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SVDB Web Site <http://www.sacramentovalleydetectingbuffs.com/>

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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 Schwepp
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

September 2, 2010 SVDB Meeting Minutes

President's Report: John Duffy

- John greeted new visitors Frank Hauch, Jim Brower, Marion Alslew, Rosemary Wake Evans, and David Riggs to our SVDB meeting. Only 2 of the 5 visitors had detectors - XLT & Minelab(s). Two of the other 3 are looking to buy detectors. Welcome to SVDB!
John called for an official vote and it was passed that you have to be in attendance at the next meeting to claim a prize for the oldest coin from the Sunday hunts.
John also called for a vote of the people that wanted to continue having our meetings at the SMUD building even with a possible charge of \$100 a month. An overwhelming majority wanted to stay in the SMUD bldg.
Ron Swenson asked John to have guest speakers for our meetings. Everyone agreed and Cyndy Johnson volunteered to compile a list of members with expertise or experience on various topics to discuss at meetings.

Vice President's Report: Paul Giese

- Paul talked about the failing health of Bob Morris. Sadly, Bob passed away a short time later. Paul will say a few words about Bob during the Oct meeting. Another member, Chuck Klein, former SVDB Treasurer, also passed away recently. Members can share memories of both of these great guys at the Oct meeting.
Paul announced he will step down from being Hunt Master after the November 13th hunt. Cyndy Johnson and Chuck Long will take over as joint Hunt Masters in 2011. Thanks to Cyndy & Chuck for volunteering.

Secretary's Report: Don Dunn

- Don reminded everyone that we are still looking for members to run for the 2011 elected officer positions.
Don also announced he will step down from being newsletter editor after this year. He's been doing the newsletter for over 4 years. Barry Atkinson volunteered to take over this position in 2011. Thanks Barry!

Treasurer's Report: Linda Woltman (Out of Town)

- John Duffy gave this month's treasurer's report:
Beginning Balance \$2,883
Expenses 70
Income 837
Ending Balance \$3,650

Membership Report: George Magann

- George said we now have 162 paid up members.
Don Jung won the membership drawing.
We had 70 people at tonight's meeting.



Brock Park Hunt Participants

October 2010						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

November 2010						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

December 2010						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Calendar Legend

- SVDB Monthly Meetings
- SVDB Hunt McBean Park, Lincoln

Hunt Master Report: *Paul Giese*

Librarian Report: *Tom Scheppe*

- Tom reported that the library was in good shape. However, 14 People need to return library books on loan

August 2010 Raffle Results:

- We received \$727 from the August raffle. Thanks again to *Mary Ann Meji, Don Ivers & James Neeley* for selling tonight's raffle tickets!



- **Brent Bombola** (left) has a big smile after he won tonight's 1/10 ounce Gold American Eagle coin. *Jim Brower* (center) & *Sharon Anderson* (far right) both won gold nuggets that were donated by *Paul Giese*.

See you at the October 7th 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 in the SMUD parking lot near Elkhorn Blvd.

Day-In-The-Park Hunts:

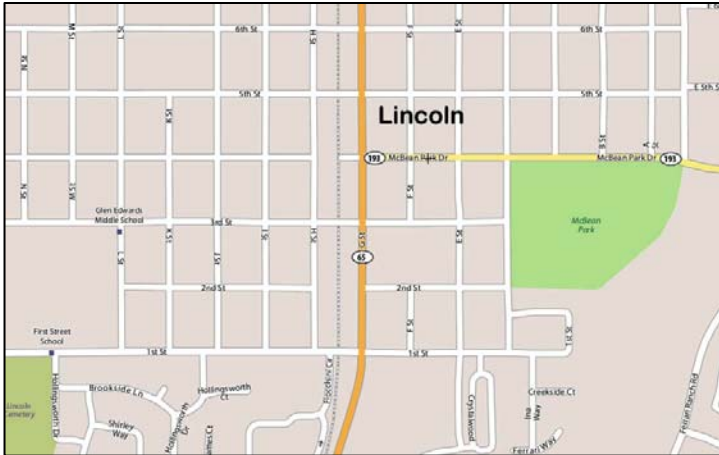
- There are 3 day-in-the park hunts per month. The hunts are on the first, second and third Sundays of each month. Sunday breakfast is at 8:00 am with the hunt starting at 9:00 am. More hunts are organized using "Meetup". The meeting places for the Sunday hunts are:

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

Day-In-The-Park Hunt Results and Oldest Coin Winners:
August 1st at Winston Churchill IS. 8 members found 302 coins. Oldest coin – 1949s penny by **Chet Burress**.

August 8th at Lembi Park. 4 members found 266 coins. Oldest coin – 1945 Wheatie penny by **Marvin Weiss**

August 15th at W Sac HS. 6 members found 49 coins. Oldest coin-1968 penny **David Sturdivant** + Silver Ring



- The next planted hunt will be on November 13th at McBean Park in Lincoln, CA. It is located at 65 McBean Park Dr. Lincoln CA 95648. The hunt will cost \$10 and start at 10:30 am. Paul will have more details later. *If there is enough interest Don Dunn will conduct a metal detecting class for those who are fairly new to the hobby or new to their detector and want to know more about it. This newbie class will begin at 9:00 am and last for an hour. There will also be some clad coins planted for those who are new to detecting. This will be discussed at the October and November SVDB meetings.*

Results of September 11th Brock Park Hunt

There were 33 participants at the Brock Park hunt. The winner of the ladies raffle was **Ann Costello** and the prize was a nice Sterling Silver necklace with heart shaped pendant.



The gold nugget was won by **Mike McClelland**



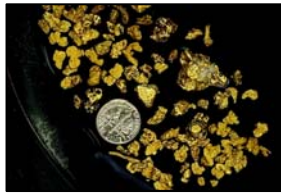
SVDB Finds of the Month (FOM):

Eleven members brought their interesting finds to the August meeting. Ron Swenson found more silver coins & Don Dunn found a nice watch and a nearly new cell phone. Don had to do some detective work to find the cell phone owner. Here is a picture of Rafael (on the left) receiving his lost cell phone from Don. Rafael said AT&T wanted \$400 to replace this lost phone that was only a few weeks old. Rafael was a very happy camper to get his phone returned.



Don declined a reward and asked to have this photo taken instead. FOM winner was Don Dunn.

Gold Tops \$1,311 – Where To Now?



As the U.S. Dollar continued to weaken, Gold hit all-time highs on Tuesday, 9/28/2010 in excess of \$1,311 an ounce. Gold often trades disproportionately and inversely from the Dollar and the recent announcements by the U.S. Federal Reserve to readily stimulate the economy with increasing cash has caused the world value of the Dollar to decline. Silver has also increased over 50% in the last 9 months to over \$21.86 per ounce.

A Bloomberg survey of 29 financial investors, traders and analysts has predicted the yellow metal may rally as high as \$1,500.00 next year. Demand for gold is expected to remain strong as gold continues to be a safe haven investment for long-term & short-term investors. China is driving up the price of gold/silver with their many investors who are now allowed to keep gold/silver

Garrett Ace 350 – New Model (Sells for \$297)

Article by Twin Capes of Info Barrel



Garrett Metal Detectors has released a new upgrade to the popular Ace 250 metal detector. Welcome to the new Garrett Ace 350 – Now Available.

The Ace 350 comes standard with an 8.5 inch x 11 inch Performance Double D search coil. This coil is an available add-on to the 6x9 coil that comes standard with the Ace 150 and Ace 250.

The larger coil increases detection depth, and the Double D configuration increases lateral detection. That means the coil sweeps a wider area with each pass, which can be helpful in tight areas such as along a post or against a wall. Garrett says it can help with saltwater stability also. That is a tough issue for any land detector, and it will be interesting to see how much this feature has improved on the Ace 350.

Improved Display and Discrimination

Previous Ace 250 users will recognize the visual display on the Ace 350 detector.



The 350 has improved frequencies so it is better able to detect small

conductive objects like gold nuggets. You will see that the gold area is larger on the Ace 350's display screen. Silver and coin indicators are concentrated more on the right, so anything in that area should be a good target. The iron resolution has been improved also, which will help with discrimination of small gold targets. This is the 'small bits of foil' detection zone too, so the Ace 350 upgrades in this area will be a great help. One thing you will notice is that there are four discrimination segments in the iron range. On the Ace 250 detector, there is only one iron segment, so you either accepted or rejected iron. The high iron – low gold area is also where thin gold chains and diamond stud earrings can be detected. These items are difficult to pick up using the jewelry discrimination setting on the Ace 250, so this may be the biggest improvement in the Ace 350. Some bench testing will be needed to manage discrimination in this area if you search in the jewelry mode.

The Ace 350 is a great 'turn on and go' detector like its predecessor, the Ace 250. If you want to introduce your spouse or kids to the metal detecting hobby, these are the ideal detectors. They run on 4 AA batteries that will last at least 15 to 20 hours or more. It is lightweight at 2.8 lbs. (1.27 kg), and has a comfortable ergonomic handle. Its ease of use and good performance made the Ace 250 the world's most popular detector. The improvements in the Ace 350, while keeping its reasonable price, make it a great value as well.

Garrett AT Pro

**New Model – (For Land & Water – Sells for \$595)
Available November 2010**

The Garrett AT Pro has not been reviewed as of this date so the only information available is from Garrett. It has been labeled as a “Surf & Turf” detector meaning you can use it on land and in the water. However, it can be submerged to only 10 feet. The AT Pro looks like an interesting all terrain hybrid detector and just maybe Garrett will have another big seller on their hands.....dd

[Here is a link to watch AT Pro Videos](#)



AT Pro International version also available outside the United States.
Please consult your dealer for more details.



All-Terrain Versatility

The AT Pro is engineered with a waterproof housing and connectors to protect in dusty, muddy, wet and humid environments. The AT Pro can be immersed in water to a 10-foot depth (maximum) to search in and along shorelines, rivers, piers, docks or swimming holes.

NOTE: Waterproof headphones (optional item shown in photo to right) must be used if the headphones are immersed in water. Standard headphones provided with AT Pro can not be submerged.



Just Try Again

Relic Hunting by Chris Knight

I wasn't sure about how the day was going to turn out. I couldn't sleep the night before.



So, there we were in the edge of the wood line firing up the detectors and the four of us set off into the woods. Within, no less than 2 minutes Jeff was showing me how the ole Coinmaster works and he gets a signal...a small caliber bullet. Gary was on a bended knee behind us and was pulling up a Sharps Carbine. Jeff moved on ten yards deeper into the woods and within 45 seconds he yells "3 ringer!", and Mark is down as well digging like a groundhog. I then found a 3 ringer myself. It was off to a great start!

Later that same day... It was under two big roots. After about 10 minutes, I got fed up and covered the hole and began to walk off. Something inside me said, "**just try again**". So I got back on a bended knee and within 30 seconds the breast plate flipped over. At first, I didn't recognize it. I thought it was a coke/beer can lid or something. I just about tossed it away under frustration.

Then I saw the head of the eagle and went into a mild panic. Dizziness set in and I had to take several deep breaths. I then yelled for Jeff. "I've got a breast plate!" and so the day was one that I'll never forget.

This is what I think it is:
Eagle round shoulder plate, USA, Regulation 1826
Contractor: W. H. Smith Brooklyn
No stamp in back that I can tell. Saw some small letter...and it's not an NCO.



In Memory of Lt. Col Clarence (Chuck) Klein
Published from the Sacramento Bee
on September 12, 2010



Chuck Klein was born in Dallas, Texas on Sept. 7, 1920. He died peacefully at his Carmichael, CA home. He was 89 years old, just 2-1/2 weeks before his 90th birthday.

He was a senior at the University of Texas when he enlisted as an Army aviation cadet on May 9, 1942. He wanted to be a pilot, but the slots were already filled. They needed bombardiers. He graduated from San Angelo Bombardment School and served six months during WWII with the 747th Bombardment Squadron in the 15th Air Force, stationed in Southern Italy at Foggia, near Cerignola.

Their B-24 "Liberator" bomber was named "The Lone Polecat." During that tour, he completed 51 missions but was credited with two more because of the extremely dangerous four attacks on the oil fields at Ploesti in Romania. They also bombed areas in Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Belgium and Northern Italy. In addition the group participated in aerial attacks on France before the 7th Army landed on the Southern coast. He was awarded the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. The 15th Air Force suffered 1/3 casualties, 1/3 war prisoners, and 1/3 returned home. After the war, he returned to the U. of Texas to receive his degree in Business Administration. He still wanted to become a pilot and was able to graduate on June 27, 1947 in the last pilot school at Randolph Field in San Antonio, Texas. He then became a fighter jet pilot at March Field, CA. In his Air Force career, he flew 15 different planes, mostly in the Air Defense Command. March Field had the first F-80 jet fighter planes. During his 22 years in the USAF, two special assignments were "highlights" in his career. He was at Edwards AFB, CA in 1952 as a test pilot on the F86-D Sabre jet test project there and at Eglin AFB in Florida. Later, towards the end of his career, he volunteered to test an F-106, flying out of Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana. He wore a space suit because this plane was capable of Mach 2 speed (twice the speed of sound) to 82,000 feet altitude that without the special suit, should the plane cabin pressurization fail, the extremely low pressure would cause your blood to boil, resulting in instant death. He had previously been on a regular flight or two, where the planes pressurization did fail. He loved his Air Force career, as it fulfilled his desire of flight.

On retirement from USAF, he was a civil servant, employed at McClellan AFB, CA for 15 years. In his later years he enjoyed his many hobbies: fishing, gold dredging, metal detecting and camping with his large family. He was a member of the Air Force Association, belonged to the Military Officers' Sacramento Chapter. A member of Our Lady of Assumption Church, a honorary member of the Arden Knights of Columbus, & a honorary member of the Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs. Chuck is survived by his wife of 59 years, Genie.

He was a wonderful and supportive husband; a father of six, Patrick Klein, Susan Schill, Sandra Taylor, William Higgins (wife, Tina), Charles Klein (wife, Debryn) and Stephen Klein (wife, Shawn); a grandfather of 13, great-grandfather of 4, an uncle and a friend. Our pastor, the Rev. Brendan McKeefry, fulfilled Chuck's wishes with a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at 10:00am at Our Lady of Assumption Church for only our family and burial services at Calvary Cemetery, with full military honors. Chuck was loved and admired by many. He was blessed! He had a wonderful life!

In Memory of Bob Morris



Bob Morris (seated) with His Good Friend Paul Giese

Bob Morris passed away early on Thursday, September 16th. Bob was a long time SVDB member and was last year's hunt master with Paul. One of the few pictures we have is the one above as he and Paul ran the highly successful 2009 SVDB Annual Hunt at Wilton, CA. His detecting partner Paul Giese will share details about Bob's life and some interesting detecting times with the members during the October meeting. Anyone wishing to share their thoughts about Bob can do so in this mini-remembrance.

Both Chuck and Bob will be sincerely missed by their friends at SVDB!

Thanks Volunteers!

John Duffy again thanked the many dedicated volunteers that share their time & talents to help run our club. SVDB is a successful club only because of these efforts!

SVDB 2011 Election Draws Near

Here are the people running for 2011 SVDB elected officer positions as of this date. The secret ballot election will be conducted during the **November 4th meeting**.



Officer Position	Person Running	Additional Person Running
President	John Duffy	Al Woltman
Vice President	Paul Giese	
Secretary	Tom Boyd	Barbara Anderton
Treasurer	Charlotte Key	

We need people who can make a difference! Please support our great club by volunteering to become an elected official or encourage someone else to volunteer who you believe would make a great candidate. **The last chance to be nominated is at the October 7th meeting.**

If running for a 2011 SVDB elected officer position interests you please send an email to:

Don at dadunn02@yahoo.com,
 Paul at ppgiese4au@comcast.net
 or announce your interest at the October 7th meeting.



C'mon, throw your hat in the ring and run for office

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