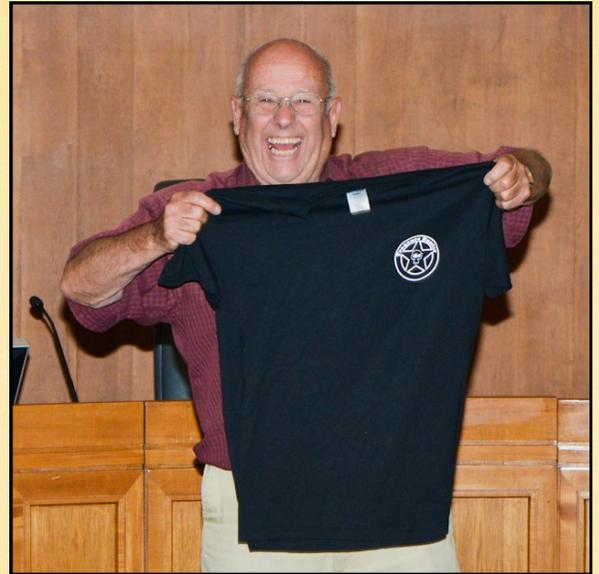


MDMDC Newsletter

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

A relatively small group of 30 club members and 4 guests gathered for the July meeting. There was a lot of impressive show-and-tell items, including Brian Severn showing off his 19580 Seated Half and 1877CC Seated Quarter. James Lind also shared his story of returning a recovered backpack containing a set of keys to its



*Miles Maynard
Auctioning Items at the July Meeting*

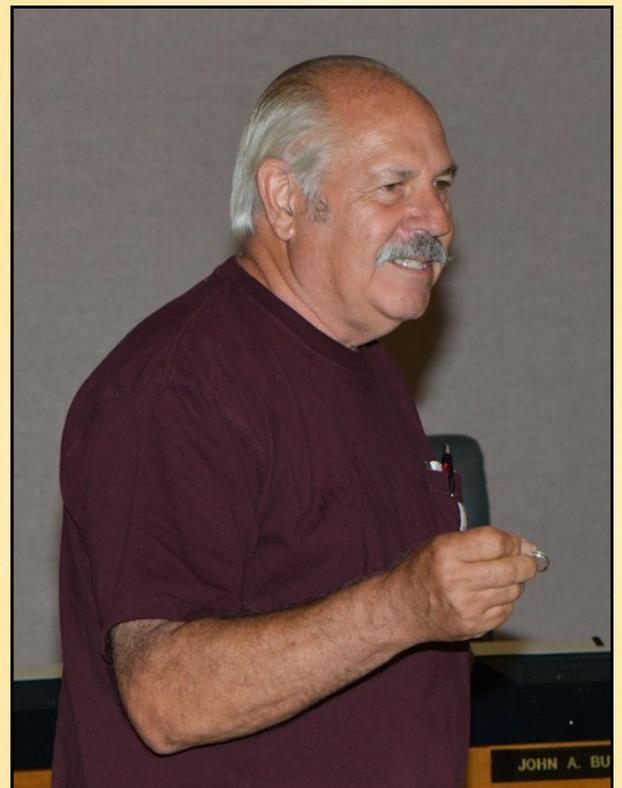
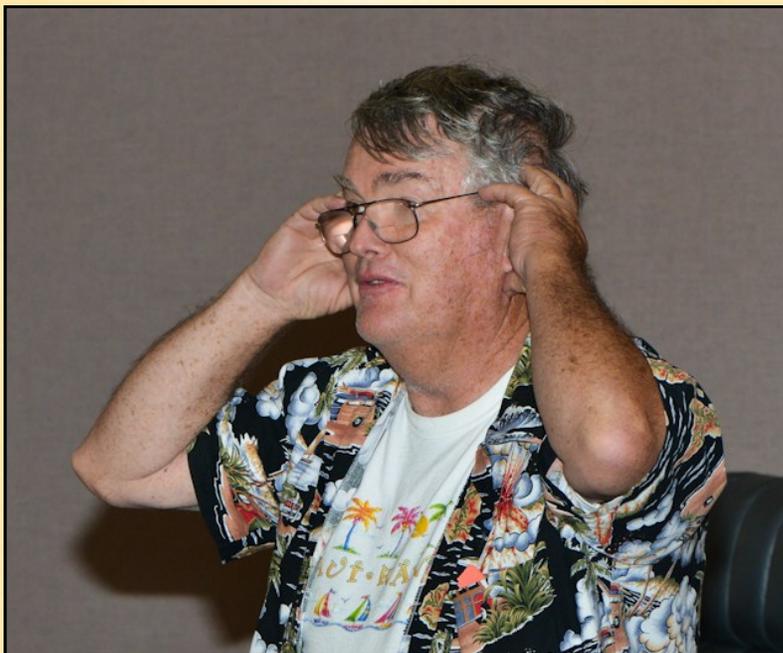
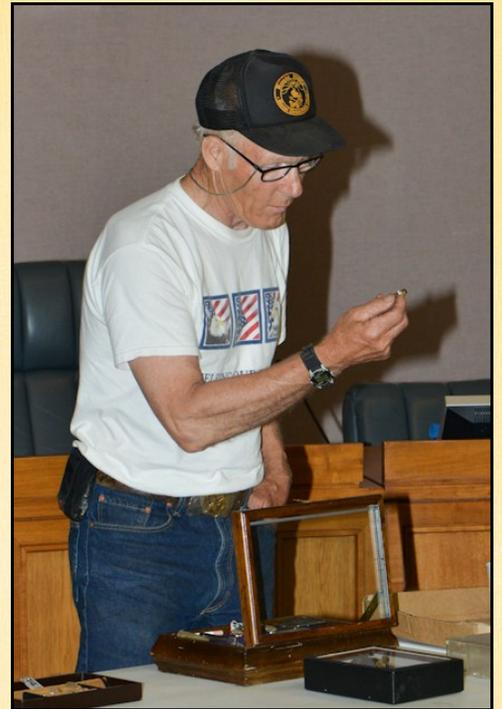


*Jim Stockton at the
2012 Blind Camp Event*

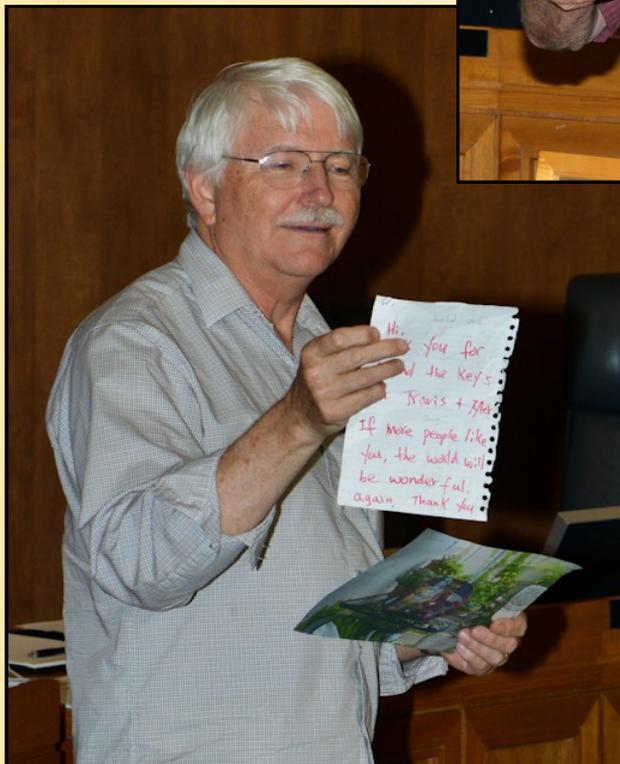
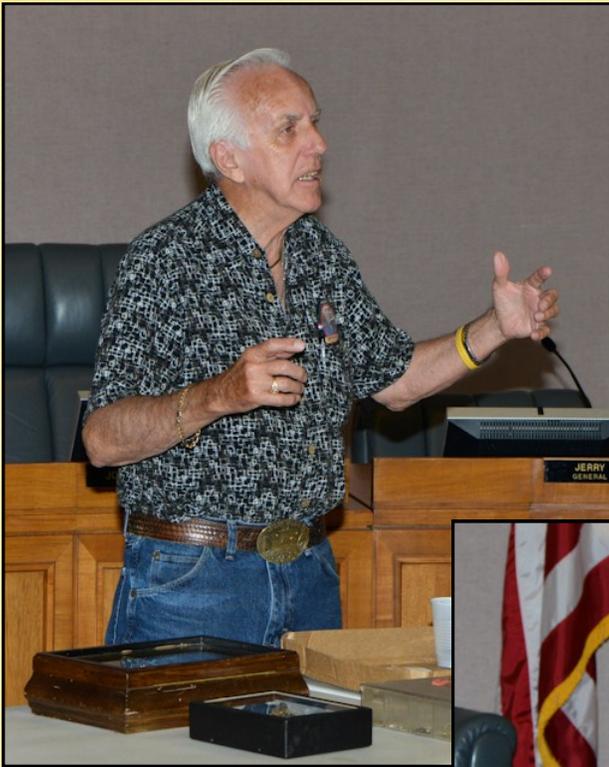
owner, and receiving a note thanking him and

reading “If more people like you, the world will be wonderful again!”. Miles Maynard auctioned off several items to help raise \$45 for the annual Children's Blind Camp. Please check out the full Blind Camp story later in this newsletter. For July's “Gary's Corner”, club founder Gary Collier discussed the hazards of metal detecting, especially when not wearing gloves. Another great raffle with lots of prizes finished off the evening.

July Meeting Show and Tell!



Show and Tell, Continued



Past and Upcoming Events



July 29th - Ken Housfeld hosted the July Mini-Hunt. (Pictured above). Close to 20 detectorists showed up for the hunt, located at Concord Community Park. Ken planted \$75 in clad coins on the large search field, along with 30 silver dimes and many other prizes! A variation of the “Fair Share Method” using raffle tickets guaranteed that everyone won something. Bob Westlund donated several pouches with pretend gold nuggets as additional prizes. The top prize of a silver dollar went to Kelly O’Brien. There was a Potluck following the hunt, with lots of food for everyone to enjoy. Thanks for putting on a great hunt Ken!

August 1st - The annual Blind Camp took place at Leoni Meadows (near Placerville, CA). Please see the next couple of pages for the full story and lots of pictures.

August 14th - Monthly MDMDC Club Meeting

August 26th - Mini-Hunt hosted by Gary Collier. Details for this hunt will be announced at the next club meeting on Tuesday August 14th, and in upcoming email communications.

August 30th to September 3rd - Annual “Return to Tonopah, Nevada” for Labor Day weekend. Learn more at the next club meeting on August 14th.

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.

2012 Annual Blind Camp

The annual MDMDC Blind Camp event was a great success again this year. Jim Stockton has organized this “experience” for the last 18 years now. A group of 12 detectorists drove for several hours and gathered for breakfast in Placerville, CA at 7:00am. By 8:00, we were on the road again to Leoni Meadows campground located in the scenic El Dorado National Forest. For over an hour, we assisted a total of 40 blind children (and some blind adults) to teach them how to find coins using metal detectors. Everyone received a handful of coins, and many other prizes including jewelry, silver coins, pouches, blankets, and other items. Jim also hosted a special mini-hunt for our club members, with approximately \$250 in prizes!



Sandy Cameron working with one of the Blind Camp attendees



Several MDMDC Club members teaching the blind to use metal detectors

2012 Annual Blind Camp (Continued)

I'm always amazed at how skilled the blind are at finding the coins. They leave their canes with their counselors and completely trust us to guide them and show them the proper techniques to find the coins. Many of the participants remember us from previous years by the sound of our voices. The majority of those who participated in previous years do not require instruction. They just grab the detector and start swinging! These visits obviously leave special and lasting memories for everyone involved.



Bobby Whitworth



*Jim Stockton, Parker Grube,
and Sandy Cameron*



Mike Walding and Miles Maynard



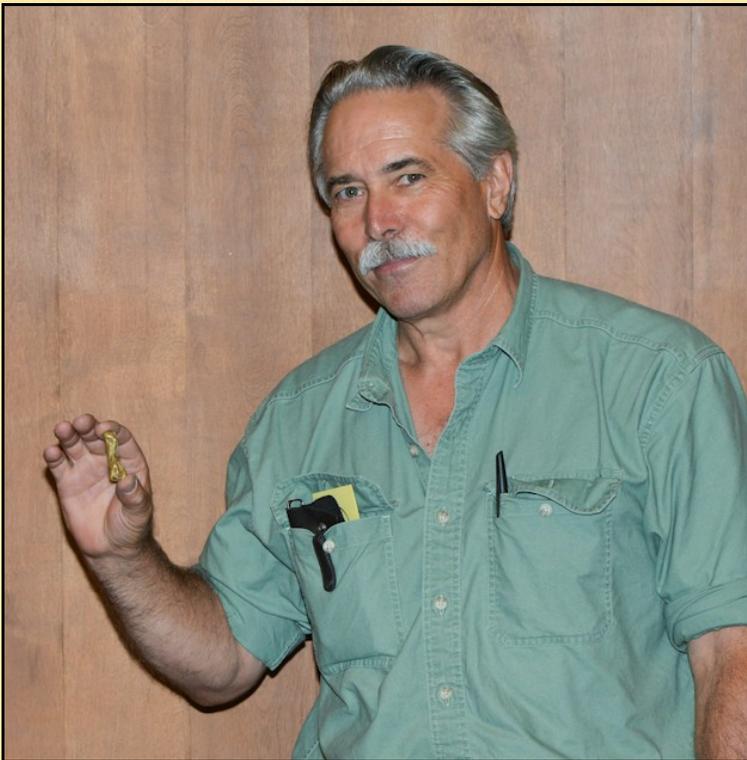
Gary Collier

Find of the Month!

The July "Find of the Month" goes to Lee Sheppard for his amazing find of a 1.57 ounce gold nugget! Lee has been detecting for over 40 years, and has been a member of MDMDC since 1991! He currently uses a Whites MXT metal detector with a Hot Shot 12 inch coil. The nugget was found in Ganes Creek, Alaska during a recent trip there in July. It was found only 2 inches down right on the gravel road! Lee named the nugget "Uncle Sam" because it was found on the 4th of July! Lee is an avid relic and bottle hunter, and has made the trip to detect in Ganes Creek 7 times. Congratulations Lee on your awesome find!



Lee telling the story of his great find



Lee showing off his gold nugget



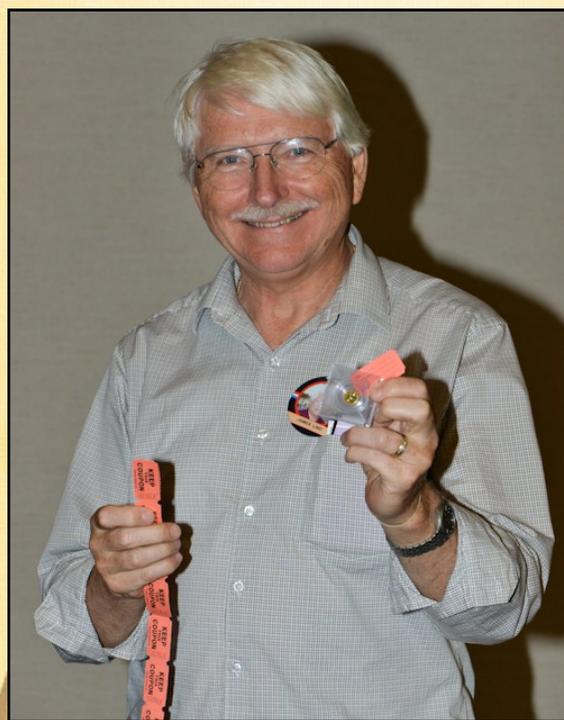
"Uncle Sam"

June Meeting Winners!

Dan Di Carlo won the attendance drawing, receiving 12 tickets to the main raffle, and Joy Walding won 6 tickets. The “Silver Dime” raffle winner was not present at the meeting, so the total amount will be carried over to the August meeting. Patty Gosney won the “2nd Chance” drawing, winning a 1oz. Silver Eagle. Second place went to James Lind, with a 1/20 Australian Kangaroo coin. The grand prize winner of the evening was Tom Reeves, winning a 1/10 gold coin! Congratulations to all of the July winners!



Tom Reeves



James Lind

Gold and Silver values: Gold \$1601.05, Silver \$27.73