

MDMDC Chronicle

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

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What's wrong with this picture?

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On the front cover: Take a look at the photo and see if you can figure out what is wrong with the detector.

The first 628 people who email me (MDMDCEditor@gmail.com) with the correct answer will win a copy of the world famous Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club May 2022 newsletter ABSOLUTELY FREE when it is published next month!!

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 our monthly meetings to learn more about the club, and the people that make it up.

We usually hold our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM at the Contra Costa Water District Office Building, 1331 Concord Ave., Concord, CA.

Since the office building is currently closed, please watch for emails from the club letting you know the date and time of the monthly meeting.

If you know of another location, located in Concord, that is free, please send me an email to MDMDCEditor@gmail.com.

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

April Hunt!

Apprehension was high as the club had never held a metal detecting hunt in Rudgear Park before, and seldom has it held a hunt in Walnut Creek. A few board members had planned to stay in their cars during the hunt in case the event was raided by the ever tenacious Walnut Creek police!

As I pulled into the parking lot, I was pleasantly surprised to see a number of familiar faces already signing in for the hunt. Hunt Chairman Neil Andre did a splendid job of setting up tables near the parking lot, and greeted each hunter with a hardy "Hello!" Around 22 people signed up for this month's hunt, and at the appointed time they proceeded to burst into the hunt field!

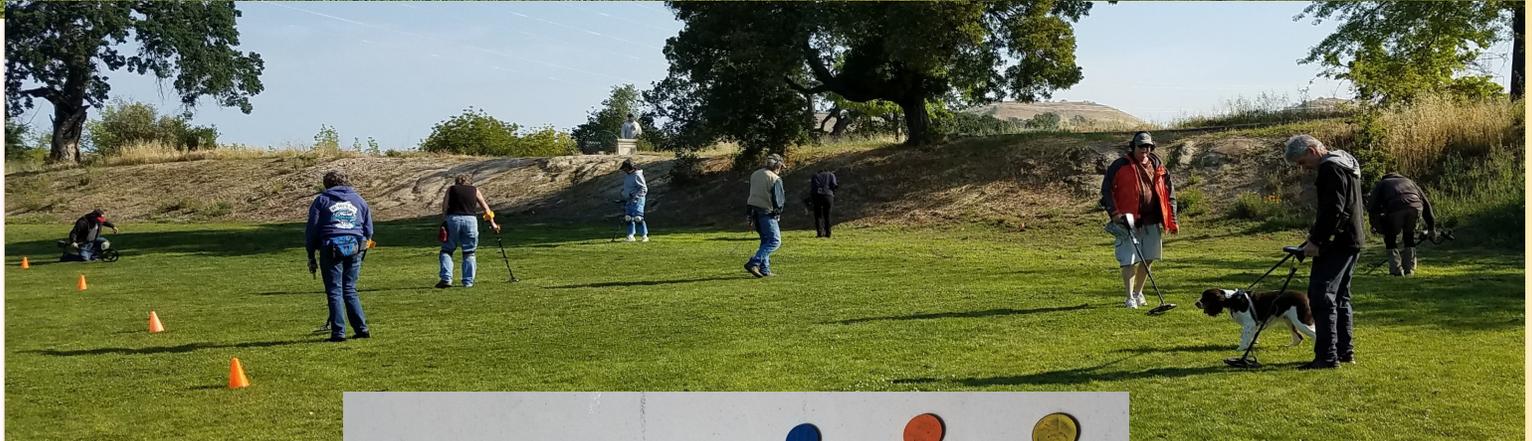
After about an hour of dodging each other and the occasional dog droppings, the hunters all sauntered over to the sign-in table to discover what prizes they had won for the colored coins they had found.

Prizes included various silver coins: dollars, half dollars, quarters, and dimes. Other prizes included V nickels, buffalo nickels, wheat and Indian head pennies, and a copious amount of clad coins. Total prize value almost reached \$200.00!

Kudos to Hunt Chairman Neil Andre for putting together yet another flawless hunt!

**Next month's hunt: Sunday, May 29
Walden Park, 2698 Oak Rd., Walnut Creek, CA**

April Hunt Photos!



April Meeting!

The April MDMDC club meeting had a total of 22 members in attendance. Two new club members joined the club prior to the mini-hunt. Let's all give a warm MDMDMC welcome to Darryl Gomez and Nancy Glenn!

President Gary Collier started the meeting by thanking Vice President Liz Leppelmeier for all of her hard work in keeping the club active throughout the pandemic, and by presenting Liz with a plaque commemorating her leadership through those trying times. The club would like to thank Liz for her dedication and leadership, and say "Thank you, Liz!!!"

It was mentioned at the meeting that a metal detecting permit is needed if you are detecting in an East Bay Regional Park. The MDMDC website now has a separate link to the park website which features the permit.

Dan DiCarlo spoke of our Facebook page where more than half of the members of that page are not members of the club. The consensus from the club was that those people should be removed from the Facebook page.

Also, the club is looking into having club merchandise available for sale. Look for more details to follow in the coming months.

Show and Tell focused on items found at local parks, and a picture of those items is included in the next page of photos.

Camron Samii won the Silver Dime Raffle.

The meeting was adjourned and the main raffle was started.

Prizes included silver dollars, silver half dollars, silver proof quarters, silver dimes, and the grand prize of a one gram gold bar, won by our very own Treasurer Ken Housfeld. Way to go, Ken!

Total value of prizes was over \$300.00!!!



Our website, MDMDC.COM, has old newsletters, the club bylaws, photos of past events, and much more!.

April Meeting!



Bottle Club Show!

As I recently perused previous newsletters looking for ideas, I came across an old ad for the bottle show hosted by the Golden Gate Historical Bottle Society. Noticing that the event usually occurs in April, I did what most of you would have done and I checked my phone to see if I was truly reading the ad in April. Lo and behold, I was in luck: April!

I quickly dispatched an email to bottle club president Gary Antone, asking for a .jpg file showcasing the event that I could share with my fellow club members. He responded rather quickly with an email with the desired .jpg file attached, and also a vendor contract while asking if I was interested in having a table at the event to boast about my club. Needless to say, I jumped at the chance to spend 2 days at a show in Antioch without any prospect of compensation.

I arrived Friday morning, and when I arrived, there was already a line of people waiting to get into the show. I was informed later on in the day that the more serious bottle enthusiasts would gladly pay the \$10.00 entrance fee to get first crack at the bottles.

Throughout the day, I thrilled the attendees with tales of items found with a metal detector, and encouraged them to come to our hunt occurring on April 24. Many of the guests left my display table with a club business card and a membership application, and with thoughts of finding those elusive treasures buried underground that we all dream about. As I casually drove home at breakneck speed down Route 4, I reminisced about the stories I told, and relished in the fact that I had spent an entire day talking about metal detecting to complete strangers. I was SO looking forward to Saturday!

On Saturday, I felt almost giddy at the prospect of meeting even more people at the show than I had on Friday. I rearranged my display table to make it more enticing, and awaited the first customers of the day. My enthusiasm was soon met with disappointment however as I learned that almost no one attends the show on the second day. I still greeted attendees with my usual warmth and charm, but the air was out of the balloon. Vendors started packing up their exhibits around 2pm, a good hour before the show's official end time, but I could tell many were anxious to leave.

Overall, I was happy to have been a part of the show, and thankful that Gary Antone invited me to talk about our club. I will definitely be back next year, probably in April!



GOLDEN GATE
HISTORICAL BOTTLE SOCIETY
Presents
54th
ANNUAL
**BOTTLES,
ANTIQUES &
COLLECTIBLES
SHOW**
SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd 2022
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
CONTRA COSTA EVENT PARK (Fairgrounds)
SUNSET HALL, ANTIOCH, CALIF.
FREE ADMISSION
FREE WALK-IN APPRAISALS BUYERS AT SHOW
DEALER SETUP - FRIDAY the 22nd of April 12:00 to 5:00 pm
"Early Buyers" - FRIDAY 12:00 to 5:00 pm - \$10 Admission Fee
For Show Information, Contact:
GARY or DARLA ANTONE (925) 373-6758
Email: PACKRAT49ER@NETSCAPE.NET

Bottle Club Show!



Upcoming Events

May 25-31

(Memorial Day

Weekend) -

Tonopah,

Nevada! Some of

us are going to Tonopah. Cisco's Restaurant, a club favorite, has been replaced by the Strawberry Hill Diner and is getting rave reviews on Yelp.com. The Jim Butler Days events are back and who doesn't want to watch the drilling and mucking contests?!? You KNOW you do.....



More Upcoming Events

Oct. 21, 22, 23 –The annual West Coaster’s Rendezvous hosted by the West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters has changed for this year, and their club is joining the Valley Prospectors of San Bernardino to host this event at the Ord Mountain campground. More details will be relayed here as we find out more.....

TBD -The GPAA of Northern Nevada Reno, Inc club website is being monitored to see if they are having their annual Rye Patch Nugget Shoot in 2022. This is a free hunt that is wildly popular on the west coast; last year they awarded over 30 detectors and quite a few other prizes. AMRA was there, and they raffled off over \$5000.00 in prizes, including gold. More information will be published as it becomes available.

If you send me an email at MDMDCEditor@gmail.com with this month’s hidden word before noon on May 28, you will be entered into a drawing for a prize to be awarded at the mini-hunt on May 29. Must be present to win. Must be a paid-up club member to win.
This month’s hidden word is “Escondido”.

Monthly Meeting Location

The club has historically met on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM at the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) office building. The address is 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord, CA 94520.

Because of the pandemic, this office building has been closed for meetings, and so the club has been meeting at a local park on a Sunday afternoon.

With the pandemic lessening, we anticipate returning to the CCWD buildings sometime in the near future. When and if that happens, we will let you know as part of our regular monthly meeting email.

We have several new and exciting ideas and changes for the club once we return to the CCWD building, so stay tuned!

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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.

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!

Donate It or Sell It!!

If you're anything like me, you have a bunch of bags filled to the brim with 1909-S VDB Lincoln Wheat Pennies that you don't know what to do with, and you just want to get them out of your house.

Well, instead of putting them in rolls and buying candy at your local Walgreens like I did, consider donating them 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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*The Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club has a Facebook group page.
Please join us at www.facebook.com/groups/122798257759439*

For Sale—Whites MX Sport!!



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For Sale—Garrett AT Pro!!



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