

MDMDC Newsletter

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



Club members lining up for the MDMDC September Mini-Hunt. See page 4 for the full story.

September Club Meeting

We had another good turnout for the September meeting, with 48 in attendance and 3 guests. The attendance raffle drawing was won by Ray Romeo, winning 12 tickets to the main raffle, and Rich Bledsoe winning 6 tickets. No one won the “Silver Dime” raffle, since the member’s name that was drawn from the jar was not present at the meeting. The entire amount will be carried over to the next meeting. We had a large number of show & tell items, and some great prizes were won in the main raffle. Turn the page for more details and pictures!

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.

Lots of Show and Tell at the September club meeting!



Show and Tell Continued!



MDMDC September Mini-Hunt

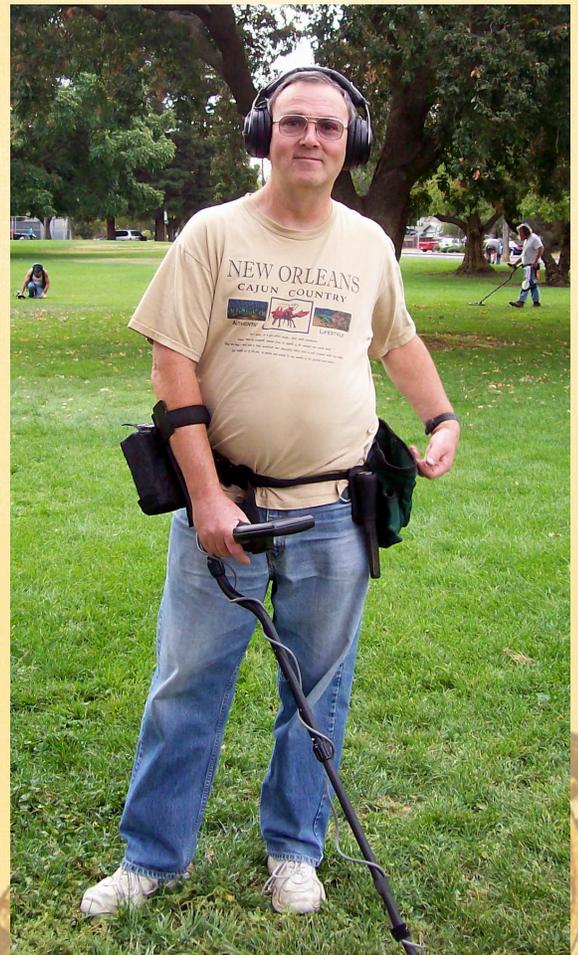
Since we had no volunteers to host the September mini-hunt, Ken Housfeld stepped up and coordinated the hunt at Concord Community Park. Many detectorists showed up to hunt. A lot of clad and silver coins were planted on the very spacious field. A potluck lunch followed the hunt. A special raffle drawing was won by David Grube, collecting not only a Swiss Army



Rich Davidson at the Mini-Hunt

pocket knife, but also the Red Purse! It was a fun and challenging hunt that everyone enjoyed!

Thanks for making it happen Ken!



Bobby Whitworth filling his pouch

Upcoming Events



The next official club hunt will be on Sunday, October 30th, hosted by Mike Waters. Details will be provided at the next club meeting and via email as we get closer to the date.

If you enjoy unpredictable extreme weather fluctuations and 8 hour drives, you're in luck! Ray Romeo announced that there will be a return trip to Tonopah, NV in mid-October. Details will be announced and discussed at the upcoming club meeting.

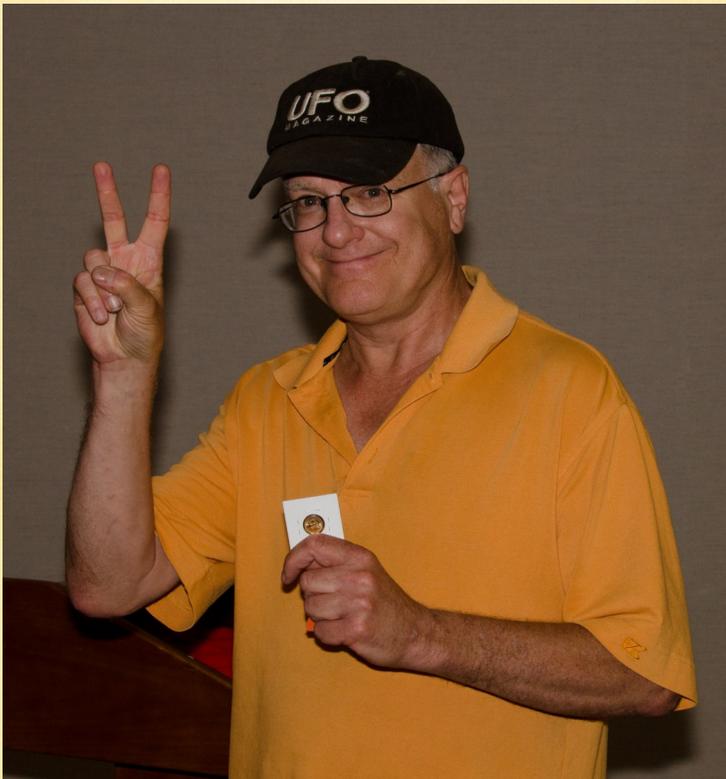


The annual MDMDC Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th from 11:00 to 3:00 at Back Forty Texas BBQ in Pleasant Hill. There will be ribs, brisket, and one additional meat, plus beans, dessert and more! We are still working on the menu, so there may be some changes. Last year's party was at the same location and it was fantastic, so don't miss it this year! The cost is \$35 per person. Please bring payment to the club meeting.

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.

September Meeting Winners!

The main raffle prize winners were Mark Edgren, winning a South African gold coin valued at \$190, and Ken Housfeld as the “second chance” winner of a 2011 Liberty coin. John Russell also won a bottle of wine, which included the coveted Red Purse!



Mark Edgren showing off the top prize!



Ken Housfeld with his Liberty Coin

Gold and Silver prices: Gold \$1643.93, Silver \$30.43