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Hello from the President's Desk,

Welcome to 2007! The first quarter of the year went by pretty quick, with the planning for the hunts here in Arizona (February and May), and the 2007 Western Chapter Fall hunt taking place in Foresthill, CA in September, we have been kept busy.

We had a very successful Chapter hunt in February at the GPAA Gold Show, with 31 entries. We had FMDAC members from around the country attend this event. The Sponsors and Winners are listed in another section of this newsletter.

Don't forget to get your entry forms and raffle tickets back to Jill for the up coming 2007 Spring Convention here in May. This will be one Convention you do not want to miss! We will be having a free hunt on Friday evening, a gold nugget hunt on Saturday morning and two silver hunts on Sunday.

Finally, we have the date and location set for the Chapter hunts on the 1st of September at Foresthill, CA. These hunts will be open to the public. More information about these hunts can be found back in the "Calendar of Events" section.

Still working on trying to find an AZ State Senator and Congressman to propose legislation to amend our state laws. If you know of a Legislator in the state of AZ that would be willing to support a metal detecting Amendment, please contact me.

Was recently contacted by the local club, Arizona Treasures Unlimited, it seems the City of Phoenix is giving them a hard time on some of the City's property. I will try and find a solution to their problem.

Till next time keep finding the goodies and follow the laws, please.

Mike Smith
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Western Chapter's Vice Presidents Corner Club Promotion

By Lee Wiese, Western States Chapter VP leewiese@excite.com

There are many ways a metal detecting club can promote itself in the community and in this article I will only provide you with a couple of club promotional ideas.

Why promote your club's existences at all? First and foremost is to grow your membership from the few to many. Second it affords people interested in metal detecting an outlet for friendship, detecting partners and for the club to promote / sponsor responsible metal detecting.

One step a club can take to develop its presence is to appoint a club member to be its club Promotional Chairman. His / her role can be to identify club promotional opportunities and develop programs.

A club's promotional programs can take TWO directions first by promoting the club to its current membership base. This can be done by having interactive & special topic meetings, which include guest speakers and / or members that have a special interest to share.

Second promote your club to the community at large. This is the area I will address in this short article.

The simplest and least expensive way a club can promote itself is to create a club business card. This card can be provided to local area businesses / merchants that are associated with the hobby such as: prospecting metal detecting, coin, bottle & glass, rock & mineral retail stores and other clubs, etc. These businesses can make your club's business card available to their customers. The result is a rapid exposure of your clubs existence in the local community.

Here is a sample of a club business card's layout and content



Your club's business card can also be printed on the back side with a Code of Metal Detecting Ethics or a short and precise permission to hunt agreement or what ever you may want to place on the back.

Next, I would like to turn your attention to the creation of a club website. Today, many people use the Internet to research their interested and metal detecting is one of those interest frequently researched. The subject of metal detecting is available on the Internet in club web sites and personal web pages, special metal detecting forums, and companies selling metal detecting wares.

Metal detecting club websites are either a single web-page description of a specific club or a club website with many pages, photos, newsletters and in some cases much more. Today 50% of the FMDAC member metal detecting clubs have a website with more sites appearing ever month. If you do not have a member in your club with the skill to create a club web page or site it is still possible for your club to have a web page.

Why should a club consider a web page?

- Communicate the clubs existence
- Gain new members through the internet
- Provide a public service for lost items and evidence searches
- Achieve local and national recognition
- Use the web-hosting service's email capability for internal member communication
- Post club events on the web-page rather than use USPS

Western Chapter's Vice Presidents Corner (cont)

The first thing you need for the creation of a web page, is a website hosting service provider. There are many available and a quick search on the web will provide you a list. Most web-hosting providers' starting price will be under six dollars per month and should come with some of the following benefits:

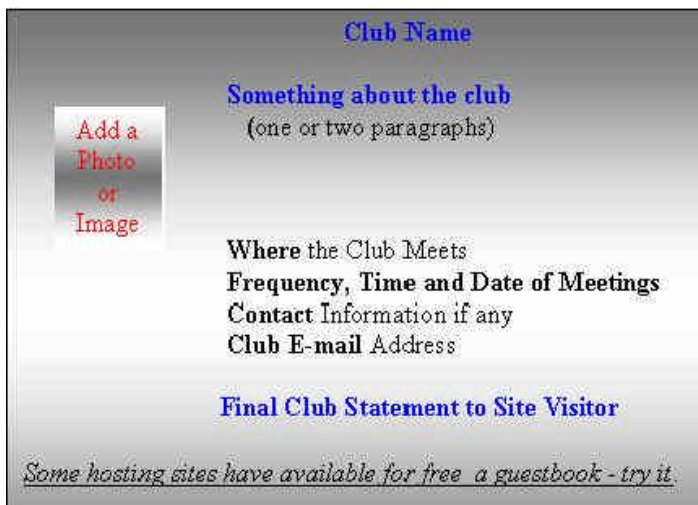
- Free E-mail Accounts (A MUST)
- Free Site Builder (A MUST)
- Free Web-Page Templates (A MUST)
- Free 24/7 Web-Site Support (High Want)
- Free Domain Registration (A MUST)
- Ad free site-no advertising (A MUST)
- Visitor unlimited access (A MUST)
- Front Page Extensions (Nice, but not Necessary)
- 100-400 or More of GB Web Space (A MUST)

A club member with no previous web design experience can build a web page by using the web-hosting service's web-site builder and pre-formatted templates. All you need to do is follow their instructions and select a template then change the templates written content to your club written content with its attributes and presto you have a club web page. Follow the instructions of the service provider and publish your web page. It's really that easy.

So to recap here are seven steps to follow in designing the web-page:

- 1) First layout your web page content on standard paper.
- 2) Find a web-hosting service provider.
- 3) Define your site access user name. This should be the club name or the club's initials.
- 4) Sign-up with the provider; keep it under \$6 a month.
- 5) Use one of web-hosting templates for you web page.
- 6) Replace the sample texts with your clubs text.
- 7) Publish your clubs web page.

Sample of a simple web page and conten



As you gain experience you can add more pages to your web site.

I highly recommend that every club have a web page with an e-mail address. Your club will be surprised at the response to the web-page by seeing new visitors to your meetings, request for help in finding lost items, and many other requests for information from the club.

Western Chapter Clubs & Independent Members Report

Arizona Treasures Unlimited Sponsoring club for the Spring Convention. Oldest coin found in the last quarter was an 1818 Large Cent by John Amato. Best coin in the last quarter was an 1892-S Dime by Bill Vidrine.

Silver State Detecting Reno Magazine wrote an article about the club and its activities. Raffle off a Prizm 5 detector in the springtime. Looking for a new club President, it seems that, Darryl has been the President since the club's conception and he would like some time for other things. Please someone step up!

Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs Elected new officers of the club in January. A few members attended the Western Chapter hunt in Mesa, AZ in February.

Coinshooters of San Diego Jim Walker found a 1909-S Indian Head Cent along the banks of the Colorado River and it was selected for the Western & Eastern Magazines "Best Finds of the Year" for 2006. This Indian Head Cent is the second rarest of all the Indian Head Cents. Way to go Jim!

Siskiyou County Relic & Recovery Treasure Hunter of the Year went to Richard Cousins. Find of the Year went to Sharon Rettmann. This club is growing due to their hard work. Keep it up!

FMDAC - WESTERN CHAPTER 1st QUARTER (JAN, FEB, MAR) 2007

1st National Bank Buffalo Wyoming

Ending Balance December 31, 2006	\$ 225.57
Debits: Ck # 1011, Pro Mack South (copying, stamps)	90.60
Credits: 3rd & 4 th Qtr Allowances: (1 check)	<u>55.00</u>
Balance as of 3/31/07	\$ 189.97

Wells Fargo Bank Apache Junction, AZ

(Temporary Acct. Set up for Western Chapter Hunt expenses and revenues)

Credits (Hunt/Raffles)	\$2,750.50
Debits Check #001 2/2/07 (Ed Burke - coins & shipping)	1,044.00
Check #002 2/9/07 (Miner's Keepers - nuggets)	642.60
Check #003 2/9/07 (Pro Mack South - copying, S&H)	50.00
Check #004 (FMDAC 10% of hunt entry fees)	177.00
Check #005 (FMDAC Decals/patches)	<u>37.50</u>
Total Debits	\$1,951.10
Temporary Acct. Balance	\$ 799.40

Submitted by: Judy Stobbe - Secretary/Treasurer

FMDAC Patches and Stickers

We have a new batch of FMDAC patches and stickers in stock. The 3” patch sells for \$3.00. The 4” sticker is \$1.50 and the 2” sticker is \$1.00. You can order these through your Chapter or through the National organization.

Calendar of Events

May 4th, 5th, 6th, 2007 – FMDAC 2007 Spring Convention to be held in Mesa/Goldfield, AZ. The Western Chapter will sponsor this event. The hunts are for **members only**. Displays and Seminars are open to the public. Contact Chapter President Mike Smith for more information or go online to www.fmdac.org.

September 1st, 2007 – FMDAC Western Chapter will be holding 2 hunts, in conjunction, with the Foresthill, CA “Heritage Celebration” and California State Gold Panning Championship on the 1st of September.

Feb 4th FMDAC Western Chapter Hunt Winners

<i>Item</i>	<i>Donated by</i>	<i>Winner</i>
Compadre Detector	Les & Carol Berg	Dale Witter
Ace 150 Detector	Garrett Metal Detectors	Marion Hershner
2 HR Jeep Desert Tour	Apache Trail Tours	Mike Hildago
Fast Tracker Detector	Bounty Hunter	Lorayne Christensen
Bullseye Detector	White’s of CA	Rick Costello
Koss E9000 Headphones	White’s of CA	Jack Dyer
Fire Assay DVD	Action Mining	Ed Collins
3 LB Tumbler	Lortone	Paul Shifflette
41.2 Grain Gold Nugget	Western Chapter (P)	Brent Gutierrez
30.8 Grain Gold Nugget	Western Chapter (P)	Howard Green
Padded Detector Bag	White’s of CA	Mitchell French

Other prizes were donated by the following: Primer Publishing, Desert Outfitters, Wal-Mart, Minelab, Falcon Detectors, Garrett Metal Detectors, White’s of CA, Pro Mack South, Lost Treasure Magazine, Western & Eastern Magazine, Superstition Mountain Historical Society, Jim’s Detectors, The Gold Lady, Goldfield Ghost Town, 49er Mining Supplies and a few nuggets were purchased (P).

Please support these businesses and thank them for the donations!

PLEASE FOLLOW THE CODE OF ETHICS AND ENJOY THE HOBBY

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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