

Metal Detecting Hobby Talk

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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 October 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.

The Website's featured article for this month 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, 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:

- 1906 American Antiquities Act
- 1966 National Historic Preservation Act, As amended in 2000
- 1979 Archaeological Resources Protection Act
- 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

The four acts indeed do protect Americas Heritage but at the same time limit or in most situations make metal detecting an unlawful act. If someone is caught metal detecting in National Parks, National Historical Sites, National Monuments, National Recreational Areas, Native American Lands or on archaeological sites the penalties can be severe. There are a few exceptions where portions of Federal Forest Service and BLM lands allow metal detecting if no archaeology sites are present. [Article Liink](#)

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Gold and silver metals specialist finds the fake. [Read Article](#)
- Divers get blast out of collecting ammo. [Read Article](#)
- Ancient warrior's tomb and huge treasure hoard found in Greece. [Read Article](#)
- Treasure hunters probe lake. [Read Article](#)
- The Specter of Coin Doctoring and The Survival of Great Coins. [Read Article](#)
- Wyoming man finds more than just quarters with metal detector. [Read Article](#)
- New Forensics class at NMU takes hands-on training seriously. [Read](#)

Other News

- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [October News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [October News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [October News](#), [October Newsletter](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors. JW Fisher Detectors Marine Scientists Employ Underwater Metal Detectors.** [October Press Release](#)
- Minelab's October [Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

Article

- Beachgoer Discovers 10,000-Year-Old Spearhead That May Hold Clues to Prehistoric Life in NJ. [Read Article](#)
- The Dayton Diggers dig up the past. [Read Article](#)

U.K. News

- Amateur archaeologist finds Viking treasure on Danish island. [Read Article](#)
- Malvern Hills warning after metal detector reports. [Read Article](#)
- Coroner rules Bridgnorth coins from Henry VIII's reign are treasures. [Read Article](#)
- Five-year-old boy finds Bronze Age arrowhead behind school. [Read Article](#)
- History wars: archaeologists battle to save our heritage from the nighthawks. [Read Article](#)
- Metal detectorists loot historic monuments at night. [Read Article](#)
- Sundial discovered by accident in muddy field is rare 14th century device worth £80,000. [Read Article](#)
- Neponset man finds WWII dog tag, returns it to serviceman's wife. [Read Article](#)

Legislation and Regulation Issues

- Require permit for metal detecting. Metal detecting city parks and other public property is a great hobby. In response to an article from Sept. 11, I would like to add a few comments.

As a metal detectorist myself, I would like to offer up a suggestion to the council members or the mayor of Mason City or any other city. [Read Article](#)

- **Western Mining Alliance** Good news! Because of the overwhelming support of the detecting community in contacting the Mason City, Iowa parks department about the proposed ban on metal detecting, progress had been made. [Read Article](#)

- Jimmy is lord of the rings at popular half marathon!. [Article Link](#)
- Class Ring Returned 60 Years Later. [Article Link](#)
- Class ring lost for 70 years finds its way home. [Article Link](#)
- Local "Ring Finder" recovers wedding from the ocean and returns it to owner. [Article Link](#)
- Couple enlists help to find missing wedding ring at Twin Cities Harvest Festival. [Article Link](#)
- Woman's Lost Diamond Wedding Ring Found by Man She Calls 'A Gift From God. [Article Link](#)
- Visalia woman's lost wedding ring found by Larry the Ring Finder at Shell Beach. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Fleischmann Planetarium Tests Rocks for Meteorites. [Article Link](#)
- Smithsonian Displays Goose Lake Meteorite in Washington, DC. [Article Link](#)
- NASA just announced an unexpected asteroid flyby this Halloween. [Article Link](#)
- What's it like to chase a meteorite? [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Severed Heads, Skull Bowls Found in California Graves Were Tributes, Not War Trophies, Study Finds. [Article Link](#)
- Event highlights the mystery of the moon and Newark mounds. [Article Link](#)
- Archeological site in Mexico yields new details of sacrifice of Spaniards. [Article Link](#)

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events. Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2016 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](#)

- **November 15, 2015** (One Day)
Near Scott, Arkansas
ATHC Fall Open Hunt
Arkansas Treasure Hunters Club

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the Complete Event Details for November](#)