

# MDMDC Newsletter

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



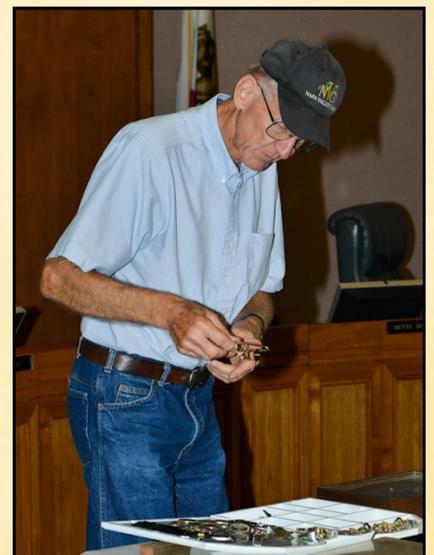
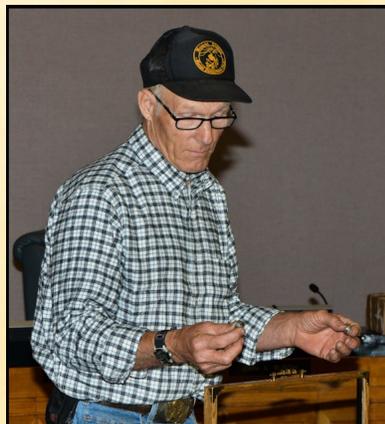
We had a large audience for the September club meeting, with a total of 50 people in attendance including 4 guests. For September's "Gary's Corner", club founder Gary Collier reviewed his recent trip to Tonopah, Nevada, and showed us his finds from the trip, including an 1871 Seated Liberty Dime and a fancy Bible bookmark. There was plenty of amazing show and tell as always, and another great raffle with lots of valuable prizes ended the evening.



*Club members finding camouflaged targets at the September Mini-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 Blind Camp.*  
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# September Meeting Show and Tell!



# Past and Upcoming Events

**September 30th** - Parker Grube hosted the September Mini-Hunt, with a total of 23 detectorists showing up for the hunt, located at Brookwood Park in Pleasant Hill. A total of 450 coins with special camouflage paint were planted on the field. There were also 10 special “tokens” which were exchanged for various prizes including books, a hat, tools, and other accessories. All targets were found, including one token placed underneath some fake dog poo! (Bobby Whitworth finally found that one after many others avoided it!) The top prize of a Silver Morgan Dollar went to Mike Waters for finding the highest total value of coins on the field. The “fair share” prize distribution method ensured everyone received silver coins. A potluck picnic followed the hunt, and everyone had a great time. Thanks for hosting a great hunt, Parker!

**October 9th** - Monthly MDMDC Club Meeting

**October 28th** - Mini-Hunt hosted by Beth Stockholm. Details for this hunt will be announced at the next club meeting on Tuesday October 9th, and in upcoming email communications.

**December 2nd** (11:00 to 3:00) - Annual Holiday Party at Back Forty Texas BBQ located at 100 Coggins Dr. in Pleasant Hill. Last year’s party was at the same location and it was fantastic, so don’t miss it this year! Attendees will have the option to include their own items in an auction, and there will also be a gift exchange with a \$10 value, so be sure to bring a wrapped gift to participate. The cost of the party is \$35 per person.



*Mike Waters took the top prize at the September mini-hunt. Way to go Mike!*

*The Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Contra Costa Water District Office.*

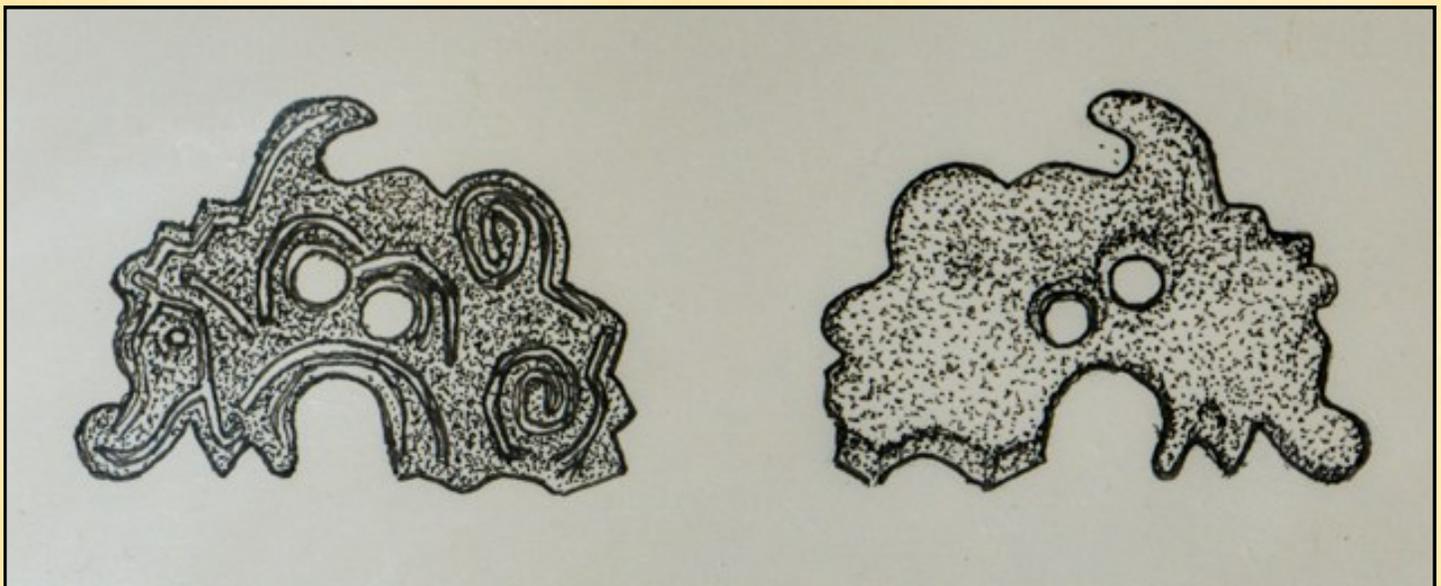
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## Find(s) of the Month!

The September “Find of the Month” was awarded to Jerry Hallett of Napa, CA. Jerry recently traveled to Witchingham Norfolk England with a group of detectorists. On August 19th, Jerry found an amazing artifact which was identified as a Ringerike Style Horseware Cast Copper Alloy Cheekpiece. It dates to circa 950AD - 1050AD and is extremely rare, as this is only 1 of 3 known to exist. This item was equipped to the cheek area of a horse as it was ridden into battle! Jerry generously donated the find to the Norfolk Museum. Congratulations on your awesome find Jerry!



*Jerry Hallett*



*Museum Artist's drawing of Jerry's amazing find*

# August Meeting Winners!

John Russell won the attendance drawing, receiving 12 tickets to the main raffle, and Rob Worth won 6 tickets. Rob also won the “Silver Dime” raffle. The “Last Chance” prize for the main raffle went to Ken Housfeld, winning a 2012 Silver American Eagle. The grand prize winner of the evening was Jim Gravesande, winning a 1945 Dos Peso Gold Coin! The top prize also came with the coveted red purse! Congratulations to all of the September winners!



*Rob Worth with the “Silver Dime” winnings!*



*Jim Gravesande with the top prize (and the red purse!)*



*Ken Housfeld*

Gold and Silver values: Gold \$1781.50, Silver \$34.66