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Hello from the President's Desk,

I started out this quarter getting ready for the FMDAC Spring Convention. The first weekend of May, we held the 3-day national convention here in AZ. Over the three days, we went nugget hunting in the mountains, listened to great country music, held five hunts and had some great speakers to learn from. If you missed this convention, you missed a great time.

Now your officers are working on the next Chapter hunts coming up on September 1st in Foresthill, CA. There will be two hunts at this event. You can find the forms for these hunts, on line at www.fmdac.org. Also at this event will be the CA State Gold Panning Championship and the CA State Lumberjack Championship contests. These hunts are open to anyone with a detector and headphones. Please sign up for these hunts ASAP, as September will be here before you know it.

I am still looking into the problem with downtown Phoenix, AZ and the Noise Reduction Program lands being off limits. This is a federally funded project and involves about 10 agencies, both State and Federal. So this will take some time to get cleared up, so please be patient.

I would like to welcome the State of New Mexico and the FMDAC club, Albuquerque Metal Detectors, into the Western Chapter. This change took place at the National Board meeting at the convention in May.

We are working on a design for the Western Chapter banner and patches. If you have any suggestions please contact the Chapter officers. I need your input, as we will have the new banner at the next Chapter event.

Also note the new address change for the Western Chapter headquarters.

Mike Smith
Western Chapter President
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Western Chapter's Vice Presidents Corner

Club Volunteer Organizations

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

A club's organizational structure is the heartbeat for the club's membership at large and it is entirely made up of volunteers. The elected officers must provide the leadership atmosphere to move the club forward in the fields of hobby education, legislation activity, community involvement, guest speakers and all the other interesting and important aspects of the hobby.

Metal detecting clubs vary greatly in size with some clubs having memberships well over a hundred and other clubs with membership of 20 to 100. This means that some clubs have more resources than others but the challenges for each club's leadership are much the same.

In the table below you will see some of the resources required for a club organization that must meet the needs of the club membership and the needs of the hobby. This list of appointee and volunteers should not be considered the only required club resources but a very good starting point.

Remember every one that holds a position in a club is a valuable volunteer who provides their time, skill and talents.

Elected Officers

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

What are the roles and responsibilities of club officers and how should they execute those responsibilities?

Appointee or Volunteers

Community Liaison	Librarian
Curator	Manufacturers Rep.
Evidence Recovery Chairperson	Membership Chairperson
Fifty-Fifty Drawing	National Organization Liaison
Finds of the Month Chairperson	Newsletter Editor
Gold & Diamond Tester	Photographer
Historian	Program Director
Hospitality Chairperson	Raffle Chairperson
Hunt Master	Refreshments
Legislation Alliance	Web-site Editor

- President and Vice President must set **aside their time** to provide the necessary leadership for the club.

Leadership is getting members involved, delegating responsibilities, and requiring general meeting participation by all appointee and volunteers in their respective roles.

Leadership is not being the sole voice at

the monthly general club meeting. *Now having said that*, I have witnessed clubs that do have a strong center leader, are very large and very productive. However, having many members involved in the club's activities builds organizational strength and centralism. In the future as new officers are needed for vacant positions these positions can be filled from the appointee / volunteer members who have already gained valuable experience in club matters.

Leadership is holding regularly scheduled agenda driven board meetings. The board meeting should include all of the elected, appointed and volunteer positions. The agenda should include a review of club projects, review of open business actions and a discussion about what new club issues or projects should be considered.

- The Secretary should keep detailed minutes of all board and general meeting for future reference and for board action.
- The Treasurer must handle all revenues and expenses, provide detailed monthly reports, year end summary analysis, handle all tax matters and provide the club with an analysis for managing membership dues.

Below is a brief definition on the role & responsibilities of each appointed or volunteer position.

- Community Liaison: person or persons who interface with public officials (Parks, Law Enforcement, News Outlets, etc) on the club's behalf.
- Curator: person responsible for acquiring club prizes for raffle & hunts.
- Evidence Recovery: person responsible for having a team in place to provide assistants to law enforcement.
- 50/50 Drawing: an individual who handles this fundraiser for the club.
- Finds of the Month Chairperson: an individual who manages the club's show and tell portion of the meeting.
- Diamond & Gold Tester: an individual who has the expertise & tools to evaluate gold & diamonds for members.
- Historian: an individual who archives important event information for future club milestone celebrations.
- Hospitality Chairperson: a individual who greets visitors at club meeting, handles introductions and does follow-up with visitors after the meeting.
- Hunt Master: individual responsible for all the club's planted & unplanted hunts.
- Legislation Liaison: an individual that informs the club about any legislation issue either national, state, or at the local level and **recommends a form of action for the club**.
- Librarian: provides storage and displays & signs out the club's books and videos.
- Manufacturers Representative: interfaces with equipment mfr. and keeps the members informed of new offerings.
- Membership Chairperson: handles membership registration.
- National Organization Liaison: contact to & from a national hobby association.
- Newsletter Editor: generates & distributes the club monthly newsletter.
- Photographer: records clubs activities by taking photos for the newsletter editor and web-site editor.
- Program Director: coordinates all club programs (raffles, drawings, hunts), develops speaker programs and works with other appointees & volunteers on special club programs.
- Raffle Chairperson: handles all aspects of the club raffle.
- Refreshments: provides the club's meeting refreshments.
- Web-site Editor: designs and maintains the club web-site.

What should your take away be after reading this article? First of all officers and others support members in the club are *volunteers*. The club volunteers and specifically *club officers* must provide leadership so that the club will move forward and that members feel good and are excited about going to their monthly meetings.

TOP PRIZES WINNERS – 2007 Spring Convention in AZ

John Amato, AZ	Arizona Treasure Hunters	Grand Prize
Rick Costello, CA	Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs	1st Prize
Roland Chooljian, AZ	WC Independent	Treasure Bag
Linda Pavlischak, PA	Lancaster R&R Club	Treasure Bag
Ed Burke, PA	Susquennah Valley	Treasure Bag
Judy Thomas, AZ	WC Independent	Treasure Bag
John Howard, NY	Genesee Valley	Treasure Bag
Rodney Robinson, AZ	WC Independent	Treasure Bag

Discovery Electronics Detector - Kim "Streak" Cox, PA
 Garrett Metal Detector – Dolly Kemp, NY
 Fisher 75 Metal Detector – Beverly Fick, AZ
 \$500.00 Gift Certificate – J.W. Fishers – Ralph Shape, WA

50/50 – Friday – Judy Stobbe – WY
 Sat – George McElhone, NJ
 Sun – David Carter

SOME GOLD NUGGET RAFFLE WINNERS – 2007 Spring Convention

1.	¼ oz. nugget	Robin Beekley	Seattle WA	Cascade Treasure Club
2.	1/5 oz. nugget	Stephen Moon	Marietta, GA	Independent
3.	1.5 penny w.gt.	Artie Dowling	Patchogue, NY	Silver Seekers
4.	1.5 penny w.gt.	Judi Thomas	Surprise, AZ	Independent
5.	1.5 penny w.gt.	Bev Fick	Apache Junction, AZ	Independent
6.	1.5 penny w.gt.	Joanne Thomas	Kennewick, WA	SWATH
7.	1.5 penny w.gt.	Lyle Thomas	Kennewick, WA	SWATH
8.	1 penny w.gt.	Artie Dowling	Patchogue, NY	Silver Seekers
9.	1 penny w.gt.	Michael Teresi	Mundelein, IL	Great Lakes
10.	1 penny w.gt.	Joe Box	Birmingham, AL	Warrior Basin

Western Chapter Clubs & Independent Members Report

Arizona Treasures Unlimited Oldest coin found was a 1857 Quarter by member, Mark Simmons. Miscellaneous item found was a branding iron from a ranch dating from the 1880's.

Silver State Detecting Elected new officers with Glen Greenwell winning the President position.

Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs Several members attended the FMDAC Spring Convention in AZ. Rick Costello was a major winner.

Coinshooters of San Have opened up their monthly mini hunts to all that have a detector and headphones. Oldest coin (1908 Barber Quarter) was found by Dave Vilett.

Siskiyou County Relic & Recovery Conducted a Metal Detecting Class 101 in April for their members.

West Coast Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Will be electing new officers soon! Best US coin (1896 Indian Cent) was found by Bob Hirsch.

FMDAC Western Chapter Banner/Patch Design

This has been submitted as a possible design. What do you think? I would to hear from all members before the first of August on this issue.



Chapter Elections

Don't forget that we will be holding elections for Chapter Officers this fall/winter. If anyone would like to step up and help out the Chapter, please have your club submit your information to the Election Committee.

Calendar of Events

September 1st, 2007 – FMDAC Western Chapter will be holding 2 hunts, in conjunction, with the Foresthill, CA “Heritage Celebration” on the 1st of September. Go to www.fmdac.org or contact the Chapter Officers for more information and form.

FMDAC WESTERN CHAPTER 2nd QTR (APRIL/MAY/JUNE) 2007

1st National Bank Buffalo Wyoming

1st Qtr Ending Balance: **\$ 189.97**

Debits:

Ck # 1012, Judy Stobbe - Mesa Convention, Banquet \$ 30.00

Ck #1013, FMDAC - Coins for Convention-Friday Hunt \$ 137.00

Credits:

Transfer from Temporary Account in AZ, 4/10/07 \$ 450.00

Balance as of June 30, 2007 \$ 472.97

Wells Fargo Bank Apache Junction, AZ

1st Qtr Ending Balance: **\$ 799.40**

Debits:

Ck #006 - Pro Mack South - Printing/Shipping \$ 63.60

Ck #007 - Transfer of funds to Buffalo, WY Account \$ 450.00

Charges for statements - Apr, May, Jun @ 2.50 ea. \$ 7.50

Balance as of June 30, 2007 \$ 278.30

Chapter Total:

Submitted by: Judy Stobbe Secretary/Treasurer **\$ 751.27**

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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