

MDMDC Newsletter

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



The November 2014 MDMDC club meeting had a total of 36 attendees; no guests were in attendance. The attendance ticket winners were Lindy Rewinkel and Jim Stockton. Chuck Ferguson won the “Silver Dime” raffle. Mark Edgren won the grand prize of an Syrian coin, dated between 121-90 BC. Dave Needle captured the main prize in the quarterly raffle for mini hunt attendances.

Starting in January 2015, the club will meet at a new location and on a new night. More details will be sent out in an email to club members, and will be included in the December newsletter.

Previous mini-hunt report: David Grube talked about the October mini hunt held in Baldwin Park. Twenty detectorists attended the hunt which was put on by Parker Grube and featured a Halloween themed hunt, including plastic rats and Zombucks, coins minted with a zombie theme! The hunt contained approximately 400 clad coins and two Morgan silver dollars. Thanks to Parker and David for hosting the hunt!

Future mini-hunt report: There are no plans for a November or December mini-hunt. Our mini hunts will start again in January.

Some of the topics discussed were the upcoming holiday party in December, the new club meeting location starting in January, and a possible club camping trip.

Guest speaker Eric Leintz, founder of Historical Investigative Science, talked about the Saddle Ridge hoard discovery.



November 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.

MDMDC Holiday Party!

The annual MDMDC Holiday Party was held at the Back Forty Texas BBQ Roadhouse & Saloon in Pleasant Hill on December 7. There were 48 attendees, club members alone or with friends and family.

Gary Collier treated each table to mini raffle, awarding silver halves and quarters (provided by James Lind) to the lucky winners.

The menu included Caesar salad, country potato salad, Texas style BBQ baked beans, ranch rolls, pork ribs, smoked beef brisket, and BBQ chicken. Beverages were included, and plenty of hot coffee and desserts of assorted cookies and chocolate fudge brownies capped off a perfect meal!

A gift exchange was held by more than half of the attendees and every participant walked away with cherished surprise!

A silent auction was held and some of the items available were coin sets, a medical bag from an unknown war, a vase set, a rock tumbler, a splat of some metal, a gold prospecting set, a karaoke machine, a large stuffed Santa and a hammock.

Many thanks to Gary Collier for emceeing the party; everyone had a great time with tons of food, great prizes and gifts and lots of great conversations!

Holiday Party Photos!



Past and Upcoming Events

December 7 - Annual Holiday Party at Back 40 BBQ in Pleasant Hill.

December 9th - Monthly MDMDC Club Meeting.

January 14th - Monthly MDMDC Club Meeting at new location and new day of the month.

April 17, 18, 19 - Rendezvous Hunt in Riverside CA.

May 23, 24, 25 - Tonopah!



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

New Meeting Location

Starting in January 2015, we will be holding our monthly meeting on a new day and at a new location.

We will be meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at the Elk's Lodge in Walnut Creek at 7:30pm.

The address is :

1475 Creekside Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94596-5620