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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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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 September 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: Metal Detector Member Certification Program

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This article involves responsible metal detecting and the community. While practicing the hobby of metal detecting there have been a number of issues and questions that continues to come to one's attention. These issues have been evident while metal detecting at large, at club hunts, in metal detecting conversations and during some recent club visits as VP of the Western Chapter. So what are the issues and questions?

Generally, it is the lack of knowledge by both new people to the hobby and some old timers. This lack of knowledge covers issues like where one can / cannot go metal detecting, proper methods of pin-pointing and minimizing ground cover damage during target recovery. I am sure that most everyone who metal detects has been exposed to similar situations and has seen first hand the results of very poor target recovery, or has talked to someone who has been asked to leave a specific detecting place due to lack of permission. As more people start to practice the hobby proper training and guidance will become essential for responsible detecting. Without proper education / training the result will be damaged property, public entities banding metal detecting, and arrests; all negatively impacting the reputation of the hobby.

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- 3 sentenced to prison for looting Mississippi Indian mound. [Article Link](#)
- The Hole Truth. [Article Link](#)
- Lord of the Rings: Middleton man has turned up 60 lost rings so far. [Article Link](#)
- Man finds diamond ring with metal detector in New Germany. [Article Link](#)
- Total stranger finds, returns Kansas City couple's lost engagement ring after proposal-gone-wrong. [Article Link](#)
- Hurricane Irma unearths lost Winnipeg championship ring. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure Hunting Tips. [Article Link](#)
- Minelab is pleased to announce the pending release of our new EQUINOX Series Metal Detectors. [Article Link](#)

Other News

- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [September 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. [September News](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [September News](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors** - Recovery Operations Successful [Press Release](#)
- **White's Discover Magazine**
- **Western Mining Alliance** [September Newsletter](#)

U.K. News

- Late Night Metal Detectorists are Plundering Roman Sites. [Article Link](#)
- Buried treasure is real – this is how to find it and whether you have to give it

Jewelry Returns

back. [Article Link](#)

- Man finds massive coin hoard on metal detecting weekend that could be worth up to £200K. [Article Link](#)
- Amateur Metal Detectorist Finds Incredible Ancient Roman Treasure Hoard in The UK. [Article Link](#)
- What a find! Medieval Papal seal found by metal detectorist in Oswestry. [Article Link](#)
- UK metal detector enthusiast finds ancient Roman bronze artefacts. [Article Link](#)
- Finnish history buff finds Viking-era sword on lake shore. [Article Link](#)
- Pembrokeshire metal detectorists unearth hidden treasures. [Article Link](#)

- Widow loses wedding ring after being attacked by bee - but there's a happy ending. [Article Link](#)
- Falls resident recovers lost class ring. [Article Link](#)
- Heart of Gold: Metal Detectorist Finds Engagement Ring at FDR Park. [Article Link](#)
- Good Deed: High school ring returned to owner after 30 years. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Archaeological study sheds new light on Battle of Wood Lake. [Article Link](#)
- Hurricane Irma unearths canoe in Indian River in Brevard. [Article Link](#)
- 99 Years Later, Navy Probing Warship Disaster Off Long Island. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- The Meteorite Hunters of British Columbia Are Out in Full Force. [Article Link](#)
- Space rock that caused flash over West could have weighed 10 tonnes: expert. [Article Link](#)

FMDAC Message

Hello FMDAC Members,

Time is getting near for our Gettysburg event. If you wish to attend then please get your registration in. Don't worry about the late fee. We are waiving it. The flyer is attached to this email. We will let you know the time for the pizza dinner at the Saturday morning hunt.

A NOTE ABOUT THE HOTEL. A number of people have told us that the hotel said all the blocked rooms have been taken. That is totally false. We have discussed this issue with the hotel. If you have been told that then call back. Make sure you call the hotel directly. Do not know what the problem is but this is unacceptable. The deadline has been extended to Friday Oct 6.

As we are in the business of helping to protect our hobby I want to report on a recent success. Actually it was pretty much the Tri-State Metal Detecting Club who scored the success. We provided some initial advice and they took it from there.

This goes back actually a couple decades when a ban was enacted in the Mill Creek Metroparks in Youngstown, OH. However it was apparently not enforced. Permits were even issued up until a year or two ago. A new parks director took over and enforced the ban. There was a TV news report on the issue featuring the Tri-State club.

The club contacted the director and initiated a conversation. After several meetings they worked out a permit system with a set of rules. They even took the man out and showed him what the hobby is about along with proper target recovery. The director, Aaron Young, was very receptive. In the end the ban was overturned and they are back to hunting the parks. With a few limitations as to a few off-limits areas and anything of historical importance must be turned in. Along with anything (rings for instance) with identifying marks. Pretty much all common sense rules.

This one went very well due to all parties proceeding in a respectable manner. We especially thank the parks director who did exactly what he is supposed to do. He responded to the request and worked out the differences. This is really refreshing to see and does not happen often. Usually we hit a wall and must take other action to break through it.

We do not always have to get the whole organization involved. Each issue must be looked at individually to see what the best way to proceed will be. Much of it depends on how receptive those we need to deal with are. In this case it was a "very receptive". In other cases it is a "not at all". Those are the times when we call on the membership to make contacts. It is always better for those in office to hear from their own constituents. That is the first step. Only when that fails do we ask for the membership to make contacts. Hope to see you in Gettysburg. [Flyer](#)

Mark Schuessler, FMDAC National President

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2018 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.

- **October 07, 2017** (One Day)
Milton, Massachusetts
2017 John Govoni Memorial Open Hunt
Massachusetts Treasure Hunting Association
- **October 07, 2017** (One Day)
Long Branch, New Jersey
26th Annual Open Beach Treasure Hunt
Deep Search Metal Detecting Club

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- **October 07, 2017** (One Day)
Fort Worth, Texas
33rd Annual Fun Hunt
Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club
- **October 07, 2017** (One Day)
Smith Lake Park, Alabama
44rd Annual Deep South Treasure Hunt (Members Only)
Warrior Basin Treasure Hunters Association
- **October 08, 2017** (One Day)
Willard, Missouri
9th Annual Bob Regan Memorial Fall Hunt -Members Only
417 Relic Hunters
- **October 08, 2017** (Two Days)
Mt. Vernon, Illinois
15th Annual Fall Treasure Hunt
Tri-State Metal Detecting Club

- **October 14, 2017** (Two Days)
Antler, Oklahoma
2017 WWATS Rendezvous
WWATS - World Wide Association of Treasurer Seekers
- **October 28, 2017** (Two Days)
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
FMDAC Fall Convention
Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeology Clubs
- **October 28, 2017** (One Day)
Irving, Texas
43th Annual Open Hunt
Lone Star Treasure Club

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