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I would like to point out to the News Brief readers that there are a number of organizations taking on the challenge against various types of legislation dealing with metal detecting and gold prospecting. MDHTALK's recommendation is to visit their website and give strong consideration to joining the fight. In some cases your support may be to send emails and / or write a letter to specific legislators or to provide funds to help with the fight. Here are the organizations and a link to their website.

[Go to the Join The Fight MDHTALK Webpage to read more about each of these organizations](#)

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What is a News Brief? The news brief provides a brief look into any news event. The intent of the news brief is to provide you, the reader, with news clips on what was taking place in the hobby last month. To read the whole story select the Article Link or go to [MDHTALK.org](#). There are more news stories placed on the MDHTALK website for January - the news stories listed in the MDHTALK News Brief are just a portion of all the hobby related news reported the past month. *The news Brief is now available in Adobe PDF format, there is a link at the top of this webpage.*

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Website The featured article on the MDHTALK.org website this month - Is Recreational Metal Detecting on the Endangered List?

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Metal Detecting took form in the 1950-60s and the detectorists who were metal detecting at that time had very few restrictions and the finds were fabulous. Metal detecting during this period can be described similar to being in the old west with open ranges and anything goes. The finds stories from those in the hobby during that period are hard to believe against today's detecting results.

So is Metal detecting on the Endangered List? Let's take a look at the barriers and variables that affect the hobby.

Barriers to Recreational Metal Detecting

The Law: Today, the U.S. metal detecting environment is controlled by a hodgepodge of Federal, State, City, County laws. A major reason for this is that there is no regulation, law or statue at the Federal level that provides any support for recreational metal detecting.

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Some of the Federal statues were written before metal detecting became a popular hobby and since these acts were drafted to protect America's Heritage it may have been felt that users of a metal detector on federal lands would rob America of some of its heritage. There were four major federal acts drafted to protect America's heritage and everyone (detectorist) should read each of them. [Complete Article Link](#) Follow-on Article: [Next Step](#)

Websites and Forums that Linked to MDTALK this Past Month are [Metal Detecting Maine](#), [Treasure Hunters \(South African Blog/Forum\)](#), [Northwest Firearms forum](#) and [Atlantic Treasure Club](#).

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other March News

- Colfax, CA. California drought spurs mini gold rush in Sierras. [Article & Video Link](#)
- Tallegalla. A detectorist said she's closer to solving the mystery of the Tallegalla time capsules after hours of metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- A metal-detecting helicopter helps the Navy clean up Ocala National Forest bombing range. [Article Link](#)
- Montego Bay, Jamaica. An American treasure hunting team has uncovered the greatest stash of precious metals ever found. [Article](#)

- Western Mining Alliance is an organization of independent miners across the West. [March Newsletter](#)
- Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ) - [March News](#)
- Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights Foundation. On February 17, 2014, Minelab Americas hosted a conference in Chicago

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- Federal Heights. For more than 30 years, Lubbert, 45, has been obsessed with metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Origin of 1,427 Gold coins worth \$10 million remains a mystery. [Article Link](#)
- Folsom Lake, CA. Low water levels have presented metal detecting enthusiasts a chance to unearth coins, trinkets and other objects but it is illegal. [Article Link](#)
- Buried treasure still exists as is exemplified by the \$10 million in gold coins found by a California couple while walking their dog on their property. [Article Link](#)
- West Valley Treasure Seeker members find gold and collectables in desert. [Article Link](#)
- Citrus Heights, CA. A couple in possession of a metal detector ended up with a ticket, a date in court, and the possibility of jail time. [Article Link](#)
- A metal detectorist has turned Canadian history on its head after finding a 16th century shilling buried on the shores of Vancouver Island. [Article Link](#)
- 29 Byzantine-era gold coins found in Luxor. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- London. Scrap metal dealer discovers gold Faberge egg worth \$33 million. [Article Link](#)
- The Redesdale Society met and welcomed Ian Glendenning, who presented a talk entitled the hidden history of Coquet valley. [Article Link](#)
- Tunbridge Wells. A metal detectorist appeals for help after finding a first world war medal. [Article Link](#)
- A Metal detectorist strikes gold and finds 18 carat nugget on a British beach seabed. [Article Link](#)
- A metal detectorist is celebrating after unearthing treasure dating back to the reign of some of England's most famous monarchs. [Article Link](#)
- Now all of the Anglo-Saxon hoard of 4,000 pieces have been brought back together allowing experts to shed some light on life in the Dark Ages. [Article Link](#)
- Newly-discovered Anglo-Saxon village stripped of valuable artifacts by metal detectorist at night. [Article Link](#)
- A child with a metal detector finds unexploded shell in playing field near Hawkinge. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- A bright spectacular fireball passed across the skies of Canada's southwestern Ontario. [Article Link](#)
- Kuratite: A new mineral that was discovered in a meteorite. [Article Link](#)
- South Korea. Rare meteorite shower sparks mass hunt for treasures. [Article Link](#)

featuring Mr. Norman Palmer, one of the authors of the English "Portable Antiquities Scheme" (PAS) law as the speaker. [Read The Complete Article](#)

- JW Fisher Detectors. ROV and Sonar Training for Law Enforcement and Government Agencies. [March News Release](#)
- Federation of Metal Detectors & Archaeological Clubs, Inc. [Face Book Page](#)

Legislation and Regulation Issues

- Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights Foundation. New York City Parks Update – [Update March 2014](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Newark TSA officer reunites Pennington woman with lost ring. [Article Link](#)
- The metal detectorist found a ring while snorkeling at Hanauma Bay nine days after Rob and Kristy had been there. [Article Link](#)
- Fresno, CA. For nearly seven decades, a man who lost a precious ID bracelet in World War II, had hoped he would see its return. [Article Link](#)
- If they keep it up, the Fraser Valley Treasure Hunters are going to have to start wearing superhero capes and masks after returning a lost wedding ring to a Chilliwack widower. [Article Link](#)
- Australia. Metal detectorist return treasures to couple. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- ST. Augustine, FL. Submerged in the water's edge at Ponte Vedra Beach is a ship wreck which has been identified. [Article Link](#)
- Los Angeles Subway Dig Uncovers Treasure Trove Of Prehistoric Fossils. [Article Link](#)
- Salt Lake City. Ancient petroglyphs found by drone in southern Utah. [Article Link](#)

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2014 hunt information on the web. The sooner it is out and available to the metal detecting community the greater the chance for people to see it and give your

- **April 12, 2014** (One Day)
Phoenix, Arizona
AAGP - Commercial Common GOLD Dig
AAGP - Arizona Association of Gold Prospectors
- **April 12, 2014** (Two Days)

- **April 25, 2014** (Three Days)
Riverside, California
27th Annual Hunt Rendezvous West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters
- **April 26, 2014** (One Day)
Wabasso, Florida

event some consideration. [Add Your Event Information Here](#)

- **April 04, 2014** (Three Days)
Sweetwater, Texas
2014 Metal Detecting, Artifacts, Relics & Coin Show
Texas Assn of Metal Detecting Clubs (TAMDC)
- **April 05, 2014** (One Day)
Orlando, Florida
Central Florida Sunshine Shootout and Relic Hunt
Central Florida Metal Detecting Club
- **April 05, 2014** (Two Days)
Placerville, California
2014 Gold Prospecting & Mining Summit
ICMJ's Prospecting & Mining Journal

Cashmere, Washington
15th Annual Gold & Treasure Show

- **April 12, 2014** (Two Days)
Lancaster, California
2014 Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA
- **April 13, 2014** (One Day)
Jurupa Valley, California
Annual RTHC Picnic & Treasure Hunts
Riverside Treasure Hunters Club
- **April 24, 2014** (Four Days)
Marlborough/Keene, New Hampshire
21th Best O North East (BONE) Treasure Hunts
Professional Treasure Hunters Historical Society, The Treasure Hunters Gazette Newspaper & George Streeter

6th Annual Treasure hunters Cookout
Seeker41

- **April 26, 2014** (Two Days)
Sapulpa, Oklahoma
28th National Open Treasure Hunt
Three Forks Treasurer's Hunters Club
- **April 26, 2014** (One Day)
Virginia Beach, Virginia
27th Annual Hunt
Tidewater Coin and Relic Club
- **April 26, 2014** (Two Days)
Las Vegas, Nevada
2014 Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA
- **April 27, 2014** (One Day)
Milton, Massachusetts
2014 John Govoni Memorial Hunt (MTHA) Massachusetts Treasure Hunting Association

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