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Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

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April 1, 2010 SVDB Meeting Minutes

President: John Duffy

- John welcomed new visitors Rodney Hope, Chris Wilson, Jerry Salmon, Jacob Marshall, and Harry (didn't get Harry's last name) to our meeting.
John also announced that Paul Giese, Bob Maytum and Jake Workman were all still too ill and wouldn't be at the meeting.
John also had a moment of silent prayer for these guys.
John volunteered to cut the grass at the Gun club in Wilton on the day prior to our annual hunt.

Vice President: Paul Giese

- Allan Woltman sat in for Paul during his absence. He brought in a case that displayed a few of the great token prizes for the annual hunt on May 8th. Prizes included 5 gold coins, 2 Pro-Pointers & more...
Allan and George will be planting the coins and tokens at Wilton early in the am prior to the hunt. He also said we already have 40 people signed up for the hunt. We anticipate upwards of 70 signups.

Secretary: Don Dunn

- Don announced that Paul will not be able to attend the hunt so several people are needed to help with the hunt logistics. Although we don't need help planting coins, we do need help in other areas such as set up the food, hunt table sign-ins and cleanup. Don announced the following pot luck food assignments:

- A to H - Bring a Dessert
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- Don asked for volunteers to help with:
Program Director for Getting Speakers - Al Woltman
Organize Volunteer Hunts for Lost Items - Jim Milbradt
CHP/ Police/Sheriff Points of Contact - Cindy Johnston - R.L. Byers

Treasurer's Report: Linda Woltman

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

Table with financial data: Beginning Balance \$5,448, Expenses 1,218, Income 1,591, Ending Balance \$5,862

- Linda also received \$20 from Kurt Anders in appreciation for SVDB members Vince Migliore and Don Dunn in finding his lost wedding at the Big Doggy park of Granite Park. Vince & Don would like the money to be used for extra annual hunt prizes.

Just a Few of the May 8th Annual Hunt Token Prizes



\*\*See page 5 for everything you wanted to know about the Annual Hunt\*\*

**Membership Report: *George Magann***

- George announced we now have 186 members. **John Duffy** won tonight's membership drawing.
- George said we still have 51 members that need to renew their 2010 SVDB membership. George reminded everyone that you need to have a paid up membership to enter any of the planted hunts.
- We had 79 people here tonight.



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

- **Paul Giese** wasn't able to be here tonight and **Allan Woltman** sat in for him. Allan discussed the upcoming annual hunt at the Alta Mesa Gun Club. See **page 5** of this newsletter for complete details.

**Librarian Report: *Tom Schweppe***

- Tom reported that we still have reduced the amount of overdue items to 32. Please check to see if you have anything that belongs to our library. It was suggested that we publish the names on the web site or newsletter of those who have long overdue library items.

***April 2010 Raffle Results:***

- We received **\$754** from the April raffle. Thanks to **Mary Ann Meji, Don Ivers & James Neeley** for selling tonight's many raffle tickets! Also thanks to **Al Ezell** for donating several books that sold for \$40!



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- **Pristine Miles** distributed the prizes that were won and **John Duffy** called the winning



- numbers in the April raffle.
- **Frank** (1st time visitor) won a nice nugget that was donated by **Paul Giese**.
- **George Magann** won tonight's grand prize of the 1/10 ounce Gold American Eagle.



**See you at the May 6th 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 Winners:***

**March 7th** at American River College, 6 members found 113 coins. Oldest coin was a 1953 penny found by **James Neeley**.

**March 21st** at Unknown place, 4 members found 54 coins. Oldest coin was a 1939 nickel found by **Mark Buland**.

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

- There were only 4 people that displayed some finds at the April meeting. A rainy month didn't produce many finds. This month's *Show & Tell FOM* winner was **John Felt**.

***SACRAMENTO - Gem Faire***  
*May 14-16, 2010 at Cal Expo*

Classes, demos, and gems to buy at this popular event where you can even find jewelry repair while you wait!



**Time:**

Friday:  
12pm-7pm  
Sat: 10am-7pm,  
Sun:  
10am-5pm. General Admission \$5



Weekend Pass; Children 11 and under Free.



**Location:**

Cal Expo/Building A, 1600 Exposition Blvd., Sacramento, CA [gemfaire.com](http://gemfaire.com)

### Riverside Rendezvous 2010 Hunt

A sizable group from SVDB attended the Riverside Rendezvous 2010 Event from April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>.

There was one warm up hunt Friday evening and seven adult hunts plus two children's hunts on Saturday. Sunday there were two hunts and closing ceremonies.



**L-R: Tom Boyd, Ann & Rick Costello, Lois & Lee Wiese, Jim Hallet and Bob Meneely.**

The hunt targets consisted of clad coins, tokens and some silver coins. The token prizes were usually Silver Rounds & Gold Coins plus some Silver dollars and Half dollars.

The hunt definitions varied from just coins & tokens, to a progressive hunt, hunts for seniors based on age, a night hunt, Dollar & Quarter hunt and a few others.

The best prize for the SVDB group was received by **Rick** - he found a token for a 1/20 oz Platinum coin. **Jim** found a token for 2<sup>nd</sup> best prize for the group it was a Gold Dos Peso coin. The rest of the SVDB members found a good amount of Clad, Silver coins and Tokens for Silver Rounds and Halves. There was also a number of raffle and drawing prizes won by the group.



Everyone had a great time and the weather was outstanding.....*Lee*

### Useful Tips and Guidelines for Beginners

*From: MetalDetecting.com*



Here are some useful tips and information related to selecting and purchasing a metal detector.

You should carefully consider a few important things before diving in to

make this important purchase. The tough task, for both a beginner and sometimes an experienced brand-switcher, is to choose the right metal detector from dozens of new models appearing on the market continuously.

When you are considering entering the hobby and buying a metal detector, the process of making the right choice should involve these **two important factors**:

1. Your goals, needs and abilities
2. Amount of money you can invest into the hobby, including money to be spent for the necessary equipment or accessories in addition to your metal detector.

Buying the right machine depends on your understanding of all different types of metal detectors, their designs, features and specifications. The hobby of metal detecting include the following types of treasure hunting activities: coin shooting, relic hunting, cache hunting, dry sand and wet sand beach combing, shallow water and underwater hunting, gold nugget sniping, gold prospecting, and meteorite hunting.

The manufacturers of metal detecting equipment produce various detectors that are specifically designed for all types of treasure hunting. Every year, the modern technology is rapidly producing new and improved instruments and tools for the hobby, thus allowing us to recover more finds from the sites previously thought as "worked out."

When the metal detector entered the computer age, treasure hunting became simpler with a computerized "one-touch", or "turn-on-and-go", type of metal detectors. I strongly recommend such an advanced detector, especially practical for a beginner, to everyone. The market offers a few computerized one-touch detectors at low cost.

**Here is a little secret.** Everybody is concerned about the detection depth of metal detectors. Believe it or not, all detectors in each class have about the same detecting depth! A few metal detectors have an undoubted advantage over the rest of machines because the top-notch metal detectors are designed to provide 1) excellent separation of good targets from junk, 2) excellent identification of targets, and 3) correct Audio ID and display readings (Visual ID). And these three key features are effective only under the detector's excellent management of mineralized soils.

*Editor's note*

Before you buy a detector, talk to members of SVDB about what detector they have and why they like it. There are several new detectors that came out in the last few years and it's hard to keep up with the features in each one of them. Contact the dealers that support SVDB and see if they can help you in deciding what's best for you. If any dealer tells you it will cost you a minimum of \$700 to get started, go see another dealer. There are several good detectors for less than \$300. Used detectors in good condition are another alternative. Here are **my** current (April 2010) land detector favorites by manufacturer:

- Whites:** MXT, V3, M6 & Coinmaster Pro
- Minelab:** e-Trac, SE & X-Terra 705
- Fisher:** F70, F75 & F5
- Garrett:** GTI 1500/2500, Ace 250
- Tesoro:** Tejon & Golden uMax

My all time favorite electronic pinpointer is Garrett's **Pro-Pointer** – especially since we all know how to get extra depth with it. You may disagree with some or all of my favorites, but that's all part of the hobby. The important objective is to get outside and enjoy digging up treasures and *pull tabs.....dd*



**Gold: A Hard Secret to Keep**  
by Don Baumgart

The secret of the discovery of gold at John Sutter's fledgling sawmill near Coloma was a hard one to keep. In the end, an unopened bottle of brandy let the news escape.

James Marshall rode back to the fort to confer with Sutter about the gold Marshall had found at the American River site of an under construction sawmill.



"Can you keep a secret?"

**Sutter** said the gold **must be kept secret** until the sawmill was completed.

Before leaving Marshall had pledged his workers to silence and urged them to keep working on the sawmill that was planned to provide lumber for a flour mill to be built at Sutter's Fort on the Sacramento River.

That was the way it was supposed to go. "They continued with their tasks," Irving Stone writes in his monumental book "Men to Match My Mountains." All, that is, except young Henry Bigler."

Taking his rifle and saying he was going hunting, Bigler set off to look for gold. He dug up a full ounce in one day. Bigler was Mormon and he wrote to fellow Mormons at Sutter's Fort about the gold.



The secret was starting to leak out. Jacob Wittmer drove freight wagons for Sutter. The teamster arrived at Coloma to hear a small boy tell an improbable tale: "We have found gold up here." Wittmer scoffed until the boy's mother gave him a sizeable nugget to prove the lad's tale.

Wittmer returned to Sutter's Fort after making his delivery of supplies to Coloma and stepped into a general store, where he ordered a bottle of brandy to wash away the harsh road dust. To pay he put the gift nugget on the counter. The proprietors refused to believe the nugget was genuine. Captain John Sutter was summoned to the store to settle the question. "Sutter could not lie with the nugget staring back at him from the counter," Stone writes. "He confirmed the discovery."

One of the store's partners, who had doubted the authenticity of the nugget, was Sam Brannan. He would soon run through the streets of San Francisco shouting, "Gold! Gold on the American River!"

Two months after the discovery planks were coming off the line at the completed sawmill, but neither lumber nor flour held much interest for anyone any more. The crew Sutter had assembled to grind flour in his new mill quit and set out for the gold fields. Thousands of untanned hides at Sutter's Fort rotted as the tanners left to become gold miners. Sailors abandoned ships in San Francisco Bay to go look for gold and every menial laborer in that town fancied himself a soon-to-be millionaire as the Great California Gold Rush got underway.



## *SVDB Annual Hunt Wilton, CA May 8<sup>th</sup> Rain or Shine Event*

The Annual Club Hunt this year is scheduled for May 8th at the Alta Mesa Gun Club. The [Alta Mesa Gun Club](#) is located in Wilton, California, just east of Elk Grove. See the directions below.

The hunt starts at 10:00 AM sharp. Prizes will then be distributed with the Pot Luck to follow. A return to re-hunt the field after the luncheon for those interested.

### EVENTS

<b>Hunt Time</b>	<b>10:00 am to 11:00 am</b>
<b>Distribute Prizes</b>	<b>11:15 am to 12:00 pm</b>
<b>Eat Lunch</b>	<b>12:01 pm to 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Hunt for Leftover Coins</b>	<b>1:01 pm to 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Clean Up</b>	<b>2:01 pm to 2:30 pm</b>

### *Rules for the Hunt*

- Coils No Bigger than 12" Any Direction
- Everyone Must Wear Headphones
- Only VLF Detectors Allowed – Absolutely NO Pulse Detectors
- Electronic Pin-Pointers and Digging tools Are Allowed

### *Pot luck food assignments:*

- A to H - Bring a Dessert
- I to P - Bring a Main Dish
- Q to Z - Bring Salad, Side Dishes, Other

**Please bring enough food for 6 - 8 people. When going through the line for the 1<sup>st</sup> time don't overload with food. Last year several dishes were empty by the time the last people went through the line for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.**

The annual hunt entry fee is \$30 and is open for members only. **The last day to sign up and pay for the 2010 annual hunt is at the SVDB meeting on May 6th.** The club subsidizes this hunt, so for your \$30 hunt fee you get back an average value of \$60.

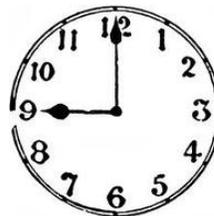
### **Directions:**

**Address: 10100 REIGL Road, Wilton, CA**

- (1) From Sacramento: Take CA-99 SOUTH towards FRESNO go 17.8 mi
- (2) Take exit #281 DILLARD RD (East) go 6.5 mi
- (3) Turn RIGHT on Colony RD go 1.5 mi
- (4) Turn LEFT on Blake RD go .5 mi
- (5) Turn LEFT on REIGL RD go .1 mi Arrive at 10100 REIGL RD, WILTON

## *Alta Mesa Gun Club (Wilton) Prizes - May 8, 2010*

Item	Description	Each	Total Cost
Clad Coins	6,000 Planted Coins	Mixed	\$1,225
Gold Coins	(5) 1/10 ounce Gold Coins (Token)	\$126.40	\$632
Garrett Pinpointers	(2) Pro-Pointers (Token)	\$100	\$200
Headphones	Detector Pro Gold (Token)	\$100	\$100
Cash Prize	\$100 (Token)	\$100	\$100
Silver Dollars	(2) Carson City (Token)	\$98.50	\$197
Long Handled Sand Scoop	Kick Plate Type (Token)	\$100	\$100
Gift Certificate	For Metal Detecting Stuff (Token)	\$50	\$50
Cash Prize	(2) \$50 (Token)	\$50	\$100
Lesche Diggers	(3) Knife type (Token)	\$30	\$90
SVDB Membership	2010 SVDB Free Membership (Token)	\$30	\$30
Short Handle Scoop	Short Handle Sand Scoop (Token)	\$20	\$20
Half Dime	Seated Half Dime (Token)	\$26.55	\$26.55
Silver Dollars	(15) Silver Dollars (Token)	\$15	\$225
Large Cent	(2) Braided Hair Cents (Token)	\$14.66	\$29.33
Silver Half Dollars	(3) Silver Barber Half Dollars (Token)	\$12.65	\$37.95
24K Round	(2) 24K Silver Rounds (Token)	\$8.45	\$16.90
Silver Quarters	(4) Barber Quarters (Token)	\$4.50	\$18
Nickels	Shield Nickel (Token)	\$5.16	\$5.16
Silver Half Dollars	(25) Silver Half Dollars (Token)	6.50	\$162.50
IH Pennies	Indian Head Pennies 100 (Token)	\$1.57	\$156.85
Large Cent	1822 Large Cent	\$13.84	\$13.84
Buffalo Nickels	(83) Buffalo Nickels (Token)	\$.61	\$50.98
V Nickels	(100) V Nickels (Token)	\$1.37	\$137.60
Tokens	Tokens Used for Prizes	Mixed	\$30
Cost of Facility and Plates, Utensils	Rental Fee, Water, Utensils, Paper Plates	\$175	\$175
<b>Total Cost (So Far)</b>			<b>\$3,929.66</b>



**Arrive early so you will be ready to hunt at 10 am sharp!**

**We need help with the food set up, sign-ins & cleanup**

## *Where to Look for Buried Treasure*

*From Tom's Treasure Island*

**Newspapers and Treasure.** The first place to keep an eye on is the Lost and Found in this column you might be lucky enough to find an item that you can look for and possibly find for a reward or whatever..Invitation to Bid.. in this column you will find construction sites, for now or in the future, where during destruction or renovation, the original ground may be exposed and coinshooting possibilities exist.



Legal Notices, this is a biggy as there are many possibilities here foreclosures, auctions etc but my favorite is Estate Sales. If you acquaint yourself with the persons that are having the sale, this may provide you with a very old coinshooting site that may be untouched. Then if you have a business card made with your experience with locating equipment, your expertise may be required to look for a family hideout.

Community Interest issues and these are many family reunions, 4th of July functions, Rodeos etc.

The list is endless and is limited only to your own imagination and that is what I am hoping to pique. Finally this information pertains to any city that has a public newspaper for sale so you are able to go almost anywhere and have at your fingertips places to hunt. Remember this newspaper site can give you access to these same items from 50 yrs ago, in this particular area. Research is interesting and usually while looking for one item you will find a couple of other worthwhile sites

*A wise man learns by the mistakes of Others, a fool by his Own. - Latin Proverb*

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