

MDMDC Chronicle

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

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Kelly O'Brien's Diamond!!!!

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On the front cover: Club member Kelly O'Brien struck it rich in the club's November hunt!

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.

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.

November Meeting!

Club President Ken Housfeld opened the meeting with the welcoming of several guests: Richard Lei, Richard Paltenghi, Miles Maynard, and from the Contra Costa Mineral and Gem Society: Primo Facchini, and Cheryl and Naomi Morgan.

Ken also discussed the latest Rely For Life event which netted \$93,783 in donation funds.

Ken also discussed the holiday party being planned for December which will be a potluck. He mentioned that there is a sign up sheet for those interested in attending the party.

Hunt Chairman Gary Collier spoke of the October hunt at the Concord Community Park on Cowell Road which saw 20 hunts vying for prizes. He also spoke of the November hunt which will take place at a park to be determined.

Liz Leppelmeier won the Silver Dime raffle.

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

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The Show and Tell portion of the meeting was kicked off by James Lind showing old coins he has found.

“Johnny Shovels” spoke about TN war relics and displayed of variety of belt plates.

Liz Leppelmeier displayed her finds of an old car, old marble and a spoon.

Belinda Ryan spoke of her finds in the Tahoe area.

Ken Housfeld spoke of his Reader’s Digest coin, and his Airpod Pro find.

Eric S. gave a detailed talk about his adventures looking for Joaquin Murrieta’s gold and household. He also spoke about his search for Fremont’s cannon.

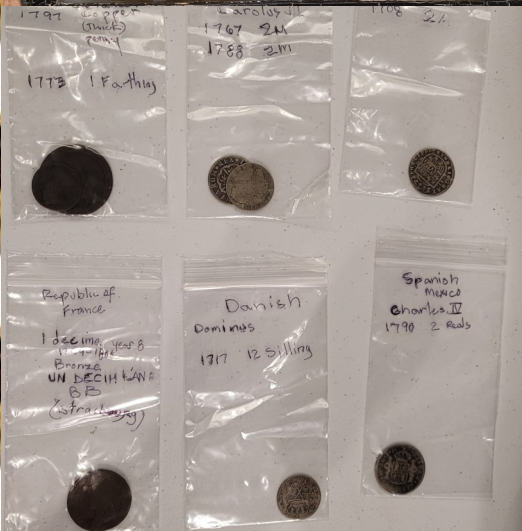
Martin Coulson won the Membership drawing.

John Milewski won the Show and Tell Drawing.

Kelly O’Brien won the 50/50 drawing.

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MDMDC Holiday Party!

Sunday, December 3, 2023

12:00PM—3:00PM

Senior Living Center

302 Shaw Rd.

Walnut Creek, CA



\$10 fee per person plus a potluck item.

A-H	Appetizer
I-P	Salad or Side Dish
R-Z	Dessert

There will be games, a raffle, a coin giveaway by Gary, and a chance to sell your items minus 10% to the club.

The club will provide meat for the potluck from Back Forty.

Name: _____

Number in your party: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Please **bring** this completed application to our next meeting or mail it along with your check/money order to:

Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club
C/O Ken Housfeld
900 Hamilton Drive
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523



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The address above is where you should park.

The building is a short walk from the parking as indicated by the map below.

Circle = Parking
Star = Party



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!

Don't Miss Out!

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.

Come to a meeting or a hunt and buy a shirt or two.

Once they're all gone, we'll have to order more!

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!

2024 Events!!!

Antioch Lapidary Club Jewelry, Gem & Rock Show

Saturday, February 17, 2024 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Jewelry, Gems, Findings, Supplies,
Auction, Grab Bags, Exhibits and
Hands on projects for kids

Admission: \$6.00
Children 12 & under / Scouts in uniform – Free
Active Military with ID – Free

Info: Kelly Plumb 510-693-9075
kellyplumb900@yahoo.com

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
1201 WEST 10th STREET
ANTIOCH, CA

\$1.00 Off Admission With This Flyer

www.antiochlapidaryclub.com

2024 Events!!!



Antioch Lapidary Club's Annual Artisan Jewelry & Rock Sale

Saturday, May 4, 2024 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

NICE MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS!

FREE ADMISSION/Fun for the whole family

Everyone is invited to the Antioch Lapidary Club's annual Artisan Jewelry & Rock Sale/Swap. There will be booths with jewelry, slabs, rough and other rock-related items to purchase.

Join us for a fun-filled "rockhounding" day – visit our Rock and Mineral Museum; games for children; field trip to our rock pile behind clubhouse – rock by the pound – cheap.

BBQ lunch served at 12:00 – only \$5.00 with all the fixings!

Where: Antioch Lapidary Club's clubhouse
425 Fulton Shipyard Road, Antioch, CA

If you would like to sell/trade/swap items, bring a table or two and your jewelry, rocks, fossils, gems, minerals, extra equipment, etc. **Please call Gary Casillas at 925-458-4076 to reserve a spot.**

(Directions on back)

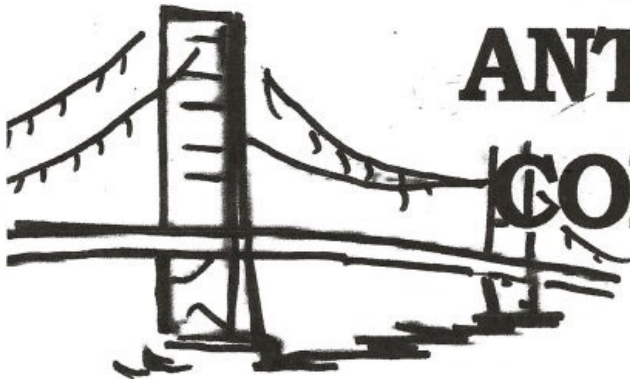
2024 Events!!!

GOLDEN GATE

HISTORICAL BOTTLE SOCIETY
Presents

56th

ANNUAL



ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th 2024

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

CONTRA COSTA EVENT PARK (Fairgrounds)

SUNSET HALL, ANTIOCH, CA

FREE ADMISSION

FREE WALK-IN APPRAISALS BUYERS AT SHOW

DEALER SETUP - FRIDAY the 19th 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

Start an MDMDCC Chapter!!!

The MDMDCC board has decided to explore the possibility of having MDMDCC chapters throughout CA.

We know that there are areas of our state that used to have metal detecting clubs (San Bruno, Santa Clara, San Jose, etc) which are now defunct, and we would like the people in those areas to come under the MDMDCC umbrella.

If you live in any of these areas and would like to, or know someone who would like to start up an MDMDCC chapter, please let me know.

Take a moment to imagine the prestige and inner warmth you will feel being a MDMDCC chapter lead!

Don't hesitate, and contact me today!

Thanks,

Dan DiCarlo

MDMDCEditor@gmail.com

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:

2023 ___ 2024 ___ 2025 ___ 2026 ___ 2027 ___ 2028 ___

2029 ___ 2030 ___ 2031 ___ 2032 ___ 2033 ___ 2034 ___

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.

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!

Contact: Dan DiCarlo

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*The Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club has a Facebook page.
Please join us at
www.facebook.com/MountDiabloMetalDetectingClub*

For Sale—Garrett AT Pro!!



*If interested, contact
Bill Like
cptbill@aol.com*

For Sale: White's MXT All Pro!!



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