

MDMDC Newsletter

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

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe and memorable holiday season, and of course, found some time for detecting!

The November meeting had a total of 49 in attendance. Connie Nolan won 11 tickets to the main raffle, and George Galvin won 6 tickets. Kelly O'Brien won the "Silver Dime" raffle which included \$130 cash, 7 silver dimes, and a \$1 silver certificate! Steve Bava talked about techniques for hunting an area. Try it in one direction, then another. Change coils and you're likely to still find targets. After a rain, search the same area again because the soil conditions have changed. Don't give up on an area after only one visit!



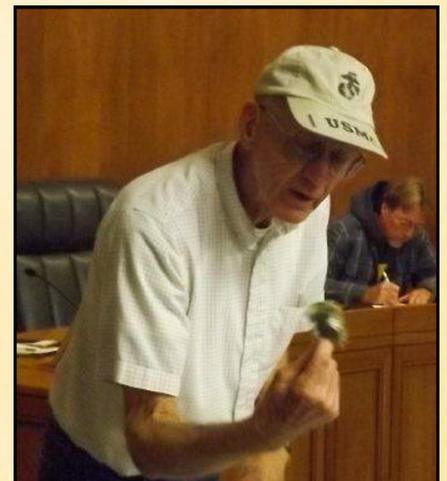
Gary Collier, Always Ready For The Holidays!

The December meeting had a total of 38 in attendance. Sam Grow won 11 tickets, and David Grube won 6 tickets to the main raffle. The "Silver Dime" winner was not in attendance, so the total amount will roll over to the January meeting. The highlight of the evening was a special presentation put on by John Russell. Details of John's presentation can be found later in this newsletter.

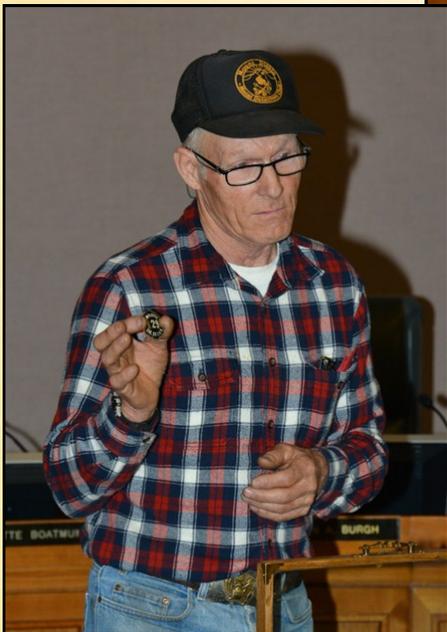
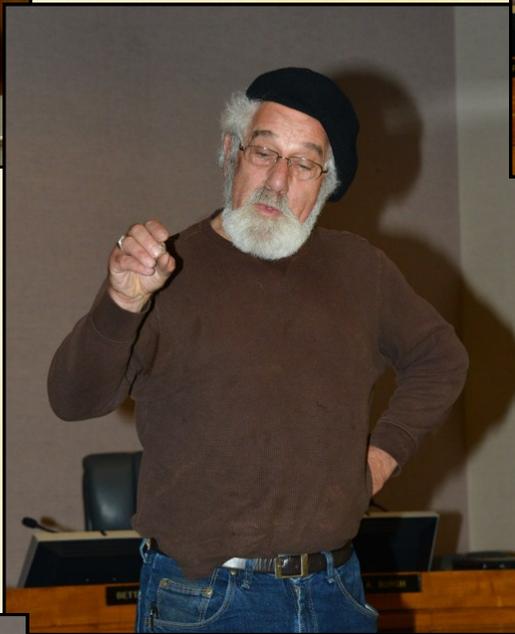
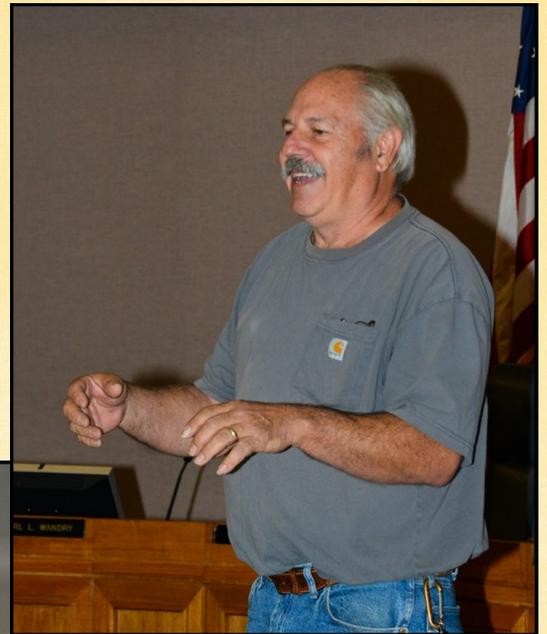
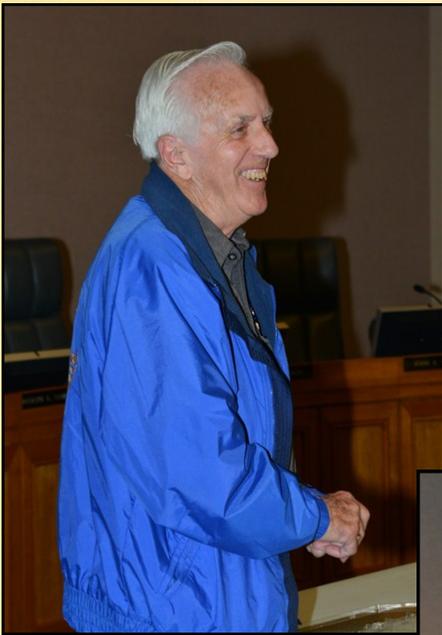
November Meeting Show and Tell!



A special thank-you to Bobby Whitworth for taking the November meeting notes and pictures.



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Upcoming Events

January 4th & 5th - EastBay / Concord Coin Show at the Clarion Hotel in Concord. \$3.00 admission. Details at www.norcalcoinshows.com

January 8th - Monthly MDMDC Club Meeting. The 2013 dues are due! Membership fees are \$24 for a single membership and \$30 for a family membership. Check or cash payments will be collected by James Lind. Also, please remember to bring all of your old corroded pennies to donate to the Children's Blind Camp. There will be a collection bucket at the meeting.

January 27th - Mini-Hunt hosted by Mike Waters. Details for this hunt will be announced at the next club meeting on Tuesday January 8th, and in upcoming email communications.

May (Memorial Day Weekend) - Tonopah! Details regarding our annual Tonopah trip will be discussed at the upcoming meetings, so mark your calendars and start planning now!

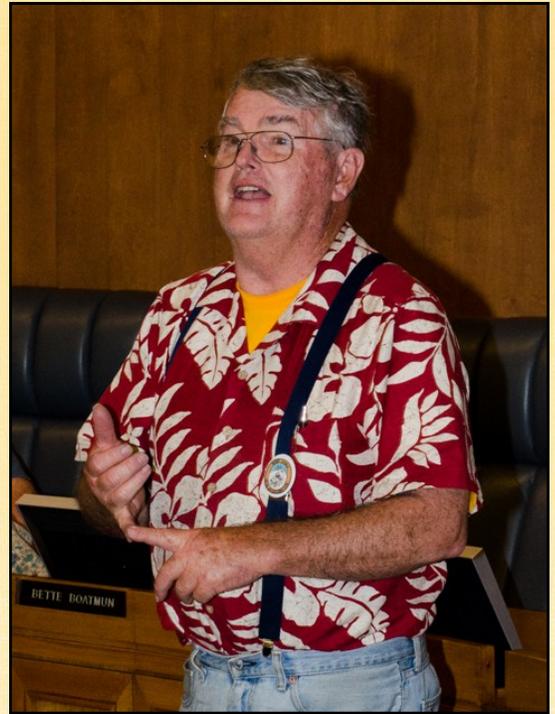
The Mount Diablo Metal Detecting Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Contra Costa Water District Office.

The address is: 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord, CA 94520.

Gary's Back from Hawaii!

Here's a note I received from Gary Collier after he returned from his treasure-hunting adventure in Hawaii. I can't wait to hear more about his trip at the next meeting!

Hi David: We just got back from Hawaii. What a temperature shock. Wanted to get back on the plane. Came back with 7 silvers, 21 wheats, and a 1940s Superman ring. Doesn't sound like much BUT it all came from a city block sized area I thought I had pounded to oblivion in the past 25 years. I searched before in every direction, with different techniques and loops, and was always successful at finding a few more keepers. Last couple of times though I thought I must have cleared it as far down as a signal could penetrate through the red volcanic dirt and coral chunks. All the pre1960 targets are 5 to 7 inches down. The signals are terrible at best. I ran into 2 local detectorists who have not figured out how to go after deep targets and claim to have not come up with a single silver ever. They aren't much competition as they start after the sun is up and go too fast. They get lots of new coins with this style but have yet to savor the thrill of shiny silver coming out of the ground. I hunt between 6am and 8am and then go to breakfast (Leslie likes to sleep in, do her hair, take a shower, lounge so it's the best of both worlds). I get back, we get some local food, grab the swim gear life is good. I found after the sun comes up and hits the Bermuda and crab grass the detecting deep signals are all gone. I get one deep signal after another in the dark, dawn and twilight and after that it's nada. It's hard enough to try to penetrate iron soils, but as soon as the sun comes up the grass springs up 1 to 3 inches like a sponge ---- eliminating those deep whispers. So after breakfast we hit the beach (82 - 85 degrees everyday) or see the sights. We were there for Pearl Harbor Day, saw the Surfing Contest on the North Shore, then Duke's Canoe Club for dinner, then the Christmas Electric Light Parade down Waikiki's main street, and the next day: 25,000 runners in the Honolulu Marathon ran right by our hotel at 4:30am. Since the hurricane cancelled the New York Marathon a lot of the elite runners that had been signed up changed plans and headed for Honolulu/Waikiki. The town was jumping!! Lots of tourists losing stuff on the beaches. We met my friend Dale who is the White's dealer for dinner in Pearl City and he brought along his last months gold finds from water hunting (incredible - I gotta get an underwater machine). Anyway we had great time and more at the next meeting. See you soon. Gary



Gary Collier

2012 Holiday Party



The annual MDMDC holiday party at Back 40 Texas BBQ was a big success this year, with tons of delicious food, great prizes distributed by Gary Collier, a silent auction, a gift exchange, a slide show, and lots of great company and conversation. There were 50 people in attendance, and everyone had a wonderful time!



Lots of great desserts too!

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 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, 3. This \$20 permit is good for 2 years and is non-refundable.

Meeting Winners!

Kelly O'Brien won the "Silver Dime" raffle at the November club meeting. Two 1833 Bust Half Dollars were won by Jerry Smith and George Galvin. Tom Reeves won the top prize in November with a 2.5 Gold Peso coin.

The top prize at the December meeting was won by Joy Walding, shown to the right displaying her 1875-S 20¢ coin.

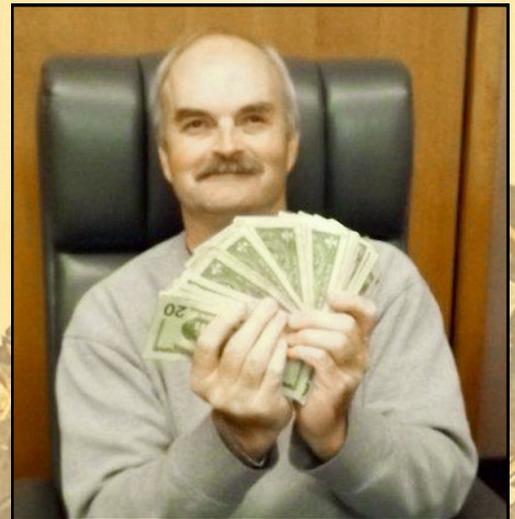
Congratulations to all of the winners!



Joy Walding



*Tom Reeves, Jerry Smith,
and George Galvin*



Kelly O'Brien

Gold and Silver values: Gold \$1676.85, Silver \$30.83