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Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

2013 Elected Officers

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February Meeting Minutes

- Barbara called the meeting to order. Kyle Miles noted that we are going to start a member sign in process over the next few months and he asked those present to check the accuracy of their contact information (address, phone, email). Hunt master/Web site Editor Bob Meneely was travelling. Barbara thanked volunteers Don, Mary Ann and James for raffle ticket sales, Tom for library care, and Al and Linda for hospitality.

Secretary's Report:

- Steve was absent. John Duffy recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotte Key

- Charlotte reported the financial activity for the month. In the future we will not be publishing the actual numbers associated with her report. The totals will be announced at meetings and members may ask Charlotte for more information at the meetings.

Membership Report: George Magann

- George said membership renewals were progressing well, and several new members have joined. He also asked for suggestions for prizes for the Annual Hunt to be held on May 11th. We had 17 visitors/returning members at the meeting, a new record.



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

New Business:

- Don Dunn noted that we are looking for a volunteer to head up training exercises for new members who want guidance with their machines. Don also said the Club is still interested in buying silver and gold coins from members to use in the monthly coin raffle.
- The annual hunt is now scheduled. It will be May 11, 2013 at Alta Mesa Gun Club (same as last year).
- Kyle Loy, Sacramento Valley Coin Club (SVCC) gave a presentation on coin collecting. He noted that Caesar Augustus was the first known coin collector. The American Numismatic Association was founded in 1858. His best advice was: NEVER clean your coins. In response to a question, he did say it was ok to use water to rinse off dirt from the coins we find while metal detecting. The SVCC meets at the same location as SVDB at 7 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- Jim Milbrandt will act as liaison for the evidence recovery team while Lee Wiese is travelling.
- Charlotte Key donated her first metal detector, a Bounty Hunter, and John Duffy auctioned it for \$45.00. Al Ezell donated a shorty wet suit, auctioned for \$17.00.

Old Business

- President Anderton said the Club was adopting a “lay low” policy for detecting in the Folsom Lake area. Members are asked to politely comply with directions from Park personnel and report to the Board about the interaction.
- 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. Mary Ann Mejia moved and Chet Burress seconded to adopt the proposed changes. Club members voted overwhelmingly to approve the changes.

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:

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

Bob Meneely is starting up the 4th Saturday again. The first was held in February with a hunt in Davis. Details for the next hunt will be given at the March meeting.

Odds 'n Ends:

Five members shared stories about their January finds.

Prizes were awarded for the oldest coin from each of the three Sunday hunts.

The raffle brought in \$869.00, 29 prizes were awarded. Charlotte won the 1/10th oz. gold coin.

Following is a story from Don Dunn about reuniting a ring and an owner.



Fearless Leaders





Class Ring Returned

Ever heard of Bemidji? Well, neither had I until February 24th. The story starts 2 weeks ago while I was detecting in a Natomas park. I had already found 3 half dollars and 2 President's dollars so things were looking up. As I went to the soccer field my detector sounded off with a real high note indicating a possible silver target. Sure enough as I moved the grass aside, there was a silver colored ring with a beautiful aquamarine stone.

It was a 1989 high school class ring and looked like it had just been lost. It wasn't even dirty as it glistened in the sun. I could read the name inside the ring, but I could not figure out the name of the high school. When I got home I put the ring on Craigslist's lost and found to try and find the owner. After a week on Craigslist the ad expired so I revised the ad and this time I included a picture of the ring. In the meantime I tried to find the person by putting her name on Google search and the 1st response I got was "For \$14.95 we will give you the address, phone number and any criminal convictions." I decided to try again this time using the internet White Pages for a search. Sure enough I got her Sacramento phone number. I called and left a message for Dawne Atkins to look at the ring on Craigslist to see if it was hers. She contacted me saying it looked like her ring and that's when I found out the name of the high school on the ring was Bemidji, Minnesota. Then she told me that this ring plus 20 other pieces of jewelry were stolen from her home a year ago. We met on February 26th and I returned her "lost" ring. Dawne was thrilled to get it back and thanked me several times. ...Don D

