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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 August - 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: Where is it Legal to Metal Detect? This question should be easy to answer but that is not the case. There are no uniform state laws or regulations across the fifty states or are there uniform municipal codes for the many thousands of cities and counties in the U.S. One way to get a handle on laws and regulations for your area is to join a local metal detecting or gold prospecting club. These clubs will usually know what the local law and regulation situation is for the hobby. So lets take one section of the U.S. at a time and try to find some answers.

National. There are a number of federal acts that control what can or can not be done on federal properties. These acts are the:

- 1906 American Antiquities Act
- 1966 National Historic Preservation Act - As amended through 2000
- 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
- 1997 Archaeological Resources Protection Act

Each of these acts places protection for America's antiquities plus use restrictions on federal lands, historical sites and Native American Indian burial grounds. [Article Link](#)

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

- Coastal metal detectorist uses a detector to mine the beach for lost treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Rare copy of a Superman comic book sells for 3.2 million dollars. [Article Link](#)
- There's gold in those hills and three generations of the Watt family have been determined to find it. [Article Link](#)
- What are people with metal detectors really looking for? [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist sees beyond rusted bits of iron. [Article Link](#)
- A re-enactor in the Battle of Saltville lost something even more important, his wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Eau Claire. Construction zones become hunting grounds for metal detectorist. [Article Link](#)
- ST. CLOUD, Florida has a long history of buried, lost or sunken treasures. Now thousands of silver coins discovered in condemned house. [Article Link](#)

## U.K. News

- The joy of metal detecting it's not just about the treasure. [Article Link](#)
- A team of metal detectorist has found another piece of old gold in the Tarrant Valley. [Article Link](#)
- Appeal to find wedding ring lost at Shropshire steam rally. Karen was devastated when she realized her gold wedding band was missing at Onslow Park. [Article Link](#)
- While conducting an excavation near Brest in northwestern France a medieval hoard was discovered . [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists digging at an Iron Age settlement are keeping the location a secret to stop people with metal detectors. [Article Link](#)
- Romanian metal detectorist finds what could be oldest forged coins in history worth £120,000. [Article Link](#)
- Night hawkers hitting more archaeological sites are becoming a growing problem in Finland. [Article Link](#)
- A metal detectorist has been put on trial after looting hundreds of historic French sites. [Article Link](#)

## Other News

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

## W.W. Meteorite News

- Scientists have found a strange structure resembling a microbial cell inside a Martian meteorite. [Article Link](#)
- A stolen meteorite that went missing from the Sonnenborgh Museum was found by two tennis players. [Article Link](#)
- European spacecraft became the first ever to catch up and orbits with a comet. [Article Link](#)
- There is a presumed meteorite landing in northwest Georgia and astronomers think this one hit the ground. [Article Link](#)

## Jewelry Returns

- A retired Gold Coast Titans star thought his \$6000 chunky gold ring that he won with the Penrith Panthers was safely in its display box at home. [Article Link](#)
- 1932 MIT class ring returned to family after being lost for 70 years! [Article Link](#)
- East Northport metal detectorist finds lost wedding rings and tracks down owner. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds, returns wedding ring lost on Fire Island. [Article Link](#)

## North America Archaeology News

- Volunteers found several artifacts from the 18th century, including buttons, a British half-penny, and a musket ball. [Article Link](#)
- A fight to preserve the Prospect Hill Plantation in Jefferson County, Mississippi. The plantation was founded in 1808 by Revolutionary War veteran Isaac Ross. [Article Link](#)
- Philadelphia's archaeology museum rediscovers 6,500-year-old skeleton in storage. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists find slave quarters along Maryland highway. [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](#)

- **September 06, 2014** (Two Days)  
Chaffee, New York  
29th Annual International Treasure Hunt  
Niagara Frontier Relic Hunters
- **September 06, 2014** (Two Days)  
Abilene, Texas  
Gold and Treasure Show  
GPAA & local Texas Chapters (Abilene, Wichita Falls & Granbury) GPAA and three local Texas GPAA Chapters (Abilene, Wichita Falls & Granbury)

**September 10, 2014** (Four Days)  
Scott Bar, California  
LDMA Camp Digs  
LDMA

- **September 13, 2014** (Two Days)  
Foresthill, California  
Annual Foresthill Heritage Celebration, Gold Panning Championship  
Auburn Goldhounds
- **September 13, 2014** (One Day)  
Knox, New York  
44th Annual Club Hunt  
Empire State Metal Detector Association
- **September 20, 2014** (One Day)  
Taunton, Massachusetts  
Annual New England Treasure Show  
Silver City Treasure Seekers

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**September 20, 2014** (Two Days)  
Java Center, New York  
16th Annual International Hunt  
Genesee Valley Treasure Seekers

- **September 21, 2014** (One Day)  
Lathrop, Missouri  
38th Annual Treasure Hunt  
Mo-Kan Search and Recovery Club
- **September 24, 2014** (Four Days)  
Loud Mine, Georgia  
LDMA Camp Digs  
LDMA
- **September 27, 2014** (One Day)  
Lovelock, Nevada  
Rye Patch Nugget Shoot  
GPAA of Northern Nevada Reno
- **September 27, 2014** (One Day)  
Long Branch, New Jersey  
3rd Annual Open Beach Hunt  
Deep Search Metal Detecting Club