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The Dusty Shovel



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Welcome to the first issue of "The Dusty Shovel"
We have made some BIG changes! I hope you
like the new look as much as I do.

If there's anything you like, don't like, or things you
want to see added - Let me know!

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Old Business

- Dennis told the members about the upcoming Labor Day weekend outing at Claim #28. If you plan on attending the breakfast on Saturday let Dennis know so he knows how much food to purchase.
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- I've been asked how soon we will be drawing for the Gold Monster and Trommel tickets. The more tickets members buy, the faster we will be able to draw a winner!

New Business / Announcements

Dennis talked about the Metal Detecting outing on November 10th.

Bryan announced the addition of hats and duffle bags to the club's merchandise page, and the new online membership form and the club's ability to take credit/debit cards.

Eric has created a new Facebook page that is an offshoot of the club's Facebook page. dedicated to buying and selling our equipment.

Dennis informed the club about a problem with the Franconia claims. It seems the previous cabinet staked out the 2 claims improperly, resulting in the BLM sending Scott a "**Failure to cure**" warning. The warning was ignored, resulting in the loss of the 2 claims. Dennis called on the members to vote to keep or drop on all of our claims .

The results are:
Claim #28 - Keep
Claim#34 - Keep
Franconia 1&2 - Keep
Griffith - Drop

Be assured that your cabinet is working hard to rectify the error, and we will fix the problem

If you need any more information, please contact your cabinet and we will get you the answers.

Dennis proposed a sampling outing to a new claim near the Franconia claims. This will NOT be an official outing, just a sampling trip to determine if we want to pick up this claim. August 25 @ 8AM. Meet at exit 13. Call Dennis for information

Dennis proposed the addition of 2 and 3 year memberships.

2 year - save \$5.00
3 year - save \$15.00

Members voted YES

Keep an eye on the website for more details.



- Tent - Rick M
- Walkie Talkies - Bill C
- Knife - Gary G
- Tire / Emergency kit - Jim M
- Hatchet - Terry D
- Hydration Pack - Edward S
- Pin Pointer - Terry D
- Hot Dog Sticks/Cast Iron Pans - Mark G
- Cooler - Marvin
- Cargo Carrier - Mark W
- Caming Chair - Chris M
- Snake Guards - Dennis K
- Vacuum - Parker S
- Gift Certificate - Abby S
- Big Paydirt Bag - Clovis
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Silver Round - Mark G



Gold Nugget - Mark N



50/50 - Abby S

Meet your Cabinet

Born; 1957 in sala N.Y.

Moved to PA jjust before 5th Grade, and grew up there.

1975 - Joined the Army (Honorable Discharge)

Moved to N.Y. 1989 - Started College

1993 - MOved back to PA - Started a home repair business. (Trim Rite)

1994 - Expanded Trim Tire to Hubbard Construction

1995 - Started Itchy's Flea Market

1998 - Built the Corner Pocket Pool Hall for my daughter to run. Did freelance work between N.Y. And PA

2002 - Married. Worked construction in Pa

2008 - Started H.I.R.E. Hubbard Contracting.

2012 - Moved to Dolan Springs AZ

I met former President Jim at Dolan Days and he invited me to join the MPA. Took me out on an outing with him to claim #28 and I have been digging ever since.

The MPA has been a great hobby for me. Plus I have made many friends here!
Jim appointed me Claims Committee Chairman.

This year, the MPA members voted me in as 2018 President, which is my honor to assist in moving the MPA into the future!



**Dennis Hubbard
(President)**





Gold Monster 1000 Review

Here is my review on the GM1000 if your interested, I posted it n my FB a few days ago but thought some people here may be interested and no I don't keep the machines I test and no im not a minelab "only" detectorist :)

Well first off, very impressed overall with the Minelab Metal Detectors Gold Monster 1000. I tested the machine out in WA with our mineralised soil and it performed better then any VLF ive ever used.

It detected pieces of gold smaller then a 5000 with a sadie coil and in fact smaller then the SDC, basically pin pricks of gold! but thats not what i see as this machines "selling" point, the descrimination features of this machine are outstanding and the main reason i believe people should add this machine to their arsenal of prospecting gear.

Unlike the GP-X/Z range of detectors there is no hum of the threshold, just silence and when it detects a piece of metallic rubbish when the machine is set to descriminate, unlike the the GP series of detectors with a DD that "blanks" out the middle of the signal, the Gold Monster completely removes any audible signal that rubbish(tin etc) has been detected. You still get a visual on the screen indicating you have walked over a bit of rubbish but no annoying booming signal blasting your ears every 10 seconds.

There is a little indicator on the screen which shows a scale with "unlikely gold" & "likely gold" at either end. This is what shows you that a target has been found as well as a signal and although Aluminum & lead will show as "likely gold" 90% of rubbish targets will be removed by the descriminate feature on this machine. Making this machine perfect to clear out those rubbishy areas that are avoided like the plague on the goldfields all over Australia and im sure the world. This is what i believe is this machines strongest selling point & the reason i will be adding it to my prospecting gear & will have in the car at all times whilst out having a swing.

Of course with the size of coils available its going to be sensitive but how sensitive it was to tiny pieces of gold amazed me, having something so sensitive there had to be a give on the negative side somewhere and that of course is with depth...this machine will not be pinging targets at depth...unless of course its a 10 ounce nugget a foot down lol but pinging a gram nugget 15cms down would be almost impossible but as i said thats not what i believe is this detectors selling point.

Being able to turn the detector on in the front yard was an added bonus i forgot completely about after using the GP series for many years & i could see the detector being used for coin shooting etc as well as you can run the machine in "all metal" and it will detect everything that comes its way and at better depths



I believe it will handle salty ground quite well so using it for crevices etc around the shore line of the salt lakes is a possibility.

Also having the coil waterproof to 1m makes this a viable option to "crevice" under the water line on the east coast to be able to identify possible crevices to suck clean and run the cons, not to mention finding areas that "pool" lead etc as where the heavies pool so does the gold!

It would also be fantastic to go over old timers dry blowing piles that have weathered down over the years...i reckon you could pull little specks of gold out of those piles all day long !

In the end i was very impressed with the machine as a whole, this is not a replacement or even a competitor to the GPX/GPZ machines and nor has it ever proclaimed to be but it def gives you an edge being able to detect certain areas of the goldfields which have previously been basically ignored by the masses ,the few people that persist and clean out a rubbish area are generally rewarded for the hard work they put in, having this machine at your disposal will enable you to tackle these areas with a bit more ease and a lot less stress & annoyance!

The weight of the machine was as light as they come and a really cool feature i hope they add to the GPX/Z is the additional charger that has positive and negative alligator clips so you can connect directly to battery to quickly charge on the fly!

One negative was the shaft didn't "shrink" up and stays extended ...pain in the bum for fitting in the car but this can be rectified by using a GPX shaft I believe.

Special thanks must go to Matt, Tracy & Pockets @ Finders Keepers Kalgoorlie for enabling me to test the machine. If you need prospecting gear you cant go wrong with Finders Keepers 1f642.png

Steve

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