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Gold Coast Treasure Hunters – October 2017 Meeting Summary

The October meeting of the Gold Coast Treasure Hunters was held on Wednesday, October 18, 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 at 7 pm.

Peter Ullrich spoke about the recent trip he took with two friends to hunt for gold in the gold country of north central California. Among other places, they were in the Auburn area and the American River. They found some good stuff and had fun. Peter used his homemade sluice box. He will likely go again next year in the September-October time frame. Others can join him if they wish.

Bill Bixler reported on recent hunts he made in Camarillo Park and Pleasant Valley Park. A ranger told him he was not permitted to detect there. Bill politely left, but followed up and found out that detecting is OK there. The ranger was misinformed.

There was a general discussion of new detectors recently announced by Minelab and Garrett. Many members were interested in new features, specs, and price ranges.

A club hunt was held at Zuma Beach on September 30. Larry Bradbury was huntmaster and said it went very well. There were 16 hunters and lots of prizes. On October 28, another hunt is planned at the same place. Details will be emailed to members.

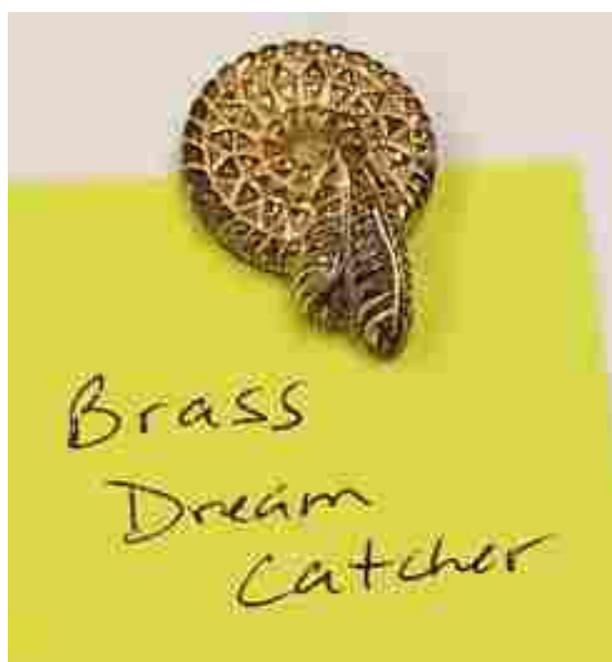
Starting at the November meeting, the monthly contest categories will change somewhat. The "Jewelry" category will now be three categories, as follows: 1. Jewelry – Gold and Platinum, 2. Jewelry – Silver, and 3. Jewelry – Detectable Costume. The third category is limited to jewelry that can be detected (i.e., it has metal in it), but has no gold, platinum, or silver. Jewelry is interpreted to mean items that are meant to be worn on the body.

Larry Bradbury, Bill Watson, and Bill Bixler spoke about meteorites – what kinds exist, where they can be found, what they look like, how to detect them, etc. They brought several samples for all to see.

Gary Hoffman spoke about more modern mint-error coins that can be found when detecting or even in daily usage, such as 1989 quarters from Philadelphia with no P mint mark.

This month's detecting contest winners with the best finds (pictured below) were:

Overall:	Bill Watson
Jewelry:	Norman Page (18K gold chain)
Coin or token:	Gary Hoffman (1940's Orphan Annie Radio Society token)
Unique/Unusual:	Robin Dunn (brass Dream Catcher pendant)



The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 15, 2017**. Visitors are always welcome!