



### Support The Hobby

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 November- 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.** The news brief is no longer emailed; it is only available on the MDHTALK website and can be downloaded.

**Website** This months featured article: **Roaming Access to Public Lands has Disappeared for Metal Detectorist and Others** [The Ideal Situation](#) is to have complete access to public lands with no restrictions but alas that is far from today's reality.

[Today's Reality](#) is that more and more public lands are being put behind man made barriers. These barriers come in the form of laws, regulations and rules that prohibit or limit many personal outdoor activities on public lands.

This is the biggest single issue facing many out door activities (recreational metal detecting, gold prospecting, fossil and mineral collecting, rock hounding, off road vehicles, etc). Access to public lands is not just a metal detecting issue but is also the single most important major issue for the many outdoor recreational activities.

[Why are more and more public lands being put off limits to metal detectorist?](#) Metal detectorist are being pushed off of public land because the hobby is considered to be destructive by many public land managers, archaeologist and nature preservationists.

Public land managers find that their many parks, school yards and ball fields are being heavily damaged by irresponsible detectorist. Many new detectorist have entered the hobby and have not taken the time to learn how to correctly recovery a target from the turf. The result is that there is a great deal of damage caused to manicured public parks grass, ball fields, etc. All detectorists must afford the same consideration, care and non-destructive behavior toward public lands as he / she would towards their own lawn and property. [Article Link](#)

**Websites that Linked to MDTALK this Past Month are:** [Metal Detecting in California & Nevada](#), [West State Archaeological Society In](#) and [City-data.com](#)

## General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Not all treasure is made of gold and silver. Most recently, this metal detectorist's treasure hunts have taken him to the downtown streets of Sunnyside. [Article Link](#)
- Sir Robert Marx, underwater archeologist is on a quest for the queen's jewels from the 1715 shipwrecks off Sebastian Inlet. [Article Link](#)
- Seaside. A man who was trying out his new metal detector on the Oregon coast stumbled upon what might be a historical artifact. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorists converged at James Madison's Montpelier. They joined archaeologists on a special quest to learn a bit more about our fourth president. [Article Link](#)

## W.W. Meteorite News

- The 'Black Beauty' meteorite is a little piece of Mars. It was found in 2011 and is expected to fetch £63,000. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite collectors are paying big bucks for space rocks. [Article Link](#)
- Researchers have discovered small diamonds found in the meteorite that fell on the Sierra Gold Country. [Article Link](#)

- Gold reminds us - California is about dreams. Butte County's big gold nugget has been sold. The buyer's unknown. The seller's unknown. The price is unknown, although a \$400,000 figure for the six-pound chunk of gold has been mentioned. [Article Link](#)
- Casting call by a major international television company is seeking treasure hunters, archaeologists, prospectors, miners, metal detecting enthusiasts. [Article Link](#)
- Rare artifacts from the Kansas City Civil War Battle are on display. [Article Link](#)

- Researchers discovered a mineral called Reidite, at the Rock Elm impact structure in western Wisconsin. [Article Link](#)

### Jewelry Returns

- A metal detectorist unearths a World War One medal in a field near Plymouth. With excellent research he was able to return the metal to the original owners grand daughter. [Article Link](#)
- Gadsden, Ala. A Dive team recovers an engagement ring that was dropped during a proposal. [Article Link](#)
- Every once in a while, a normal, everyday situation suddenly turns into a life-changing event or divine coincidence. A grand daughter finds her grandmother's lost ring. [Article Link](#)
- Bonham. A Metal detectorist returns a 1977 University of Houston class ring that had been lost at the beach. [Article Link](#)
- A 1922 Ada High School class ring was found during a remodeling project at the American Federal Bank's South Fargo office and the owner has been identified. [Article Link](#)

### U.K. News

- A Pembrokeshire metal detector enthusiast has uncovered a 3,000 year-old sword, knife and a bronze age hoard. [Article Link](#)
- Donald Gordon, secretary of the Trimontium Trust, has issued a warning to would be metal detectorists. [Article Link](#)
- A gold necklace has been discovered by examining the world's largest hoard of Celtic coins. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist made the discovery of a 13th-century coin on a farm land in Bampton. [Article Link](#)
- How the Salisbury Museum has built a strong relationship with metal detectorists. [Article Link](#)
- A Hi-Tech hospital scanner has been used to unearth the secrets of a ninth-century bronze pot that was discovered by a metal detector enthusiast. [Article Link](#)
- How metal detectorists went from outcasts to valued assets in Salisbury. [Article Link](#)
- A man has managed to use Google Maps to find buried treasure in Devon County, England. [Article Link](#)

### Other News

- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** - [November News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [November News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [October Newsletter](#)

### North America Archaeology News

- Minnesota archaeological dig at Gull Lake resort near Brainerd reveals campsites and artifacts from 2,000 years ago. [Article Link](#)
- Blinn college anthropology students unearth remains of a World War II POW camp where more than 4,800 German, Japanese and Italian prisoners were held till the end of World War II. [Article Link](#)
- A team of archaeologists have found thousands of artifacts from centuries ago in downtown Mobile, Alabama. [Article Link](#)

### Legislation and Regulation Issues

- Wayne Peterson, President of WWATS emailed the following. Backers of Alaska gold mine win court battle with EPA. [Article Link](#)
- PLP Press release. We received word from Judge Ochoa's chambers today that the hearing for our Motions on Friday, December 12, 2014, will be at 1:30 pm instead of 8:30 am. Please note the time change for your records.
- Western Mining Alliance. Once again we're asking for your help. The State of California, after their recent defeat in the Appeals Court, has asked the California Supreme Court to de-publish the Rinehart decision. This important decision established that the California dredging ban is illegal. [Read Press Release](#)

### Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2015 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 event some consideration. [Add Your Event Information Here](#)

- **December 27, 2014** (Four Days)  
Stanton, Arizona  
LDMA Camp Dig  
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