

# Metal Detecting Hobby Talk

# Serving The Metal Detecting Community

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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 July 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: *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 extent 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.

A typical statement on a National Monument websites is: Metal detectors are strictly prohibited on park grounds. Relic hunting by the use of metal detectors or other means is prohibited and violators will be prosecuted. [Download the Complete Article](#)

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

- Man finds POW bracelet, seeks family of Air Force captain. [Article Link](#)
- Remains of Missing Treasure Hunter Found in New Mexico. [Article Link](#)
- World War II dog tag unearthed in Bishop. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunt project piques students' interest in discovery. [Article Link](#)
- Silas Burke House Renovation is Fruitful for Metal Detector Hobbyist. [Article Link](#)

### Other News

- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [July News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [July News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [June Newsletter](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors.** Metal Detectors Help Police and Military [July Press Release](#)
- **American Mining Rights Association** is not a gold club but rather an advocacy group for miners and public land users to preserve

- Houston Metal Detecting Services find success on ground and under water. [Article Link](#)
- Gainesville Coins: Crime Doesn't Pay for Treasure Finder. [Article Link](#)
- Roman with new metal detector finds 1950 class ring. [Article Link](#)

#### U.K. News

- Hartlepool treasure hunter finds north of England's largest ever Roman hoard. [Article Link](#)
- Gold and Silver Treasure Update. [Article Link](#)
- 'Priceless' Bronze Age treasure found in Cwmbran. [Article Link](#)
- Lost treasures uncovered from beneath our feet. [Article Link](#)
- Medieval ring discovered at charity detecting event near Bronington. [Article Link](#)
- Student flies treasure hunter out to Mallorca to find missing diamond ring lost at sea. [Article Link](#)
- Horse rider discovers rare 8th Century jewellery in Denbighshire. [Article Link](#)
- A treasure trove of items unearthed in Doncaster. [Article Link](#)

#### Jewelry Returns

- A tale of two rings: Owner found for unearthed treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Secrets of metal detectorist who found student's diamond ring lost at sea. [Article Link](#)
- Wedding ring lost on L.A. beach back with Boca Raton couple, thanks to volunteer with a metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Stranger Responds to Facebook Hail Mary and Finds Woman's Lost Wedding Ring. [Article Link](#)

and maintain their rights as they pertain to access to their public lands. [July News](#)

- **Public Lands for the People** [Press Release](#) Thanks to all

. [Press Release On June 1st the California Supreme Court](#) heard oral arguments in the Rinehart case. We felt the proceedings went well for Brandon Rinehart and the mining community. It is our hope that a ruling will be issued within 2 months, but one can never be sure.

#### North America Archaeology News

- Archaeologists make 'exciting' discovery in Alamo dig. [Article Link](#)
- Ice Age Hunting Camp, Replete With Bird Bones and Tobacco, Found in Utah Desert. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists find elusive 16th-century Spanish fort on Parris Island. [Article Link](#) [2nd Article Link](#)
- 16,000-Year-Old Tools Discovered in Texas, Among the Oldest Found in the West. [Article Link](#)

#### W.W. Meteorite News

- Butler County gunsmith crafts 'unprecedented' pistols from meteorite. [Article Link](#)
- 20 KG ice 'meteorite' destroys car in central Rome. [Article Link](#)
- Fleet Of Tall White Alien UFO Spacecraft Filmed Landing At Nellis AFB Under The Cover Of Darkness And Stormy Weather. [Article Link](#)
- ASU team finds meteorites in remote Arizona desert. [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](#)

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

- August 06, 2016 (One Day)  
Orting, Washington  
Lenny Phay Memorial Hunt  
Puget Sound Treasure Hunters Club
- August 13, 2016 (Two Days)  
Marietta, Georgia  
38th Annual Southeastern Civil War Show and Sale  
North Georgia Relic Hunters & Marietta Parks & Recreation Department
- August 13, 2016 (One Day)  
Tunkhannok, Pennsylvania  
33rd Annual Black Diamond Treasure Hunt  
Black Diamond Treasure Hunters Club
- August 20, 2016 (Two Days)  
New Concord, Ohio  
37th Annual Buckeye Hunt  
Sponsored by Don & Bill Hayes
- August 20, 2016 (Two Days)  
Sonora, California  
2016 Gold & Outdoor Festival  
Delta Gold Diggers & GPAA