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Hello from the President's Desk,

By the time you receive this, Christmas and New Year's will be over. I hope everyone had a wonderful time with friends and family.

Since accepting this job back in October, I have been kept busy. I started by contacting all of the active clubs in the Western Chapter. I made sure I had good contact numbers and email addresses. If you wish to be added to the contact list, email me or call me. This is the best way to be kept informed on what is happening in your Chapter. I still need some of the clubs to send me their newsletter so I can keep up with their affairs. Some of the clubs are not putting out a newsletter! How can your members know what is going on?

I have also been busy contacting the clubs that dropped out over the last 4 or 5 years. The benefits of membership far outweigh the cost of membership. Hopefully, I can motivate them in to rejoining. Strength is in numbers, when we approach our elected officials. There is a lot of work that needs to be done and I need the members to help, you're my eyes and ears.

The Chapter hunt scheduled for February 5th in Mesa, AZ is coming along. Hopefully you have all seen the flyers, if not call or email me. Prizes are coming in from the various Manufacturers and Dealers, besides the Silver coins and Gold nuggets your entry fee will buy.

Until next issue, take care and may you have good luck in your endeavors!

Mike Smith

New FMDAC Website and Forum

How many of you have checked out the new website www.fmdac.org? Marilyn Lake, our Webmaster, has done a fantastic job. Has anyone been into the Forum lately, a lot of changes have taken place? We now have a spot on the Forum to list stolen detectors. Hopefully this will help Law Enforcement and our members in recovering their property.

Sponsorship Program

We also started a Sponsorship Program for Dealers and Manufacturers. They will get their Company Name, Address, Phone, Fax, Email Address, and Website listed on the FMDAC web. If you know of a Dealer or Manufacturer that would like to Sponsor FMDAC, have them go to the website or contact me. The more support we have the easier it is to correct the wrongs that society has placed upon us.

Western Chapter Clubs

In Arizona:

The Arizona Treasures Unlimited club is always active with their "Finds of the Month". They are also getting ready for their Annual Holiday Hunt January 21st.

The Superstition West Treasure Hunters are still looking for a Newsletter Editor.

The Superstition Mountain Treasure Hunters filed a new claim over by Stanton, AZ, a real good area for nuggets. They are also getting ready for a hunt on February 19th.

The Colorado River Valley Treasure Seekers have been pretty quit but now that the weather is nice I hope to hear from them about their activities.

In California:

The West Coast Prospectors & Treasure Hunters have not reported any activities. I guess "all quit on the western front".

The Coinshooters of San Diego have elected a new President, Russ Gish. Talked to Jim Walker about putting on a FMDAC hunt in California, early fall of 2007.

The Siskiyou County Relics and Recovery is kind a slow at this time of the year. Talked to President Mona Goudelock about membership retention, suggested the Wal-Mart/Bounty Hunter Program, the FMDAC has arranged to help the clubs gain members.

In Nevada:

The Silver State Detecting Club has slowed down some activities, with snow on the mountains. The outing to Seven Troughs Canyon, back in November, sounded exciting.

Calendar of Events

February 5th - FMDAC Western Chapter is holding a metal detecting hunt at the GPAA Show in Mesa, AZ. For more information contact Mike Smith at 480-983-7011 or email promack@quik.com

May 5 – 7th – FMDAC Spring Convention is being held in Niagara Falls, NY. For more information contact Jill McFeeders at 330-364-1608 or email jcseeker@core.com

Treasures in Your State

Ghost Towns, Mining Camps, Logging Camps and Old Ranch Sites are where some of the treasures hide. Most items found at these locations do not qualify for protection under the Antiquities Act.

Arizona

Some of these sites that might lead to treasures are: McMillenville, Young and Burch in Gila County, Seymour, Culling's Well, and Kennedy's Station in Maricopa County.

California

Some of the sites in your area are: Hamlet of Jamul, Witch Creek Stage Station and the Oak Grove Stage Station in San Diego County, Hawkinsville, Deadwood and Greenhorn in Siskiyou County.

Nevada

Areas around Reno to be searched include: Summit Camp, Small's Station and Glenbrook in Douglas County.

Wyoming

Ghost towns and battle sites can be found in Johnson County. Towns of Beckton, Logan and Trabing need searched. Battle site along the Red Fork of the Powder River near Kaycee should produce some nice finds.

Some of these sites may be on Federal, State or Private Property. Get permission and follow the laws, please!

FMDAC'S CODE OF ETHICS

I WILL ALWAYS CHECK FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAWS BEFORE SEARCHING. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO "KNOW THE LAW".

I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE OWNER'S PERMISSION, WHERE POSSIBLE SUCH PERMISSION WILL BE IN WRITING.

I WILL TAKE CARE TO REFILL ALL HOLES AND TRY NOT TO LEAVE ANY DAMAGE.

I WILL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ANY AND ALL TRASH AND LITTER THAT I FIND.

I WILL APPRECIATE AND PROTECT OUR INHERITANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

I WILL, AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE HOBBY, USE THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.

I WILL WORK TO HELP BRING UNITY TO OUR HOBBY BY WORKING WITH ANY ORGANIZATION OF ANY GEOGRAPHIC AREA THAT MAY HAVE PROBLEMS THAT WILL LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO PEACEFULLY PURSUE THE HOBBY.

I WILL LEAVE GATES AS FOUND.

I WILL BUILD FIRES IN DESIGNATED SAFE PLACES ONLY.

I WILL REPORT TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER AND OR REMOVE ARTIFACTS FROM FEDERAL PARKS OR STATE PRESERVES

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