



### 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 June - 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.*

**Website** This months featured article is: Metal Detecting the 1715 Treasure Fleet. The article has been updated with Google beach views of the Treasure Coast beaches.

This article is written for detectorist that live in the other 49 states in the U.S. since those living in Florida are already very well educated on the 1715 Fleet accessibility. The Florida Treasure Coast is well published with many sources available such as: 1715 only websites and shipwreck books detailing the Fleet's history, the destruction of the Fleet and the treasure lost / salvaged. So a detailed 1715 Fleet history will not be part of this article.

As someone that lives outside of the state of Florida, knowing where the 1715 Fleet is located and how to access it can be of great help to any detectorist before going on a metal detecting trip to Florida. The wreck site detail found in the next 38 pages will provide the detectorists with the necessary information to try their detecting skill on the Treasure Coast beaches. Knowing in advance where the fleet is located, finding access points and knowing where to detect can be a great advantage to an outsider.

Therefore, the article will be rather short with a greater emphasis placed on providing individual wreck site diagrams or maps. These diagrams will include the GPS coordinates for the wreck site lease area, A1A access point to the wreck site and other identifying land marks associated with the site. A single Florida A1A Highway diagram or map line with a summary of individual GPS beach access points and GPS wreck location coordinates is also included. Again, each of the individual diagrams or maps provide GPS Latitude and Longitude coordinates for easy identification. [Article Link](#)

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**Websites that Linked to MDHTALK or MDHTALK Articles this Past Month are:** [East Coast Research and Discovery Association](#), [Treasure Classifieds](#)

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

- Members of the Illinois Valley Historical Research and Recovery Association really dig their metal detecting hobby. [Article Link](#)
- A debris field at the bottom of Lake Michigan may be the remains of the long-lost Griffin, a vessel commanded by a 17th-century French explorer. [Article Link](#)
- It is common to see people hunting for lost gold and diamond jewelry that beach goers have dropped in Vung Tau, a popular tourist city in southern Vietnam. [Article Link](#)
- Members of Knox Historical Society may appear to be dusty historians but they also embrace modern technology to help learn about the past. [Article Link](#)
- Family finds metal detectors help to seal their relationship. A hunt for history is bringing a local family closer together, one treasure at a time. [Article Link](#)
- A metal detectorist ultimate goal of unearthing a large cache of gold coins has yet to come to fruition but the fun is in the looking. [Article Link](#)
- One Man's Treasure - Metal detectors unearth relics and more. The gold nugget hanging from a chain around his neck is worth almost \$1,000. [Article Link](#)
- Enjoy a golden summer - where to take your metal detector and search for treasure. [Article Link](#)

## U.K. News

- First World War centenary. Visitors step back in time from trench art to discharge papers. [Article Link](#)
- A couple are desperately searching for a wedding ring after losing it on the beach. [Article Link](#)
- Magnificent year for Scots treasure hunters. A total of 265 people reported objects to the Treasure Trove Unit between April 2013 and March this year. [Article Link](#)
- A group of north Pembrokeshire school pupils got their hands dirty last week with metal detectors; all in the name of archaeology. [Article Link](#)
- A rare Roman gold coin found at Vindolanda is hailed by Archaeologists as a magical moment. [Article Link](#)
- Some advice for treasure hunters and culture ministers. [Article Link](#)
- Cameras are now rolling on the new sitcom about metal detectorists. This is a six-part comedy for BBC Four. It is about two friends who share a passion for metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist unearths a 17th century pair of silver cuff links in a Doncaster field. [Article Link](#)

## Other April News

- JW Fisher Detectors. Underwater Metal Detectors for Law Enforcement and Commercial Diving. [Article Link](#)
- Buy, Sell and Trade Used Treasure Hunting Gear. [Treasure Classifieds.com](#)

## Legislation and Regulation Issues

- Task Force Members: PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS!  
Metal Detectorists in New York City are being discriminated against as a group. Activities and groups that might pose a much greater threat to park facilities are still allowed full access to NYC Parks, and we, the Metal Detectorists, are the ones being excluded from using many of OUR parks! [Read Press Release](#)
- Massachusetts Metal Detecting Issue. Here is the reply from the DCR Mass. Parks Team. [Article Link](#)

## W.W. Meteorite News

- A meteorite found in the remains of a Poland Neolithic hut may have been used for shamanic purposes, academics have argued. [Article Link](#)
- Tucson - Television host and meteorite expert Geoff Notkin will be at the Challenger Space Center to unveil several new pieces being added to his exhibit. [Article Link](#)
- Death by Meteorite - history of alleged cases suggests that it can happen from time to time. [Article Link](#)
- Four rare Meteorites may be evidence of ancient cosmic collision. [Article Link](#)

## Jewelry Returns

- VERO BEACH - A discovery at the bottom of sea is bringing back some big memories for a man who lost a personal treasure decades ago. [Article Link](#)
- Man stumbles upon family heirloom ring dating back to Civil War era. [Article Link](#)
- Stranger finds it for her after woman loses gold pendant in the ocean. [Article Link](#)
- A Colorado man was reunited with his wedding ring after a group of kids found the gold band at Van Arsdale Elementary school. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds his own wedding ring five years after losing it. [Article Link](#)
- I received a message from my New York alma mater to inform me that someone was trying to contact me about a lost school class ring from 49 years ago. [Article Link](#)

## North America Archaeology News

- Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ) - [June News](#) and a new online version of ICMJs Prospecting and Mining Journal. [Select Here](#)
- Mel Fisher Museum. [June Newsletter](#)
- Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA) - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community. [June News](#)
- Minelab. [June Newsletter](#)
- JW Fisher Detectors. Historic Shipwreck Discovered! [Press Release](#)
- Western Mining Alliance is an organization of independent miners across the West. [June Newsletter](#)
- Plymouth — There is a mystery about where Plymouth got its start, most US historian cannot say for sure where that settlement stood. [Article Link](#)
- Puget Sound anchor found six years ago might be from a 1792 expedition. [Article Link](#)
- Adair Cabin archaeologists recover some intriguing finds. [Article Link](#)
- Geologist uses fossils to prove historic Ohio millstones have French origins. [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 event some consideration. [Add Your Event Information Here](#)

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- **July 05, 2014** (One Day)  
Ogden, Utah  
14th Annual Open Treasure Hunt  
Prospectors Club International
- **July 12, 2014** (Eight Days)  
New Stanton, Pennsylvania  
2014 Treasure Week
- **July 18, 2014** (Three Days)  
Baker City, Oregon  
Baker County Miners Jubilee  
Eastern Oregon Mining Association
- **July 25, 2014** (Two Days)  
Nekoosa, Wisconsin  
18th Annual Open Hunt and State Championship  
MidState Metal Detector Club
- **July 26, 2008** (One Day)  
Aston, Pennsylvania  
SPHRG Member Annual Hunt  
Southeastern Pennsylvania Historical Recovery Group