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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 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.** 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: *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, in 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 statue at the Federal level that provides any support for recreational metal detecting.

Some of the Federal statues 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: [Get and Read this Article](#)

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Longmont woman finds 8.52-carat diamond at Crater of Diamonds State Park in Arkansas. [Article Link One](#), [Article Link Two](#)
- Biggest Gold Find Ever and Biggest Nugget Ever Found. [Article Link](#)
- Man, 89, spends decades finding buried treasures, returning them to owners. [Article Link](#)
- Making the invisible visible: Local man makes a business of finding lost treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Unearthing history in Rockland, Abington and beyond. [Article Link](#)
- Six Awesome Treasure Hunt Finds by Amateurs. [Article Link](#)
- One Man's Treasure - Metal detectors unearth relics that some say should stay buried. [Article Link](#)
- Finders, keepers: Treasure hunters are in it for the joy of uncovering history. [Article Link](#)
- Apple I discarded as junk sells for \$200,000; mystery woman stands to get half. [Article Link](#)

Other News

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

[May Newsletter](#)

- [JW Fisher Detectors](#). Relocating Underwater Sites Easy with Acoustic Beacons. [May Press Release](#)
- [Mel Fisher Newsletter](#)
- [Special Edition of the Garrett Searcher](#) in Memory of Charles Garrett. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

Jewelry Returns

- Man finds thousands of pounds worth of medieval treasure including 15th century sapphire ring in field. [Article Link](#)
- Medieval ring found on Weardale farm declared a treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Roman rings found at County Down beach declared as treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter gets metal detector guard of honor at his funeral. [Article Link](#)
- A 600-year-old gold ring found in a Somerset farmer's field has sold at auction for thousands over its guide price. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient Roman god figure discovered – and it's the 1,000th find by local history hunters this year. [Article Link](#)
- Detecting trouble: The treasure hunters digging up our heritage. [Article Link](#)

- Lost class ring found, 51 years later. [Article Link](#)
- Family team finds wedding ring lost years ago. [Article Link](#)
- How Phil, "Sparky" and St. Anthony helped find my wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- East Tennessee man finds class ring lost for 50 years, seeks out owner. [Article Link](#)
- 51 years later, missing ring to be reunited with owner. [Article Link](#)
- Good Samaritan finds and returns lost class ring. [Article Link](#)

Legislation and Regulation Issues

- **Public Lands for the People.** [Press Release](#)
The mining community was denied injunctive relief today from Judge Ochoa in San Bernardino Superior Court, stating that in his opinion that the miners have not shown "Irreparable" harm. He agrees that we have suffered harm, but not to the extent that injunctive relief is due. The lawyers for PLP, New 49ers and WMA argued forcefully that the financial losses are irreparable and by allowing the State of California to continue to violate our Constitutional rights and cite miners for what the Constitution guarantees us IS irreparable! The Judge wrote in his tentative ruling that because the Reinhart appellate decision has been de-published and is under review from the California Supreme Court, the Federal preemption issue he ruled upon is also up for review. Trial was set for January 20th, 2016 to conclude everything before him. PLP, New 49ers and WMA are in process right now of looking at our appeal on what is viewed as "Justice delayed is Justice denied!" Judge Ochoa did clarify however his ruling on the States exparte motion to ban the new 49ers and their counsel from filing a temporary restraining order against the State in Siskyou County. He only barred counsel and plaintiffs from filing a TRO. Look for individuals outside this litigation to act on this very soon.

W.W. Meteorite News

- Highlights from the NRA show, including a handgun made of meteorite. [Article Link](#)
- Crystal Caves museum owner believes the theft of 12kg Wolf Creek specimen was more about pursuing an object of desire than its monetary value. [Article Link](#)
- The difference between asteroids and meteorites. [Article Link](#)
- The Meteorite That Landed on a Woman in Alabama. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Pro/Con: Archaeology. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology students continue to uncover history at Fort Caswell. [Article Link](#)
- Arkansas City archaeology shows evidence of ancient town. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologist digging for clues to Camp Security. [Article Link](#)
- Results from Archeological Investigation at Institute for Advanced Study Released. [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](#)

[Select here to View the Complete Event Details for July](#)

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- **July 11, 2015** (Eight Days)
New Stanton, Pennsylvania
2015 Treasure Week
Many Sponsors
- **July 24, 2015** (Three Days)
Nekoosa, Wisconsin
19th Annual Open Hunt and State Championship
Mid-State Metal Detector Club
- **August 01, 2015** (One Day)
Auburn, Washington
Lenny Phay Memorial Hunt
Puget Sound Treasure Hunters Club
- **August 08, 2015** (One Day)
Tunkhannok, Pennsylvania
32nd Annual Black Diamond Treasure Hunt
Black Diamond Treasure Hunters Club
- **August 15, 2015** (Two Days)
Marietta, Georgia
37th Annual Southeastern Civil War Show and Sale
North Georgia Relic Hunters and the Marietta Parks & Recreation Department
- **August 15, 2015** (Two Days)
New Concord, Ohio
36th Annual Buckeye Championship Hunt
Sponsored by Don & Bill Hayes
- **August 20, 2015** (Four Days)
Mancos, Colorado
2015 WWATS Rendezvous
WWATS - World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers
- **August 22, 2015** (Two Days)
Sonora, California
2015 Gold & Outdoor Festival
Delta Gold Diggers & GPAA