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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 Detecting Competition Hunt Etiquette and Integrity**

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Metal detecting competition events (hunts) are usually sponsored by a metal detecting club or hosted by hobby related manufacturers and retail businesses. These events can be comprised of one or two hunts or in some cases the event may last from three to seven days and have many different types of metal detecting hunts. Metal detecting competition hunts can be either an open or closed hunt event depending on how the sponsor or host defines the event.

Open Hunts. You need not be a club member to participate in the hunt. An open hunt is for any one who is willing to pay the entrance fee and follow the hunt rules.

Closed Hunts. You must be a club member to participate in the hunt and be able to show a current club membership card at registration. A closed hunt is for club members only and will usually require an admission fee.

The requirement of any interested detectorist to participate in a competition hunt is to complete the pre-register form and submit an admission fee for each of the scheduled hunts. Thus, the participant can select just certain hunts that are of interest to them or all of the scheduled hunts.

Metal detectorist in competition hunts can be very aggressive, therefore, rules and standards of etiquette are very important so that the hunt is held in a fair and balanced manner. Lets remember that all of the detecting participants have paid the same required admission fee for participation and expect an equal chance at the prizes.

Metal Detecting Etiquette and Integrity for a competition hunt is controlled by the event's host or sponsor and is usually accomplished by creating an atmosphere of fairness with written rules and expectations.

The Hunt Master provides the leadership for the event by enforcing the event rules and conducting an impartial event which should result in very high event integrity.

The individual detectorist's responsibility is to follow the event rules and to conduct their actions in a respectful manner towards the other detectorists on the hunt field and toward the Hunt Master and Event Host.

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### Hobby Related News

#### General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Inter-State treasure hunter gangs busted. [Article Link](#)
- Hobby Gold Prospecting Group Has Claim Near Libby. [Article Link](#)
- History can be found everywhere with the Eastern Shore Treasure Club. [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

- Prospecting group shares gold-panning experience. [Article Link](#)
- Ed Duffey hunts for buried beach treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Scanning the dirt for priceless treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Disabled American Veteran post in Killeen hosts 'metal detecting' event. [Article Link](#)
- WW2 bullets uncovered by metal detecting enthusiasts at Berrow beach event. [Article Link](#)
- Toronto magnet fishers pull five long guns from Lake Ontario. [Article Link](#)
- TV shows inspire hobby for North Platte couple. [Article Link](#)
- Goulais River man unearths ancient spear tip near Thessalon. [Article Link](#)
- Search for artifacts may confirm new theory of Ridgefield battle. [Article Link](#)
- Finding historical war relics in Clinton County. [Article Link](#)
- Surfside Beach Town Council looks to address hole digging on beach. [Article Link](#), [Article Update](#)
- GOLD RUSH World's most valuable treasure troves ever uncovered from \$22billion lost gold to priceless royal gems. [Article Link](#)
- Uncovering the Past – An Introduction to Metal Detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Hidden Treasures: Keep your eyes open. [Article Link](#)
- A diver just found gold at a shipwreck off the Florida Keys. His parents paved the way. [Article Link](#)

### U.K. News

- The Rochdale teacher going viral with her metal detector videos. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hoard unearthed by detectorists from Furness. [Article Link](#)
- Dispute in Suffolk over second largest Civil War hoard ever found. [Article Link](#)
- Rare Roman coins found in King's Lynn declared as treasure at inquest. [Article Link](#)
- The View from England: Pandemic yields buried treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorists banned from Swansea park after leaving it peppered with muddy patches. [Article Link](#)
- Bronze Age tools and medieval brooch found in Wales declared as treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Gold and garnet sword pyramid that was lost by an Anglo-Saxon lord 1,400 years ago is unearthed in the UK by a metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- UK: Treasure hunter finds rare Anglo-Saxon gold coin worth Rs 2 crore with metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Scotland's heritage sites under attack from thieves, vandals and treasure hunters. [Article Link](#)
- Intrepid magnet fisher finds World War II US aircraft machine gun round in Edinburgh's Union Canal. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter finds ultra-rare gold coin worth £200,000 with metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Unearthed: The Berkshires has its treasures – and its trash. [Article Link](#)

### North America Archaeology News

- Archaeologists Are Re-Excavating And Reconnecting Descendants Of Anderson Township Site. [Article Link](#)
- Digging into history at the Johnstown Flood National Memorial. [Article Link](#)
- CCSU student group working hands-on to discover more about African-American slavery in Connecticut. [Article Link](#)
- Just keep digging: Fort St. Joseph archaeology field school returns with open house. [Article Link](#)

### W.W. Meteorite News

- 'Astonishing' fireball spotted shooting across the night sky. [Article Link](#)
- Why don't we see more meteorites after big asteroid belt collisions?. [Article Link](#)
- NASA confirms meteor traveling over 30,000 mph exploded over Texas. [Article Link](#)

Metal Detecting, Treasure hunting in all its forms, and the preservation of history. [August 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. [August Pod Cast Link](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [August News](#)
- **Garrett Searcher August - September Searcher**
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [August News](#)
- **Mel Fisher Salvage Update**
- **PLP Press Release**
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [August 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. [August News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [September Newsletter](#)

### Jewelry Returns

- Prayers to St Anthony and magic metal detector credited for helping find Charlene McKenna's lost wedding ring on beach. [Article Link](#)
- Beach Metal Detector Turns Up Lost Wedding Ring In Ocean City. [Article Link](#)
- A police dog was trained to find drugs and weapons. Could he find a lost wedding ring on the beach?. [Article Link](#)
- Bride-to-be thought engagement ring was lost forever. How a Rye officer saved the day. [Article Link](#)
- 'It was a sinking feeling': Wedding ring lost and found at the Jersey Shore. [Article Link](#)
- Couple's joy as diver finds wedding ring at bottom of lake a week after it was lost. [Article Link](#)
- My lost class ring returns 20 years later. [Article Link](#)
- St Bees great-grandmother, 87, reunited with lost wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Aggie reunited with class ring thanks to Central Texas metal detecting club. [Article Link](#)
- 'Superhero' Worthing metal detectorist finds lost sentimental rings. [Article Link](#)
- Bride-to-be reunited with lost engagement ring after search by father and son metal detectors. [Article Link](#)
- Ring rescue: K-9 Dogo finds wedding bands lost in the sand. [Article Link](#)
- Former New York resident reunited with class ring after 46 years. [Article Link](#)
- Couple reunited with wedding ring lost at sea after metal detectorist finds it weeks later. [Article Link](#)
- Good news: Staten Island man finds lost heirloom gold ring crafted in Africa on beach. [Article Link](#)
- Missing ring found by father-and-son detectorists at Downhill. [Article Link](#)
- TSA team at JFK International Airport return missing diamond from a traveler's ring. [Article Link](#)

- East Texans report fireball, loud noise from sky. [Article Link](#)

## Vero Beach teen finds 1715 Fleet gold coin, thousands of Seminole War artifacts [Website](#)

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY — It was a slow day Aug. 1 when Nick Amelio was treasure salvaging near Corrigan's shipwreck, just south of Turtle Trail Beach.

The ocean visibility was crystal clear, Amelio remembered, so the 17-year-old Vero Beach High School senior decided to jump in without his metal detector and just have a look around.

Amelio casually sifted through sand potholes in 10 feet of water about 1,500 feet offshore.

Then, he saw the gold shimmer.

Amelio recovered a rare 1715 Fleet gold coin, which he estimated might be worth about \$10,000.

"I thought my crew was pranking me because it was so crazy," he said. "But it turned out to be legit."

1715 Fleet of Spanish shipwrecks

The 1715 Fleet consists of 11 Spanish ships that sunk in a hurricane, later inspiring the Treasure Coast's name. The treasure-laden ships are now strewn about the ocean floor from Sebastian to the St. Lucie Nuclear Plant.

Amelio's find is the first gold coin of the June-to-August treasure-hunting season, said Capt. John Brandon of 1715 Fleet-Queens Jewels LLC, a Sebastian-based shipwreck salvage operation.

The Florida Department of State's historical resources and archaeology bureaus receive written records of every artifact salvaged, Brandon said. By law, the state has first dibs on up to 20% of each recovery.

Amelio cannot keep the gold coin, but may have the opportunity to purchase it once it's certified.

Amelio was only 9 when he started treasure hunting as a hobby, but picked it up quickly, studying old maps and visiting coin shows to become a master metal detectorist.

The gold coin isn't his only significant find. Seminole War artifacts

Amelio has amassed upward of 3,000 Seminole War artifacts found throughout Indian River and northern St. Lucie counties, he said — including coins, bullets, uniform buttons, musket balls, belt plates and more.

He estimated his collection could be worth about \$20,000.

"It's just awesome to see this stuff come out of the ground in a modern neighborhood where no one would know it was there had it not been found," he said.

His collection is rare in both size and subject, said Sal Guttuso, a St. Lucie County historian who has been recording Amelio's findings.

Making such discoveries is few and far between, Guttuso said, because the four Seminole Wars from 1816 to 1858 were not large military endeavors and Florida since has developed over previous forts and battlegrounds.

"This is the only period of artifacts you can find going this far back in our area, probably within a three-hours drive," Amelio said.

"Anything metal-wise on land before the 1880s is a very rare find."

Amelio plans to hold onto his collection for now, but in the future, he hopes to donate it to a local or state museum that can showcase it.

## 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.

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**Check out your event before going it may have been postponed or canceled.**

- **September 04, 2021** (Two Days)  
Crab Orchard, Kentucky  
3rd Annual Moonshine Treasure Hunt  
Terry and Brenda Causey
- **September 07, 2021** (Five Days)  
Burnt River, Oregon  
2021 Diggers Dirt Party at Burnt Rive  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **September 21, 2021** (Five Days)  
Vein Mountain, North Carolina  
2021 Diggers Dirt Party at Vein  
Mountain  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

- **September 25, 2021** (One Day)  
Lovelock, Nevada  
2021 Rye Patch Nugget Shoot  
Reno Prospecting & Detecting Club, GPAA  
of Northern NV
- **September 25, 2021** (One Day)  
Berne, New York  
51th Annual Club Hunt and Picnic  
Empire State Metal Detector Assn
- **September 25, 2021** (Two Day)  
W. Stanley ConOver Beach Pavilion, Deal,  
New Jersey  
30th Annual Open Beach Treasure Hunt  
Deep Search Metal Detecting Club