

# 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 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: 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

**1997** Archaeological Resources Protection Act

**1990** Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation 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.

The 1906 and the 1997 acts have an impact on the National Park System, National Monuments, National Sea Shore Beaches, Civil & Revolutionary War Battlefields, and to some extend on Native American lands. These acts indirectly make metal detecting illegal in any of these places. If caught metal detecting or have a detector in your possession while on any of these protected places it can be a felony with tough penalties. [Article Link](#)

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

## Other News

- Metal detecting, yard work turn up treasures around Saginaw. [Article Link](#)
- The Monitor printed two front-page photographs of a man who unearthed a rare U.S. coin while metal detecting on the New Hampshire Hospital campus. [Article Link](#)
- Striking silver in downtown Concord. [Article Link](#)
- Past sightings - Despite her blindness, Janet digs up forgotten treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter returns slain cop's shield to grandson. [Article Link](#)
- Three local members of the Tri-County Metal Detecting Club, say metal detecting appeals to their sense of adventure and desire to

- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [April News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [April News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [Daily News](#)
- **Minelab.** [April Newsletter](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors.** Underwater Search Equipment Helps Law Enforcement and Dive Teams. [Press Release](#)
- **FMDAC's President** [Announcing the FMDAC Book Raffle](#)

help others. [Article Link](#)

- Mysterious artifacts unearthed in treasure hunt on Oak Island. [Article Link](#)

## U.K. News

- Surrey metal detectorist digging up the past get awards. [Article Link](#)
- British salvage boat recovers treasure from wreck of SS City of Cairo. [Article Link](#)
- Paul metal detector went off yet again, to frustratingly find it might be another ring pull from a Coke can. [Article Link](#)
- There could be more buried treasure on farmland where four 14th century silver coins were found. [Article Link](#)
- Silsden detectorist hails 'greatest find'. [Article Link](#)
- Coins and rings declared as treasure by coroner in Cardiff. [Article Link](#)
- Problems caused by metal detectorists in Barnard Castle have become a hazardous 'epidemic' according to town councillors. [Article Link](#)
- Man Goes Exploring with Metal Detector, Finds Roman-Era Grave. [Article Link](#)

## Legislation and Regulation Issues

- Call to Action April 6th-8th, 2015 Fellow Metal Detectorists, Call To Action.....Starting Monday April 6, for 3 days. We have been trying to negotiate a FAIR resolution to correct the deteriorating rights of Metal Detectorists to enjoy their hobby in NYC parks. After months of meetings, phone calls, and follow ups, we have not received any constructive response from NYC Parks.NOW we need to let them know we will stand together until we are treated fairly. [Article Link](#)
- Gold dredging uncertainty is rapidly coming to a head in California! As you are probably aware, the San Bernardino Superior Court Ruled on 12 January 2015 that both the Legislature's Moratorium against gold dredging, along with the Department of Fish & Wildlife's (DFW) recent adoption of dredge regulations in 2012, are illegal and not enforceable as a matter of law. [Article Link](#)

- **WWATS. [New Website](#)**

## Jewelry Returns

- Volunteer treasure hunters find wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- WWII airman's dog tag finds its way home. [Article Link](#)
- Wedding ring set lost in Halifax snowstorm reunited with owner. [Article Link](#)
- Amesbury High School ring returned to owner after 49 years. [Article Link](#)
- Great-grandson finds Kingsport woman's long lost anniversary ring. [Article Link](#)
- Lost, found, soon to be returned. [Article Link](#)
- Lost wedding ring found in Middleboro two months later. [Article Link](#)

## W.W. Meteorite News

- Geoff Notkin presented a lecture as part of the STEM series at the Bakersfield College Levan Center. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite samples collected in Antarctica arrived at Johnson Space Center. [Article Link](#)
- Experiments show what happens below ground when meteorite strikes Earth. [Article Link](#)
- "Vacationing in Iowa", a publication by City View. The Estherville Meteorite was rated as the number one quirkiest Iowa roadside attraction. [Article Link](#)

## North America Archaeology News

- If Parliament Hill has sometimes seemed throughout its history like a boozy, male-dominated powder keg, it's worth noting that's it was built on. [Article Link](#)
- A story about Hawaiian artifacts retrieved from a sunken royal yacht. [Article Link](#)
- Sunken WWII-era aircraft carrier found off Northern California. [Article Link](#)
- An archaeologist has discovered liquid mercury at the end of a tunnel beneath a Mexican pyramid. [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](#)

- **May 02, 2015** (Two Days)  
New Stanton, Pennsylvania  
3rd Annual Open Treasure Hunt  
Silver Seekers
- **May 06, 2015** (Five Days)  
Duisenburg, California  
2015 Duisenburg Outing
- **May 16, 2015** (One Day)  
Muskogee, Oklahoma  
2015 National Metal Detecting Day  
Minelab
- **May 16, 2015** (One Day)  
Loysville, Pennsylvania  
Central Pennsylvania Hunt  
Central valley Metal Detecting Club
- **May 16, 2015** (Two Days)  
Ocean City, New Jersey  
6th Annual Beach Hunt  
ECRDA - East Coast Research &  
Discovery Assn
- **May 16, 2015** (One Day)  
Raidersburg, Montana
- **May 22, 2015** (Three Days)  
Antler, Oklahoma  
2015 WWATS Rendezvous - Two Day  
Open Hunt  
WWATS - World Wide Assn of Treasurer  
Seekers
- **May 22, 2015** (Three Days)  
Stanwood, Washington  
2015 May Fest (33rd Annual Hunt)  
Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Clubs
- **May 23, 2015** (Two Days)  
Sapulpa, Oklahoma  
44rd Annual Indian Territory Treasure  
Hunt  
Indian Territory Treasure Club

LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

- **May 08, 2015** (Three Days)  
Benton County Horn Rapids  
Campground, Washington  
27th Treasure Hunt  
Southeast WA Assn of Treasure Hunters  
(SWATH)
- **May 16, 2015** (One Day)  
Empire Park, Indiana  
2015 National Metal Detecting Day  
Minelab

14th Annual Claim Jumper's Metal  
Detect

Headwaters Chapter of the GPAA

- **May 16, 2015** (Two Days)  
Denver, Colorado  
2015 Gold & Treasure Show  
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **May 17, 2015** (One Day)  
Hoyt, Kansas  
2015 Treasure Hunt  
Topeka Treasure Hunters Metal  
Detecting Club

- **May 24, 2015** (Two Days)  
Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada  
Annual Southern Ontario Metal  
Detecting Beach Hunt  
Rainbow's End Metal Detecting Assn,  
Thames Valley Metal Detecting Assn  
plus many more Clubs
- **May 30, 2015** (Two Days)  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
2015 Gold & Treasure Show  
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America

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