

# Metal Detecting Hobby Talk

# Serving The Metal Detecting Community

## MDHTALK News Brief



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### 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 September- 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: **Is Recreational Metal Detecting on the Endangered List?** 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 statute at the Federal level that provides any support for recreational metal detecting.

Some of the Federal statutes 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. They are:

- 1906 1906 American Antiquities Act --[act link](#)
- 1966 National Historic Preservation Act, As amended in 2000 --[act link](#)
- 1979 Archaeological Resources Protection Act --[act link](#)
- 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act --[act link](#)

**Is Recreational Metal Detecting on the Endangered List?** [Article Link](#)

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

- Rescued rings in the surf rather than a life or a drowning person, it was a marriage the Mollymook Surf Life Saving Club members helped save. [Article Link](#)
- When it comes to being a 'Diamond Geezer' Villamartin based Metal detectorist is just that in his quest to find lost treasures. [Article Link](#)
- A diver in Bulgaria discovered what is thought to be the world's oldest gold coin with the find being accidental. [Article Link](#)
- Feds chase treasure hunter turned fugitive. [Article Link](#)
- The first public appearance in New York of gold coins for sale from the \$10 million Saddle Ridge treasure trove that was unearthed last year in California's gold country. The sale will take place October 9th. [Article Link](#)
- Five amazing British discoveries that were hiding in plain sight. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist uncovers bling and beer cans and on a good day find diamond

## Legislation and Regulation Issues

- Court of Appeals decision in People v. Rinehart The California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, issued a unanimous opinion generally affirming our theory of federal preemption in the mining context. [PLP Press Release](#)

## W.W. Meteorite News

- Mysterious streak of light leaves scientists baffled, was it a meteorite? [Article Link](#)
- An interesting website about meteors shows every known meteorite that has ever been found on earth.

rings, gold bracelets and silver jewelry buried in the sand or sunk in shallow water. [Article Link](#)

## U.K. News

- Mackenzie Crook seeks gold in a comedy about metal detecting. The former star of Pirates Of The Caribbean and The Office tells about his fascination with lost treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient coins found by metal detectors as part of a special event to raise money for worthy causes. [Article Link](#)
- Detectorist never know what they'll find but fame? No thanks. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting on district council owned land has been banned to the dismay of detectorist. [Article Link](#)
- There is an investigation concerning the damage to a crannóg near Roscommon Castle which may be linked to unauthorized use of metal detectors. [Article Link](#)
- A 1,000 year old penny, one of Preston's rarest and most valuable coins could fetch £16,500. [Article Link](#)
- Detectorists have confronted Whitstable Oyster bosses over a ban on metal detectors, which banished them from the beach. [Article Link](#)
- Gold engagement ring from the 17th Century was discovered in a field by a metal detecting pensioner more than 300 years after it was lost. [Article Link](#)

## Other News

- **JW Fisher Detectors.** Diver Locates Bronze-Age Ring with Underwater Metal Detector. [September News Release](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** - [September News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community. [September News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [August Newsletter](#)
- **Public Lands for the People.** Your Support Counts. [PLP Press Release](#)

## Article Link

- A small asteroid about the size of a house passed earth according to NASA. [Article Link](#)
- Much does not ring true about the claims that a meteorite struck Managua, Nicaragua. [Article Link](#)

## Jewelry Returns

- Class member Virgil Kelm, now a Lutheran pastor tells the story of his lost and found class ring. [Article Link](#)
- St. Pete Beach. An Indiana couple renewed their wedding vows on St. Pete's Beach with a ring they thought was lost forever. [Article Link](#)
- Monitor Township, MI. A Bay County woman's lost 1954 class ring is now returned to her 60 years later. [Article Link](#)
- A bracelet commemorating an FDNY firefighter killed on Sept. 11 washed up on a local beach. [Article Link](#)
- A wedding ring lost twice is returned 12 years later. [Article Link](#)

## North America Archaeology News

- Maritime archaeologists say they've discovered the wrecks of long-forgotten ships just outside Golden Gate bridge. [Article Link](#)
- Ottawa, Canada. After six years of searching, one of the lost Franklin Expedition ships has been discovered. [Article Link](#)
- Port-AU-Prince, Haiti. A shipwreck off the north coast probably isn't a lost flagship of Christopher Columbus. [Article Link](#)

## 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](#)

- **October 08, 2014** (Four Days)  
Italian Bar, California  
LDMA Camp Digs  
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- **October 10, 2014** (Two Days)  
Cullman, Alabama  
41st Annual Deep South Treasure Hunt  
Warrior Basin Treasure Hunters  
Association
- **October 11, 2014** (One Day)  
Annapolis, Maryland  
Annual Silver Frenzy Treasure Hunt  
Maryland Artifact Recovery Society  
(MARS)
- **October 11, 2014** (Two Days)  
Washingtonville, Pennsylvania  
34th Annual Treasure Hunt  
Susquehanna Valley Metal Detecting Club  
and Tesoro
- **October 11, 2014** (Two Days)  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Gold and Treasure Expo  
GPAA & the Gold Prospectors of  
Oklahoma City
- **October 12, 2014** (One Day)  
Annapolis, Maryland  
Club Open Hunt  
Maryland Free-State Treasure Club
- **October 18, 2014** (One Day)  
Irving, Texas  
40th Annual Open Hunt  
Lone Star Treasure Club
- **October 18, 2014** (Two Days)  
Randsburg, California  
PLP Oktoberfest Fundraiser  
Sleepy Bear Mining & American  
Prospector Treasure Seeker
- **October 29, 2014** (Four Days)  
Vein Mountain, North Carolina  
LDMA Camp Digs  
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Duisenberg, California  
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