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 March 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: Start a Metal Detecting Club
By Lee Wiese
Download This Article to Read the Complete Article

How Does Someone Get a Metal Detecting Club Started?
If one searches the internet there are a number of sites that provide an article or outline on what and how to start a club. Rather than cover old ground, this article will try to look at a new approach to starting a club.

Today the internet is probably the most important tool that can be used to start a metal detecting club. More and more people are developing their capabilities to use email and various internet search tools to pursue their hobbies. This new found internet interest and capability are the attributes that need to be capitalized on in creating a metal detecting club.

Below are some internet networking tools that can be leveraged into developing a metal detecting club membership. More comments will be made on these social networking tools as the article progresses.

1) Create a Club Webpage
2) Setup a Meetup Webpage
3) Put notification of a New Club on Metal Detecting Forums (there are many)
4) Create a Club Facebook Page
5) Create a Club YouTube Video
6) Place Notification on Craigslist

The first action is to establish a club name (avoid using the words Treasure Hunting in the name, since it may involve a negative public image about the club), once the name is identified take the first letter of each word in the name to create the internet domain name. An example: (this web site’s name is Metal Detecting Hobby Talk the domain name is: mdhtalk.org) in this case the last word or the site name is part of the domain name rather than just the first letter. Once you have identified the domain name there needs to be a domain name search to determine if the domain name is available to be acquired for the club. The Go Daddy web site is a good place to go for a domain name search.

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Denison man robbed at gunpoint over metal detector, shovel. Article Link
- Former Woods House land dug up in community archaeology dig. Article Link
- 'This could be the find of a lifetime!': Man stages an elaborate proposal by burying an engagement ring in the woods before taking his girlfriend on a metal detecting hike to discover the buried treasure. Article Link

Other News

- American Mining Rights Assn 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. March News
- Garrett Searcher January Magazine
- Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA) - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community March News
Treasure Hunters Claim Pennsylvania State Officials Blocking Dig for Lost Civil War Gold. Article Link

U.Neil. Unearthing the history beneath James Madison's Montpelier. Article Link

FIndt on Friday: Why metal detectors keep bugging me. Article Link

Springfield man with metal detector unearths artillery shell in North End. Article Link

Metal detecting group displays its Burlington catch. Article Link

Letting the rings go in the sand. Article Link

Twins' Detecting Hobby Turns up 1923 Shreveport Medal. Article Link

The Curse of Oak Island: Matty Blake says everything 'absolutely real' on show. Article Link

They found bullets, bottles and a what? Article Link

Alum's metal detecting club scours Hughes Stadium property for lost items. Article Link

The Curse of Oak Island season finale: Money Pit dive, gemstone revelations and quit or continue time. Article Link

Metal detecting fan hunts for historical artifacts in Orange County. Article Link

Twin brothers' detecting hobby turns up interesting Shreveport medal. Article Link

The Curse of Civil War Gold: $140million worth of bullion at bottom of Lake Michigan? Article Link

North America Archaeology News

A rare hoard of 2,000 year-old gold coins have been found in a farmer's field near Chiddingstone. Article Link

Norwich couple unearth valuable Roman coin hoard on Norfolk farm. Article Link

15th century pot of gold found during excavation near Dutch city. Article Link

Treasure hunter digs into mud after 'hearing weird scrape' - what he finds is AMAZING. Article Link

Metal detectorist's loot includes Roman and medieval coins and a convict's silver love token. Article Link

Rare silver coin issued by rebel emperor Carausius who was the 'first Brexiteer' is sold for nearly £10,000 after being unearthed by a gardener. Article Link

Historic findings at Llangollen metal detector charity event. Article Link

Discovery of the Killingholme Treasure. Article Link

JW Fisher Selfless Servants, Always Ready; Public Safety Dive Teams March Press Release

Lost Treasure E-Magazine March Issue

Minelab Go-Find Detectors Press Release

Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ) March News

Western Mining Alliance February Newsletter

White's Discover March/April Magazine

1715 Fleet Society April Newsletter

GO Wireless with your Garrett Pro-Pointer

Gold Prospecting News

PLP has proposed small miner amendment to Federal Senate Bill (S 145) sponsored by Senator Dean Heller (R-NV). This small miner amendment, written by our legal researcher Clark Pearson, solves most of the small miner’s regulatory problems observed by PLP over the last 28 years. A tremendous amount of research and on the ground practical knowledge has gone into this amendment. This amendment was written by a working small miner to help all miners, big and small. It provides clear and concise regulatory certainty in dealing with all regulatory bodies the miner faces today. It places clear respect for the “Right of Self-Initiation” under the 1872 Mining Law and distinguishes certain permitting to be approved by operation of law, holding the agencies truly accountable to mitigation time limits. It sets straight, clarifies and solves sticking points that have caused years of litigation and grief to the mining community from the State and Federal levels and it does it all in only 5 pages! These 5 pages will remove massive amounts of red-tape from the backs of small miners as well as big operators. This amendment addresses: NEPA, MSHA, casual use that does not require a NOI or PO, due process, Forest Service...
regulations. State regulations/opting out at the discretion of the miner, EAJA, mineral withdrawals, mitigation time limits/approval by operation of law, and undue regulatory interference by State agencies. PLP is presently seeking co-sponsors on the House and Senate side.

This small miner amendment is a must read and should go down as the most important piece of legislation to help the mining industry in a long, long time. It is available for viewing on PLP’s website at: www.publiclandsforthepeople.org. ICMJs Prospecting and Mining Journal also has it available for viewing and comment at: www.icnj.com and has been documenting our progress in Washington, D.C. The ICMJ has taken the lead to receive individual miner and mining association endorsements in support of the “Small Miner Amendment” on their Facebook page.

In March 2018, PLP hand delivered a request to a deputy director for administrator Scott Pruitt of the EPA signed by seven members of the Idaho State legislature in order to clear the controversy of what we perceive as unlawful NPDES permitting of suction dredgers in the United States. The State legislature in order to clear the controversy of what we perceive as unlawful NPDES permitting of suction dredgers in the United States. The State legislature in order to clear the controversy of what we perceive as unlawful NPDES permitting of suction dredgers in the United States. The State legislature in order to clear the controversy of what we perceive as unlawful NPDES permitting of suction dredgers in the United States. The State legislature in order to clear the controversy of what we perceive as unlawful NPDES permitting of suction dredgers in the United States.

Public Lands for the People wishes to encourage all prospectors, recreationalists and claim holders that have road access use not maintained by the State or County road departments within the West Mojave Conservation and Planning Area to comment. This area includes Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, CA.

Most importantly, if you have a mining claim or favorite prospect site that has road access, make sure the BLM has this route in the system and state it must remain open for your ingress and egress. Otherwise, the BLM will consider it a road access, make sure the BLM has this route in the system and state it must remain open for your ingress and egress. Otherwise, the BLM will consider it a road access, make sure the BLM has this route in the system and state it must remain open for your ingress and egress. Otherwise, the BLM will consider it a road access, make sure the BLM has this route in the system and state it must remain open for your ingress and egress. Otherwise, the BLM will consider it a road access, make sure the BLM has this route in the system and state it must remain open for your ingress and egress. Otherwise, the BLM will consider it a road access, make sure the BLM has this route in the system and state it must remain open for your ingress and egress. Otherwise, the BLM will consider it a road access, make sure the BLM has this route in the system and state it must remain open for your ingress and egress.

Public Meetings:
It is important for OHV enthusiasts to stay involved in the public lands management process by attending public meetings and having your voices heard. BLM invites members of the public to attend one of the following meetings from 5:00-7:00 pm:

- April 17 - Hilton Garden Inn, 12603 Mariposa Rd., Victorville, CA 92395
- April 18 - Kerr McGee Center, 100 W. California Ave., Ridgecrest, CA 93555
- April 24 - Statthall (Lone Pine Senior Center), 138 N. Jackson St., Lone Pine, CA 93545
- April 25 - Joshua Tree Community Center, 6171 Sunburst St., Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Submit Comments
Comments are due on June 14, 2018. Comments on the SEIS may be submitted by: email: blm_ca_wemo_project@blm.gov fax: 951-697-5299 with Attn: WMRNP Plan Amendment mail: Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, Attn: WMRNP Plan Amendment, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

Event News

**Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.**

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club’s 2018/19 hunt information on the web. The sooner it is available for viewing the greater the chance for people to see it and give your event some consideration.

- **April 03, 2018** (Five Day)
  Stanton, Arizona
  2018 Outing: Spring Common Dig "Dirt Part"
  LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

- **April 07, 2018** (One Day)
  Stanton, Arizona
  2018 Open Detector Hunts: Kids to Pros at Stanton
  Gold Prospectors Assn of America & the Lost Dutchmans Mining Assn

- **April 07, 2018** (One day)
  Harlingen, Texas
  8th Annual Hunt
  Rio Grande Valley Metal Detecting Club

- **April 07, 2018** (Two Days)
  Lancaster, Pennsylvania
  2018 LLRC Spring Club Hunt
  Lancaster Research & Recovery Club

- **April 13, 2018** (Three Days)
  Riverside, California
  31th Annual Hunt Rendezvous
  West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters

- **April 14, 2018** (One Day)
  Cumberland, Rhode Island
  First Annual "Pound The Ground" Rhode Island Relics

- **April 14, 2018** (One Day)
  Orlando, Florida
  6th Annual Sunshine Shootout & Relic Hunt
  Central Florida Metal Detecting Club

- **April 14, 2018** (Two Days)
  Cashmere, Washington
  19th Annual Gold & Treasure Show
  North Central Washington Prospectors

- **April 20, 2018** (Three Days)
  Temple, Texas
  2018 - Annual Texas Treasure Show
  TAMDC - Texas Assn of Metal Detecting Club

- **April 21, 2018** (Two Days)
  Las Vegas, Nevada
  2018 Gold & Treasure Show
  GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America

- **April 21, 2018** (One Day)
  Portage, Indiana
  XP Deus Boot Camp
  Instructor: Andy Sabisch

- **April 21, 2018** (One day)
  Millington, Tennessee
  2018 Spring Hunt-Members Only
  Memphis Metal Detecting Club

- **April 21, 2018** (One Day)
  Virginia Beach, Virginia
  31th Annual Hunt
  Tidewater Coin and Relic Club

- **April 21, 2018** (Two Days)
  Blacksburg, South Carolina
  16th Treasure Hunt of The Carolinas
  Joyce and Randy Gatchel

- **April 21, 2018** (One Day)
  Nashville, Tennessee
  2018 Memphis Metal Detecting Club Spring Hunt

- **April 22, 2018** (One Day)
  Portage, Indiana
  The Minelab FBS Bootcamp
  Minelab

- **April 24, 2018** (Five Day)
  Marlborough, New Hampshire
  BONE #25 In Memory of Howard Johnson
  Streeters Treasure Hunting

- **April 28, 2018** (One Day)
  Toledo, Ohio
  XP Deus Boot Camp
  Instructor: Andy Sabisch

- **April 28, 2018** (One Day)
  Wabasso, Florida
  10th Annual Treasurehunters Cookout
  Treasure_Hunter

- **April 28, 2018** (One Day)
  Raidersburg, Montana
  Annual Claim Jumper Metal Detector Hunt
  Headwaters Chapter of the GPAA

Add Your Event Information Here

Select here to View the Complete Event Details for April