

# 11-21-2018

## Gold Coast Treasure Hunters – November 2018 Meeting Summary

The november meeting of the Gold Coast Treasure Hunters was held on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, 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. **The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 19, 2018.** Visitors are always welcome!

President Emeritus Jerry Crocker and V.P. Bill Watson presided. (President Gary Hoffman was out of town.) The treasury status was announced. Attendees all introduced themselves and their towns of residence.

Other clubs' recent meetings were discussed by those who attended them. Activities planned for Keene's claims were covered for those interested in gold prospecting.

Bill Watson discussed membership fees for our club. The annual fee will be \$20 for those who renew or join this year, but \$25 after January 1. The higher fee will cover the increased prizes the club now awards during club hunts and at club meetings.

The December meeting (to be December 19) will include a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Plans are for wrapped, metal detecting-related gifts of about \$15-25 value, but details will be covered in an upcoming email to members.

Gary Mellinger presented information about the need for members to carry ID on them, especially during solo hunts at night or in remote areas. ID features on smart phones or the use of ID wrist bracelets make it easier for emergency personnel (police, fire, paramedic) to determine who you are and contact your family if you are not conscious.

Plans are being put together for a possible hunt at one of the two old cemeteries (Sylmar and San Fernando) where the club had hunts in recent months. The hunt may occur in January or February if plans work out.

Nominations were discussed for 2019 club officers and 2018 Hunter of the Year. For club officers, the only discussion favored retaining the existing officers, although the need for a new assistant Treasurer was stressed. Hunter of the Year nominations were: Gary Hoffman, Dave Kuska, Norman Page, and Peter Ullrich.

Q and A discussion covered several topics. Most of the discussion regarded what target ID numbers are gold for various detectors, how to tell gold rings from pull tabs, and Marcos Frias explaining his technique for selecting and hunting a small area (about 10 feet by 10 feet) to find gold.

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

<b>Overall:</b>	<b>Richard Ross</b>
<b>Gold/Plat Jewelry:</b>	<b>Peter Ullrich</b> (14K rose gold ring with stone)
<b>Silver Jewelry:</b>	<b>Dave Kuska</b> (silver ring)
<b>Misc. Jewelry:</b>	<b>Richard Ross</b> (necklace)
<b>Coin/Token:</b>	<b>Richard Ross</b> (1941S mercury dime)
<b>Unique/Unusual:</b>	<b>Dave Kuska</b> (silver plated bronze bar)

