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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 August 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: [USDA United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Web Link](#)

Metal Detecting Policy

The restrictions to metal detecting on public lands are to protect historical remains.

The Code of Federal Regulations, (36 CFR 261.9) states, "The following are prohibited: (g) Digging in, excavating, disturbing, injuring, destroying, or in any way damaging any prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resources, structure, site, artifact, or property. (h) Removing any prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resources, structure, site, artifact, property."

The Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA, 16 U.S.C. 470cc:) also prohibits these activities, stating, "No person may excavate, remove, damage, or otherwise alter or deface or attempt to excavate, remove, damage or otherwise alter or deface any archaeological resources located on public lands or Indian lands unless such activity is pursuant to a permit..." ARPA exempts the collection of coins for personal use if the coins are not in an archaeological context. In some cases, coins may be part of an historical-period archaeological site, in which case they would be considered archaeological resources and are protected under law. These laws apply to all National Forest System land and do not vary from state to state.

Four forms of metal detector use are recognized.

1.- Searching for treasure trove: Treasure trove is defined as money, uncounted gems, or precious metals in the form of coin, plate, or bullion that has been deliberately hidden with the intention of recovering it later. This use requires a special use permit.

2.- Prospecting: Using a metal detector to locate gold or other mineral deposits is permitted subject to the General Mining Law of 1872. A Notice of Intent (36 CFR 228 A) is required for prospecting, and metal detectors may be used in this activity. Prospecting that involves land disturbance also requires the filing of a mining plan of operations. People who use metal detectors for this activity should bear in mind that many of the mineralized lands within the NFS have been "claimed" by others who have sole right to prospect and develop the mineral resourced found on the claim. A search of County and Bureau of Land Management records should be made prior to prospecting to determine if an area has been claimed.

3.- Searching for historic or prehistoric artifacts: Using a metal detector to locate archaeological or historical remains is subject to the Antiquities Act of 1906 and the Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 as amended and requires a special use permit. Such permits are granted for scientific research only.

4.- Recreational pursuits: The most common form of metal detector use is searching for lost coins, jewelry, and incidental metal items having no historical value. Such use is common in developed campgrounds, swimming areas, and picnic areas and requires no permit. However, one must assume personal responsibility to notice if the area may indeed contain archaeological or historical resources and if it does, cease metal detecting and notify a Forest Service office. Not doing so may result in prosecution under the Code of Federal Regulations or ARPA.

The metal detecting policy on public lands is fairly restrictive to protect our valuable, non-renewable historical resources. However, recognizing the universal interest in archaeology and history and the vast public knowledge of such resources, the USDA Forest

Service sponsors a public archaeology program through which metal detector enthusiasts and others can help. Passport In Time is a national program inviting the public to work with agency archaeologists on historic preservation projects. We have done numerous projects through PIT in cooperation with metal detecting clubs and individuals. The cooperation has been beneficial for both the detectorists and agency's archaeologists. Locating archaeological sites becomes a joint endeavor and we learn a great deal. If you would like more information on this program, call 1-800-281-9176 or visit www.passportintime.com

Hobby Related News

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Treasure Hunter, Trish Marlette, has some interesting finds. [Article Link](#)
- Diving for lost treasure: Couple finds phones, wedding rings in northern Arizona waters. [Article Link](#)
- Loveland treasure hunter detects with club for gold, history. [Article Link](#)
- Low water in Bayou St. John reveals treasures, trash. [Article Link](#)
- 3 Interesting Facts About Metal Detecting Hobby. [Article Link](#)
- Man receives father's long-lost dog tag. [Article Link](#)
- Time capsule hunt continues in Leominster. [Article Link](#)
- What lies at the bottom of lakes? Minnesota scuba diver has found a boatload of sunken treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Fort Plain Police issue warning to treasure hunters bringing metal detectors to historic site. [Article Link](#)
- Divers recover iPhone X from a lake. [Article Link](#)
- TSA returns confiscated bullet cartridge necklace to Marine Corps veteran. [Article Link](#)
- Pa. Historical Recovery Service to present Revolutionary War relics Monday. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting a growing hobby. [Article Link](#)
- Irvington woman finds wedding ring she lost while jogging. [Article Link](#)
- Finding what was lost: Columbus man metal detects to find old treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Going on a 'hunt' with a metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Bottle dropped into Bellport Bay in 1972 as science class experiment resurfaces. [Article Link](#)
- For metal detectors, buried treasure was just a beep away. [Article Link](#)
- Hedgesville group finds and displays Civil War relics. [Article Link](#)
- More than books on offer at local libraries. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Metal detectorists end up in hospital after accidentally eating cannabis cakes. [Article Link](#)
- Meet metal detecting enthusiast David. He's been scouring Bristol's countryside for 30 years. [Article Link](#)
- Metal-detecting couple find one of UK's largest ever treasure hoards after discovering 2,600 ancient coins worth around £5million. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds £10,000 gold ring in garage 40 years after discarding it as worthless. [Article Link](#)
- Hoard of ancient silver coins found at Prees is treasure. [Article Link](#)
- 'Spectacular' Bronze Age hoard found on land at Teesdale farm. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunting cop strikes gold TWICE with rare TWO-tonic knights find. [Article Link](#)
- Rare medieval brooch unearthed in field near Bromsgrove. [Article Link](#)
- Mudlarking by Lara Maiklem review – lost and found on the River Thames. [Article Link](#)
- 36 sceats buy a cow – rare medieval coin found in Limburg. [Article Link](#)
- Tamworth kids find safe while magnet fishing. [Article Link](#)
- Viking treasure hoard is the talk of the town. [Article Link](#)
- UK metal detectorist find, Roman gold solidus in London auction. [Article Link](#)
- Desperate appeal to find newlywed's sentimental ring. [Article Link](#)
- Bronze Age axe found in Bexhill. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters gold discovery will remain in Devon. [Article Link](#)
- Hoard of Roman coins and brooch found in Shropshire declared treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Braintree metal detecting club celebrates anniversary. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

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. [August News](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [Coin News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [August News](#)
- **GPPA August Newsletter**
- **Minelab August Newsletter**
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [August News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society September Newsletter**

Jewelry Returns

- Social media sleuths help return lost bracelet – 75 years later. [Article Link](#)
- Family heirloom ring lost during swim found one year later. [Article Link](#)
- Social media reunites Glens Falls man with treasured school ring. [Article Link](#)
- 'Something told me that I could help!': Stranger finds missing ring at Tobay Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Victoria man makes a hobby of reuniting owners with lost rings. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds lost engagement ring on Whitstable beach. [Article Link](#)
- Hampstead man reunites dog tag with vet's daughter. [Article Link](#)
- Man with metal detector finds lost wedding rings at Hampton Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Massachusetts woman reunited with wedding ring 10 days after losing it in the ocean at Hampton Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds rings on beach in Hythe. [Article Link](#)
- Stranger finds missing wedding ring thought to be lost for good at Jersey Shore. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Asteroid and meteorite difference: NASA reveals how to distinguish space rocks. [Article](#)

- Trove of archaeological ruins unearthed south of Durango. [Article Link](#)
- Digging Deeper in the Pines. [Article Link](#)
- Dig at Pa. ghost town unearths prehistoric past. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists Investigate The Alamo. [Article Link](#)
- Hermit's Cabin in Idaho Wilderness Restored. [Article Link](#)
- How Lasers Are Utterly Transforming Our Understanding of the Ancient Maya, Bringing Their Whole Civilization Back to Light. [Article Link](#)
- Digging for the (Arti)Facts. [Article Link](#)
- Satellites are transforming how archaeologists study the past. [Article Link](#)
- 'Passport in Time' doing archaeological excavations at Camp Au Train. [Article Link](#)

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- CAUGHT ON CAMERA: Fireball streaks across the Ozarks Sunday afternoon. [Article Link](#)
- Bright Fireball Explodes Over Ontario, Meteorite Fragments Might Have Reached the Ground. [Article Link](#)
- Calling all meteorite hunters! ROM wants your rocks. [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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- **September 06, 2019** (Two Days)
Penticton, British Columbia, Canada
11th Annual Treasures in the Sand Open Hunt
Okanagan Treasure Hunters

- **September 10, 2019** (Five Days)
Columbia, California
2019 Digger's Dirt Party: 5-Day Common Dig Outing at Italian Bar
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **September 14, 2019** (Two Days)
Berea, Kentucky
Moonshine Treasure Hunt (Open)
- **September 14, 2019** (One Day)
Berne, New York
49th Annual Club Hunt and Picnic
Empire State Metal Detector Assn
- **September 15, 2019** (One Day)
Lathrop, Missouri
44th Annual Treasure Hunt
Mo-Kan Search and Recovery Club
- **September 24, 2019** (Five Days)
Scott Bar, California
2019 Digger's Dirt Party: 5-Day Common Dig Outing at Scott River
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

- **September 28, 2019** (One Day)
Norwood, Ohio
45th Annual Open Fall Metal Detecting Hunt
Tristate Historical Research and Recovery Assn
- **September 28, 2019** (One Day)
Wantagh, New York
45th Annual Club Hunt
Atlantic Treasure Club
- **September 28, 2019** (One Day)
Jones Beach Field 6, New York
45th Annual Hunt
Atlantic Treasure Club
- **September 28, 2019** (One Day)
Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Washington
By the Light of the Silvery Moon Hunt
Olympic Peninsula Treasure Hunters