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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 February - 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: *Why Should I Join or Start a Metal Detecting*

**Club?** You may be recently retired and looking for a new hobby or you may be a long time detectorist. In either case you may want to consider joining a metal detecting club. Metal detecting is a hobby that can be enjoyed without being involved with other detectorist, however, much can be gained by being an active part of the detecting community. The new hobbyist may want to learn about the hobby while the long time detectorist can bring his detecting skill and knowledge to a club.

What are the reasons for joining or starting a club?

1) Meet Other Detectorist. Getting involved with a club provides the opportunity to meet others in the hobby. A club represents a place where one can develop new relationships and enjoy fellowship. people that have a common interest which is metal detecting.

2) Learn the Necessary Skills. If you are a newbie, joining a club can provide many opportunities to develop your metal detecting skill. Most clubs have training programs on how to pin point, recover targets and the proper methods and equipment to use for detecting different terrains. You may also be able to learn the skills needed to detect different types of targets such as: relics, gold, coins, jewelry, and how to detect fresh and salt water beaches.

If you are an old timer at detecting but have never joined a club, your contribution to the club could

be in transferring your skill and knowledge to others. This can be done by providing talks on different aspects of metal detecting. There can be a great sense of self-satisfaction in helping others achieve their goals by sharing one's knowledge. [Read the Complete Article](#)

**Websites that Linked to MDTALK this Past Month are:** [Rocky Mountain Prospectors & Treasure Hunters Newsletter](#), [New Hampshire Metal Detecting Forum](#), [Treasure Classifieds Forum](#), [The Entertaining Hobby of Metal Detecting](#) and [entertainment ave!](#)

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

- The legendary Nibelung treasure may have been found by a guy with a metal detector. An amateur archaeologist recently unearthed a trove of gold and silver in a wooded area in western Germany. [Article Link](#)
- Some 'revolutionary' finds on the North Fork. [Article Link](#)
- It's all about the treasure hunt for this Reno prospector, Steve has been a treasure hunter virtually all his life. [Article Link](#)
- Savannah. Divers find long-lost nuclear warhead while scuba diving in the Wassaw sound, a small bay located on the shores of Georgia. Jason Sutter and Christina Murray were admiring the marine life of the area when they stumbled upon a Mark 15 thermonuclear bomb that had been lost by the United States Air Force more than 50 years ago. [Article Link](#)
- A massive trove of thousand-year-old gold coins has been unearthed in an ancient harbor off the coast of Israel. [Article Link](#)
- A group that runs Auckland Castle has expressed an interest in a 665-year-old silver badge found by a metal detectorist. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detecting 101 - An overview of the complicated history and the current state of metal detecting. [Article Link](#)

## U.K. News

- A teenage metal detectorist trawling the Somerset river stumbles across a hidden cache of 40 'IRA' weapons - including the 'Widow Maker' rifle and a Nazi machine gun. [Article Link](#)
- A metal detector enthusiast has launched a new group in a bid to unearth Cumbria's hidden treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Islamic Coins were found hidden inside a Viking Age Shield Boss. [Article Link](#)
- Police are warning treasure hunters to mind the law after an incident in Plympton St Maurice. [Article Link](#)
- A Metal detector enthusiast bags a £1.3 million windfall from an Anglo-Saxon coin find. [Article Link](#)

## Other News

- **PLP - Public Lands for People.** [New Website](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [February News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [February News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [Daily News](#)
- Minelab. [February Newsletter](#)
- Minelab GPZ 7000 New Gold Detector. [Article Link](#)

## Legislation and Regulation Issues

- The **Public Lands for the People (PLP)**, all volunteer, Board of Directors ask you to read this letter and send it to Senator Lisa Murkowski, chair of the Senate Committee supporting PLP's position against the Desert Conservation Act of 2015. [PLP News Release](#)

## Jewelry Returns

- British lifeboat paramedic finds wedding ring at low tide six years after its loss. [Article Link](#)
- Class ring missing for 22 years found in OC. [Article Link](#)
- Lost treasure — found. [Article Link](#)
- Doug Moe: The man who finds lost rings. [Article Link](#)
- Discovery has a familiar ring to it; Harrison man finds class ring lost for 18 years. [Article Link](#)
- Lost Poway High class ring found 27 years later. [Article Link](#)

## North America Archaeology News

- Ohio's Hopewell culture which spanned the period from 100 B.C. to A.D. 400, is most famous for two things: enormous earthworks and artistically stunning artifacts made from

- UK treasures endangered by museum cuts. [Article Link](#)

## W.W. Meteorite News

- Watch this video from a Pittsburgh observatory that captured a meteor streaking across the night sky at 45,000mph. [Article Link](#)
- Cape Town, NZ. Bright lights and explosions in the sky were reported from Auckland to Nelson and even as far as Christchurch and the West Coast. [Article Link](#)
- University researchers are studying the Northwest Africa 7034 meteorite that is estimated to be 2-billion-year-old and have concluded that it likely represents most of Mars' crust. [Article Link](#)
- Exeter, England. A fixed British beach camera captured footage of a suspected meteorite falling out of the sky and plunging into the sea. [Article Link](#)

exotic raw materials. [Article Link](#)

- Archaeologists have discovered the first use of pottery in north-eastern America that was used for cooking, storage and social feasting. [Article Link](#)
- A Shreveport historian and urban archaeologist thinks he's solved a mystery: What happened to four Confederate submarines known to be in Shreveport during the last two years of the Civil War. [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](#)

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- **March 07, 2015** (One Day)  
Longview, Texas  
4th Piney Woods Relic Hunt  
East Texas Treasure Hunters Assn
- **March 07, 2015** (One Day)  
Wabasso, Florida  
28th Annual TCAS Hunt  
TCAS - Treasure Coast  
Archaeological Society
- **March 07, 2015** (Two days)  
Stockton, California  
2015 Gold & Treasure Show  
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America

- **March 20, 2015** (Three Days)  
Roseburg, Oregon  
8th Annual Southern Oregon Gold & Treasure Show  
Douglas County Prospectors Assn
- **March 21, 2015** (Two Days)  
Coeur d Alene, Idaho  
16th Annual Gold & Treasure Show
- **March 28, 2015** (Two Days)  
Portland, Oregon  
2015 Gold & Treasure Show  
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America & Southwest Washington Gold Prospectors

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