

MDMDC Chronicle

A monthly publication of the recent activities and
upcoming events of the Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club
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Happy Holidays from all of us

to all of you!

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On the front cover: Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season!

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 Relay for Life of Diablo Valley.

Who are we?

We are the Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club, (MDMDC) currently based out of Concord, CA, and established in 1979.

The club has never ceased to protect the hobby, and encourage good habits, and good sportsmanship.

Are you interested in metal detecting or finding buried treasure? You are welcome to join us at one of our monthly meetings to learn more about the club, and the people that make it up.

The club meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM at:

Contra Costa Water District Office Building

1331 Concord Ave.

Concord, CA.

You will find more information about the club at our website: MDMDC.COM.

December Meeting!

Club president Gary Collier opened the meeting with a captivating story about finding a 1909-S VDB penny in Orinda in the rain!

He then welcomed visitor Cyndi Lou from Antioch who uses a Garrett metal detector.

He also announced that Neil Andre had resigned as the club's Hunt Chairman, and thanked him for his service to the club.

Reports were given by the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor before Gary went on to talk about the upcoming hunt at Baldwin Park.

The club will probably taking a break from hosting metal detecting hunts in the months of January and February due to the likelihood of inclement weather in said months.

Mark Edgren won the Silver Dime raffle.

Under Old Business, Gary spoke about the Contra Costa Water District building being home to MDMDC meetings since 1982, and the fact that the club pays a fee of \$100.00 to hold its meetings there.

New Business heard from James Lind that the club needed club patches made, since James includes the patches in each new member's packet that he mails out to members who join the club.

Liz Leppelmeier began her Vice Presidential task of leading the club into its Show and Tell portion of the meeting, a write-up of which is on the next page.

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In the Show and Tell portion of the meeting, James Lind spoke about how he and Gary Collier found a 1906 earthquake rubble some 40 years ago. James found a lockbox bracket, Chinese porcelain and other items in the area.

Mary Roan talked about some of the items she had found in the last month.

Ken Housfeld read an excerpt from Curry's Chronicles, outlining rules for riding stagecoaches.

Bill Like spoke of his recent finds from Coinstar machines, most notably a proof dime!

Eric Edgren talked about a safe he had found that looked like it had been from the 1920's. He also found whisky bottle caps and horseshoes.

Jerry Hallett showed his gold and silver ring finds.

Michael Hammond spoke of finding a 1941 silver half that was probably dropped by a relative, and because of that, it holds a special place in his collection.

Gary's Corner was highlighted by a search for a PVC pip filled with silver half dollars that he was unable to find, and a cache of gold coins found in 1948 when a house was leveled in order to expand a school.

Cyndi Lou won the membership raffle, and Joe McMurtrey won the show-and-tell raffle.

Mary Roan won the grand prize, a 1/2 gram bar of gold!



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December Hunt!

The Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club (MDMDC) held its first annual holiday metal detecting hunt at the picturesque Baldwin Park near beautiful downtown Concord. Although the morning was overcast, by afternoon there was not a chance of rein, deer me!

Twenty eight detectorists eagerly waited for jolly Ken Housfeld to announce the hunt rules and to call for the start of the hunt. I Donner know if it was because everyone needed to get out of the house, or if the thrill of winning Silver and Gold (*cue popular song here*) lured them to the hunt field. It was good to see so many hunters!

This month's hunt was organized a little different than previous hunts as green colored coins were worth 1 point, and miniscule, undetectable washers were worth 5 points. The hunter with the highest accumulative point total would win the top prize, with each hunter's lower scores equal to lesser prizes.

Once the hunt was started, the detectorists were Blitzen the hunt field, looking for those green coins and "metal" washers! One Dasher sped past me to get to the center of the hunt field, presumably to get to the better targets.

The hunt lasted for roughly an hour, and although the weather wasn't too cold, many of the hunters returned red-nosed to the prize area.

The prizes included gold bars which glistened like Haley's Comet in the afternoon sun, and various silver coins, the majority of which were silver dimes.

As expected, the winner of this total volume hunt was the man, the myth, the legend—Art Vallerio who won a 1/2 gram gold bar for accumulating 40 points.

Great job, Art!

Since only members can join a mini-hunt, complete the application found in this newsletter, and mail to the address on it along with your check.

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East Bay Regional Park Permit

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 at Contra Loma Regional Park or 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. This \$20 permit is good for 2 years and is non-refundable.

You can also obtain a permit online:

- Create an account online at EBParks.org/Register (or login to your existing account)
- Purchase Metal Detector permit.
- Your permit will be mailed to you within 48 hours of purchase.

www.ebparks.org/rentals-and-permits/permits/metal-detector

No one is above the law! Avoid the pain and suffering of getting a ticket or possible jail time. Get your permit today!

Merchandise!

The club has T-shirts for sale!

If you are interested in purchasing one of these once-in-a-lifetime items of clothing, please see a board member at one of our monthly mini-hunts/meetings. These shirts are perfect for long walks on the beach, formal or casual events, your Tinder profile picture, night shirts, or anywhere else where you need to be dressed.



The shirts come in a variety of colors, as long as you order a Royal Blue shirt, and has our world-famous logo on the left chest and back areas.

The vendor we use to print the shirts also has hoodies, sweatshirts, hats, and tank tops available with our logo for purchase. We would like to monitor the sales of the T-shirts before purchasing these other items.

We would also like your opinion about what items you would like to buy to guide our item purchasing. Please let us know, either through an email or at our meetings, what types of merchandise you would like us to purchase for resale.

There is a good chance that you will be entered into a special drawing if you are spotted wearing an MDMDC shirt at a meeting or hunt. Buy yours today!

Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club Membership Application

Membership # _____

This will be your assigned membership number once your application is approved.

Membership Type: (check your preference below)

Single Membership \$24.00/year: _____

Family Membership \$30.00/year: _____

Date: _____

Name : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip code: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Home Phone # _____

E-mail Address: _____

Owned Detector Type: _____

Would you like run for a club office?

Yes ___ No ___ Maybe ___

Dues paid for year (please check which year(s) you are paying for:

2022 ___ 2023 ___ 2024 ___ 2025 ___ 2026 ___ 2027 ___

2028 ___ 2029 ___ 2030 ___ 2031 ___ 2032 ___ 2033 ___

Please mail this completed application along with your check/money order to:

Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club

C/O Ken Housfeld

900 Hamilton Drive

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Please allow 2 weeks for your application to be processed.

Membership News!

On behalf of the board and current membership of the Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club, we would like to welcome and acknowledge our newest members:

Bill Like

Vallejo, CA

Kathleen Baird

Concord, CA

Ralph Trueblood

Berkeley, CA

Kim Dessaussois

Antioch, CA

Michael Hammond

Hayward, CA

Welcome to the club!

We look forward to meeting you at one of our hunts or meetings. Please join us if you can!

The Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club was mentioned in a 2015 Western and Eastern Treasures magazine article.

Check out the MDMDC.COM website to read the article!!

White's MXT All Pro!!



Come to a meeting and buy a ticket!

Donate It or Sell It!!

We are always looking for, and willing to accept items of value without having to pay for them.

If you have anything that you don't need, please consider donating the item to the club.

We will take coins, detecting equipment, metal detectors, and any metal detecting related items and include them in our monthly raffles.

If you would like help selling your items, we can do that also. Please feel free to contact me through my email address, and we can work together to get your item sold. You'll be glad you did!

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