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I grew up in Del Rio, TX and married a girl from high school. We've been married 25 years this November, have two kids 21 and 18, a son-in-law and a grand daughter. I served in the USAF for nearly 21 years and retired late 2006. Now I work as a government contractor for the USAF.

"I do believe a great machine can make a really good detectorist a great detectorist. I also believe that the same person, with a machine they understand, will find more and better finds than a person with a great machine and no ability to properly use it."

In the vein of "**You Might Be a Redneck...**"

You Might Be a Detectorist...

- ...if you'll step over a penny on the sidewalk, but will dig six inches for a dirty penny.
- ...if you hide your detecting magazines so the kids don't mess them up.
- ...if your spouse says in a seductive voice, "Let's do something you want to do for a change", and you start packing the detectors for a hunt.
- ...if you have a nightmare where a favorite spot becomes posted "off limits" and you have to drive out to see that it's not posted before you can go back to sleep.
- ...if you've ever cleaned your coins in the kitchen using the good bowls.
- ...if you mark your calendar to go to the fair on the day after the fair closes.
- ...if you plan your family vacations around places that are good to detect.
- ...if you'd rather your kid become an archeologist than a doctor.
- ...if your idea of a college fund is the clad coins you've dug up.
- ...if your kids have to go "beep, beep, beep" to get your attention.
- ...if your children were named after detectors.
- ...if you have a room in your house covered with maps and dedicated to research, but no living room.
- ...if your car, truck, boat or even your house, matches your detector.
- ...if your detector has a name other than the one the manufacturer gave it.
- ...if you have a heart tattoo and the name of your detector in the middle of it.
- ...if you skip lunch so you'll have money for batteries for your detector.
- ...if you're looking for a new home and the realtor locks the car doors, but you think the rundown neighborhood with abandoned houses looks like a good option.

- ...if you cash your paycheck and ask to be paid in rolled coins.
- ...if the thought of a scratched coin makes you even a little bit sad.
- ...if you cheer the hurricane as it makes deep cuts in the local beach.
- ...if you took notes when your grandfather told old treasure tales.
- ...if you volunteer at a nursing home because the leads are good.
- ...if you guard a good site like a good fishing hole.
- ...if you've ever offered to mow a vacant lot for permission to hunt it.
- ...if sayings like "every cloud has a silver lining" or "making golden memories" make you think about a good detecting hunt.
- ...if your car is ten years old, but you have the latest detector.
- ...if your shoes are ten years old, but you have the latest detector.
- ...if you have no shoes, but you have the latest detector.
- ...if you catch your spouse using your digger in the garden and somehow feel its been violated.
- ...if your spouse buys you detecting accessories for your anniversary and it makes you tear up.
- ...if your spouse hints at wanting jewelry, you grab your detector and go to the beach rather than going to a jeweler.