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Hello from the President's Desk,

I attended the National Convention in Butler, PA the first part of November. What a great site for the hunts. Some interesting coins and artifacts were found at his Revolutionary War encampment site. We also had some great speakers attend this Convention. One that struck my fancy, talked on the subject of Hobo Nickels.

Your National Board revised the procedures manual and worked on updating the FMDAC Handbook at the several Board Meetings held. These updates will be available soon on the website. We also discussed the spring "Festival" Convention coming in May of 2008 near Antlers, Oklahoma. Check out the poster and all the events planned for this Festival on the website www.fmdac.org

Once again I am asking for volunteers to fill the Chapter Officers positions (VP, Sec, Treasurer or State Reps). No nominations were submitted to National for this year's Chapter election, therefore no ballots were mailed out to you. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please contact me. Once again I was asked to accept the position of Chapter President and I accepted but I could use your help. Most positions only require a few hours of your time each month. Ask not what your Chapter does for you but what you can do for your Chapter and hobby.

I try and keep you advised to any attacks on the hobby but you need to get involved in the effort. If you see or hear of any bill being proposed that affects our hobby please do not assume that I have heard of it, pass the information on. Also please send me your email address if you are not already on the Chapter list.

I've started working on the next Chapter hunt. It will be held in Phoenix, AZ at the GPAA Gold Show on February 10th. I have already received several donations and inquiries for this hunt. Information on this hunt can be found on the FMDAC website under "HUNTS".

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

Arizona Treasures Unlimited Oldest coin found this quarter was a 1857 dime found by Teri Czuprynski. The members keep coming up with many other good finds. In their November newsletter they had an excellent article on how to research the U.S. Patent Office to find out what you have found.

Silver State Detecting No newsletters received from this club this quarter.

Sacramento Valley Detecting Buffs Membership report that this club has now 125 members. George Miskovsky returned a bracelet that had been missing for 53 years in Lake Tahoe. This club holds 2 mini hunts each month in the various parks in their area.

Coinshooters of San Diego Coinshooters of San Diego Annual Awards **By Russell Gish**
The Coinshooters of San Diego held their annual Christmas Dinner on December 1st, 2007. One of the main events of the evening was the awarding of the Annual Awards. These awards are voted on by club members, prior to the dinner, by secret ballot. Each month a Best Find of the Month is voted on by club members at the monthly meetings. The winning item from each month is entered into the Best Find of the Year and voted on by club members at the October meeting. The winner is awarded an Award Certificate from the club and a cash award. This year's winner was Frank Trutta for his entry of a beautiful heavy gold chain and cross. In addition, Jim Walker has earned the honor of being the Treasure Hunter of the Year and had his name entered on the club's trophy that he gets to keep for one year. This award is determined by winning entries from our monthly show and tell contests. We have seven categories that club members can enter their finds that have been found with a metal detector since the last meeting. Club members vote for the best find from each category. At the end of the year the club member with the most wins earns the title of Treasure Hunter of the Year. He, or she, has their name entered on the club trophy and receives a cash award.

Siskiyou County Relic & Recovery All club officers stepped down at the end of this year and they will have new club officers taking office in February. It has been a pleasure working with the outgoing officers.

Gold Coast Treasure Hunters This club does not have a newsletter or website. They are looking for someone to stand up and volunteer for these positions. Communication is the key to success.

West Coast Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Betty Broughton won a nice gold nugget at the National Convention. This club ran a Toys for Tots drive with the toys going to the US Marine Corps event.

Albuquerque Metal Detector Association New officers will be assuming their roles for the 2008 season. They are still looking for a newsletter editor. Club was requested to help the local police in hunting for evidence in an old "cold case". I would like to thank your members for the public service!

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1st National Bank Buffalo Wyoming

Balance as of 9/30/07	\$ 853.73
Debits:	
10/2 Check #1014, Banquet @ PA Convention	30.00
10/2 Check #1015, 3 rd QTR Newsletter - printing/copying	54.18
11/15 Check #1016, Mike Smith, Travel Reimburse Convention	81.00
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Balance as of December 31, 2007	\$ 688.55

Submitted by Judy Stobbe Secretary/Treasurer

Calendar of Events

Feb 10th, 2008 – FMDAC Western Chapter Hunt will be held in conjunction with the GPAA Gold Show at the AZ State Fairgrounds in Phoenix, AZ (1826 W McDowell Road). Silver coins, gold nuggets and donated prizes to be won. Open to everyone with a detector. For hunt info or packet call Mike Smith at 480-983-7011 or email to promack@quik.com

May 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2008 – FMDAC 2008 Spring Festival/Convention will be held in Antlers, Oklahoma. The South Central Chapter will sponsor this event. The 6 hunts over the three days are open to everyone. A Gold panning contest will be held with prizes to be won. Displays and Seminars are open to the public. You do not want to miss this festival! Contact Chapter President Terry Smith at 903-734-7682 for more information or go online to www.fmdac.org.

FMDAC Patches and Stickers

These are still available for purchase from your Chapter or from the National office. The iron-on patches are \$3.00. The 4" decals are \$1.50 and the 2" is \$1.00. Please add \$1 for shipping.

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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