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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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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 June 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: **Metal Detecting the 1733 Treasure Fleet**

by: Lee Wiese

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1733 Fleet Brief History:

Friday, July 13, 1733 a Spanish Fleet left Havana harbor for a return voyage to Spain. On the evening of the 15th most of the ships had been sunk along the Florida Keys by a hurricane. Four ships made it back to Havana with one ship proceeded on to Spain and the other ships were sunk by the hurricane in the Florida Keys.

The ship wreck survivors gathered in groups throughout the keys and built shelters from ship wreck materials that had come ashore. A ship arrived in Havana and reported seeing many large ships grounded at a place called Head of the Martyrs. Recure Ships with supplies, food, divers and troops sailed to the wrechage site.D

Ships that were not refloated were burned in place and savage work on these ships continued for may years. When a final summary of the savalage material was totaled more gold and silver were recoved than was list on the various ships' manifest.

During the 1960s, most of the 1733 wrecks were relocated by modern divers.

Today the historical treasure of the 1733 fleet is the opportunity to visit the remains of these ship sites from a long gone era. **1733 Fleet History** [Web Link](#) , 1733 Fleet - **Daniel Frank Sedwick, LLC** [Website Link](#)

Hundreds of ship wreck sailors and passengers made it to shore from the wreck sites, weighted down by gold, silver and emeralds. In many cases dropping rare items along their route to the safety of a key island. These survivors made it to a Keys island along an 80-mile stretch.

Metal Detecting the 1733 Fleet Trail should include the following:

- construction sites that have turned over sand and dirt for new or updated business, homes, roads and gas, water, sewer lines. There has been treasure found from these types of construction sites. For years there were many survivor camps on the island while the ships were being salvaged which contributed to treasure being lost.
- all beaches that are near wreck sites with both public or private land access. To gain access to beach water where private land controls access – permission must be gained from the specific land owner before entering these beach waters.
- metal Detecting Highway #1 beach waters that are parallel to wreck sites where the water is not deep or does not has very swift currents. **Use EXTREME Cautious.**
- draw lines from a wreck site to islands near the wreck site and metal detecting a ~ 75-yard path on either side of the drawn line looking for dropped treasure as sailors and passage fled the wrecks.

1733 Fleet Treasure Trail Highway #1

Biscayne National Park 25°28.967N 80°12.50W		Populo 25°21.85N 80°09.690W
Harry Harris Beach & Park 25°1.605N 80°29.596W	MM91	El Infante 24°56.556N 80°28.531W
Public Beach 24°53 3.78N 80°41 11.01W	MM89	San Jose 24°56.919N 80°29.334W
Fossil Reef St. Park 24°56.956N 80°35.762W	MM85-86	Chaves 24° 56.179N 80° 34.985W
	MM87	El Rubi 24° 55.491N 80° 30.891W
Fossil Reef State Park 24°56.962N 80°35.762W	MM84.9 MM83	Herrera 24° 54.326N 80° 35.538W
	MM83	Tres Puentes 24° 53.612N 80° 35.012W
Roadside Park, Bayside	MM80	
Beach Access 24°53.093 80°41.116W	MM77	San Pedro 24° 51.802N 80° 40.780W
No homes Ocean Side for a 1/2 mile	MM75	El Terri 24° 50.761N 80° 42.850W
Residents Only Beach Access 24°51.226N 80°43.870W	MM74	
Annies Beach Park 24°50.935N 80°44.455W	MM72	San Francisco 24° 49.185N 80° 45.425W
Beach location 2 miles from wreck 24°50.795N 80°44.657W		
Long Key State Park 24°48.966N 80°49.383W	MM72	El Gallo Indiano 24°48.633N 80°45.932W
Parking available along US#1 24°48.235N 80°50.895W	MM65	Las Augustias 24°47.455N 80°51.738W
	MM62-63	El Sueco Site #1 24°46.625N 80°53.372W Site #2 24°46.728N 80°53.480W
Curry Hammock State Park 24°44.476N 80°58.847W	MM56	
Hammock State Park 24°44.792N 80°58.957W	MM57	San Ignacio 24°41.70N 80°56.44W
Sombrero Beach 24°41.536N 81°5.130W	MM 50	
24°33.484N 81°48.389W		Mel Fisher Maritime Museum

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Hobby Related News

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Metal Detecting Takes on the Great White North with J Three B. [Article Link](#)
- 80-year-old dog tag found in the UK sent home to Alabama. [Article Link](#)
- Diggers Down Under's Neil Colston finds Peacock family WWI medal. [Article Link](#)
- Union gold? FBI hunt for Civil War treasure detailed in unsealed affidavit. [Article Link](#)
- Pulling power – the murky magic of magnet fishing. [Article Link](#)
- Pattaya beach sweeper finds iPhone, hands it in over police. [Article Link](#)
- Warning about use of metal detectors. [Article Link](#)
- Police release image in investigation of suspected looting from World War Two B17 bomber wreck at Sandwich Bay. [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. [June 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. [May Pod Cast Link](#)

- Hunting for treasure in Korea. [Article Link](#)
- Man finds 32-year-old six-pack of Emu Export beer while metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Friends help grandfather bury, and find, treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Gardai issue warning about use of metal detectors. [Article Link](#)
- HP hobbyist makes rare cannonball find. [Article Link](#)
- The best Garrett metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Help a Georgian treasure hunter find a lost engagement ring on the beach. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detecting Explorer Is An Online Resources For Those Looking To Get Started With Metal Detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunting for a cause in Nelson County. [Article Link](#)
- Family treasures in the dirt. [Article Link](#)
- The Leg at the Bottom of the Sea. [Article Link](#)
- 'Saving history': Local relic hunters find Civil War artifacts across the River Valley. [Article Link](#)

- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [June News](#)
- **Garrett Searcher** [May - June Searcher](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [June News](#)
- **Mel Fisher Salvage Update**
- **PLP Press Release**
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [June 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. [June News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [July Newsletter](#)

U.K. News

- Gold coins lost in Black Death confusion found in Reepham. [Article Link](#)
- More than a Hobby: How Metal Detectors Aid in the Search for Missing Service Members. [Article Link](#)
- Mudlarking about: Why treasure-hunting is Britain's latest hobby. [Article Link](#)
- Stealing Britain's history: when metal detectorists go rogue. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist Andy strikes again with Iron Age gold and silver coins find. [Article Link](#)
- Tonbridge detectorist strikes gold three times in hunt for ancient treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Hoard of silver coins may have been part of historic ransom to save Paris. [Article Link](#)
- The Magnificent Trufflepigs is a story of metal detecting and friendship in a small English town. [Article Link](#)
- The looting of ancient art in Italy is not a new phenomenon. [Article Link](#)
- Undisclosed Sutton Bridge site could hold King John's treasure says engineer. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Archaeology breakthrough: Researchers uncovered 'underwater Stonehenge' beneath US lake. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeological dig at North Idaho College aims to unearth 'invisible histories' of Fort Sherman. [Article Link](#)
- UNF archaeology students unearth artifacts from almost 500-year-old Native American village. [Article Link](#)
- New exhibit at Capitol Park Museum to highlight 200 year old Gulf Coast shipwreck. [Article Link](#)
- The Enduring Myths of 'Raiders of the Lost Ark'. [Article Link](#)
- At underwater site, research team finds 9,000-year-old stone artifacts. [Article Link](#)
- Turning an archaeological practice on its head. [Article Link](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Maine metal-detecting enthusiast finds class ring missing for 37 years. [Article Link](#)
- Lost class ring found on Wisconsin campus after 45 years. [Article Link](#)
- Lost wedding ring found at Ormond Beach on the eve of couple's anniversary. [Article Link](#)
- 'Hero' Sittingbourne metal detectorist helped mum find lost rings on Leysdown beach. [Article Link](#)
- A ring and a prayer: Good Samaritan saves the day for Summerside couple. [Article Link](#)
- Thanks to three strangers, man gets back high school class ring lost nearly 45 years ago. [Article Link](#)
- A custom wedding ring returned with a floating proposal after being lost and found. [Article Link](#)
- Engagement ring lost at bottom of Lake Windermere found by freediver in just 20 minutes. [Article Link](#)
- Murfreesboro man returns lost wedding ring 55 years later. [Article Link](#)
- 'Priceless': Murfreesboro man returns lost wedding ring to owner nearly 55 years later. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Caviar puts meteorites on the back of iPhone 13 Pros, gifts a Tesla Model S. [Article Link](#)
- NASA finally approves the launch of an infrared asteroid hunting space telescope able to locate threats 30M miles away. [Article Link](#)

PLP Demonstrates How to Legally Dredge in CA [PLP Website](#)

On Father's Day near Camptonville, California, with a couple of dozen members present, PLP performed a demonstration on how to legally perform reclamation dredging. Ron Kliewer, President of PLP, introduced Clark Pearson, PLP's Legal Researcher, who gave a talk on how this works and why. Clark talked about the history of dredging in California over the last couple of decades, the legal fight PLP has been involved in, and how PLP has paved the way for this activity by winning a case in CA State court and one in federal court. One might think that this was just a publicity stunt if you are new to PLP or do not follow the legal cases we have won for our members, but long-timers in PLP know well that we have beaten the odds before and we can keep doing it again.

PLP says the science is on our side, in that suction dredging is a net benefit to the environment. Now that we have the case law on our side, we have stepped out publicly with a dredge demonstration and shown that dredging does in fact remove toxins from the waterway. During our short reclamation

dredging demonstration we dredged a piece of legacy iron trash and some mercury. We left the waterway cleaner than when we found it before the demonstration. We also dropped some small pieces of painted lead and iron in front of the nozzle and showed how they traveled up the hose and were trapped in the sluice box for easy removal from the waterway.

You can follow our monthly updates in the ICMJ's Prospecting & Mining Journal for free here: <http://www.icmj.com>

It's almost time for the huge GRAND RAFFLE Drawing! A generous PLP Member has donated 3 dredge trips in Oregon next summer! Get your tickets now; it's almost the last minute! Ticket sales help us keep making progress on public land issues. Help us help you by buying tickets.

Supporting the 2021 PLP Grand Raffle helps us continue to fight for your rights.

A book of 12 tickets is only \$10. We have a lot of great, high-value prizes. You won't win if you don't enter! Tickets are available through July 11th for purchase by phone for the July 14th 2021 Grand Raffle Drawing. You can call our toll-free number 844-PLP-1990 which is 844-757-1990 or Mail a Check by July 5th (to the address below) and specify the number of ticket books you wish to have mailed to you.

Thank you all again for your steadfast support through difficult times.

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Event News

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2021/22 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.

- **July 10, 2021** (One Day)
North Park, Devils Elbow, Pennsylvania
NPPF'S Seeded Hunt
NORTH PITTSBURGH PAST FINDERS NPPF CLUB
- **July 10, 2021** (Eight Days)
New Stanton, Pennsylvania
2021 Treasure Week
Many Sponsors
- **July 25, 2021** (Seven Days)
Vallonia, Indiana
Southern Indiana Treasure Fest
Metal Detector Manufactures

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