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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 MAY 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 Recreational Metal Detecting on the Endangered List?

[Read The Complete article](#)

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** [act link](#)
- **1966 National Historic Preservation Act, As amended in 2000** [act link](#)
- **1979 Archaeological Resources Protection Act** [act link](#)
- **1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act** [act link](#)

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.

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General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Mysterious holes appear in ghost town cemetery in B.C. Interior. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectors hunt for treasure, and sometimes useless items. [Article Link](#)
- History is found in the Dirt. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detecting Day brings adventurers to Lake Storey. [Article Link](#)
- How to find hidden treasures in Russia and not get thrown into prison. [Article](#)

Other News

- **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

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- Treasures of the Steamboat Arabia. [Article Link](#)
- A metal detector might be just the secret weapon to boost a Porirua pensioner's retirement savings. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Metal Detecting – U.K. Ranks Its Top 20 Treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Lorry driver finds 350-year-old treasure in South Gloucestershire field. [Article Link](#)
- Passenger flushes his £33,0000 diamond ring down an airplane toilet and gets it back thanks to help from the airline. [Article Link](#)
- 'Costume jewelry' bought in London turns out to be real, and really valuable. [Article Link](#)
- 'Lost ' medieval gold brooch was 'gift from beheaded baron'. [Article Link](#)
- Detectorists – reviewed by an actual metal detectorist. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist rewarded with nearly £2m after unearthing Britain's biggest Viking treasure. [Article Link](#) [2nd Article Link](#)
- The Man Metal-Detecting His Way Across the U.K. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- 'Tiny clocks' crystallize understanding of meteorite crashes. [Article Link](#)
- Piece of the Meteorite That Struck a Woman Sells for More Than Its Weight in Gold. [Article Link](#)
- Experts analyze unique meteorite falling in east Bohemia. [Article Link](#)
- Beads made from meteorite reveal prehistoric culture's reach. [Article Link](#) [2nd Article Link](#)

land users to preserve and maintain their rights as they pertain to access to their public lands. [May News](#)

- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [May News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** [Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Amateur treasure hunters recover the lost things we hold dear. [Article Link](#)
- Wayland teen and his metal detector uncover buried treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Newlyweds reunited with lost wedding rings after Texas tornado destroyed home. [Article Link](#)
- The 48th search: 'ring finder' helps local man. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Two missing World War II B-25 bombers documented off Papua New Guinea. [Article Link](#)
- Human blood found on Revolutionary War artifact from N.J. park. [Article Link](#)
- Grassy beginning for earliest Homo. [Article Link](#)
- Rare example of early canal boat in New York lake. [Article Link](#)

Metal Detector News

New Minelab Gold Monster 1000 Price: \$799

[Minelab Website](#) [Gold Monster Video](#)

New Garrett AT MAX Price: \$849

[View YouTube Video](#) [AT Max PDF File](#)

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.

- **June 01, 2017** (Four Days)
Oconee, South Carolina
2017 Oconee Camp Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **June 03, 2017** (One Day)
Portage, Indiana
XP Deus Boot Camp
Instructor: Andy Sabisch
- **June 03, 2017** (One Day)
Shawsville, Virginia
26th Annual Open Hunt
Roanoke Valley Coin & Relic Club
- **June 04, 2017** (One Day)
Portage, Indiana
The Minelab FBS Bootcamp - Hosted by Andy Sabisch and Minelab

- **June 10, 2017** (Two Days)
New Stanton, Pennsylvania
5th Annual Silver Seekers Open Treasure Hunt
Silver Seekers
- **June 16, 2017** (Three Days)
Mancos, Colorado
2017 WWATS Rendezvous
WWATS - World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers
- **June 16, 2017** (Three Days)
East Durham, New York
Lost Treasure Weekend
The Black Thorne Resort
- **June 17, 2017** (One Day)
Oconee, South Carolina
Metal Detecting 101 / Renegade Treasure Hunts
Gold Prospectors Assn of America & the Lost Dutchmans Mining Assn
- **June 17, 2017** (Three Days)
Athol, Idaho
45th Annual Summer Hunt
Northwest Treasure Hunters Club

- **June 17, 2017** (Two Days)
Hasting, Nebraska
43rd Annual Hunt
Nebraska Land Treasure Hunters
- **June 17, 2017** (Two Days)
Allegany, California
7th Annual Gold Show
Underground Gold Mining Museum
- **June 24, 2017** (One Day)
Lakewood, Washington
4th Annual Hunt
Outlaws Metal Detecting Group
- **June 24, 2017** (One Day)
Palmer, Alaska
5th Annual Metal Detecting Hunt & BBQ/Potluck
MatSu Dirtfishers Assn
- **June 25, 2017** (Two Days)
Oglesby, Illinois
IVHRR National Treasure Hunt
Illinois Valley Historical Research & Recovery Assn

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