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### Hello from the President's Desk,

During the last three months I have not heard from many of the Western Chapter members directly. I take it everything is going good for you! Or is it that the rising prices for food and gas has slowed you down in getting out and finding the goodies? I know for me, that with the rising prices of gas, that I am not able to attend as many club activates, as I would like. I belong to 3 local clubs, 1 detector and 2 prospecting. I have to pick and choose, which sometimes is not easy.

With that said, I hope you choose to attend our fall convention in Wildwood Crest, NJ on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. We have three days of activates planned, with the big hunt on Sunday. The prizes (detectors, silver and gold coins plus more) have started to arrive for this event. Flyer and forms can be found on the FMDAC website. Please support the Dealers and Manufactures that support the FMDAC!

The FMDAC will be sponsoring a day at Treasure Week in Shreve, Ohio. Stop by the booth and introduce yourself, if you are able to attend.

It is time again to start thinking about the FMDAC elections. The National Officers positions are up for election. To qualify you must have been a FMDAC Chapter Officer for at least two years. To find out more on this go to the "About" link on our website, click on the "By Laws" link and scroll down to Article VIII Section A on Elections.

Once again, **you are the FMDAC** and we can not operate without you communicating your thoughts and ideas. If you have something that **We** need to take care of (Federal, State, County bills or permits) you must communicate with information (names, phone numbers, addresses, date, location) so that **We** can take action! As the old saying goes "**United We Stand, Divided We Fall!**" I am willing, are you?

Mike Smith  
Western Chapter President  
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# Western Chapter Clubs & Independent Members Report

**Arizona Treasures Unlimited** Oldest coin found this quarter was a 1868 penny found by John Moody. Club is trying to arrange an outing with the Coinshooters of San Diego in CA at one of the beaches. I invited the ATU club out to Goldfield, AZ, for a club outing this quarter, some nice finds were located.

**Silver State Detecting** This clubs outings take them all around the Reno and Virginia City area with some nice side trips to long gone towns. On one recent adventure they learned to travel with a full tank of gas. As it happened they got hung up on a snowdrift and had to spend the night on the mountain. Lucky they had enough gas to run the vehicle and provide heat throughout the night. Stay Safe and Be Prepared!

**Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs** This club updated and revised their laws and amendments this quarter. Lee Wiese continued his classes on metal detecting. Four members attended the Daytona (FL) Beach Hunt this year and brought home some nice winnings.

**Coinshooters of San Diego** I am always amazed at the finds this club's members find every month. This club has 67 current members. Best Finds this quarter went to Don Haradon and Marilyn Yost. Both found gold rings with diamonds this quarter. Founding member, Garland "Dusty" Rhoads passed away at the end of March. Dusty competed in many organized hunts in the 70's and 80's bring home many 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes.

**Siskiyou County Relic & Recovery** The club's Annual Hunt is set for August 16<sup>th</sup> at Glenn Smith's home. Fred Wellman displayed his collection of Akro Agate marbles at a meeting. They were produced from 1910 to 1951 when the company went bankrupt.

**Gold Coast Treasure Hunters** This club does not print a newsletter.

**West Coast Prospectors & Treasure Hunters** Bill De Benedictis located a wedding ring for newlyweds in Thailand this winter. Apparently they were taking their wedding photos on the beach when she lost the ring. The next morning Bill came to the rescue. Great job!! Best Gemstone Find this quarter goes to Vickie Hays for locating a Blue Topaz and Diamond sterling silver ring.

**Albuquerque Metal Detecting** Special finds this quarter, Terry Ellis found a "Kelly, NM" Token, Cole Smith found a gold ring with diamonds and Robert Wilson located a 1911S Barber Half. This club holds auctions with items donated by members to raise funds for their annual hunt, which is coming up August 16<sup>th</sup>.

## FMDAC Travel Program

We are excited to announce the addition of a new fundraising program for FMDAC. FMDAC now has its own travel website! This is a full featured travel website private labeled with the FMDAC name and logo. Go check it out! You can find it at: [www.fmdactravel.org](http://www.fmdactravel.org).

This is an exciting program that we have made available to anyone. They can visit the website, book their personal travel and FMDAC will receive our share of the commissions.

If you have any questions about this new travel program, please contact FMDAC National Treasurer Jill McFeeders.

## **FMDAC - WESTERN CHAPTER 2ND QTR (APRIL/MAY/JUNE) 2008**

**1<sup>st</sup> National Bank Buffalo Wyoming**

Balance as of 3/31/08            **\$880.00**

Credits:

FMDAC for 4Q07 & 1Q08    \$130.00

**Total credits    \$130.00**

Debits:

Check #1025, 4-10, postage & printing, supplies            \$124.77

Check #1026, 4-16, Shipping detector, stamps                \$28.18

Check #1027, 4-16, FMDAC - 1 new membership            \$10.00

Check #1028, 5-18, FMDAC - Donation Chapter for TW    \$100.00

**Total Debits    \$262.95**

**Balance as of June 30, 2008        \$747.05**

Submitted by: Judy Stobbe Secretary/Treasurer

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**OCT 10<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup>** – The FMDAC 2008 Treasure Expo and Convention will be held at Wildwood Crest, New Jersey. There will be 3 days of hunting an ocean beach. Dealers and clubs will have display booths. On Saturday, we will have seminar speakers. For more information go to the FMDAC website [www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org) or contact Jill McFeeders at [jcseeker@core.com](mailto:jcseeker@core.com) or 330-364-1608.

**FEBUARY 2009** – The FMDAC Western Chapter will be holding a metal detecting hunt in conjunction with the GPAA Gold Show. Date and more information to follow in next Chapter newsletter.

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE CODE OF ETHICS AND ENJOY THE HOBBY**

## **FMDAC'S CODE OF ETHICS**

I WILL ALWAYS CHECK FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAWS BEFORE SEARCHING. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO "KNOW THE LAW".

I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER'S PERMISSION, WHERE POSSIBLE SUCH PERMISSION WILL BE IN WRITING.

I WILL TAKE CARE TO REFILL ALL HOLES AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE ANY DAMAGE.

I WILL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY AND ALL TRASH AND LITTER THAT I FIND.

I WILL APPRECIATE AND PROTECT OUR INHERITANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

I WILL, AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE HOBBY, USE THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.

I WILL WORK TO HELP BRING UNITY TO OUR HOBBY BY WORKING WITH ANY ORGANIZATION OF ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT MAY HAVE PROBLEMS THAT WILL LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO PEACEFULLY PURSUE THE HOBBY.

I WILL LEAVE GATES AS FOUND.

I WILL BUILD FIRES IN DESIGNATED SAFE PLACES ONLY.

I WILL REPORT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER AND OR REMOVE ARTIFACTS FROM FEDERAL PARKS OR STATE PRESERVES.

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