

MDMDC Newsletter

A monthly publication of the recent activities and upcoming events of the Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club



The July 2014 MDMDC club meeting had a total of 35 members, with 3 guests and 1 new member attending. The attendance ticket winners were John Tusting and Mike Walding. David Grube won the “Silver Dime” raffle. Bobby Whitworth won the grand prize of Gold American Eagle.

Joy Walding reported that 44 pounds of pull tabs were collected for the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to all members who contributed to this worthy cause!!

Jim Stockton reminded the club that our yearly trip to the Blind Camp will be on July 31. Thanks Jim, for hosting this worthwhile event!

Dan DiCarlo reported that 18 club members attended our club’s first annual July 4th potluck held at Dan’s house. There was good food, good conversations and even a raffle, courtesy of Art Vallero’s wife Jean. A big Thank You to everyone who attended!



Meeting Photos!



The Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Contra Costa Water District Office.

The address is: 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord, CA 94520.

July Mini Hunt

A total of 19 club members braved the early morning hours of Sunday, July 27 (actually it was only 9am, instead of the normal 10am start time) and attended the July mini-hunt/potluck hosted by Dan DiCarlo at Baldwin Park in Concord. There were close to 2,000 targets planted in the hunt field, and the members appreciated the earlier start time because of the anticipated increase in temperatures later in the day.

Soon after the hunt started, it was apparent that one very mysterious, very generous club member was planting silver quarters in the hunt field. A total of 20 silver quarters hit the field; according to the last report, only 16 had been recovered.

The original targets had been planted in a variety of locations (a cupcake on a table comes to mind) and even our local canine pals assisted in some of the novel locations. At the end of the hunt, approximately two thirds of the value targets had been found. The members broke for lunch, and all enjoyed a variety of excellent dishes. Frank Stratton took home the Best Side Dish prize of a set of uncirculated coins for his green ambrosia salad.

At the end of the distribution of the hunt prizes by targets found, it was discovered that only 2/3 of the prize tokens had been found. The rest of the prizes were then raffled off, and the top prizes included a Morgan dollar, a 1 troy ounce silver coin, and an American Silver Eagle won by John Halliday. Beth Stockholm snagged a top-of-the-line Radio Shack metal detector with fresh batteries installed, guaranteeing her hours of enjoyment.

Thanks to everyone who attended!



Blind Camp Trip!!

It was a beautiful day in Pleasantville as 14 volunteers embarked on the club's yearly outing to the Blind Camp. This year's attendees included Jim Stockton, Gary Collier, David Grube, Parker Grube, Miles Maynard, Inga Maynard, Steve Pollard, Alex Pollard, Mike Walding, Joy Walding, and Bobby Whitworth. Newcomers included Dave Neadle, Debbie Glosli, and Cort Glosli who graciously attended on his 12th birthday!

Jim Stockton hosted the metal detecting hunt as usual and put the hunt on at no cost to his helpers. As always, the volunteers helped the blind kids and adults metal detect and showed them a good time.

Joy Walding won the first and second prize and only hunted for half the allowed time.

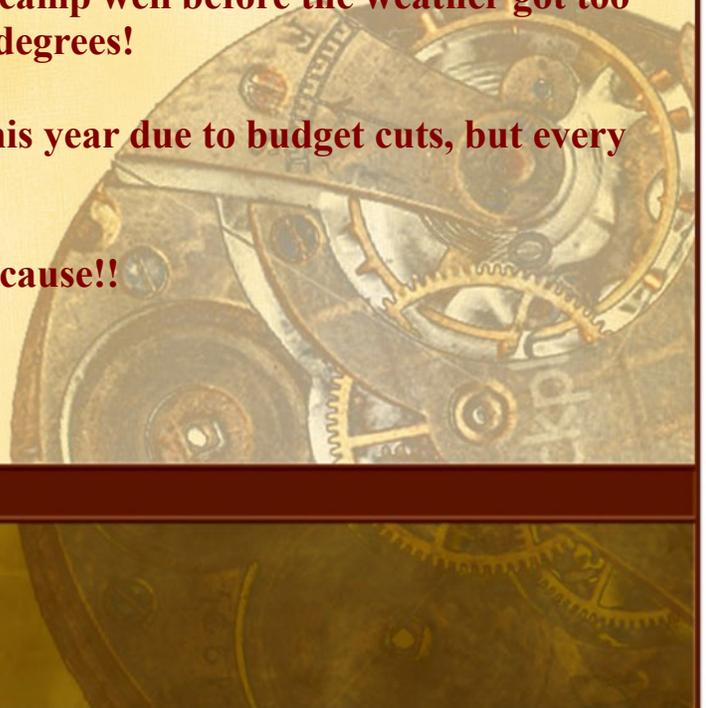
The group enjoyed a good lunch sponsored by the National Camp for the Blind.

Jim Stockton and the group were recognized for 20 years for hosting this wonderful event at the blind camp. During Jim's award presentation, everyone was awarded a great t-shirt. Some of the shirts will be given out at the next club meeting.

The group wrapped up their visit to the blind camp well before the weather got too hot. And it did get hot in the afternoon....106 degrees!

There were only 32 blind camp participants this year due to budget cuts, but every participant had a great time!

Thanks to Jim Stockton for hosting this great cause!!



Blind Camp Photos!



More Blind Camp Photos!



Past and Upcoming Events

July 4th - First annual MDMDC potluck hosted by Dan DiCarlo.

July 27th - Monthly mini-hunt hosted by Dan DiCarlo at Baldwin Park.

July 31st - The annual Blind Camp trip hosted by Jim Stockton.

August 12th - Monthly MDMDC Club Meeting.

August 16th - Clayton Relay for Life at Clayton Valley Charter High School, 1101 Alberta Way, Concord at 10am. The MDMDC will have a booth at this event and will be manned until around 5pm. Hope you can come to support the club in this worthy event against cancer.

August 27th-September 2 (Labor Day Weekend) - Tonopah, Nevada! Our yearly second visit to Tonopah will be discussed at the upcoming meetings, so mark your calendars and start planning now!

August 31 - Monthly mini-hunt hosted by Beth Stockholm.

A permit is required to use a metal detector in the East Bay Regional Parks. Use of metal detectors is limited to beach areas, lawns, and other developed park areas. Metal detecting is NOT allowed in natural parkland areas, wilderness areas, or regional preserves. There are other restrictions. For more information, and to obtain a permit, please call the Reservations Department at 1-888-327-2757, option 2. This \$20 permit is good for 2 years and is non-refundable.

Additional News

September 26th-28th 2nd Annual Rye Patch Nugget Shoot sponsored by the GPAA of Northern Reno. The Rye Patch Nugget Shoot is a planned metal detector hunt that will occur on Sept. 27th 2014 at the Rye Patch State Recreation area at Rye Patch, Lovelock Nevada. The event is free to all that want to attend and take the short ride of 2 hours east on Interstate 80 from Reno Nevada. They are planning on making this event even bigger than last year with numerous prizes being given away for finding the secret items with your metal detector.

For more information, visit <http://gpaaofnorthernnevadareno.com/>