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The Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs Inc. (FMDAC) was organized in 1984 as a legislative and educational organization and incorporated, as a non-profit, non-commercial, non-partisan organization.

The Mission: The FMDAC is dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and protection for the hobby of recreational metal detecting and prospecting.

The Purpose: To unite, promote and encourage the establishment of metal detecting clubs. To preserve the sport / hobby of recreational metal detecting and prospecting. To make available to FMDAC clubs and Independent members information pertaining to the hobby and to keep members informed as to active legislation.

The Goal: is to Educate and inform the public as to the merits of recreational metal detecting.

What is a News Gram? The news gram provides a brief look into news events for the past month. The intent of the news gram is to provide you, the FMDAC reader, with news clips on what took place last month in the hobby . The News Gram is configured like a webpage and must be read online for the article links to work.

Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President's Message

Hello Everyone.

Would like to start this off by thanking Lee for publishing this newsletter. This starts the 4th year he has been doing this. My hat is off to him. He does a great job.

The nominations for elections are closed. There was one nomination for each of the 4 offices. President (myself) Mark Schuessler, Vice President – Ed Burke, Treasurer - Sue Race and Secretary-Debbie Buxton. Debbie is presently the northern region director. She has recently moved to another region and we were working on finding a replacement. We have found someone but will not announce it yet as it needs board approval and Debbie will be continuing in that position until January.

We have not seen any movement on the proposal to ban detecting on public property in Fairfax, VA. It was supposed to have been written and a public hearing held a month ago but nothing yet. As soon as we see the draft we will let everyone know.

The article at the bottom of the newsletter tells about an arrest for digging up a cemetery in Yellowstone National Park is a must read. Can you say stupid?!?! How ignorant can someone be? At least he was not using a metal detector. That would have been a big stain on us all. It takes little common sense to realize that the treasure would not have been buried in a CEMETERY in a NATIONAL PARK and a historical cemetery at that. That would just be asking for big problems and would be real stupid on the part of the person who put it there. The man who placed the treasure is well known and no dummy. He would not have done such a thing. In fact he stated that it was not buried at all. So why was this guy digging? It was also stated that it was not in a cemetery. This should have fended off this event but hey, you cannot fix stupid.

We are planning to have a northern region open hunt in 2021. Of course that is if this virus stuff is over and the restrictions lifted. We do not know the exact date yet but will have it set shortly. Until next time get out there and find some neat stuff!

Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President

North America Archaeology News

- Archaeological misstep on Celestial Railroad site draws fine in Jupiter. [Article Link](#)

South Region: Art Di Filippo

California, Hawaii, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida

- 12,000-Year-Old Human Footprints Found in New Mexico. [Article Link](#)
- The last known slave ship has spent 160 years under the Mobile River. Can it be preserved? [Article Link](#)
- UNF Archaeologists Find Ancient Artifact. [Article Link](#)
- U.S. Archaeological Sites Tell Stories, Leave Mysteries. [Article Link](#)
- Tribes, archaeologists are working to identify sites in Greater Chaco for protections from oil and gas. [Article Link](#)
- What Archaeologists Know About The Human Remains Discovered In Burlington. [Article Link](#)



White's Electronics, Inc.

1011 Pleasant Valley Road | Sweet Home, Oregon 97386

A personal message from Ken and Mary White,

After almost 70 years we have made the very difficult decision to retire and suspend production of White's products. It gives us much satisfaction that our longtime friends and colleagues at Garrett Electronics have agreed to purchase our White's name, technology, designs and product offerings. Garrett and White's are family-owned American companies who share the same business values, love for the hobby and respect for our customers. We are leaving our legacy in good hands.

Leaving the lifelong employees and customers we count as our friends is never easy. Thank you to all of you who have honored us with your trust over the years, and thank you to our friends at Garrett Electronics. We wish Garrett well as they continue to offer quality products and customer service, proudly Made in America.

Garrett Announces Acquisition

Garland, TX, October 16, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, Garrett Electronics, a design and manufacturing company specializing in sport and security metal detectors, announced the acquisition of certain assets of White's Electronics.

White's, who had been in business since 1950 as a premier manufacturer of metal detection products, announced the suspension of operations on June 18, 2020 in a memo to its dealers. White's founders, Kenneth and Olive White, built their business the same way Garrett's founders, Charles and Eleanor Garrett, did, by innovating and committing to producing high quality products in the United States. White's current principals, Kenneth R. and Mary White, are choosing to fold the White's legacy in with Garrett Metal Detectors as a way of extending their "Made in the USA" tradition.

Garrett CEO Steve Novakovich commented, "The White family and the Garrett family have had a high level of respect for one another as competitors in the sport market for decades. Now we at Garrett are proud to combine our respective legacies as Garrett continues on as the premier American metal detector company."

The transaction includes White's trademarks, intellectual property, tooling, and other assets. It does not include White's real estate in Oregon or Scotland. Garrett intends to rigorously defend all of White's trademarks, patents, and other IP wherever infringement may occur.

Novakovich continued, "Garrett recognizes that the White's brand has a loyal following in the US and around the world. We are pleased to welcome those customers to Garrett, and we hope we can earn your future business."

Current White's customers in need of repair or warranty service should contact:

Centreville Electronics
9437 Main Street
Manassas, VA 20110
(888)645-0202
(703)367-7999
centrevilleelectronics.net

Centreville Electronics NW
1550 Maple Place
Lebanon OR 97355
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Hobby Related News

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other Media News Sources

- Man with metal detector finds 222-year-old coin near church. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter caught digging in Yellowstone cemetery is indicted by federal grand jury. [Article Link](#)
- The owner of a lost ring is offering a reward to help find the heirloom. [Article Link](#)
- Coastguards return to Brean beach after metal detector finds metal object.

- **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. [October Pod Cast Link](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [October News](#)

[Article Link](#)

- Brisbane tradie finds rare gold coin under tree. [Article Link](#)
- Head off on a modern day treasure hunt with these 5 activities. [Article Link](#)
- Right under our feet: Metal detecting event held in Claremont. [Article Link](#)
- Garrett Announces Acquisition. [Article Link](#)
- Lost Your Wedding Ring? A Global Network of Metal Detectorists Can Help You Find It. [Article Link](#)
- 'The Curse of Oak Island': Sneak Peek at Season 8's Discoveries (VIDEO). [Article Link](#)
- 1713 gold 'Royal' from 1715 Plate Fleet wreck in Sedwick auction. [Article Link](#)
- Jewelers restore fire-salvaged memories. [Article Link](#)
- Michigan genealogist helps link World War II artifact found in France with soldier's son in U.S. [Article Link](#)
- Deer Lake Diving. [Article Link](#)
- On the hunt: Lansing couple uses metal detectors to find, remove dangerous objects from playgrounds. [Article Link](#)
- Police: Polk woman tried to sell stolen ring back to jewelry store . [Article Link](#)
- 'It felt like a miracle': Denver woman finds lost wedding ring at Snowmass this fall. [Article Link](#)
- Proposed reforms to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill. [Article Link](#)
- Pieces of the past. [Article Link](#)
- Gold's record prices drives resurgence in prospecting activity across WA. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Two British Teens Using Metal Detectors Discovered 1,000-Year-Old Coins. [Article Link](#)
- Rare 900-year-old coin found in a Wallingford field could sell for £7,000. [Article Link](#)
- 'We knew it was special' - Teen metal detectorist finds historic coin possibly worth thousands. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting club save Blue Cross rescue dogs from metal shards. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detectorist Discovers Treasure Trove of Bronze Artefacts. [Article Link](#)
- The Detectorists is 'very realistic', says woman who discovered 1,500 year-old ancient warrior burial site. [Article Link](#)
- Illegal metal detector caught at Gosbecks Archaeological Park. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters reap rich harvest in N. Kingstown. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient warlord's skeleton and sword discovered after 1,400 years. [Article Link](#)
- Police call on the public to help protect vital heritage sites. [Article Link](#)
- Budleigh beach needs 'deep clean' after 'dangerous' nails found hidden in the pebbles. [Article Link](#)
- Heritage crime in the spotlight as police work to protect our history. [Article Link](#)

- **Garrett Searcher October Issue**
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [October News](#)
- **Minelab October Newsletter**
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [September 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. [October News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [November Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Massena man finds class ring after it was lost 55 years ago. [Article Link](#)
- Lost ring found after 50 years returned to owner. [Article Link](#)
- Oak Harbor graduate reunited with class ring lost in lake years ago. [Article Link](#)
- Actor Jon Cryer finds lost wedding ring thanks to Vancouver jewelry sleuth. [Article Link](#)
- Lucky husband finds lost wedding ring in Hampstead Heath Mixed Pond – with help of wetsuit and metal detect. [Article Link](#)
- A N.H. man lost his class ring skipping stones in 1967. His wife set out to find it 53 years later, and she did. [Article Link](#)
- Hornell native's WWII dog tag returns home. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector reunites wife with her husband's lost wedding ring after miraculously finding it buried in sand. [Article Link](#)
- New Brunswick couple reunited with wedding ring 23 years after it disappeared. [Article Link](#)
- Class ring missing since 1967 found in pond in Barrington. [Article Link](#)
- Story of lost ring leads to another reunion, 25 years after loss at Lake Sikome. [Article Link](#)
- UK: 11-year-old Indian Origin Girl Reunites Man With His Lost Wedding Ring. [Article Link](#)
- Lost ring missing for 37 years in Calgary has been reunited with its owner. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- 'It looked like fireworks, until it split into four dots': Fireball in the sky over Alaska. [Article Link](#)
- NASA's OSIRIS-REx spacecraft lands on asteroid in bid to collect samples. [Article Link](#)
- Bright fireball widely seen over northeastern Mexico. [Article Link](#)
- 'It's Been A Long Time Since We've Seen Something Like This'; Meteor That Lit Up Pittsburgh Skies Was Seen In 15 States. [Article Link](#)

Hunt Events and Shows

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.

[Add Your Event Information Here](#)

- **November 14, 2020** (One Day)
Lodwick, Texas
Ghost Town Hunt
Texas Assn of Metal Detecting Clubs
hosting a TAMDC Members Only

Other Hobby Related 2020 Show Calendars

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

- [Antique Bottle Show](#)
- [Coin Shows](#)
- [Numismatic Coin Shows](#)
- [Insulator Shows](#)
- [CFMS Society & Club Shows](#)
- [Club-Sponsored Mineral Shows](#)

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[Treasure Hunter Caught Digging in Yellowstone Cemetery is Indicted by Federal Grand Jury.](#) [Web Link](#)

There are just some places you shouldn't dig for a treasure. And a historic cemetery, inside a national park, is very much one of those places.

A Utah man has been formally indicted on charges of unlawfully excavating and damaging the Fort Yellowstone Cemetery in Wyoming between October 2019 and May 2020, allegedly in search of a hidden chest containing gold, gems and rare coins.

Rodrick Dow Craythorn, 52, appeared in federal court Thursday, where he pleaded not guilty to the two charges — one of which alleges that he willingly and knowingly attempted to “excavate, remove, damage, alter and deface” archaeological resources, and another which alleges he willfully intended to “damage, injure, and commit depredation against property belonging to the United States,” the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Wyoming, wrote in a news release.

Craythorn will next appear at trial on Dec. 14, in Casper, Wyoming.

The Attorney’s Office added that Craythorn was in search of a treasure chest hidden by Forrest Fenn, a New Mexico art dealer who publicly announced in 2010 that he had hidden a cache of gold, jewels and more jewels in the Rocky Mountain area. This announcement, which came by way of a book containing clues to the whereabouts of the treasure, kicked off a decade-long search in the Rocky Mountains and surrounding areas.

The treasure was eventually discovered in Wyoming in June 2020. Fenn died a few months later, in September.

Craythorn’s case isn’t the first incident of controversy sparked by the hunt for the Fenn treasure. Over the last decade, several people have died while allegedly in search of the chest. Other incidents of burglary or unlawful digging on private land have also prompted police to ask Fenn to call off the hunt.

Upon its discovery in 2020, Fenn publicly announced that “the search is over.”

“It was under a canopy of stars in the lush, forested vegetation of the Rocky Mountains and had not moved from the spot where I hid it more than 10 years ago,” said Fenn on his website. “I do not know the person who found it, but the poem in my book led him to the precise spot.”