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.

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 no longer emailed; it is only available on the MDHTALK website and can be downloaded.

The Website's featured article for this month: Is Recreational Metal Detecting on the Endangered List? —Next Step

Introduction. This article is a follow up to Is Recreational Metal Detecting on the Endangered List? YES Each year there are more direct or indirect barriers to recreational metal detecting. The result is that these barriers make detecting more unlawful in the U.S. There probably are no silver bullets or breakthrough solutions to change this environment; just hard work by those dedicated to preserving the hobby.

This article (Next Step) will be centered on Figure #1 which highlights the Recreational Metal Detecting Community and the Metal Detecting Supply Chain. Try to keep Figure #1 in your thoughts and refer to it from time to time as you read this article.

A very important negative aspect of the hobby is that the Recreational Metal Detecting Community is very fragmented. There are no cohesive alliances between the four major sections of the metal detecting community (Figure #1). Another important missing attribute is the lack of any outreach program to bring detectorist, clubs and associations together.

There are a couple of cohesive detecting state associations but they are the exception. Developing a state association in any state should be a very high priority since they fill a communication vacuum and offer the best avenue to a cohesive strong and supportive state metal detecting community. Read or Download the Complete Article.

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Who to Call If You've Lost Your Wedding Ring. Article Link
- Minnesota metal 'detectorists' track down rings, keys and memories. Article Link
- Urban prospector: Metal detectorist digs town's past. Article Link
- Club hunts for metals, relics - even your ring. Article Link
- Texas police close lake park after child discovers live grenade. Article Link
- Pamphlet documenting 1715 Treasure Fleet disaster found, to be donated. Article Link
- Plantersville man finds old things precious. Article Link
- Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA) - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community May News
- American Mining Rights Association is not a gold club but rather an advocacy group for miners and public land users to preserve and maintain their rights as they pertain to access to their public lands. June News
- Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ) June News
- Western Mining Alliance Newsletter
**U.K. News**

- Man finds treasure possibly linked to 1715 Spanish fleet. Article Link
- Bill Wyman: Ex-Rolling Stones bassist puts ‘treasure’ on display. Article Link
- ‘I thought it was a bomb’ says treasure hunter who found 1,400-year-old jewellery. Article Link
- A Viking treasure that everyone wants to own. Article Link
- Torc provides a golden moment on bride’s big day. Article Link
- Bomb squad called after man finds wartime device with metal detector in Risca. Article Link
- Open Day to celebrate gold history. Article Link
- The people who found treasures worth millions. Article Link

**Jewelry Returns**

- Loveland treasure hunter saves another ring. Article Link
- Metal detectoists return class ring lost almost 50 years ago. Article Link
- Treasure hunter reunites class ring with student 47 years later. Article Link
- Man helps reunite people with lost items. Article Link

**W.W. Meteorite News**

- A Rare, 4.5-Billion-Year-Old Meteorite Hit the Netherlands. Article Link
- Meteorite ‘size of a small car’ causes buzz after hitting Sudan. Article Link
- Broadneck residents: You might want to check for meteorites. Article Link
- Krugersdorpers spot meteorite slicing through the sky. Article Link

**North America Archaeology News**

- Help The Museum Find More Artifacts, Discover Hidden Items. Article Link
- Ancient Native American site discovered on Santa Rosa Island. Article Link

**Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.** Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2017 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.

- **July 08, 2017** (Eight Days) New Stanton, Pennsylvania 2017 Treasure Week Many Sponsors
- **July 15, 2017** (One Day) Palmer, Alaska 41st Annual Metal Detecting Hunt Alaska Treasure Seekers Society
- **July 21, 2017** (Three Days) Black Hawk, Colorado Rush to the Rockies National Open Treasure Hunt Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club
- **July 22, 2017** (One Day) Chilliwack Heritage Park, Washington 5th Annual Treasure Chest Hunt Fraser Valley Treasure Hunters
- **July 23, 2017** (Seven Days) Vallonia, Indiana Southern Indiana Treasure Fest Treasure Fest Metal Detector Manufactures
- **July 28, 2017** (Three Days) Nekoosa, Wisconsin 21th Annual Open Hunt and State Championship MidState Metal Detector Club
- **July 29, 2017** (One day) Renton, Washington 27th Annual Silver Shoot Cascade Treasure Club
- **July 30, 2017** (One Day) Los Gatos, California Randy Kuhn Annual Picnic/Hunt Treasure Hunters Society of Santa Clara Valley

Select here to View the Complete Event Details for July