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## Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs

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*Waiting for You*



### June Meeting Minutes

#### Presidents Report: **Barbara Anderton**

Barbara began the meeting with an apology for no air conditioning. And a big thank you to Al, George, and Linda for an amazing job on the annual hunt, also thanks to Lee Wiese for the additional prizes he donated for the hunt. Barbara welcomed back Vice President, Bob Meneely, who has been in Costa Rica with a church group doing some building.

#### Vice President's/Web Site Report: **Bob Meneely**

After being gone, Bob had no report for the meeting. He did mention that he did not take his metal detector to Costa Rica which turned out to be all right since it takes 500 Colones (Costa Rican money) to equal one US dollar.

#### Secretary's/Newsletter Report: **Steve Timmons**

Steve talked about the Hunt Buddy list. If you like to go out hunting with someone but don't know who is available, sign up for on the list and you can call someone to go out or they may contact you to go detecting. Since there is member contact information on the list, it is only available to those who contact Steve to be on the list. So if you would like to, email Steve with your contact info and ask to be on the list.

#### Treasurer's Report: **Al Woltman**

Al missed the last meeting and had not had a chance to up date the financial information to report to the club. He will get everyone caught up at the July meeting.

#### Membership Report: **George Magann**

George reported we are up to about 143 paid members.

#### Recovery Report: **Tom Boyd**

No report.

#### Web Site Report: **Don Dunn**

Don was taking care of the web site when Bob Meneely was out of town. Don added a link to the Ghost Sheet which is a newsletter for the Mother Lode Mineral Society of California. Don also noted that silver prices continued to be depressed which allows for more coins to be raffled off at the monthly meeting. He said if we took in more than

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\$1,100 for the raffle that night he would add an 1878 Carson City dollar as a prize. Also we had 2 train rides left from the annual hunt which were added to the raffle prizes.

**Calendar Legend:** SVDB Monthly Meetings ■  
 Saturday/ Sunday Day-in-the-Park Hunts ■  
 Mini Club Planted Hunt ■

**Hunt Master Report: Chai Vang**

Chai talked briefly about when we should have the next mini hunt. It is tentatively scheduled for sometime in September.

**Library Report: Tom Schweppe**

Tom reported all is well with the library.

**New Business:**

Scott Newens talked about his travels back east. In Alexandria, VA he discovered it is illegal to detect in the city and is a class 3 misdemeanor. At a metal detecting meeting in Buffalo, the find of the month was an 1835 penny and their raffle prize was one coin.

Kyle Miles had a great surprise for everyone. He had gotten discount cards for all club members at Kelly Moore Paint stores. The cards were passed out to the members at the end of the meeting. Thank you Kyle.

Barb reported that George Miskovsky has had surgery so we passed around a very large card for all to sign and Betty Yerby will deliver it to George.

Lee Wiese spoke about the Mine Labs hunt in Atlantic City. There were over 400 hunters and the hunts went quick. There were no clad coins used except half dollars. A lengthy Q & A followed about the hunt, particularly why there was no West Coast hunt this year.

There was a discussion of the trend for cities around the country to pass "no disturbing the ground" laws which effectively eliminates metal detecting. James Neeley said it is often the result of detectorists not filling in their holes. He gave a sheet on how to dig and fill in your holes when hunting and it is included later in the newsletter.

Tom Boyd lost his Garrett pinpointter at the annual hunt. If anyone found a pinpointter, please see Tom or turn it in at the meeting.

**Show & Tell:**

Don Dunn won the Find of the Month.

Barbara found a Michael Kors watch in perfect condition and a gold bracelet.

Bob Woods reported he found a 1941 Mercury dime while cruising some second hand stores in Florida.

The winners of the Day-in-the-Park hunts:

Barbara – 1956 Wheatie

Scott – 1959 Penny

Ken – 1929 Penny

Scott – 1961 Penny

Dick Swanson/James Neeley – 1957 Wheatie

The raffle Brought in \$909 so no Carson City dollar

Lonnie Riggs won the gold coin



Lonnie, the big winner of the night











## Hinged-door method of digging

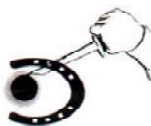
The following "Hinged-Door" method of digging is widely recommended to minimize damage to lawns. Careful recovery in multiple-use, well-groomed areas is the responsibility of all metal-detector users.

### Hinged Door Digging ...

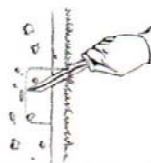
**#1.** After locating a good target pinpoint the center. If your instrument has depth reading, take note of the depth. Practice on surface metals with the loop held several inches above target.



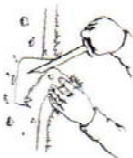
**#2.** Using a sturdy digging tool, preferably a trowel or knife, cut a horseshoe-shaped size plug around the pin-pointed target. Leave an uncut hinge area to keep the grass in place.



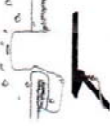
**#3.** Cut through the turf, being careful to cut around the target and not damage it.



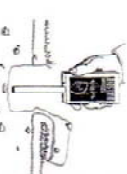
**#4.** Use your digging tool to pry the turf flap up and hinge it over. Your pinpointed target now rests downside up.



**#5.** Check for the target visually, and with your detector, to see if the target is in the flap or remains in the hole.



**#6.** A pinpointing probe can be used to speed the process of finding the target in the flap or in the hole.



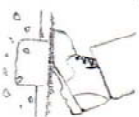
**#7.** If additional dirt needs to be removed from the hole, place it on a drop cloth.



**#8.** After recovering the target, the dirt can then easily be replaced with a minimum of spreading.



**#9.** Replace the turf flap and step on it firmly. Once completed very little indication of digging should be seen.



Known and marked historical sites are certainly "Off Limits" to metal detector use. Educate yourself, follow the laws in your area, and always aid Law Enforcement and Archeologists to further promote this great hobby. With research and thought, here are many areas to search.

## 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.

Table 9.1: Gold Content and Notation

Karats (USA)	Parts Gold	Gold %	Finesness (Europe)
24K	24/24	99.9%	999
22K	22/24	91.6%	917 or 916
21K	21/24	87.5%	875
18K	18/24	75.0%	750
15K	15/24	62.5%	625
14K	14/24	58.3%	585 or 583
12K	12/24	50.0%	500
10K	10/24	41.6%	417 or 416
9K	9/24	37.5%	375
8K	8/24	33.3%	333

In France and Italy, gold must be at least 18K to be called gold. In the US and Japan, the legal standard is 10K, in Spain, Britain, and Japan--9K, and in Germany--8K. The two most common qualities of gold are 14K and 18K with 18K being the international standard for higher quality jewelry.

The previous chapter explained how to test for 10K and 14K gold. The touchstone test described in the next section will help you test for 18K gold as well as other karat values.