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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 in the hobby last month. 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.

We just returned from 2 events. The first was Treasure Week. It was a little down from previous years but still a fun time. We were missing a few regulars but picked up some new people. A highlight of this year was a Civil War relic hunt. This was an extra fee added event that was put on by Terry Smith from Texas. There were hundreds of bullets buried along with some eagle buttons and prize tokens. Also buried in the field was a 6 lb solid shot cannonball. That was dug by Gary Manning. Tokens were good for Civil War era bottles, books, and various relics and cases of relics. There were many nice buttons, some better bullets, a US plate, a spur a large artillery shell, and even the top prizes of a metal detector and a sword. The sword was won by Bill Hayes. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

FMDAC day was Sunday the second day. This year we cosponsored the day with American Digger Magazine. Publisher Butch Holcombe was hoping to make it but had to bow out due to the virus concerns and travel restrictions. He is planning on it for 2021. We did not go with prizes that day. All funds went into silver in the field. Along with most of the money that came in from the raffles. We gave it right back to the participants.

Treasure Week lost another sponsor this year with the demise of Whites Electronics. Last year we lost Tesoro. Hopefully other sponsors will be found to take their place.

After treasure week I ventured to Tennessee for the American Digger Civil War relic show. We had the same number of tables as last year however attendance was down a bit. That did not affect the sales as many dealers reported high sales. Those in attendance went there to buy. This was the first show since early February and others have already been cancelled moving forward. We are very happy that we were able to hold it. We had to jump through a few hoops to do it but were determined to make it happen.

A reminder that this is election year for the 4 national officers. President, VP, secretary and treasurer are up for grabs. You must have previously held a position in the organization in order to run for any of those four. If you are interested in running then a club must submit a letter of nomination. If you are an independent member then you can submit yourself. It must reach Bill Hayes by September 15 at 585 Fulla Lane, Heath, Ohio 43056. After that we will send out ballots if necessary. This is your chance to step up and work for the hobby. Next year will be the elections for the regional offices which do not require any prior experience.

While at Treasure week we finally were able to get Sue Race on the treasury account. We encountered a snag in that she had to appear in person. So there was a bank branch near New Stanton, PA. She has now taken over the treasury so direct all treasury related business to her.

The last item on the list is that we are still hoping to have the Northern Region open hunt. It is scheduled for the last weekend of August at Beaver Meadow Campground in Java Center, NY. However we have hit a snag

### South Region: **Art Di Filippo**

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

in that New York state has become really ridiculous with travel restrictions. At this time there are 34 states plus Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico on a quarantine list. Add in that the Canadian border is closed until the week before which could be extended. We are watching it right now and will make a decision shortly.

This is a real messed up year. Hopefully we will wake up soon and find out it was all just a bad dream. Until then get out and recover some history.

**Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President**

### Hobby Related News

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

- Man searching for brass clip lost on Melbourne Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Jeweller Hides A Million Dollars Worth Of Treasure Around City For Quest. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology breakthrough: Divers 'literally shaking' at shipwreck treasure worth millions. [Article Link](#)
- A piece of Brookings on the battlefield. [Article Link](#)
- Striking gold! Amateur metal detector finds FOURTEEN extremely valuable coins on her FIRST hunt - and they could be worth thousands of dollars. [Article Link](#)
- Man finds Haitian 'Phoenix Button' from 1800s on Washington state beach. [Article Link](#)
- Locals lead gold prospecting association. [Article Link](#)

#### U.K. News

- Oxfordshire is a top county for finding buried treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology map pinpoints the BEST places in the UK to find buried treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology bombshell: Researchers stunned by 'perfect' £300million shipwreck treasure. [Article Link](#)
- CLA calls for responsible metal detecting following arrest and asks people to report any illegal activity. [Article Link](#)
- Crews return to Brean beach after metal detector enthusiast finds WW2 explosive. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters find a trove of artefacts buried in their gardens after searching for valuables in the back yard during lockdown. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology breakthrough: Researchers left 'speechless' by 'magical' Iron Age treasure. [Article Link](#)
- UK watchdog unveils project to set up school for treasure hunters. [Article Link](#)
- Viking Trading Place Discovered In Norway By Student Archaeologist. [Article Link](#)
- Norwegian Metal Detector Buff Makes Important Finds That Shed New Light on Viking History. [Article Link](#)
- Man arrested after alleged illegal metal detecting along Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeological discoveries made by the public reach 1.5 million. [Article Link](#)
- 'It's anyone's guess as to what it was doing there' - 7 treasures discovered in Suffolk and Norfolk. [Article Link](#)
- How amateur archaeologists 'hit jackpot' finding huge hoard of coins worth millions. [Article Link](#)
- Medieval Pope's seal discovered in Shropshire. [Article Link](#)
- Excavators pretended to be from water board to trick their way into cricket club, members say. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector group unearths Roman coins at racecourse. [Article Link](#)
- Theatre star stunned after ancient find with metal detector in Ayrshire. [Article Link](#)
- Historic England thefts: Four held over artefacts taken from protected sites. [Article Link](#), [2nd Article](#)

#### Jewelry Returns

- Kennebunkport beachcombers retrieve slippery wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Good news: Staten Island man helps recover lost chain in ocean. [Article Link](#)
- Detectorist reunites Colchester soldier with ring lost in River Stour. [Article Link](#)
- 'Elation' as metal detecting man finds couple's missing wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector hobbyist helps woman recover heirloom necklace on Logan River Trail. [Article Link](#)
- Scuba diver, metal detector hobbyist find lost ring in Iowa lake. [Article Link](#)

#### Other Media 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. [July 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. [July Pod Cast Link](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [July News](#)
- **Garrett Searcher July Issue**
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [July News](#)
- **Minelab July Newsletter**
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ) July 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. [July News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society August Newsletter**

#### North America Archaeology News

- Humans reached the Americas 11,000 years earlier than previously thought, archaeologists discover. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists date earliest known occupation of North America. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists find new evidence of early St. Croix River residents. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology ongoing at the Vann House and Spring place Moravian Mission. [Article Link](#)
- Excavations to Resume for 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Graves. [Article Link](#)

- A newlyweds' happy ending: Metal-detecting team finds wedding ring at bottom of Lake Manawa. [W.W. Meteorite News Article Link](#)
- Student reunited with grandfather's ring lost in lake - thanks to underwater metal detectorists. [Article Link](#)
- Woman is reunited with her engagement ring thanks to a group of treasure hunters. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detecting team saves the day, finds lost wedding ring at the beach. [Article Link](#)
- Auckland surfers lost wedding ring found by local after washing up on Orewa Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Social-media mystery solved: Woman reunited with missing 1968 Parsippany HS class ring. [Article Link](#)
- How underwater hunters found precious family heirloom lost in Colwick Country Park lake. [Article Link](#)
- Merman Mike' finds lost \$17,000 ring in Sacramento River. [Article Link](#)
- Largest meteorite in Germany discovered after sitting for decades in garden. [Article Link](#)
- Asteroid news: Huge fireball shoots across US - 'It was massive'. [Article Link](#)
- Huge alien rock trawled from sea off Devon coast may be a meteorite. [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.

#### Other Hobby Related 2020 Show Calendars

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

- **August 08, 2020** (Two Days)  
Duryea, Pennsylvania  
37th Annual Black Diamond Treasure Hunt  
Black Diamond Treasure Hunters Club
- **August 15, 2020** (Two Days)  
New Concord, Ohio  
41st Annual Buckeye Championship Treasure Hunt  
Sponsored by Don & Bill Hayes
- **August 21, 2010** (One Night)  
Cisco, Texas  
Gray Ghost Nite Hunt  
Southwestern Treasures

- **August 25, 2020** (Three days)  
Athens, Michigan  
2020 Swing Dancing Detector Hunts  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **August 29, 2020** (Two Days)  
Java Center, New York  
FMDAC Northern Chapter Open Hunt  
Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeology Clubs

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

#### Archaeological discoveries made by the public reach 1.5 million by Laura Chesters [Antiques Trade Gazette](#)

According to the museum, the item that has been recorded as its 1.5 millionth find is a medieval lead papal bulla (a seal for authorising papal documents, such as edicts and indulgencies) of Pope Innocent IV (r.1243-54), that was found in Shropshire.

The items found by the public range from coin hoards to single items such as brooches.

The oldest items include prehistoric-worked flint from 700,000 years ago and the youngest include 20th-century military badges.

The museum said the 'front line' of the scheme in England is its network of 40 Finds Liaison Officers (FLOs) who are archaeologists trained to identify and record finds. They are all locally based covering the whole country, employed within museums and other heritage organisations, but overseen by the British Museum.

During the lockdown due to coronavirus metal-detecting and archaeology was predominantly prohibited so officers worked on the backlog of finds.

Michael Lewis, head of PAS and Treasure at the British Museum, said: "There is no doubt that these finds have transformed our understanding of the history and archaeology of England and Wales, and that of Britain more generally. Some of these items are spectacular and are finds of a lifetime. But even the smallest and most modest items offer clues about our history, so we encourage everyone who makes a find to continue to come forward."

Hartwig Fischer, director of the British Museum, said "1.5 million finds is an historic milestone for the Portable Antiquities Scheme, and the British Museum wishes to thank everyone who has voluntarily come forward to record their discoveries so we can all learn more about our shared past.

The Treasure Act came into law in 1996 and The British Museum's Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS)(delete) PAS was set up in 1997 so that archaeological objects found by the public can be voluntarily recorded.

#### UK watchdog unveils project to set up school for treasure hunter by Author IANS, [TELANGANA PUBLICATIONS PVT. LTD](#)

The new training and education organisation for metal detectorists is set to promote best practice when enthusiasts head out in search of buried treasure.

London: Historic England, the UK's cultural watchdog, has unveiled its 50,000-pound (\$62,840) project to explore setting up a new official school for treasure hunters.

The new training and education organisation for metal detectorists is set to promote best practice when enthusiasts head out in search of buried treasure, reports Xinhua news agency.

Working with archaeologist institute of detectorists and others in the heritage sector, the proposed aims to provide training opportunities to promote responsible metal detecting and examine how metal detecting has been beneficial in the investigation of archaeological sites and landscapes.

On Saturday, metal detectorist Keith Westcott, who is behind the project, said the aim of this project is to establish a not-for-profit research and educational body for detectorists.

"This body would promote responsible metal detecting as a technique that contributes to the understanding, conservation and protection of the historic environment," he said.

Historic England is an executive non-departmental public body of the UK government sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Unless an object is defined as Treasure (under the Treasure Act), finders have no legal obligation to report them, but have been doing so voluntarily. The PAS scheme was extended in 2003 across the whole of England and Wales (thanks to a Heritage Lottery Fund grant).

It is tasked with protecting the historic environment of England by preserving and listing historic buildings, scheduling ancient monuments, registering historic Parks and Gardens and by advising central and local government.

The vast majority of these archaeological items have been discovered by metal detectorists and there has been a surge in the number of amateur treasure hunters using metal-detectors in recent years.

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## AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

### BEAVER MEADOW CAMPGROUND

1455 Beaver Meadow Road, Java Center NY 14082

## 3 HUNTS A Day

Saturday		Sunday	
8:30-9:30	Registration	8:00-9:00	Registration
10:00-11:00	Fun Hunt	9:00-10:00	Fun Hunt
11:00-12:00	Seminar	10:00-11:00	Silver & Tokens
12:00-1:30	Lunch-Pizza	11:30-12:00	Raffle Draws
1:30-2:30	Silver & Tokens	12:00-1:00	Main Hunt
2:30-3:00	Raffle Draws		
3:00-4:00	Main Hunt		
6:00	Dinner		
9:00	Night Hunt		

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