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**Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs**

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*January Meeting Minutes*

- Barbara called the meeting to order. Kyle Miles was absent from the meeting. Barbara asked if there were any volunteers for the Secretary position which has remained unfilled since the election. Steve Timmons volunteered and since there were no other volunteers, Barbara appointed Steve to the position for 2013. She then called on Charlotte for the Treasurer's report.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Steve Timmons appointed to position. Steve mentioned that the web site does have a classified ads section for anyone wishing to sell equipment.

**Treasurer's Report: Charlotte Key**

- This month's Treasurer's report:

Opening November Balance:	\$3,754.66
Income	2,743.00
Expenses	<u>3,385.00</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$3,192.66</u>

For a recap of income and expenses for the entire year of 2012, see the expanded report later in the newsletter.

**Membership Report: George Magann**

- Beginning in February, there will be a member sign in sheet as you enter the meeting room. Please check your phone and email that is listed for contact purposes. The bylaws are being amended and the changes will be voted on at the February meeting. Those who were not present at the January meeting will receive an explanation of the changes by mail. George also noted the annual hunt is coming up in May and he would like to hear from members as to what types of prizes they want.

*Oh, that special feeling*



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**Library Report: Tom Schweppe**

- Tom mentioned there were still 10 books not returned from last year. Please check if you have any publications on loan and return them if you do.

**Calendar Legend:** SVDB Monthly Meetings   
 Planted Hunt   
 Sun Day-in-the-Park Hunts   
 Sat Day-in-the-Park Hunts

**New Business:**

- Two corrections from the last newsletter. In the President’s message, the agency involved in the Folsom Lake issue is the Bureau of Reclamation, not the Bureau of Land Management. And the club member who is assisting the Board is Tom Farley not Tom Boyd. Barbara will give an update of the situation at the February meeting.
- The annual hunt is now scheduled. It will be May 11, 2013 at Alta Mesa Gun Club (same as last year).
- Bob Meneely commented that the web site is only as up to date as members giving accurate information. Please check your contact information at your earliest convenience and update our records.
- Barbara talked about problems she had been having with the Garrett pinpoint probe. When turned on, it will start chattering and has to be turned off and back on to stop. She spoke with

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Garrett who had her ship the unit back for repair, which they will do for anyone. Just call and get a reference number before shipping it. Garrett also mentioned not to leave the unit on for longer than ten minutes at a time.

- In addition to keys and pennies, the Club will accept donations of any cell phones you may find while hunting. We can turn them in for a small recycling fee.

**Old Business**

- Purchasing of members gold and silver coins. The Club will pay 92.5% of what a coin is worth based on the current spot price. Other businesses will generally pay in the 80-90% range so members can do a little better dealing with the Club. Don Dunn has a signup sheet for those interested in selling their coins. The Club will buy dimes, quarters, half dollars, dollars, silver rounds, silver bars, 2 and 2.5 peso coins, and gold eagles. Check with Don or Al Woltman for more details. There is an Excel spreadsheet available to calculate the value of your coins.
- There are three proposed changes to the bylaws. The wording concerning renewal dues was clarified, the Board now will have the authority to terminate a membership without a membership vote, and the Membership Chairman (currently George Magann) will become a member of the Board, so along with the President, Vice President,

Secretary, and Treasurer there are 5 Board positions. All 5 are elected annually.

**SVDB Meeting Time and Location Information:**

• SVDB Meetings are held at **7:30 pm** the **first Thursday of each month** at the Sacramento County Sewer District’s Building in North Highlands, located at the intersection of Elkhorn Blvd. and Don Julio Blvd. Our meeting room is held in a large room facing Elkhorn, close to where all the cars are parked in the parking lot near Elkhorn Blvd. (Mapquest address is 5026 Don Julio Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95842).

**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. Breakfast is at 8:00 am with departure to the hunt site at 9:00 am.

The hunt ends at 12 noon. The meeting places for the hunts:

Bob Meneely is starting up the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday again. The first will be in February. Details will be given at the February meeting.

- ❑ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny’s Watt and Auburn
- ❑ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Denny’s at Sunrise and Zinfandel Dr. (2474 Sunrise Blvd)
- ❑ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Hunt: Meet at Lumberjack’s at Howe Ave. and Enterprise Dr.
- ❑ 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Hunt: Meet at “to be announced”

**Odds ‘n Ends:**

Abby Harrison won the membership drawing.

Dick Swanson brought 2 “V” nickels (1889 and 1891) he found for show and tell. See the pictures that follow for this and other fun finds.

The raffle brought in \$836 in January and the 1/10 oz. gold coin was won by John Duffy.



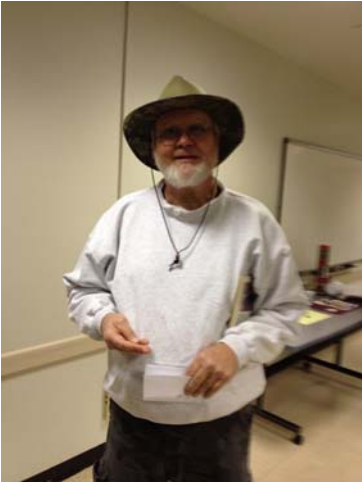
A nice find.



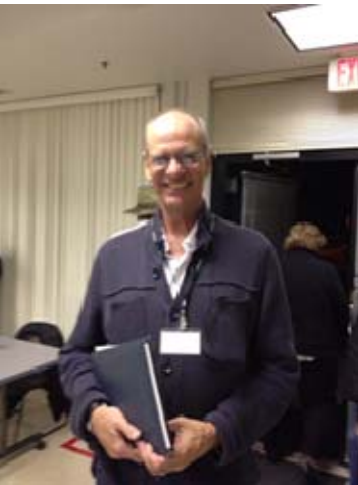
A happy winner



A motley crew



Dick "V Man" Swanson



New Secretary Steve



Mystery pouch







SVDB  
Accounting Recap  
2012

Income:

Raffles	\$ 10,388.50
Membership Fees	3,477.00
Hunt Fees	2,531.00
Miscellaneous	879.40
Auctions	193.67
Refreshments	214.13

Total Income \$ 17,683.70

Expenses:

Coins	\$ 7,512.55
Hunt Prizes	6,955.09
Insurance/Books	2,616.98
Office Supplies	1,862.28
Refreshments	650.69

Total Expense \$ 19,597.59

Net Cash Out \$ (1,913.89)

Charlotte noted that the club ran in the red last year. That situation will have to be corrected in 2013. A couple items are already being put into place to help. First, the coin buying procedures are being tightened up and include purchasing coins from members which will save in that category. Second, there will be better control over prizes to correspond to the cash taken in. Also please note that the cost of refreshments for the monthly meeting far exceeded the income, so if you do indulge in refreshments please put some money in the donations cup on the refreshments table.

## Our First Big Find



Dawn and I have been metal detecting for the last couple of months after I got the urge to buy (finally) a metal detector. It was something I had wanted to do for a long time but had never taken the steps about learning what I needed to know to get started.

I finally decided that it was time. I needed something that would get me out of the house and that I could do with some of the physical limitations I am facing at this time. Detecting fit the bill, along with the excitement of hunting “buried treasure” and maybe even making a bit of money if we got lucky.

We have been going around the area and trying different places, just getting an idea of places to spend more time at later.

I had one small ulterior motive though. Many years ago I lost my wedding band. That is bad enough. However that ring was a matching ring to the one my wife wears. Both were given to us by my parents. These rings belonged to my parents and then on their 25th wedding anniversary they renewed their vows and they bought new wedding bands. The ones they gave us were their original wedding bands from when they got married.

I had no idea exactly when or where I might have lost it. Statistics show it would likely be at home or close to home so I hoped that maybe some bit of luck would lead me in the right direction.

On Sunday 1-6-13 I had not felt well and had mainly stayed in the house, resting. In the early afternoon I decided I wanted to get outside for a bit, so I grabbed the detector and went out to the front yard. I am always finding something there, mostly junk of course. Well I got a hit and dug up a modern penny. A few minutes later another hit and another penny. The next thing was a bolt.

It was cold outside so I decided to try to hit one more target. Dawn had come out to join me so she was swinging the detector. She got a hit showing a possible nickel. I started digging it and quickly found something with the pinpoint. As I pulled it out it looked like a nickel in size. I tried to rub a bit of the dirt off and instead I pushed a plug of dirt out of the center showing it to be a ring. Dawn and I recognized it immediately as being my lost ring. She screamed and started to cry. I was shaking and almost speechless. After all these years the ring I truly thought was gone was again going to be on my finger. What a thrill.

So not only did I find our first gold ring, we found the most important one to us personally. Now we can't wait to go and hunt more.

Dennis and Dawn Peek. New members

## Northern California - Where to Metal Detect

**Auburn State Recreational Area (SRA)** - For Recent items only, stay away from Archaeological/Historical sites

**Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** - For Recent items only, stay away from Archaeological/Historical sites

**Bureau of Reclamation** - Metal detecting is not allowed

**East Bay Regional Parks** - Requires written permit - two years \$35-\$50  
- No detecting in the lake waters

**Federal, State, City, County Archaeological/Historical Sites** - Metal detecting is not allowed

**Federal National Parks, Moments, Sea Shore Recreational Areas** - Metal detectors on park lands and metal detecting is not allowed

- **Stinson's Beach** - Metal detectors on park lands and metal detecting is not allowed

**Federal, State, City, County Archaeological/Historical Sites** - Metal detecting is not allowed

**Folsom Lake (SRA)** - Currently not legal to metal detect. *This is Bureau of Reclamation Land*

**Reno, Nevada** - Requires a permit, permit is free

**Roseville** - Requires a permit \$5

**Santa Clara County Parks** - Requires a permit \$40

### **Santa Clara County Parks Reminders:**

Metal Detecting is **not allowed** in the following park areas:

- \* Almaden Quicksilver County Park - all areas within park.
- \* Anderson County Park - Cochraner/Jackson House.
- \* Calero County Park - Bailey/Fellow House.
- \* Chitactac/Adams Heritage County Park - all areas within park.
- \* Coyote Creek Parkway - Coyote/Fisher Ranch house & Malaguerra Winery.
- \* Coyote/Bear Ranch - Foreman's House.
- \* Ed Levin County Park - Laguna Cemetery
- \* Joseph D. Grant County Park - Joseph D. Grant Ranch House.
- \* Mt. Madonna County Park - Miller House Ruins
- \* Sanborn/Skyline County Park - H.P. Dyer House, Welch Harst Site (youth hostel), Pourroy Homestead.
- \* Villa Montalvo Arboretum - all areas within the park.

**San Jose** - Requires a permit \$35

**State Parks** - No law against Metal detecting, but you can distribute to grass, soil or sand  
- State ocean beaches are usually OK, unless the beach is an Archaeological/Historical sites  
- Must not detect the sand dunes where there is vegetation

**Sunnyvale** - Metal detecting is not allowed

**Tahoe National Forest** - For Recent items only, stay away from Archaeological/Historical sites



**Cemeteries.** - Metal detecting in a cemetery is not a good hobby image. Regardless of the law never metal detect inside of any cemetery boundary. I would even question metal detecting outside of the physical boundaries of a cemetery since this could still provide the public with a very bad image of a detectorist.

**College & School Districts.** - School districts are starting to make school properties off-limits after school hours except by special use permission. In many cases school properties are secured by putting up chain link fences and posted with no trespassing signs. In some cases school districts are establishing property rules and often metal detecting is on the do not list.

**National.** There are a number of federal act that control what can or can not be done on federal properties. These acts are the:

- 1906 American Antiquities Act
- 1966 National Historic Preservation Act As amended through 2000
- 1997 Archaeological Resources Protection Act
- 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act