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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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The Website's featured article for this month is: Metal Detecting Club Pamphlet

by Lee Wiese

[Download the Pamphlet](#) 59 pages Rev: F - 02-22-21

This Metal Detecting Club Handbook is a composition of nine MDHTALK.org articles written for and about metal detecting clubs. All of these individual articles can be found on the MDHTALK website and are downloadable. However, by putting the individual articles into one handbook, results in a one stop shopping experience for any new or developing club looking for a guide. This handbook is free to the metal detecting community and is in Adobe .PDF format which makes it downloadable for those who are interested in this material.

Here is the table of contents for the current Version. "E" version of the handbook.

- Why Should I Join or Start a Metal Detecting Club?
- Start a Metal Detecting Club
- Club's Volunteer Organization
- Club Meeting Agenda
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Club's Community Service
- Club Training Guide
- Volunteer Club Evidence Search Team
- Club Promotion
- Competition Hunt Preparation
- Competition Hunt Etiquette and Integrity
- Competition Event Update
- Club Auctions, Drawings, and Raffles
- Club Liability Insurance
- Club's Coin Purchase Program
- Appendix A: Ethics for Responsible Metal Detecting
- Appendix B: Sample Waiver or Release Form
- Appendix C: Informal Permission Letter
- Appendix D: Informal Permission to Metal Detect on Private Property

To recap the handbook's content covers why to join a club, how to start a club and a good numbers of the articles centered on a club's charter and operation.

The plan is to add at least two to three more articles to the handbook during 2022 that will cover gaps in the current material. Future article may cover the following subject matter:

- Tax Exemption
- Monthly Show and Tell of Members Finds

The current version is forty-one pages and the expectation are that it would reach fifty pages once completed. If you download the handbook you may want to check back in a couple of months for any updates and re-download the handbook.

Provide MDHTALK with some feedback on what you think of the handbook. [Email to](#)

Hobby Related News

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Chart: How Much Gold is in the World? [Article Link](#)
- PRETTY PENNY Rare coins price news – Lincoln coins set fetches \$2,449 at auction after 1955 coin sells for \$1,825. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds 2,000-year-old dagger wielded by Roman soldier in battle with Rhaetians. [Article Link](#)
- He's On A Mission To Return Dog Tags Found In A War Zone To Families. Here's What Inspires Him. [Article Link](#)
- TREASURE HUNT Where to find rare and valuable coins including pennies featuring Lincoln. [Article Link](#)
- Scuba gear is being used to search Maine's waterways for hidden treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Underwater metal detector searches. [Article Link](#)
- A treasure hunt for phantom cannons in the Evergreen State. [Article Link](#)
- 'Curse of Oak Island': Everything You Need To Know Ahead of Season 9 Premiere. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Roman and medieval coins found in Craven. [Article Link](#)
- Roman coins found on Herefordshire farmland. [Article Link](#)
- An expert on archeological artefacts and discoveries of 'treasure' by metal detectorists shares some fascinating information at Banbury Historical Society this week [Article Link](#)
- Largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold coins in England unearthed in Norfolk. [Article Link](#)
- NHS nurse is set to make hundreds of thousands of pounds after finding tiny gold bible believed to have belonged to relative of Richard III while metal-detecting on farmland near York. [Article Link](#)
- Detectorist Paul gets a historic seal of approval for Wrexham find. [Article Link](#)
- Detectorist finds ancient gold ring in Newchurch field. [Article Link](#)
- Suffolk teen finds bronze axe thought to be thousands of years old whilst metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Bronze-age treasure found by 'beginner' metal detectorist. [Article Link](#)
- There Are Now More Than 20,000 Detectorists In The UK. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Combining Geophysics and Archaeology: Nature of work and what to study. [Article Link](#)
- Dozens of Shipwreck Discoveries Anticipated in New Marine Sanctuary. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists recover 1,200-year-old dugout canoe in Wisconsin lake. [Article Link](#)
- Wreckage of U.S. Revenue Cutter Found. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists unearth first-ever house for Chinese transcontinental railroad workers in the US. [Article Link](#)
- New Dating Method Shows Vikings Occupied Newfoundland in 1021 C.E. [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. [December Pod Cast 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. [December Pod Cast Link](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [December News](#)
- **Garrett Searcher** [November 100th Issue of Searcher](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [December News](#)
- **Mel Fisher** [Salvage Update](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [December 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. [December News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [January Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- A hobby, a breakup and a puzzle: 3 more rings returned to their owners. [Article Link](#)
- California man finds wedding ring in The Bahamas belonging to WNY newlyweds. [Article Link](#)
- Lost class ring returned to family after 73 years. [Article Link](#)
- Lost wedding ring found on Havelet beach, Guernsey. [Article Link](#)
- Mt. Pleasant man finds lost high school ring almost 30 years later. [Article Link](#)
- 'I lost my engagement ring just hours after saying 'yes' but a kind stranger saved the day'. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Leonids meteor shower lights up the sky this week. [Article Link](#)
- Is that rock you found a meteorite or a meteor-wrong? [Article Link](#)
- 'Hazardous' asteroid size of the Eiffel Tower heading towards Earth, NASA warns. [Article Link](#)
- 'Houses shook' as meteor 'lands near Reading' say residents. [Article Link](#)

TREASURE HUNT Where to find rare and valuable coins including pennies featuring Lincoln [Web Link](#)

BELIEVE it or not, some pennies could be quite valuable if you come across the right one.

Although fewer Americans are using minted change for purchases, rare coins are selling online for thousands. Lincoln pennies online are selling for thousands

Many of those coins include pennies featuring 16th president Abraham Lincoln on the front side, which isn't anything unusual to most Americans.

However, there are unique elements to some of them including errors and low mintages they make them worth a ton of cash.

If you do happen to find what you believe to be a rare coin – make sure you research it and determine what the value might be.

We explain some ways you can find rare coins.
Search your home or wherever you store change

While this one might sound obvious – you would probably be surprised how many pennies you might have in possession somewhere.

Check your piggy bank, pockets, under your sofa, or anywhere you might store money. This way will not cost you anything, aside from getting a little bit of dirt or dust on your fingers.

Bank

Banks are often used for depositing or withdrawing cash – but did you know that they give coins as well? What you need to do I ask your teller for a wrapper of pennies in exchange for an equal amount of cash.

“This method was rather popular in the 1970s and 1980s because old silver coins could often be found mixed into the bank rolls,” Joseph Yaffe, co-owner of precious metals dealer of Gainesville Coins, told The Sun.

“Today you can still come across an occasional error coin by searching coin rolls.”

If you fail to find anything rare, you can always deposit the coins back into your account – so there's not really much downside to it financially.

Metal detector

Using a metal detector in specific areas is another way you can find coins.

However, keep in mind before you buy a metal detector that they are banned in all national parks. Also, you'll want to know the laws in the region before you start metal detecting.

Chad Eicher, owner of Metal Pursuits, recommends using four features of a metal detector to your advantage so you aren't scrambling for hours trying to find coins.

That includes:

- Target identification
- Depth indicator
- Discrimination function
- Ground balance

But location is going to be important regardless.

“You're much better off searching places that are known for buried treasure, such [as] the beaches of Florida's east coast or historic areas of the United Kingdom,” said Mr Yaffe.

However, you'll want to keep one thing in mind when using a metal detector – and that's the condition of the coin once you dig it up.

“Silver, copper, and bronze coins usually don't do well when buried for decades or centuries, so their values may not be as high as similar coins in better condition,” Mr Eicher said.

Auctions and specialists

This next way might help you find exactly what you're looking for – but it will cost you some money.

There are a few ways you can approach specialists and auctions, which include in-person and online. You could choose to visit pawn shops, auction houses, antique stores, or other places that may be trying to sell a rare coin.

The other option is online, which includes browsing through eBay or USA Coin Book.

But before you buy, make sure you carefully research the coin and know how much it's going for so you don't overpay. However, you'll want to humble your expectations when it comes to making a fortune.

“If your plan is to buy a rare coin only to immediately turn around and flip it for a profit, the chances are fairly high you will be disappointed,” Mr Yaffe said.

Yaffe recommends holding onto the coins you buy for at least 10 years. Some rare Lincoln coins that have sold recently include one from 1914 for about \$919 and a coin from 1992 for more than \$25,000.

Plus, a 1909 VDB coin recently sold for almost \$1,500.

Other rare coins that have sold online include a buffalo coin with three legs for \$1,400 along with a flying eagle cent sold, which sold for \$11,128.

Event News

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2022/23 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.

There are no Events scheduled for December

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