Finland who went by the name of "Sailor Jack." Though the naïve man knew absolutely nothing of gold mining, he was determined to make his fortune in the goldfields. No sooner had he come to town when several experienced miners, as a practical joke, convinced the newcomer to file a claim on a piece of land they knew to be worthless. But as fate will have it sometimes, the joke ended up being on the pranksters when Sailor Jack struck pay dirt on his claim and the mine became one of the richest in El Dorado County. Called the Sailor Jack Mine, it was also known as the Pinchgut Mine, the One Spot Mine, and the Pinchentight Mine. In its early days the placer mine, located about 1 ½ miles north of Newtown, yielded about \$40,000 worth of gold.

It was during these frenzied days of working the Sailor Jack Mine that one

of the miners employed there found yet another rich discovery. In a location above the Sailor Jack, in an area called Goose Neck Ravine, the miner found several large gold nuggets. Upon returning, he shared his discovery with several other miners who thought that the nuggets might have come from the lead source of the Sailor Jack.



Though the prospector, as well as several others, returned to the area time after time, they could never find the spot where the nuggets were picked up. From that time on, the site has been referred to as the Lost Goose Egg Mine.

Today, there is nothing left of Newtown except an old stone building and a cemetery near the intersection of Newtown Road and Fort Jim Road about eight miles southeast of Placerville. The Sailor Jack Mine was located about 1 ½ miles due north of Newtown near today's Webber Reservoir.

**Santa Cruz Beach Outing July 25 – 26, 2010**  
by Lee Wiese

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<b>SVDB Meetings</b>							<b>SVDB Hunts</b>													
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>							July 10 <sup>th</sup> San Juan Park													
July 1 <sup>st</sup>							July 25-26th Santa Cruz													
August 5 <sup>th</sup>																				

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 dime 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 from every entry fee will go towards 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.

There will be a short beach detecting class and some instructions will be available before you go out on the open beach hunts.

Date:  
**Sunday & Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Hunt Time:  
6:15 am to 11:00 am Sunday  
6:30 pm Sunday Evening  
6:15 am to 11:00 am Monday

Where:  
Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Cruz Main Beach  
Sunday Evening at the Santa Cruz Main Beach  
Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Seacliff State Park Beach

Outing Requirement:  
**Please note: There MUST be 20+ SVDB members signed up on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> or the outing will be cancelled and all funds returned.**

Hunt Cost:

- ✓ 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**
- No Refunds after July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Schedule of Events:

Sunday

6:15 am - Sunday Morning there will be a 35 minute beach hunt with clad & Tokens for Silver dimes.  
7:00 am to 11:00 am - Sunday Morning Open Beach Hunt.  
11:30 am - Token Prize Redemption.  
12: 30 pm - Pizza at Woodstock's in Downtown Santa Cruz. (Not part of the Fee)  
6:30 pm - Sunday Evening there will be a 35 minute beach hunt for Clad & Tokens for silver quarters.  
7:15 pm - Token Prize Redemption.

Monday

6:15 am - Monday Morning there will be a 35 minute beach hunt with Clad Coins & Tokens for Silver Coins.  
7:00 am to 11:00 am - Monday Morning Open Beach Hunt.  
11:30 am - Token Prize Redemption.

**Each Day after the Events you are free to go and do what ever you want in the Santa Cruz area**

Prizes each day for Open Beach Hunt:

- ✓ Most coins
- ✓ Highest Dollar Amount
- ✓ Oldest Coin for each: (Penny, Nickel, Dime & Quarter)
- ✓ Best Jewelry of the Day – Group Vote
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Open Beach Hunt Only (Most Trash Found)

You can only win one major prize per open beach hunt each day.

Prizes for all events will be silver coins, and donated items.



Website URL for the complete Beach Outing flyer:

<http://www.sacramentovalleydetectingbuffs.com/clubnews/2010-JulySVDBSantaCruzOuting.pdf>

**July 10<sup>th</sup> Planted Hunt**

Paul Giese will conduct a planted hunt on July 10<sup>th</sup> that you don't want to miss! It will be held in San Juan Park on Mariposa Ave near Madison in Citrus Hts. The hunt will start at 9 am and will cost \$10 to SVDB members.



**Pres Comments – John Duffy**

As we approach the half-way mark for 2010 I am again drawn to the wonderful level of volunteerism we have in Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs and just want to take an additional moment to thank all those who have stepped up to support all of us at our recent annual hunt. When our regular hunt master, Paul Giese, had a medical emergency the members who were working with him just stepped up their level of commitment to bring off a great hunt. Alan Woltman, Linda Woltman, George Magann, Don Dunn, and Vince Migliore all were working hard on bringing us a great hunt. To any members who contributed that I have inadvertently left out, my apologies – please know that we all do appreciate your efforts even if I missed your name here.

And it doesn't stop there. Paul G. is already working on another club hunt (see story above). Lee Weise has put together another Santa Cruz beach hunt (page 5).

James Neeley and Vince Migliore hold our Sunday Day-in-the-Park hunts and do a great job there.

If you are feeling motivated to contribute, don't hesitate to speak with one of us and say you would like to learn how to help run one of these great Club activities. I can "guarantee" that you will get as much out of your contribution as you put into it. "Happy Hunting from your President." *Regards John*

**White's V3i Seminar by Lee Weise  
(after June 3rd Meeting)**



After the next SVDB meeting Lee will provide a short seminar on the White's V3 for anyone that is interested. Bring your V3 or V3i for hands on learning experience. Even if you don't have a V3 you can still sit in on the seminar.

*If you have any newsletter corrections, questions, comments, suggestions, articles or even if would like to help with the newsletter contact your editor, Don Dunn.*



*"On second thought...let's not evolve."*

**Said One Goanna to another**