

MDMDC Newsletter

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

A total of 37 MDMDC members and 3 guests gathered for the June 12th meeting. Because of the large number of show-and-tell items and guest speakers, the board decided to postpone the auction until the July meeting. Gary Collier and David



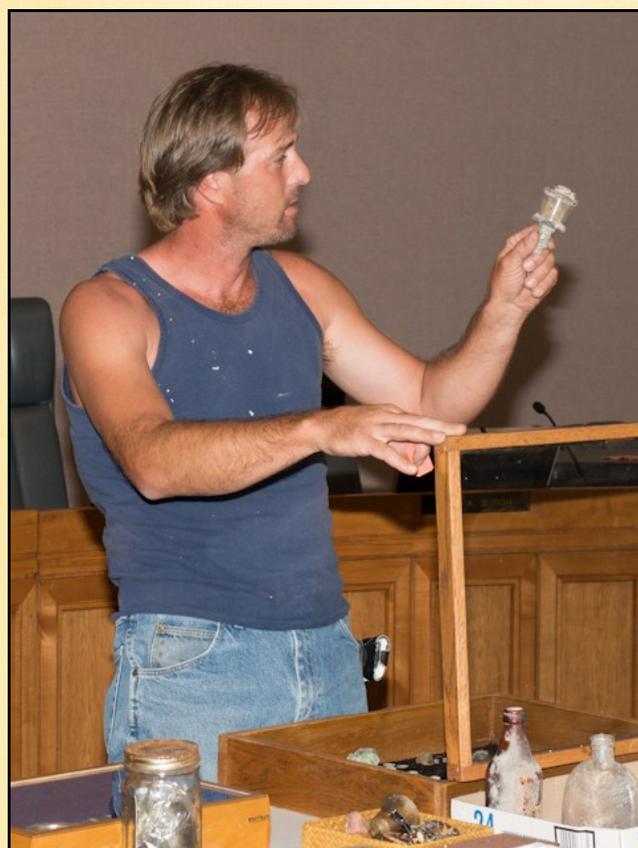
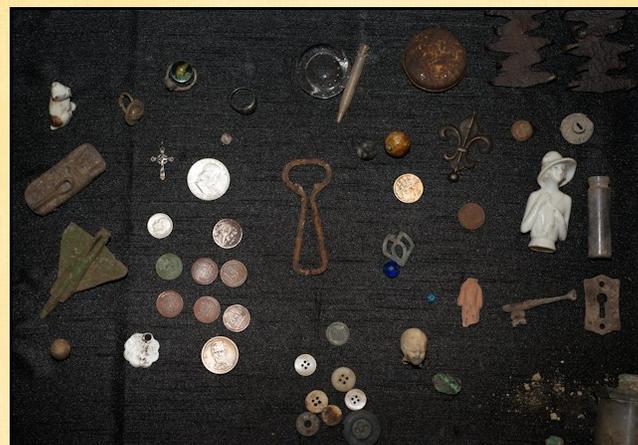
Mike Walding and Gary Collier opening a mystery container found by Mike



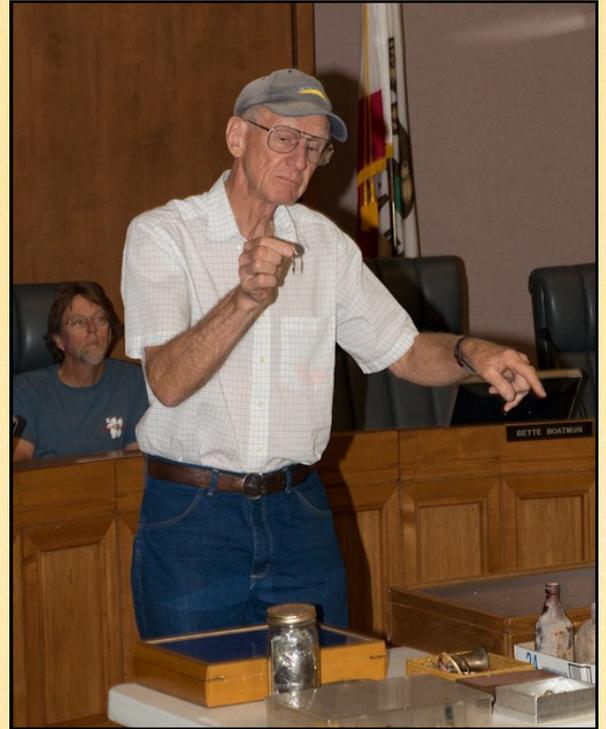
Several of our club members checking out the show-and-tell items

Grube both presented on the Memorial Day expedition to Tonopah, Nevada. Darrell Handy told us about a recent experience he had volunteering to teach an entire class of young school children all about metal detecting. One student asked him if he had a pirate ship! As always, we had some impressive show and tell items and a great raffle with lots of prizes to finish the evening.

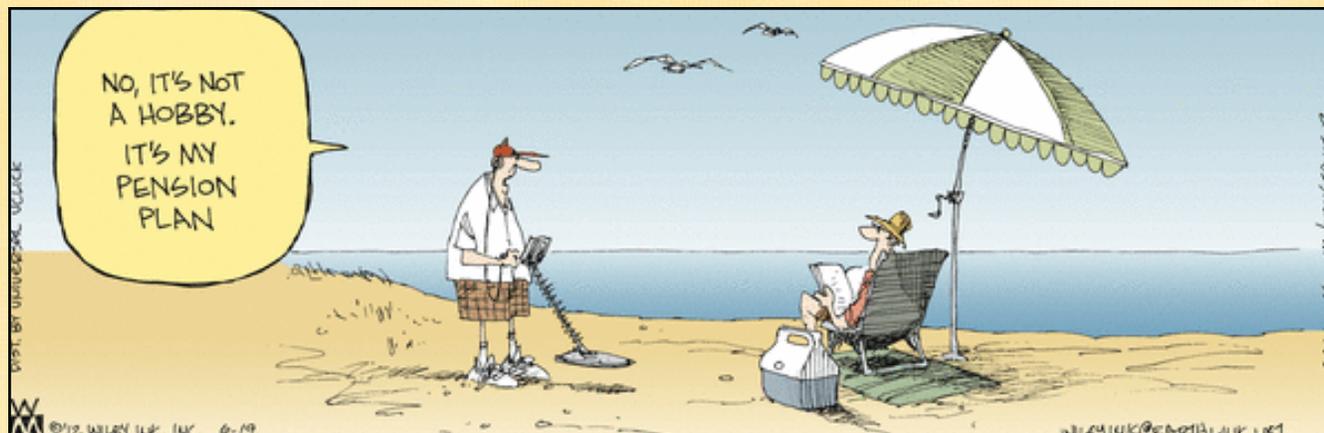
June Meeting Show and Tell!



Show and Tell, Continued



Past and Upcoming Events



June 24th - Bobby Whitworth hosted the June Mini-Hunt at Baldwin Park in Concord. A total of 19 detectorists showed up for the hunt. Bobby planted tons of coins, tokens and keys on the field, all with various stamped or engraved letters and numbers. Everyone was very excited to see what these special finds would bring them in prizes. After much suspense, Bobby proceeded to create 19 equal piles of silver dimes, and announced that this was a “fair share” hunt and everyone was an equal winner! Many of us stood in confusion and disbelief! The piles of dimes were valued at \$17.50 each, so after the \$10 entry fee it was profitable for everyone in attendance! Great hunt with a fun twist Bobby!

July 10th - There will be a “Dutch Style Auction” at the July MDMDC Club Meeting. 10% of the total sales will be donated to the Children’s Blind Camp (rounded to the nearest dollar). If you have an item to auction, please bring it to the meeting and register it with our Auctioneer and Vice President, Miles Maynard.

July 29th - Mini-Hunt hosted by Ken Housfeld. The hunt will be at Concord Community Park on Cowell Road in Concord. There will be a Potluck after the hunt, so be sure to bring a food item to share, your own drinks, and a chair. The start time will be 10:00 so plan to arrive around 9:30. This will be a “No Digging” hunt, and no “bigfoot style” coils will be allowed. As always, headphones are required during the hunt.

August 1st - The annual Blind Camp trip is scheduled for Wednesday, August 1st. Everyone attending will meet at the Buttercup Pantry at 222 Main St, Placerville, CA at 7:00am, and we will leave there at 8:00 for the beautiful Leoni Meadows Campground. We will work with the kids from 10:00am to noon, eat lunch and leave (same as last year). Jim Stockton will host a special mini-hunt for the MDMDC volunteers with about \$10-15 in prizes per person. Any questions, please contact Jim at (925) 757-3834 daytime or (925) 240-6405 evenings.

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.

Special Presentations



Liz McCarthy showed this beautiful artwork created with findings from her late husband, Farrell McCarthy (Known as Mac the Brush)



Gary Collier talked about the adventures of Tonopah, Nevada



Darrell Handy recently taught school children about all about the fun hobby of metal detecting

Find(s) of the Month!

This month's "Find(s) of the Month" goes to Patty Gosney from Pinole, CA for her many great finds on display at the June meeting. Patty was a former MDMDC club member who recently re-joined our club. She has been detecting for about 20 years, and she currently uses a Whites 5900 DI Pro metal detector. Patty's finds included a 14K gold necklace found at a local soccer field, a 10K gold religious medallion, two rings including one with French writing "Je t'aime pour toujours" which translates to "I will always love you", and a conductor button recovered from Miller's Ghost Town near Tonopah, Nevada. Congratulations Patty on your great finds!



June Meeting Winners!

Liz McCarthy won 12 tickets to the main raffle, and Dan Di Carlo won 6 tickets. The “Silver Dime” raffle winner was not present at the meeting, so the total amount will be carried over to the July meeting. James Badgett won the “2nd Chance” drawing, winning a 1903 Morgan dollar. The grand prize winner of the evening was Dan Di Carlo, winning an 1851 \$1 gold coin valued at \$180. Along with the coin came the infamous “Red Purse”! Congratulations to our June winners!



Dan Di Carlo with the Grand Prize (and red purse)!



James Badgett



The “2nd Chance” contestants with John Russell.

Gold and Silver prices: Gold \$1614.50, Silver \$28.10