



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: *The Ring Finders Metal Detecting Service*

Author: Chris Turner

I've been metal detecting now for 37 years and my vision was to create a directory where metal detecting specialists can list their services to help people who have lost wedding bands and engagement rings...At beaches, parks, lakes & yards etc. www.TheRingFinders.com

The reason for building this directory is so the public can find someone that can help them locate their lost jewelry and so the metal detectorist can earn extra income.

The Ring Finders Directory for the metal detecting specialist is a place to offer your service, I don't tell you how to run your service, some charge for their service and about 97% of our members have adopted my way of working on a reward basis. People pay what it's worth to them and what they can afford, I've been rewarded very well at times and I have worked for as little as a photograph for my book of smiles, also a loaf of homemade banana bread.

I too believe if you find a school ring you should do everything you can to find the owner. You'll have a good chance with the name of the school, dates and initials that are in the ring...However In the case of a wedding band or engagement ring how does one find an owner if the owner has given up on the search? [Download the Complete Article by Chris](#)

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other News

- Tauranga man's search for owner of 1970 sterling silver ring lost a decade ago. [Article Link](#)
- Coin Once Believed to Be Fake Is a Million Dollar Find. [Article Link](#)
- The wards of the ring find historic piece embedded in tree. [Article Link](#)
- It's miserable outside, so, what the hell, let's watch a guy go metal detecting in Washington Park. [Article Link](#)
- Excitement as 'Wits-style' gold is discovered in iron-ore hub, but geologist urges caution. [Article Link](#)
- Cedar Rapids man finds rare saloon token from 1915. [Article Link](#)
- Buried treasure: French vet finds long-lost link to Ravenna. [Article Link](#)
- Chardon Township man probes for pieces of history at Madison Township park. [Article Link](#)
- Chance find in Germany touches Vinemont veteran's family. [Article Link](#)

- 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. [April News](#)
- Garrett Searcher January Magazine**
- Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [March News](#)
- JW Fisher Celebrates 50 Years of Innovation and Service** [April Press Release](#)
- Lost Treasure E-Magazine April Issue**
- Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [April News](#)
- Western Mining Alliance** [March Newsletter](#)
- White's Discover** [March/April Magazine](#)
- 1715 Fleet Society** [May Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- 50-year-old ring finds its way back to its owner. [Article Link](#)

- History's mysteries. [Article Link](#)
- Bridgeville historical group talks finding history through metal detectors. [Article Link](#)
- They 'Pound the Ground' in search of history. [Article Link](#)
- Kentucky treasure hunter unearths Ohio woman's long-lost class ring. [Article Link](#)
- Journey to return a 1993 military graduation ring to unknown owner. [Article Link](#)
- Military ID bracelet lost 70 years ago returned to Port St. Lucie woman. [Article Link](#)
- Five-generation priceless ring lost at sea recovered. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- 'Council clamp down on metal detecting on the Curragh. [Article Link](#)
- Oldest gold in Britain' bought at an Oxfordshire car boot sale. [Article Link](#)
- The Willingale ring will show at Epping Forest District Museum. [Article Link](#)
- This 13 Year Old Helped Find Viking Treasure In Germany. [Article Link](#)
- A Bronze Age settlement and an American P-51D Mustang – what NDR excavations revealed about Norfolk history. [Article Link](#)
- Anglo-Saxon coin found in Norfolk field sold for £5,000 at auction. [Article Link](#)
- Post-medieval silver ring found on farm is ruled as treasure. [Article Link](#)
- The fisherman who has found bullets, gun barrels and even a crossbow in the canals. [Article Link](#)
- 800-year-old coins dug up by detectorists near Oswestry. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- US, Mexican Archaeologists Unearth Sonoran Desert's Past and Present. [Article Link](#)
- The mystery of the mummy's head: how the FBI helped crack a 4,000-year-old case. [Article Link](#)
- Montpelier Archaeologists Employ New Technology to Reveal Slave Experience. [Article Link](#)
- Ella Axelrod '19 Uncovers Artifacts and Passion for Archaeology. [Article Link](#)
- Oldest Human Footprints In North America Found On Canadian Coast. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Scientists hunt meteorites in Antarctica with metal-detecting snowmobiles. [Article Link](#)
- Piece of Michigan meteorite doesn't get a single bid at auction. [Article Link](#)
- Massive Missing Meteorite Impact Crater Hunt Narrows After Glassy Debris Uncovered In Antarctica. [Article Link](#)
- The Meteorite Hunters Who Trade in Precious Space Debris. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite hunters of the Gobi. [Article Link](#)

Florida Law News

New Florida law affects public access to private beaches

Gov. Rick Scott signed a bill that could soon affect all beach-goers.

The new law bans cities and counties from adopting 'customary-use' ordinances that give public access to private beaches. Only three Florida counties have done so, none in Southwest Florida.

"Collier County, we've tried to get an open beach ordinance for years, but the county attorney is worried the beach front owners will rise up and throw lawsuits against us," said Collier County beach advocate Graham Ginsberg.

Sen. Kathleen Passidomo supports Gov. Scott on the issue because "it comes down to property rights."

Sen. Passidomo says she would rather have the courts decide because "it is appalling that local government could simply take away property" just so people can walk or sunbathe on the beach.

But some beach front homeowners say they like seeing others take advantage of their beach.

"There's 54 units in the building — half of them come down and enjoy the beach on a weekly basis," said Bonita Springs resident Bob Haberstroh. "They do enjoy seeing the public down here — in activity out here. It's an enjoyable thing."

Many tourism agencies say the law could affect the number of people coming to Florida to enjoy the beaches.

"We have to learn to deal with it now, and work with the beachfront owners," Ginsberg said. "We aren't creating any more beaches and there's more and more people coming down because it's our mountain range — our Sierra Nevada — it's our great attraction."

The new law doesn't change Florida's constitutional law that requires the state to ensure "the public's right to reasonable access to beaches."

The new law goes into affect July 1. [Article Link](#)

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 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, 2018** (Two Days)
Boise, Idaho
2018 Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **May 05, 2018** (One Day)
Pageland, South Carolina

- **May 11, 2018** (Three Days)
Benton City, Washington
30th Treasure Hunt - The British Invasion
Southeast WA Assn of Treasure Hunters (SWATH)
- **May 15, 2018** (Five Days)
Scott Bar, California
2018 Scott Bar Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **May 19, 2018** (Two Days)
Ocean City, New Jersey
9th Annual Hunt CLOUD NINE HUNT

- **May 25, 2018** (Three Days)
Stanwood, Washington
2018 May Fest theme
Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Clubs
- **May 26, 2018** (One Day)
Albany / Cohoes, New York
XP Deus Boot Camp
Instructors: Andy Sabisch & Tom Johnson
- **May 26, 2018** (One Days)
Huntington, Oregon
2018 Open Detector Hunts: Kids to

Carolina Coin & Token Shootout
Sandhill Metal Detecting & Relic Club

- **May 05, 2018** (Two Days)
Sapulpa, Oklahoma
32nd National Open Hunt
Three Forks Treasure Hunters Club
- **May 06, 2018** (Two Days)
Seymour, Indiana
Wray's 50th Anniversary Hunt
Wrays Treasure Shop

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the Complete Event Details for May](#)

ECRDA - East Coast Research &
Discovery Assn

- **May 20, 2018** (One Day)
Cordova, Illinois
Minelab FBS Bootcamp
Minelab & Andy Sabisch
- **May 20, 2018** (One Day)
Hoyt, Kansas
Open National Hunt
Topeka Treasure Hunters
- **May 23, 2018** (Five Days)
Huntington, Oregon
2018 Outing: Common Dig "Dirt Party" at
Blue Bucket
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

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Pros at Blue Bucket
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

- **May 26, 2018** (Two Days)
Sapulpa, Oklahoma
47th Annual Indian Territory
Treasure Hunt
Indian Territory Treasure Hunters
Club
- **May 26, 2018** (Two Days)
Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada
2018 Southern Ontario Hunt
Rainbow's End MD Assoc, Thames
Valley MD Club, Canadian Heritage
Seekers & Chatham MD Club
- **May 27, 2018** (One Day)
Albany / Cohoes, New York
Minelab FBS Bootcamp
Minelab & Andy Sabisch