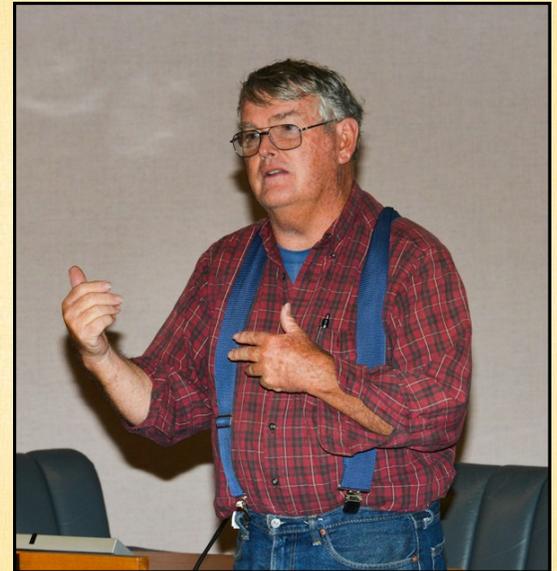


MDMDC Newsletter

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



A total of 35 club members gathered for the October club meeting. Club founder, Gary Collier, discussed how some club members including Ray Romeo use electrolysis to clean coins. Unfortunately, after cleaning the 1871 dime Gary recently found in a Nevada ghost town, it did not reveal the rare and desirable CC mint mark. Oh well, still a great find Gary!



Gary Collier

The “Silver Dime” raffle winner was not in attendance, so the entire prize amount will carry over to this month’s meeting.

Jerry Hallett is selling MDMDC merchandise, including hats, polo shirts, hoodies, jackets, patches, etc... Please see Jerry at the next meeting if you are interested in ordering any of these items.

There was plenty of amazing show and tell at the October meeting as always, and another great raffle with lots of valuable prizes ended the evening.



October Meeting Show and Tell!



Past and Upcoming Events

October 28th - Beth Stockholm hosted the monthly mini-hunt at Concord Community Park. The weather was great, and a total of 18 detectorists showed up for the hunt. Thanks to El Cerrito Coin & Exchange for donating a set of 1964 coins & a treasure chest (valued at \$28), and a special thanks to our own Liz McCarthy for a donation of silver half dollars & silver quarters (valued at \$60). There were over 250 targets and more than \$300.00 in prizes! Thanks for hosting a great hunt, Beth!

November 13th - Monthly MDMDC Club Meeting

November 25th - Mini-Hunt hosted by Mike Waters. Details for this hunt will be announced at the next club meeting on Tuesday November 13th, and in upcoming email communications.

December 2nd (11:00 to 3:00) - Annual Holiday Party at Back Forty Texas BBQ located at 100 Coggins Dr. in Pleasant Hill. Payment of \$35 is due to Ken Housfeld at the upcoming club meeting on November 13th, so please bring cash or check. Last year's party was at the same location and it was fantastic, so don't miss it this year! Attendees will have the option to include their own items in an auction, and there will also be a gift exchange with a \$10 value, so be sure to bring a wrapped gift to participate.

Mike Waters took the top prize at the September mini-hunt. Way to go Mike!

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.

Find of the Month!

For the 3rd time this year, Mike Walding has earned the “Find of the Month”, for his many impressive treasures recovered from various locations throughout San Francisco including Golden Gate Park and Lafayette Park. One thing that amazes me is that Mike makes these fantastic finds month after month with a metal detector that he has been using for over 30 years! He uses a 1981 Teknetics Condor metal detector, modified to accept a White’s “Bigfoot” coil. Over the years, Mike has repaired, upgraded, and maintained the components as necessary to keep his detector running in tip-top shape. He is not afraid to replace the potentiometers, wiring, resistors, etc... as necessary to keep his machine running like new. Mike’s main advice to new treasure hunters is that it’s better to have a detector that you know well instead of having a new state-of-the-art detector that you are not familiar with. Mike has used his detector to recover every Mercury Dime ever minted! Yes, every mint mark of every date, including all of the key dates! We’re lucky to have him in our club. Thanks for the amazing finds you share with us every month Mike!



Mike Walding



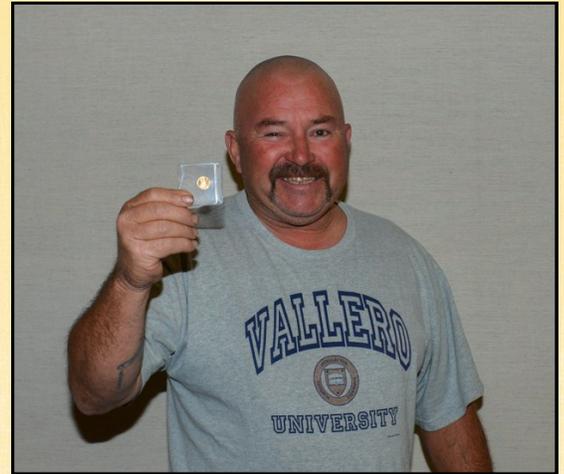
September finds Mike brought to show at the October meeting

October Meeting Winners!

MDMDC club president Rich Davidson won the attendance drawing, receiving 12 tickets to the main raffle, and a guest won an additional 6 tickets. Rich also received the “Red Purse” along with his tickets!

The “Last Chance” prize for the main raffle went to Jim Gravesande, winning a 1 Oz. Silver Eagle. Second place went to Liz McCarthy, winning a \$5 Australian gold coin valued at \$90, and the grand prize winner of the evening was Art Vallero of Pittsburg, CA, winning a \$5 Gold Eagle valued at \$180!

Congratulations to all of the October winners!



Art Vallero with the top prize!



Liz McCarthy showing her gold coin!



Jim Gravesande with the “Last Chance” prize!

Gold and Silver values: Gold \$1721.33, Silver \$32.11