

# MDMDC Newsletter

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

The February MDMDC club meeting had a total of 40 in attendance, with 1 guest and 4 new members! The attendance ticket winners were Ken Housfeld and Steve Bava. John Russell won the "Silver Dime" raffle. Gary Collier talked about various techniques for cleaning coins and other treasures. He reviewed and recommended several options including CLR (Calcium, Lime and Rust remover), and using electrolysis to electronically clean coins, tokens and relics. Thanks for the great tips Gary!



*Club members gather at the February meeting*



*February Main Raffle Prizes*

We will have another special raffle at the March club meeting: John Russell is planning an ALL-SILVER main raffle!

Please remember to pay your annual membership dues if you have not already done so. James Lind will be collecting payments at the upcoming meeting.

*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.*  
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# February Meeting Show and Tell!



*Jerry Hallett*



*Steve Bava*



*Gary Collier*



*Zeke Schnapp*

# February Meeting Show and Tell Displays!



# Past and Upcoming Events

February 25th - Mini-Hunt hosted by Jerry Hallett. A total of 18 detectorists showed up to hunt at the park in Benicia, CA. Only 3 of the 69 targets were not found. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time. Zeke Schnapp also found a silver ring and a jewelry pendant! Thanks for putting on another great hunt Jerry!



*Jerry Hallett handing out prizes*

March 12th - Monthly MDMDC Club Meeting.  
(See details at the bottom of the page).

March 17th - UPI Contra Costa Chapter Metal Detecting Hunt located at Concord Community Park, 3501 Cowell Rd, Concord, CA 94518. There will be a potluck lunch held immediately after the hunt. UPI Contra Costa Chapter will supply the hot dogs, sausages, buns, and condiments. Please bring a side dish to share and your own drinks. Price is: \$10.00 per hunter (please no big foots). Lots of prizes! 100% Payback Plus! You must RSVP to Bobby Whitworth at 1031b@comcast.net (925) 586-6443.

April 7th - Mini-Hunt hosted by John Russell. In typical John Russell fashion, there will be over 625 targets at this hunt! The hunt will take place at Hidden Lakes Park in Martinez (where Mike Waters had his hunt in January), although this one will be on the soccer field. There will be many prizes including 2 Morgan Dollars, 3 Walkers, and a lot of silver! John is also planting 300 Wheaties and 16 Indian Heads! Start time is 10:00, so plan on arriving at 9:30. Entry fee is \$10 per person. No Big Foot Coils and No Digging will be allowed at this hunt!

*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.*

# Additional News

April 13th - Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society presents the 47th annual Antiques and Collectibles Show.

April 19th-21st - West Coaster's Rendezvous 2013. This is a HUGE hunt (actually, many hunts) over several days. Details can be found at [WWW.WESTCOASTERS.ORG](http://WWW.WESTCOASTERS.ORG)



**GOLDEN GATE**  
HISTORICAL BOTTLE SOCIETY  
Presents  
47th  
ANNUAL  
**ANTIQUES AND  
COLLECTIBLES  
SHOW**  
\*SATURDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> 2013\*  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
SUNSET HALL, ANTIOCH, CA  
\*FREE ADMISSION\*  
\*FREE WALK-IN APPRAISALS BUYERS AT SHOW\*  
DEALER SETUP - FRIDAY the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 12:00 to 6:00 pm  
"Early Buyers" - FRIDAY 12:00 to 6:00 pm - \$10 Admission Fee  
For Show Information, Contact:  
GARY or DARLA ANTONE (925) 373-6758  
Email: [PACKRAT49ER@NETSCAPE.NET](mailto:PACKRAT49ER@NETSCAPE.NET)

April 28th - MDMDC Maxi-Hunt hosted by Bobby Whitworth! Our biggest hunt of the year. You won't want to miss this one!

May (Memorial Day Weekend) - Tonopah, Nevada! Details regarding our annual Tonopah trip will be discussed at the upcoming meetings, so mark your calendars and start planning now!

# Meeting Winners!

The top prize at the February meeting was a 1914 2 1/2 dollar gold coin valued at \$265! It was won by Mark Edgren. John Russell won the “Silver Dime” raffle. Bobby Whitworth and Rich Davidson both won silver dollars at the February Mini-Hunt.

Congratulations to all of our February winners!



*Mark Edgren*



*Life Member, John Russell*



*Bobby and Rich with their winnings!*

*Gold and Silver Values per ounce:  
Gold \$1580.29, Silver \$28.84*