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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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The Website's featured article for this month is: 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.

These are the issues that have prompted me to suggest creating a club Member Certification Program for metal detecting clubs and individuals. I would willing to work with a club or clubs to establish such a certification program for its members.

Let's explore what a possible club metal detecting *Certification Program* would cover. A certification program is meant to certify metal detecting club members in a classroom environment on responsible metal detecting. The class would be approximately 6-8 hours in length, would cover an **introduction** to detecting, **ethics** for detecting and **where** to hunt, how to **use** a metal detector and target recovery.

Hobby Related News

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other News Sources

- Metal-detecting offers a personalized getaway. [Article Link](#)
- Gallery: Metal detecting enthusiasts hunt for coins during the Texas Treasure Show. [Article Link](#)
- Looking for a fun family outing? Try metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Miguel Ardito's Passion for Detecting with Garrett Metal Detectors. [Article Link](#)
- 'The perfect place' 2020 VISION: Detecting provides a getaway in itself. [Article Link](#)

- **Archaeology and Metal Detecting Magazine** present the BIG metal detecting podcast. A weekly show bringing all areas of history together with our guests, news and much more. [Pod Cast Link](#)
- **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

- 'Magnet fishing' hobbyist finds firearm in water at Reaume Park in east Windsor. [Article Link](#)
- 1776 Continental dollar bought at flea market for 56 cents worth nearly \$100G. [Article Link](#)
- Man finds buried .38 revolver at Ferry Park while metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- How this P.E.I. man's collection is keeping the history of his community alive. [Article Link](#)
- The 10 Best White's Metal Detectors 2020. [Article Link](#)
- DIGSTOCK, metal detecting the Revolutionary War in the Adirondacks of Chazy, NY. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- 'Very strange' sword discovered by St Annes detectorist on Blackpool beach. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting faces restrictions on Rasen's 'green and pleasant land'. [Article Link](#)
- Public urged to report illegal metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Sunderland man who 'enjoys finding lost things' discovers ancient Roman coin while metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- MEDIEVAL TREASURE RETURNS TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT. [Article Link](#)
- V&A snaps up medieval brooch found on Brigstock farmland. [Article Link](#)
- British Museum acquires 3,000-year-old Shropshire sun pendant. [Article Link](#)
- Alarm raised over heritage 'robbers'. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector enthusiast's medieval gold ring find in Chester officially named as treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Nighthawkers are Robbing England of its Past. [Article Link](#)
- English Heritage urges end to illegal metal detecting at historic sites. [Article Link](#)
- Blackfield schoolgirl Ava Bray finds Bronze Age axe on Southbourne beach. [Article Link](#)
- 'Incredibly rare' Roman horse brooch found in Lincolnshire – The 'Leasingham Horse'. [Article Link](#)
- Loads of incredible treasure has been found around Plymouth. [Article Link](#)
- Bronze Age artefacts dug up in Shropshire are declared treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Historic gold posy ring found by Lichfield man to be sold at auction. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Submarine Wreckage Detected Off Hawaiian Island of Oahu. [Article Link](#)
- Digging up war-time history in a field in County Derry. [Article Link](#)
- U.S. Museum's Dead Sea Scroll Fragments Turn Out to Be Elaborate Fakes. [Article Link](#)
- Summer Archaeology Sites in Bear Brook, Pillsbury Parks [Article Link](#)
- Protecting And Preserving Ancient Sites At Risk From Sea-Level Rise In Florida. [Article Link](#)
- U-2 Spy Plane Photos Are Windows Onto Ancient Civilizations [Article Link](#)
- Brown University archaeologists map out God's Little Acre. [Article Link](#)
- 44 African American graves found under Florida parking lot. [Article Link](#)
- Big data could yield big discoveries in archaeology. [Article Link](#)

hunting in all its forms, and the preservation of history. [Pod Cast 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. [March News](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [Coin News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [March News](#), [March Newsletter](#)
- **Minelab Newsletter** [March Issue](#)
- **PLP Public Lands for the People** - A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. [March Press Release](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [March News](#)
- **The Archaeology and Metal Detecting Magazine** The Archaeology and Metal detecting magazine are one of the lead online sites in their genre. Offering multiple platforms for Archaeological, Historical and metal detecting news, articles, research areas and much more. [Web Link](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [April Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Pasco County woman helps couple find missing wedding ring in Anclote River. [Article Link](#)
- Metal-detecting enthusiast finds former Iowa high school student's class ring five inches underground – in Kansas [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting fan finds his dad's ring... five years after he lost it. [Article Link](#)
- Australian woman reunited with lost ring 46 years later. [Article Link](#)
- Owen Sounds Untimes.com Woman reunited with engagement ring at local landfill. [Article Link](#)
- Good samaritan turns in someone's lost wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Sentimental gold friendship ring lost and then found almost 50 years later. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- What scientists learned after firing a small cannonball into a near-Earth asteroid. [Article Link](#)
- Huge 2-mile asteroid will be visible from Earth next month – and is deemed 'potentially hazardous'. [Article Link](#)
- The Earth and moon have company: 2020 CD3 [Article Link](#)
- Scientists are racing to find 'alien substances' at site of 'world's biggest explosion' 100 years ago in Siberia. [Article Link](#)
- Oregon and SW Washington see at least 2 fireballs in night sky. [Article Link](#)

Event News

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2020/21 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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- **April 03, 2020** Event: (Three Day)
Lucky Stone Farm, Saunderstown, Rhode Island
Pound The Ground
Rhode Island Relics
- **April 04, 2020** Event: (Two Days)
Cashmere **(Canceled)**, Washington
21st Annual Gold & Treasure Show
North Central Washington Prospectors

- **April 04, 2020** Event: (Two Day)
Butte , Montana
Montana Gold & Treasure Show
(Canceled)
GPAA Gold and Treasure Shows & Lost Dutchman's Mining Assn
- **April 14, 2020** Event: (Five Days)
Stanton, Arizona
2020 Stanton Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **April 18, 2020** Event: (Two Days)
Rapid City , South Dakota
Black Hills Gold & Treasure Show
(Canceled)
GPAA Gold and Treasure Shows & Lost Dutchman's Mining Assn
- **April 18, 2020** Event: (One Day)
Orlando **(Postpone)**, Florida
8th Annual Sunshine Shootout & Relic Hunt
Central Florida Metal Detecting Club
- **April 18, 2020** Event: (One Days)
Lancaster **(Canceled)**, Pennsylvania
2020 LRRC Spring Club Hunt
Lancaster Research & Recovery Club
- **April 21, 2020** Event: (Six Day)
Marlborough, New Hampshire
BONE #27
Streeter's Treasure Hunting
- **April 25, 2020** Event: (One Day)
Rancho Jurupa Campground in Riverside, California **(Cancelled till I2021)**
33rd Annual Hunt Rendezvous
West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters
- **April 25, 2020** Event: (Two Days)
Concord **(Canceled)**, North Carolina
Carolinas Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **April 26, 2020** Event: (One Day)
Shamong, New Jersey
SJMDC Open Hunt
South Jersey Metal Detecting Club
- **April 28, 2020** Event: (Five Days)
Scott River, California
2020 Digger's Dirt Party
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn