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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.

[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 May 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: [How to change or fight the laws!](#) Author: Mike Smith, [Email](#)

Over the years people have asked me how we can change a law or rule on banning detector use in the city, county or state that they live in. Each situation is slightly different but I will try and give you some pointers on how it can be done. I have been successful in helping get changes implemented around the country through these acts.

First you have to have a key group of people willing to do the work, if not you will never succeed. They need to gather information such as the exact rule or law you would like to change. You can get this from the city, county or state departments that it come out of, such as the Parks Department. Plus you need to have accurate contact information such as the City Council, County Board, or State Department or Legislators names, phone numbers and email addresses. Without these two important pieces of information you will go now where. Complaining is fine but unless you complain to the right people nothing will get done.

Groups have been successful by just emailing in mass to these "people of power". A lot of them do not even know your group/hobby exists. But you may have to attend a Board Meeting or two if the email campaign does not work.

- I would suggest you have some calm, cool people attend the meetings. You do not need any hot heads saying something that will alienate these people that you are trying to win over. It is ok to bring a group for support but pick out a few to do the talking.
- You might want to gather up the "trash" that you find while out detecting to show them that you are helping them and society out. This "trash" will consist of pull tabs, nails, rusty pieces of metal, needles, live bullets or any number of items that people could get hurt from and they could get sued over.
- You might be able to set up a demonstration on the proper way of recovering an object out of the ground so as to convince them you will not "destroy" the vegetation or property. Be careful and do not use the word "dig" because to some people that might mean a hole big enough to bury a car in. Use the words "pop" or "slice" the item out, especially if it is a park your trying to get opened up to detecting.
- Show them the "Code of Conduct/Ethics" and how you will abide by it.
- Bring newspaper clippings/internet articles to prove that metal detecting is good for the community and helpful to the archaeological society.
- Bring your awards from the community and police departments to show that you are part of the community and willing to help out.
- You might point out the economic benefits of detecting, like purchasing fuel to get there, eating out, purchasing equipment, it all adds to their tax income.
- Also the benefit of exercise for many retirees that enjoy the hobby.
- How someone that loses a ring, jewelry or car keys would benefit by allowing detecting.

It might take a petition to help your cause. I have helped write a few over the years. Not only can you have your group members sign it but members of the community. A lot of businesses that sell detectors in your area would help you gather signatures. Set up a table at the local library, supermarket or sporting goods store, with permission of course. See if the members of the local "Historical Society" would not help you out. I bet most would, if you promise to donate the items found, of historical interest to the community.

Work with the city or county police departments. Tell them how you can help them solve crimes with your detector. I know of cases that have been solved by a local metal detector club or individual by locating the missing weapon or bullet for the police department. There are clubs out there that can help you set up a "Metal Detecting Crime Unit" in your group. Sponsor a community event, set up a metal detecting hunt for the community kids (cost you less than \$100 in change and your time), anything to win over the minds of the people in the community. Make sure when you find and return a ring or piece of jewelry, that it is announced in the local newspaper or TV channel. All of these types of activities help prevent a law from being enacted or will help in getting one overturned.

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There are even national organizations that will help you such as the FMDAC, AMDA or WWATS, you just have to ask! They can rally members from across the country to flood the government offices with emails, letters and phone calls on your behalf. If it is "government" land then it belongs to you, so do not give up. If you need help, contact me and I will do my best to help you out.

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Hobby Related News

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Treasure Hunts In B.C., Alberta Have People Hoping To Hit Gold. [Article Link](#)
- Florida man finds 'Mom' necklace with ashes in ocean. [Article Link](#)
- Lost Heirloom Discovered After Nearly 20 Years in Oakland. [Article Link](#)
- A metal detector, a hat, and plenty of water — is it really that easy to strike gold? [Article Link](#)
- Australian finds A\$100,000 gold nugget using metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Greencastle man searches for buried history. [Article Link](#)
- Lincoln woman uses metal detector to help others. [Article Link](#)
- Australian family finds \$24G gold nugget on family walk with dog named Lucky. [Article Link](#)
- 'It could change everything': coin found off northern Australia may be from pre-1400 Africa. [Article Link](#)
- Collectors Corner: Coins in the News, Spring 2019. [Article Link](#)
- Mystery of the Spanish coins that predate Christopher Columbus by 200 years and have been found deep in the Utah desert. [Article Link](#)
- Buried treasure: Long lost Steamboat Malta found under Missouri farm land. [Article Link](#)
- Thieves seen on camera stealing metal detector equipment from store in The Woodlands. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter finds ancient Roman coin in Maylands park. [Article Link](#)
- Detecting club showcases items. [Article Link](#)
- Coleman Area Library now lending metal detector, energy monitor. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Treasures uncovered in our midst. [Article Link](#)
- Medieval 'jetton' found in Rylstone is declared treasure at inquest. [Article Link](#)
- Beach closed after unexploded bomb discovered - live update. [Article Link](#)
- 'Biggest ever' treasure trove of Roman coins found in Britain. [Article Link](#)
- Your treasure may be closer than you think. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure find man unearths rare brooch in Norfolk. [Article Link](#)
- Detectorists Find Medieval Coin Hoard of King Edward Silver, Gold Nobles. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter finds £20k bracelet with metal detector. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Archaeologists on Water Street project unearth the old so Vinik group can raise up the new. [Article Link](#)
- Sign up for an archaeological dig. [Article Link](#)
- The Last American Transatlantic Slave Ship Has Been Found. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology Center discovers vandalism at protected Cornville site. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient burial site off Manasota Key is 1,000 years older than estimated. [Article Link](#)
- Thieves breach, loot Utah's Danger Cave. [Article Link](#)
- Veterans are digging up new careers. [Article Link](#)

Other News Sources

- **American Digger Relic Roundup.** For diggers and collectors of history. An hour long program every Monday Night at 9:00 PM eastern standard time. Join your hosts Butch Holcombe, Jeff Lubbert and Heath Jones as they explore the past. Learn more about Metal Detecting, Treasure hunting in all it's forms, and the preservation of history. [Hour Long Programs](#)
- **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. [May News](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [Coin News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [News](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [MAY News](#)
- **PLP -Public Lands for the People** [News Release](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [June Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- After 27 years, class ring discovered in city sewer. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector near West Felton finds wedding guest's lost ring. [Article Link](#)
- Care home resident reunited with lost wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Titan alumnus reunited with his high school grad ring 35 years later. [Article Link](#)
- Lost wedding ring returned to owner after three months. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detectorist Finds Heirloom Ring Lost At Brewer Hannaford. [Article Link](#)
- Man with a metal detector finds N.J. woman's missing ring, 25 years later. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- A MASSIVE fireball with the power of a nuclear bomb has crashed off the south coast of Australia, NASA has confirmed. [Article Link](#)
- 100-year-old Egyptian mystery solved, famed 'desert glass' was formed by a meteorite. [Article Link](#)
- This Asteroid Won't Hit Earth, But It's Coming Pretty Dang Close. [Article Link](#)
- Shimmery Meteor Illuminates Night Sky Over Chicago. [Article Link](#)
- NASA head issues meteor warning, calls for cooperation to meet threat. [Article Link](#)
- Pow! A Meteorite Slammed into the Moon at 38,000 MPH

- Drone deployed to map southeast Colorado World War II internment camp site. [Article Link](#)
- Toppled Trees in Florida Reveal 19th-Century Fort. [Article Link](#)

During Lunar Eclipse. [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.

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- **June 01, 2019** Event: (Two Days)
Grand Rapids, North Dakota
20th Annual Hunt
Minnkota Artifact Recovery Group
- **June 01, 2019** Event: (One Day)
Shawsville, Virginia
28th Annual Open Hunt
Roanoke Valley Coin & Relic Club
- **June 04, 2019** Event: (Five Days)
Cleveland, Georgia
2019 Digger's Dirt Party: 5-Day Common Dig
Outing at Loud Mine
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

- **June 07, 2019** Event: (One Day)
Palmer, Alaska
th Annual Metal Detecting Hunt
MatSu Dirtfishers Assn
- **June 08, 2019** Event: (One Days)
Cleveland, Georgia
2019 Swing Dancing Detector Hunts:
Kids to Pros - Loud Mine Camp
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **June 08, 2019** Event: (Two Days)
Bellville, Ohio
Nighttime Metal Detecting Hunt
Ohio Buckeye Chapter of the GPAA
- **June 08, 2019** Event: (Two Days)
New Stanton, Pennsylvania
7th Annual Silver Seekers Open Treasure
Hunt
Silver Seekers
- **June 14, 2019** Event: (Three Days)
Athol, Idaho
47th Annual Treasure Hunt
Northwest Treasure Hunters Club
- **June 15, 2019** Event: (Two Days)
Utica, Nebraska
45th Annual Hunt
Nebraska Land Treasure Hunters

- **June 15, 2019** Event: (Two Days)
Alleghany, California
10th Annual Gold Show
Underground Gold Mining Museum
- **June 21, 2019** Event: (Seven Days)
Nome, Alaska
Minelab Week Alaska
Akau Gold & Minelab
- **June 21, 2019** Event: (Three Days)
Mancos, Colorado
2019 WWATS Rendezvous
WWATS - World Wide Association of
Treasure Seekers
- **June 29, 2019** Event: (One Day)
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
XP Deus Boot Camp
Instructors: Andy Sabisch and Hugh
Campbell
- **June 30, 2019** Event: (One Day)
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
The Minelab Bootcamp
Minelab & Andy Sabisch

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