

MDMDC Newsletter

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



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The Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club's first dedication is to treasure hunting in all its forms and to use and enforce the treasure hunter's Code of Ethics. The second dedication is to community. We complete this dedication through the use of our trained Community Assistance Team and our support of the Blind Camp.

MDMDC General News

July Club Meeting

We had another large attendance at the July meeting. Chuck Williams and Bud Seney won the attendance raffle drawing, receiving additional raffle tickets towards the main drawing. The “Silver Dime” raffle was won by Janice Cameron. There was a large amount of



show & tell items, including many findings from a recent return visit to Tonopah. See page 10 for a summary of the main raffle prize winners!

Lots of Show and Tell at the July club meeting!



July Mini-Hunt

Ken Housfeld hosted the July mini-hunt at Baldwin Park in Concord, CA. There were a total of 15 detectorists. Jim Miller was the top prize winner, with Ray Romeo a close second! A potluck lunch followed the hunt. It was another great hunt on a beautiful day. Thanks Ken!



Annual MDMDC Blind Camp



I now understand why MDMDC President, Jim Stockton, has been visiting the Blind Camp for 17 years. My son Parker and I attended the Blind Camp for the first time this year, and it was truly a magical and memorable experience we will never forget. A total of 13 MDMDC members met for breakfast in Placerville, and then caravanned to the Blind Camp located in the very scenic El Dorado National Forest. Jim hosted a small mini-hunt for the club members, and then it was time to meet with the children and young adults of the Blind Camp.



Blind Camp Continued



What really amazed and impressed me the most was how skilled the blind were at finding the coins and using their other senses. One person I was working with actually read the date off of a quarter using only her sense of touch! Another person heard Bobby's voice and immediately remembered him from a previous year, calling out to him by name. One special moment for me was a young blind lady asking me repeatedly for John Russell. She had remembered John from last year when he taught her how to use a detector. These visits obviously leave special and lasting memories for everyone involved.



More Blind Camp Pictures



Yep, You Guessed It... More Blind Camp!

The 2011 MDMDC Blind Camp Crew



Gary just being Gary!

It doesn't really matter that this newsletter is now 10 pages long... The Blind Camp was such an amazing, rewarding, and humbling experience that I could have easily made this newsletter another 10 pages! Parker and I are already looking forward to next year's return visit, and we hope you consider it too.

Upcoming Events

The next official club hunt will be on Sunday, August 28th, hosted by Mike Losado. The location is tentatively scheduled for the Vallejo Fairgrounds, with a start time of 9:00am. (So be there at 8:30 to register!) The hunt will cost \$10 per club member. Mike will give us additional details at our upcoming club meeting. We hope to see you there!

The Bay Area Searchers Metal Detecting Club in San Bruno is having a club hunt in Half Moon Bay at the beach on August 14th, and they are inviting MDMDC members. The hunt cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests. The beach also has an entry fee of \$10. Many MDMDC members also belong to this club. Please see Bobby Whitworth at our next club meeting for more info.

The Hercules Cub Scouts are asking MDMDC members to assist again this year with a metal detecting clinic on August 21st. The start time is 12:30 in Hercules, CA. Free food will be provided. Please see Bobby Whitworth at our next meeting for more info.

A permit is required to use a metal detector in the 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, 3. This \$20 permit is good for 2 years and is non-refundable.

July Meeting Winners!

The main raffle prize winners were Mike Waters and George Galvin. George won a roll of silver dimes, hidden within a “chocolate pie” container! Mike won a 2 1/2 gold peso valued at \$95. Congratulations to the winners!



Janice Cameron was the winner of the “Silver Dime Raffle”!



Mmmmm... Chocolate Pie!



A preview of the Grand Prizes at the August Meeting!



Mike displaying his 2 1/2 Peso!

Gold and Silver prices: Gold \$1663.39, Silver \$38.32