

# Metal Detecting Hobby Talk

# Serving The Metal Detecting Community

## MDHTALK News Brief



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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 April 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: *Thoughts on Responsible Metal Detecting*

The term Responsible Metal Detecting can be found in the Code of Practice on Responsible Metal Detecting in England and Wales a May 2006 publication. However, the term Responsible Metal Detecting in the U.S. is rarely used or defined. I have used the term in a number of articles but have never really thought about what this term encompasses. This short article will be an attempt to provide some definition for Responsible Metal Detecting.

### Responsible Metal Detecting is to:

- Know and Follow the Law.
- Gain Permission.
- Apply the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics.
- Join a Metal Detecting Club and National Metal Detecting Association.
- Understand the Potential Cultural Value of Your Find.
- Volunteer Your Services to the Hobby.

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

- 'It's always fun to find something'. [Article Link](#)
- Rio History: Metal Detecting Tips. [Article Link](#)
- Wallet belonging to couple killed in Gatlinburg fire returned to son. [Article Link](#)
- Ohio man searching for owner of lost Georgia Tech class ring. [Article Link](#)
- Clay County man finds artifacts from 1800s, 1900s in his yard with metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Kayaker Finds 110-Year-Old Ghost Ship in the Ohio River. [Article Link](#)
- NT mum offers cash reward for 'irreplaceable' wedding rings. [Article Link](#) [Jewelry Returns](#)

## Other News

- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [April 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. [April News](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [April News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** [Newsletter](#)

## U.K. News

- Medieval treasure dug up in Devon is first of its kind to be found. [Article Link](#)
- What it's like to uncover buried treasure with a metal detector – and how to do it yourself. [Article Link](#)

- College Station man goes for the gold underground. [Article Link](#)
- College Ring, Lost Nearly 50 Years Ago, Reunited With Owner. [Article Link](#)
- Mother who lost her precious eternity ring off Rottneest Island has it RETURNED after a 'miracle worker' with a metal detector spent hours searching the reef for her. [Article Link](#)

- Gold coins found in a piano - where else has treasure been discovered in Suffolk and Essex?. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds 13th Century treasure in Lancashire farmer's field. [Article Link](#)
- 14,000 Long-Lost Army Dog Tags May Soon Be on Their Way Home. [Article Link](#)
- Man finds £2 million of gold in tank he bought for £30,000. [Article Link](#)
- Man discovers 'modified' piece of treasure. [Article Link](#)
- 'I'm still in disbelief': Mum reunited with lost wedding ring MIRACLE FIND. [Article Link](#)

### North America Archaeology News

- What happened to the missing people of Pennsylvania? [Article Link](#)
- Iowa State alumnus pieces together history of war, Lake Laverne. [Article Link](#)
- Lost city found: Etzana of the great Wichita Nation. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient tools found near Route 8 now believed to be 12,700 years old. [Article Link](#)
- Newfound Tusk Belonged to One of the Last Surviving Mammoths in Alaska. [Article Link](#)

### W.W. Meteorite News

- "Meteorite hunter" finds 14 kg of meteorite-like substance in Iran desert. [Article Link](#)
- Meteor causes house-shaking thud. [Article Link](#)
- An expert's guide to meteorites. [Article Link](#)

### News

#### New FMDAC News Release

Hello FMDAC members

It's been awhile since I have put out a message. Life has been busy.

Good news is that it has been a while since we have seen anything in the legislative department. Maybe it was the election cycle that has kept everyone's attention off of us. However as I always say. There may be things happening that we do not know about so do not hesitate to contact us if you hear of something.

That silence was broken early on this year as there are two ongoing situations right now in which detecting has been banned. I will not divulge the locations right now as they are being worked on a local level. The first one involves the changing of a decades old ban that has not been enforced. A new parks department administrator took over and decided to enforce it. The local club has met with him and they are working on it. It appears to be on a good path at this point.

In the second a ban was suddenly put into place with zero public knowledge or input. The city attorney wrote it on his own and presented it to the city council who immediately voted unanimous approval. No discussion, no representation from those it effects and no public notice. This ban affects ALL city property including curb strips. It is in the fact finding stage at this point. The local community has been instructed to contact the council to get a lot of questions answered. [Read Full Released](#)

**New PLP Press Release** It's still...Happy FLOOD GOLD season! The heavy rains in the west have left some golden reminders behind; we are getting reports of flood gold being found in the aftermath of the high water. The floods have moved gold from higher up in the watersheds, and have re-deposited it in the newly reformed river gravels and bars. It's always a great idea to check some tried and true spots where you found gold before after high water because there's a good chance those places have been replenished. What better way to get out there and find some new flood gold than to take some PLP Grand Raffle prizes you won to try out? New gear works the best when you've won it! And hey, an ounce of gold donated by Roger Plata would be great to practice panning with, right? Imagine a whole ounce of gold in your pan... hey even a half ounce would be super cool to pan with, and that's also what PLP is giving away, along with a bunch of mining equipment, a New '49ers LIFETIME membership and even a mining claim in the California Mother Lode! You can't win if you don't enter, so we're making it easy for you by giving you a dozen free tickets with your new or renewing single PLP Membership and TWO DOZEN FREE TICKETS with every new or renewing family membership! We normally only offer this deal at the gold shows, so this special offer is good for the month of April. It's simple to secure your tickets by signing up on line and we will mail tickets to you for the July 11th, 2017 Grand Raffle Drawing. [Join and renew here:](#)

**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.

- **May 05, 2017** (Three Days)  
Dixie, Oregon  
2017 Blue Bucket Camp Outting  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **May 05, 2017** (Three Days)  
Cortez, Colorado  
ULTIMATE TREASURE & GOLD SHOW and  
ULTIMATE OUTDOOR & GUN SHOW  
WWATS World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers
- **May 06, 2017** (Two Days)  
Emporium, Pennsylvania  
3rd Annual Metal Detecting Hunt  
Dirt Digging PA
- **May 06, 2017** (One Day)  
Virginia Beach, Virginia  
30th Annual Hunt  
Tidewater Coin and Relic Club
- **May 12, 2017** (Three Days)  
Richland, Washington  
29th Treasure Hunt  
Southeast WA Assn of Treasure Hunters (SWATH)
- **May 17, 2017** (Five Days)  
Cleveland, Georgia  
2017 Loudmine Outing  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **May 19, 2017** (Three Days)  
Durkee, Oregon  
2017 Burnt River Outing  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn\\
- **May 20, 2017** (One Day)  
Rapid City, South Dakota  
Minelab Nation Metal Detecting Hunt  
Black Hills Prospecting Club
- **May 20, 2017** (One Day)  
Galesburg, Illinois  
5th Annual national Metal Detecting Day  
2017 Minelab National Metal Detecting Day
- **May 20, 2017** (One Day)  
World Wide  
2017 National Metal Detecting Day
- **May 20, 2017** (One Day)  
New Sewickley Township, Pennsylvania  
10th Annual Spring Hunt  
Beaver County Coin Shooters
- **May 20, 2017** (Two Days)  
Ocean City, New Jersey  
"Pieces Of Eight" - 8th Annual Hunt  
ECRDA - East Coast Research & Discovery Association
- **May 24, 2017** (Five Days)  
Nebo, North Carolina  
2017 Vein Mountain Outing  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **May 26, 2017** (Three Days)  
Stanwood, Washington  
2017 May Fest theme "CASINO ROYALE"  
Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Clubs
- **May 27, 2017** (Two Days)  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
46th Annual Indian Territory  
Treasure Hunt  
Indian Territory Treasure Hunters Club

- **May 07, 2017** (One Day)  
Raynham, Maryland  
Benefit Hunt For Bill Henderson

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- Minelab
- **May 20, 2017** (Two Days)  
Grand Rapids, North Dakota  
18th Annual Hunt  
Minnkota Artifact Recovery Group

- **May 27, 2017** (Two Days)  
Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada  
2017 Southern Ontario Hunt  
Rainbow's End MD Assoc, Thames  
Valley MD Club, Canadian Heritage  
Seekers & Chatham MD Club

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