

MDMDC Newsletter

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



The August 2014 MDMDC club meeting had a total of 41 members, including 4 new members attending. The attendance ticket winners were Don Phillips and James Lind. Rich Davidson won the “Silver Dime” raffle. David Samuel won the grand prize of a Dos Pesos coin.

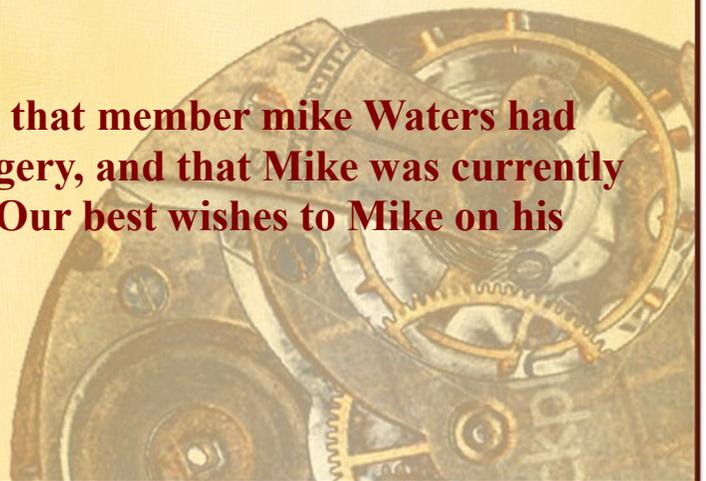
Previous mini-hunt report: Dan DiCarlo reported that 19 hunters participated in the July mini-hunt and potluck at Baldwin Park in Concord.

Future mini-hunt report: Beth Stockholm reported that the August mini-hunt would be held at Baldwin Park in Concord, and that a potluck luncheon featuring tamales would take place.

Jim Stockton reported that the Blind Camp trip was a great success, and that the club had been awarded a plaque for its outstanding 20 years of supporting the Blind Camp. Thanks to all members who contributed to this worthy cause!!



Cecil Gertz reported that member Mike Waters had recent open heart surgery, and that Mike was currently recovering at home. Our best wishes to Mike on his speedy recovery!



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.

August Mini-Hunt

Beth Stockholm, the hunt captain for the August mini-hunt, was gracious enough to hold the monthly mini hunt one week earlier so that some of our members who were scheduled to travel to Tonopah, NV over the Labor Day weekend could attend her hunt.

I asked Beth for a summary of her mini-hunt/potluck, and she did such a good job in recapping the events, that I decided to include her synopsis in its entirety.

So the following recap is from Beth:

Sunday August 24, 2014 was the day of the Mt. Diablo Metal Detecting August Mini Hunt. This hunt was held one week early so as to minimize conflict with the annual field trip to the Tonopah. dumps.

Hunt Masters Beth Stockholm and Liz McCarthy, conducted this event. This hunt started at 9:30 a.m., out of concern of possible hot weather. The hunt at Baldwin Park Concord, was attended by 15 MDMDC hunters. This was also the same Sunday that a major earthquake struck Napa @ 3:20 in the morning. At this writing it is unknown if the large earthquake caused MDMDC members to stay home from the hunt. Perhaps at the September meeting, this will be discussed.

The 2 top prize winners were Steve Bava, a silver dollar, for finding a specially painted pop top, and Jerry Smith, a silver dollar, for finding a green key. There was also a top prize for the side dish contribution which was won by Jayne, a W.L. half dollar. The contestants for the side dish prize were Watermelon (Jayne), Chile Relleno casserole, Cheesy French bread and a Pea Salad.

As a change of pace the main dish was Pork Tamales and Green Chile & Cheese Tamales. The MDMDC hunters have indicated "two thumbs up" for the Tamales. The Tamales were made possible thanks to the efforts of Dan Dicarolo (brought the grill) and Bobby Wentworth (another grill). A good time was had by all.

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Labor Day at Tonopah

The biannual MDMDC trip to Tonopah, NV occurred over the Labor Day weekend. In attendance were Dan DiCarlo, Art Vallero, David Grube, Brian Severn, Ray and Julie Romeo and Dave McCall.

Dan and Art joined other rock hounds at the Mizpah Hotel to join the Royston Turquoise Mine tour. They both found numerous pieces of turquoise and each had two pieces cleaned and polished by the tour operators.



After the arrival of the rest of the group, most days were spent at the dump, sifting for lost treasures.

Some of the items found at the dump were saloon tokens, a Chinese cash coin, Barber dimes, Mercury dimes, a silver war nickel, a 1893 Columbian exposition elongated coin (others are currently listed over \$100 on EBay), a lucky penny token from the closed Harold's Club in Reno, NV, wheat pennies, Tonopah/Goldfield Railroad lead security tags, keys, marbles, and glass stoppers.

In addition, David and Brian found a Barber and a beautiful Chinese opium bottle at a nearby ghost town.

In terms of the number of items found, this trip proved to one of our most successful trips ever!



If you've never ventured to Tonopah before, I encourage you to join us on the next trip where good times, good coins and trinkets, good food, and good ice cream are waiting for you!!

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Past and Upcoming Events

**September 9th - Monthly
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**September 28th - Monthly
MDMDC Mini-hunt, location
and host to be determined.**



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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/>