

MDMDC Newsletter

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



The March MDMDC club meeting had a total of 51 in attendance, with 5 guests and 2 new members! The attendance ticket winners were James Lind and Eric Edgren. Bobby Whitworth won the "Silver Dime" raffle, containing \$88 in cash!



Gary Collier talked about all of the crazy places people hide their money and treasure stashes. Look further into this newsletter for a special article on hidden treasure in Santa Fe, NM that has never been found!

Club members counting their findings at the Mini-Hunt

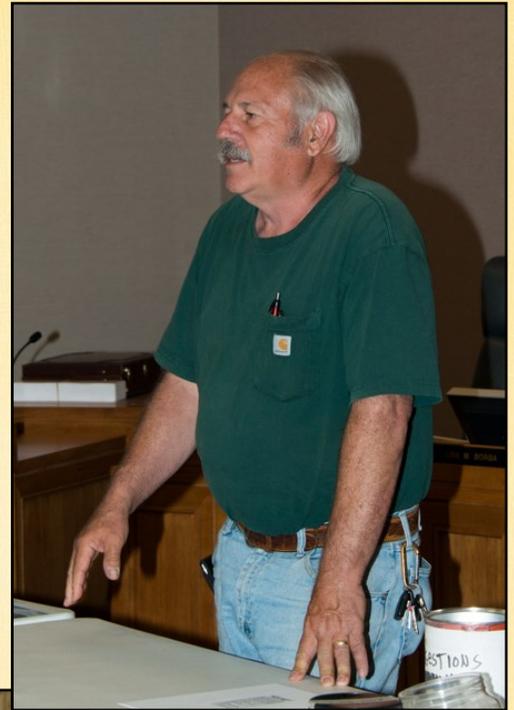
The new officers of the club will take over starting at the April meeting. Their titles are as follows:

President:	David Grube
Vice President:	Rich Davidson
Secretary:	James Lind
Treasurer:	Ken Housfeld
Newsletter:	Bobby Whitworth



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.
www.mdmdctreasurehunting.com

March Meeting Show and Tell!



Past and Upcoming Events

April 7th - Mini-Hunt hosted by John Russell. A total of 21 detectorists showed up for over 600 targets on the large hunt field in Martinez, CA. Most of the targets were recovered, and the remaining prizes were raffled off. The top prizes included two Morgan Silver Dollars. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time. Thanks for putting on another great hunt John!

April 9th - Monthly MDMDC Club Meeting. (See details at the bottom of the page).

April 28th - Bobby Whitworth will be hosting the annual MDMDC Maxi-Hunt, scheduled for Sunday, April 28th at Concord Community Park, 3501 Cowell Rd in Concord, CA. The Maxi-Hunt is the largest MDMDC hunt of the year, and one you won't want to miss! The cost is \$35. The registration time is 9:30am, and the hunt will start at 10:00. Headphones will be required, and "bigfoot" type coils are not allowed. Only the stock coil that came with your detector will be allowed.

Following the hunt there will be a potluck luncheon, so bring a chair and food to share, stay to eat, and get to know your fellow detectorists. Please note: The April 9th club meeting is your last chance to pay for this hunt. No sign-ups at the hunt! Your 2013 dues must be paid, as only current MDMDC members can participate in this hunt.

August 1st - The 19th annual Blind Camp trip is scheduled for Thursday, 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 blind 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. Any questions, please contact Jim at (925) 757-3834 daytime or (925) 240-6405 evenings.



Prizes at the Mini-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

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

Looking for Treasure? - This is the remarkable true story of Forrest Fenn's life and of a hidden treasure, secreted somewhere in the mountains north of Santa Fe, NM. He provided a poem with clues to the location of the treasure: A 42lb. chest of gold! If you plan on searching for Forrest's treasure please stay safe, take adequate supplies and a GPS. The chest is not in a dangerous place. Remember, it weighs 42 pounds and an old man carried it to its secret location. Keep your children close in the mountains and search at your own risk. Good luck in the chase!

THE POEM: This poem written by Forrest Fenn contains nine clues that if followed precisely, will lead to the end of his rainbow and the treasure:

As I have gone alone in there And with my treasures bold, I can keep my secret where, And hint of riches new and old. Begin it where warm waters halt And take it in the canyon down, Not far, but too far to walk. Put in below the home of Brown. From there it's no place for the meek, The end is ever drawing nigh; There'll be no paddle up your creek, Just heavy loads and water high. If you've been wise and found the blaze, Look quickly down, your quest to cease, But tarry scant with marvel gaze, Just take the chest and go in peace. So why is it that I must go And leave my trove for all to seek? The answer I already know, I've done it tired, and now I'm weak. So hear me all and listen good, Your effort will be worth the cold. If you are brave and in the wood I give you title to the gold.

GOLDEN GATE
 HISTORICAL BOTTLE SOCIETY
 Presents
 47th
 ANNUAL
**ANTIQUES AND
 COLLECTIBLES
 SHOW**
SATURDAY, APRIL 13th 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 12th 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

Meeting Winners!

The top prize at the March meeting was a 1 gram Certified Gold Piece valued at \$55! It was won by Jim Miller. Bobby Whitworth won the “Silver Dime” raffle.

Congratulations to all of our March winners!



Winners from the Mini-Hunt



Fran Contreras with her prize at the Mini-Hunt!



Bobby Whitworth with his “Silver Dime” Raffle Winnings!



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*Gold and Silver Values (per ounce):
Gold \$1585.88, Silver \$27.96*