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Hello from the President's Desk,

This has been a very busy quarter for your Chapter officers. Judy, our Treasurer, helped represent the Chapter at Treasure Week, held in Ohio, back in July. Lee attended several club's meetings, trying to convince them to join the FMDAC, over the past three months. Lee resigned his position as Chapter VP effective September 3rd. Anyone wanting and qualified to fill his position, please contact me. Both, Lee and myself, have been working on the hunts (donations/flyers/mailings) that were held at Foresthill, CA on the 1st of September. That went well but I wish we had a better turn out since it was held so close to 3 of our Chapter clubs. We had only 27 entries in the main hunt. A list of the top prize winners is on page 3.

In the last quarter, I have sent out several alerts on legislation that affects our hobby, hopefully you contacted your Congressman and Senators on these issues. For those of you that I do not have your email address, please send it to me so that you can also be included in these alerts. It is very important for your representatives to hear from you. For more legislative information, check the FMDAC website.

I will be headed to Pennsylvania for the National Convention, November 2nd through the 4th. If you want me to bring anything up before the National Board please send it soon! Hope to see some of you there!

Mike Smith
Western Chapter President
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Western Chapter Clubs & Independent Members Report

Arizona Treasures Unlimited This club held their August meeting at the Wells Fargo History Museum in Phoenix, a very informative meeting. The oldest coin for this quarter was found by Tim Harden, an 1899 nickel.

Silver State Detecting I did not receive this clubs newsletters this quarter.

Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs Reminded members and others to fill in those holes. Members were asked to leave a school's grounds because the previous users did not fill in their holes.

Coinshooters of San Diego Oldest coin found this quarter was an 1857- O Half by Glenn Hinton. This club worked with the FMDAC club, ATU, to come over from AZ for a hunt in October.

Siskiyou County Relic & Recovery Guest Speaker, Jim Wolff, talk about the USFS program "Passport in Time". More information about this program can be found on the FMDAC website www.fmdac.org

West Coast Prospectors & Treasure Hunters This club has started its 22nd year on July 1st. Bob Hirsch found an 1880 CC Silver dollar.

Albuquerque Metal Detector Association Robert Wilson located an 1876 Seated Liberty Quarter. I like the idea of the Special Halves Hunt this club runs each month. They plant specially marked halves in a randomly selected park each month.

FMDAC Western Chapter Sept 1st Hunt Major Prize Winners Foresthill, CA

25 OZ Silver Bar - Joel Trent - Donated by White's Electronics

White's Classic III - Bud Seney - Donated by WC Member

Garrett Ace 150 - Lois Wiese - Donated by Garrett Metal Detectors

Garrett Ace 150 - Lorrie Parrish - Donated by WC Member

White's Bullseye II Pinpointer - Joel Trent - Donated by Baysavers.com

Fast Tracker – Rudy Rodreguiz - Donated by Bounty Hunter

Koss E series Headphones - Don Thurber – Donated by White's Electronics

We had close to \$3000 in donated prizes for the hunt. Other donations came from the following merchants:

Gold Mine, Minelab USA, Prospectors Claim, Pro Mack South, White's of CA, Pedersen's Metal Detectors, Western & Eastern Magazine, American Digger Magazine, Lost Treasure Magazine, ICMJ Magazine, GPAA Magazine, Big Valley Metal Detectors, A&B Prospecting and Pioneer Mining.

Please support these vendors as they support us!

Chapter Elections

Don't forget that we will be holding elections for Chapter Officers this fall/winter. Your nominations should have already been submitted and your ballots should be arriving soon. Remind your club officers, they have to submit the vote by December 15th to the Election Committee. For more information on the elections, go to the FMDAC website www.fmdac.org.

Calendar of Events

November 2nd – 4th FMDAC 2007 Fall Convention to be held at Conley's Golf Resort, near Butler, PA. For more information go to the FMDAC website or call Vic Kamer (724) 295-3046

FMDAC WESTERN CHAPTER 3rd QTR (JULY/AUG/SEPT) 2007

1st National Bank Buffalo Wyoming

Balance as of 6/30/07	\$ 472.97
Debits:	- 0 -
Credits:	
1/2-year allowance from FMDAC	\$104.00
Deposit Ck #014 fm. AZ account - final check	\$276.76

Balance as of September 30, 2007 **\$ 853.73**

Wells Fargo Bank Apache Junction, AZ

2 nd Qtr Ending Balance June 30, 2007	\$278.30
Debts:	
CK #008 Ray' Printing – 2 nd Qtr Newsletter	\$26.11
CK #009 Pro Mack South – Paper/Ink/Stamps	\$48.14
CK #010 Steve Leach Signs – Chapter Banner	\$158.77
CK #011 Burke's Pot O' Gold – Coins Hunts	\$1800.00
CK #012 FMDAC National – 10% Hunt Fees/10 Members	\$346.50
CK #013 Pro Mack South – Gas/Hotel CA Trip/Printing	\$279.52
CK #014 FMDAC Western Chapter – Transfer Funds	\$276.76
Bank Fees – July, August, September	\$7.50
Total Debit:	\$2943.30
Income:	
Hunt Fees	\$2565.00
Club/Independent Membership Fees	\$100.00
Total Income:	\$2665.00

Balance as of September 30th **\$0.00**

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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