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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.

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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 February 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: Club's Coin Purchase Program

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A very large expense for metal detecting clubs is the purchase of prizes for their club hunts and raffles. Usually these purchases are for large quantities of silver coins, silver rounds / bars and a smaller amount of gold coins or nuggets. One solution that can reduce this expense and potentially provide for more coins is to set up a program to purchase silver and gold coins, rounds / bars, and nuggets from the club's membership.

If the club has been in existence for some time and has conducted many hunts and raffles, the membership will probably have a good amount of silver and gold coins in their possession. There are members that win coins at hunts and raffles who want to immediately turn these coin winnings into cash. So the opportunity may exist for the club to buy their coin winnings.

These two situations offer the club an opportunity to setup a coin purchase program that will:

- Provide club members a trustworthy outlet for selling their coins and other valuable prizes.
- Provide the club a source of coins for their events that can be a bit cheaper than purchasing the coins from a coin dealer.

The final result of such a coin purchase program is that club members can turn their coins rapidly in to cash, get a fair market price for their coins and help the club obtain coin prizes for their future events. The club saves on dealer coin mark up cost, may get the coins at a slight discount, and if their state has a sales tax the club does not pay sales tax on the coin purchase.

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other News

- It's true, there's gold in them thar hills. [Article Link](#)
- It's always worth just one more look. [Article Link](#)
- Uncover the past with metal detectors at Heritage House, Feb. 23. [Article Link](#)
- Finders Keepers: Metal detecting on the beach. [Article Link](#)
- Magnetic fishing trip nets coin haul. [Article Link](#)
- The world of metal detecting is changing, and North Carolina is home to one of the pastime's online personalities. [Article Link](#)
- Everyday People: Shipwreck hunters of the Oregon Coast. [Article Link](#)
- Rock Star - Tucson-Based Meteorite Hunter Geoff Notkin Is a

- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [January 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. [February News](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [February News](#)
- **Public Lands for the People - A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization** [PLP News Release](#)
Hello Folks, Here we are in a new year with a new government settling into place in Washington DC, and a new set of challenges in front of us. Yes, it is great that our new President is pro-American business and

Man of Parts. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Tamworth treasure hunter still searching for answers after finding "king's ransom". [Article Link](#)
- Treasure inquest follows 'rich find' in Staffordshire Moorlands. [Article Link](#)
- Policeman sacked after renegeing on deal to share proceeds of buried coins. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detecting Course, Assington Mill, Sudbury, 26th March 2017. [Article Link](#)
- Henry VIII sovereign found by Kempston metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Civil war medal is treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorists urged to 'brush up on skills' to avoid damaging treasures. [Article Link](#)
- More and more people are searching for hidden treasure in Scotland. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Elite 'Dynasty' at Chaco Canyon Got Its Power From One Woman, DNA Shows. [Article Link](#)
- Kennewick Man skeleton may be on its way back to ancestral home. [Article Link](#)
- Scarcity of resources led to violence in prehistoric central California. [Article Link](#)
- 75 Years After Start of Internment, Archaeologists Excavate Hawaii's Largest Camp. [Article Link](#)
- Artifacts turning up in Savannah as hurricane debris is removed. [Article Link](#)

willing to do what he can (which is a lot!), to Make America Great Again, But 'We The People' still need to do our part and be actively involved in the process. You can't sit back and expect that everyone else will get it done. We The People have spoken and We The People must act on our convictions. It's time to stay involved, write letters to your Congressmen and Senators and make phone calls. A hand written letter is worth thousands of form letters! There are still fights in progress such as the Eagle Mountain land annex where the National Park Service is working hand in hand with BLM to take 22,000 acres of mineral rich land into the National Park to be locked away. Get involved and write letters. The comment period closes Feb. 16th:

W.W. Meteorite News

- Meteorite spotted plummeting toward lake was caught on a camera hanging on woman's front door. [Article Link](#)
- NASA says fireball seen across south Alabama could have been meteorite dropper. [Article Link](#)
- Russian scientists find MASSIVE amounts of extraterrestrial material during expedition to Iranian desert. [Article Link](#)

Jewelry Returns

- After 70 years, silver wings returned to Van Alstyne veteran's family. [Article Link](#)
- Area treasure hunters reunite man with lost promise ring, class ring. [Article Link](#)
- Ohio man's lost class ring found nearly 40 years later. [Article Link](#)
- Arizona desert hunter finds veteran's dog tags missing for 75 years. [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.

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- **March 03, 2017** (three Days)
Duisenberg, California
2017 Duisenberg Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **March 11, 2017** (One Day)
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
XP Deus Boot Camp
Instructors: Andy Sabisch & Sal Guttuso

- **March 11, 2017** (One Day)
Tacoma, Washington
Spring Charity Night Hunt
Puget Sound Treasure Hunters Club
- **March 11, 2017** (One Day)
Wabasso, Florida
30th Annual TCAS Hunt
TCAS - Treasure Coast Archaeological Society
- **March 11, 2017** (Two Days)
Phoenix, Arizona
2017 Phoenix Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA
- **March 12, 2017** (One Day)
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
The Minelab FBS Bootcamp - Hosted by
Andy Sabisch
Minelab

- **March 18, 2017** (Two Days)
Puyallup, Washington
2017 Washington Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA
- **March 25, 2017** (Two Days)
Portland, Oregon
2017 Oregon Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA
- **March 31, 2017** (Three days)
Nebo, North Carolina
2017 Vein Mountain Outing - Grand Re-Opening
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

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