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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 March - 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: Metal Detecting Etiquette. [Link to The Complete Article](#) Recreational Metal Detecting is becoming a very popular pastime as more people enter retirement. Due to some great finds in England the hobby is getting greater publicity though the news media, internet forums, individual websites and of course YouTube videos. Many recreational metal detectorist developed their skills and ethics as the hobby developed and matured, however, over the past few years many new retirees have or are about to enter the hobby. These new hobbyist have no prior experience or knowledge as to how to legally or actually practice metal detecting in the field. This article will focus on just one aspect of the hobby - metal detecting etiquette.

So what might be the definition of metal detecting etiquette? Etiquette for metal detecting can be defined as a form of ethical behavior regarding metal detectorist responsibility, the actions of detectorist in their dealings with each other, the use of land, abiding by the law, practicing correct and acceptable social behavior in the field and by adhering to the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics.

Metal Detectorist Responsibility. The term Responsible Metal Detecting in the U.S. is rarely used or defined. I have used the term in a number of articles but have never really thought about what this term encompasses. Here is a link to a short article that will provide some definition. [MDHTALK Link to Responsible Metal Detecting article.](#)

The article highlights are:

- Know and Follow the Law
- Gain Permission
- Always Apply the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics
- Join a Metal Detecting Club
- Understand the Potential Cultural Value of Your Find
- Volunteer Your Services to the Hobby

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Chippewa Falls. Treasure hunting is all about getting to keep what you find but a local group of metal detecting enthusiasts is hoping you can help them find the owner of a certain piece. [Article Link](#)
- Chasing the pot 'o gold. Paradise resident Bob Van Camp loves everything

Other News

- **PLP - Public Lands for People.** [New Website](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [March News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [March](#)

about gold and silver. Especially digging for it and finding it. [Article Link](#)

- There is treasure to be discovered just off the southwest Florida coast. Just ask Ron Lord. [Article Link](#)
- Feds say, recyclers try to defraud U.S. Mint with counterfeit coins from China. [Article Link](#)
- A U.S. penny forged in 1792 is up for auction at Stacks Bowers in Baltimore, with an estimated value of \$2 million. [Article Link](#)
- Cape Town. It's a fantasy many adventurous young souls have - to send a message in a bottle and see what returns. [Article Link](#)
- Australian man strikes Gold by finding a six-pound Gold nugget worth \$135K. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Detecting trouble: Nighthawkers - Treasure hunters are digging up our heritage. [Article Link](#)
- Man found Bronze Age ring in a Rossett field, then discovered another in same spot nine months later. [Article Link](#)
- A dress hook which dates back to the 14th century has been officially declared a national treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Bradford. Two early bronze age flat axes unearthed in a farmer's field have been declared treasure at an inquest. [Article Link](#)
- Mysterious purple stone ring found in a 9th century grave reveals the Vikings' reach. [Article Link](#)
- During a club dig near Loughborough metal detectorist turn up 18 medieval coins. [Article Link](#)

Legislation and Regulation Issues

- Miners Declare Independence. Early on a crisp and clear February morning in the California Desert, a group of hardy individuals met to cheer the formation of the Federal public lands stakeholder organization: Minerals and Mining Advisory Council (MMAC). It is not often an event of great historical significance occurs; and usually the full magnitude of what those events mean are not realized at the time by those participating. I believe one of those historical events occurred near Randsburg, CA on Feb. 25th, 2015 at the Sleepy Bear Mine. It was with great pride that I joined nearly 80 patriot miners and those fighting to keep public lands open, to be a part of the launch of what is becoming the voice for mining and public land users across America. 80 people may not sound like many, but remember, there were only 56 signers on the original Declaration of Independence, and you know where that went! There were many clubs, organizations and businesses represented by those in attendance. [PLP Press Release](#)

News

- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [Daily News](#)
- **Minelab March Newsletter**
- **JW Fisher Detectors - In Memory.** [Press Release](#)
- **Mel Fisher Museum Newsletter**
- **FMDAC's President 1st Qtr Message**
- **Minelab** is thrilled to announce their new GO-FIND entry level detector series. [Press Release](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Neighborly help finds missing engagement ring. [Article Link](#)
- Professional 'Ring Finders' reunite woman with lost engagement ring. [Article Link](#)
- WWII dog tag finds its way back to widow. [Article Link](#)
- Ocean City, Maryland. Kristi once pondered whether her class ring was gone forever until... [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Scientists say they have found a gigantic meteorite crater from a meteor that hit Australia millions of years ago. [Article Link](#)
- A Highlands tour guide captured a stunning photo of a "shooting star" over Loch Ness during a meteorite shower. [Article Link](#)
- Australia. A Gidgegannup woman was one of the first to report the meteorite and quickly went searching for it in a paddock on her property. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite-hunting scientists are stunned by crowd-funding support after government grants dry up. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Society for American Archaeology magazine. [Magazine Link](#)
- Massachusetts State Police reported that a Civil War era cannonball was found at Carson Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Why did NYC Derail a historic subway tunnel's excavation? [Article Link](#)
- Smithsonian takes Hall of Human Origins across the country in a new traveling exhibition. [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](#)

- **April 01, 2015** (Five Days)
Scott Bar, California
2015 Scott Bar Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **April 10, 2015** (Three Days)

- **April 11, 2015** (One Day)
Orlando, Florida
Florida Sunshine Shootout & Relic Hunt
Central Florida Metal Detecting Club
- **April 15, 2015** (Five Days)
Burnt River, Oregon
2015 Burnt River Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **April 17, 2015** (Three Days)
Riverside, California
28th Annual Hunt Rendezvous
West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters

- **April 22, 2015** (Five Day)
Marlborough, New Hampshire
22nd Best O' North East (BONE) Treasure Hunter's Weekend
North East Metal Detecting Forum & Professional Treasure Hunter's Historical Society
- **April 25, 2015** (One Day)
Lincoln, Nebraska
Two Beaches Open Hunt
Midwest Historical Preservation Society
- **April 25, 2015** (Two Days)
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Longview, Texas
Metal Detecting, Artifacts, Coin Show
Texas Assn of Metal Detecting Clubs

- **April 11, 2015** (Two Days)
Boise, Idaho
2015 Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **April 11, 2015** (One Day)
Brazoria County, Texas
Annual Spring Silver Hunt
Brazoria Artifact and Recovery Club

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the Complete Event Details](#)

- **April 18, 2015** (Two Days)
Cashmere, Washington
16th Annual Gold & Treasure Show
North Central Washington Prospectors
- **April 18, 2015** (One Day)
Wabasso, Florida
7th Annual Treasure Hunters Cookout
Seeker41
- **April 18, 2015** (Two Days)
Sapulpa, Oklahoma
29th National Open Treasure Hunt
Three Forks Treasurer's Hunters Club
- **April 18, 2015** (Two Days)
Blacksburg, South Carolina
13th Annual Treasure Hunt of the
Carolinas
Joyce and Randy Gatchel

LRRC Spring Club Hunt
Lancaster Research & Recovery Club

- **April 25, 2015** (One Day)
Virginia Beach, Virginia
28th Annual Hunt
Tidewater Coin and Relic Club
- **April 25, 2015** (Two Days)
Las Vegas, Nevada
2015 Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **April 29, 2015** (Five Days)
Stanton, Arizona
2015 Stanton Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn