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Gold Coast Treasure Hunters – July 2017 Meeting Summary

The July meeting of the Gold Coast Treasure Hunters was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the Simi Valley Senior Center, located at 3900 Avenida Simi in Simi Valley, CA. Meetings are held at this location on the third Wednesday of each month.

President Gary Hoffman and vice president Bill Watson presided. Attendees introduced themselves and the towns they live in.

Plans were announced and solidified for an informal gold prospecting hunt on Thursday, July 27, at the San Gabriel East Fork. Members who were interested signed up on a list and will receive emails with details from Peter Ullrich, who is coordinating.

An informal hunt at Zuma Beach is planned for this Saturday, July 22. There will be no planted hunt or prizes, just an informal gathering and “in-the-wild” hunt.

Appreciation certificates were made up by the club leadership for presentation to the three women who provided access for our recent club hunts at the Sylmar Pioneer Cemetery and the San Fernando Pico Adobe Park. The certificates will be presented to them shortly.

Pat Keene of Keene Engineering donated about \$150 worth of gold prospecting equipment for our club to raffle off for the club's benefit. The raffle will be held at the August meeting. Most of the equipment is pictured below.



Tom Rugg and Bill Watson presented a demo and led discussion about masking and separation as they apply to metal detectors. The demo used a Nokta Impact detector with small coil (7.5” by 4”) and targets of a paper clip and clad dime, attached to opposite sides of a piece of two-by-four lumber, to simulate the dime being buried 1.5 inches below the “junk” paper clip target. The three test cases demonstrated were the dime located directly below the clip, two inches away, and three inches away. Members were encouraged to try similar tests at home with their own detectors and various targets

This month's contest winners with the best finds were:

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| Overall: | Ben Molstad |
| Jewelry: | Bill Watson (18k Cartier ring) |
| Coin or token: | Dennis Foley (Indian head cent) |
| Unique/Unusual: | Carol Matsumoto (panned gold) |



The next meeting will be **Wednesday, August 16, 2017**. Visitors are always welcome. Come join us!