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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 All.

Its mid-summer now and I hope everyone is getting out and making some stunning finds. Or at least finding something. With the strange weather we have been having the ground has been either too wet or too dry. So please adapt your hunting to the conditions. Realize that if the ground is dry then you need to stick to non-grass areas as digging in a lawn will kill the grass.

The kick off of our target recovery program took place at treasure week. I learned a lot of how to conduct it in the future and now have 4 requests to do the course. As each one is set up we will let you know and post it on the internet.

I want to take a time out from the detecting scene and make mention of an individual I just met. While at the American Digger Civil War relic show and sale in Chattanooga this past weekend I saw a man sitting behind a table with these words on his hat. WW II kamikaze survivor. As a navy veteran myself I had to ask. The hat is right on the money. Phil Johnson was on the USS Saratoga at Iwo Jima. The ship was hammered by kamikaze and bomb attacks. Many died and many more were injured. The crew was able to keep the ship afloat and limped to Pearl Harbor. If you go on the internet you can see actual footage of the attacks on the Saratoga. It was an eerie feeling watching the clips knowing that I had just met and talked with a man who was on the receiving end.

We are losing our WW 2 veterans as a rapid rate. These men are truly American heroes. You can take all these sports "heroes" and all the other so called "heroes" that today's warped society has deemed worthy of that title and roll them up in a ball. That ball does not qualify to shine the shoes of a man like Phil Johnson. He knows what freedom is. He knows what freedom means. He knows what the flag represents. And he knows the cost of freedom as he experienced it first hand. It was an honor to meet him, shake his hand and have a picture with him.

I do not mean to take anything away from all veterans who fought in any wars or conflicts. All are deserving of our respect. If you see one of these men out in public then thank them. They deserve it.

If you are not aware of the Northern Region open hunt then please go to the website of face book page for the flyer. It will take place on Labor Day weekend in Chaffee, NY, southwest of Buffalo. Hope to see you there.

News

U.K. News

- Snorkeling For Gold: Man Spots U.K.'s Biggest Gold Nugget In Scottish River. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure found across Northern Ireland. [Article Link](#)
- Digging around in Old Buckenham. [Article Link](#)

Other News

- **American Mining Rights Assn** is not a gold club but rather an advocacy group for miners and public land users to preserve and maintain their rights as they pertain to access to their public lands. [July News](#)

South Region: **Art Di Filippo**
California, Hawaii, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida

- No smoking, drone-flying, treasure-hunting, staying out late at Windsor parks. [Article Link](#)
- Shropshire coroner declares Wem Roman brooch find as 'treasure'. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting: how much can you make? [Article Link](#)
- Finding out about issues surrounding metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- European police seize 25,000 trafficked ancient finds. [Article Link](#)
- French couple ordered to return gold found in garden. [Article Link](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [July News](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors** Début at the 2018 Fire Department Instructors Conference. [July Press Release](#)
- **Lost Treasure E-Magazine** [July Issue](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [August Newsletter](#)

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Metal detecting club fears end to digging in Windsor parks. [Article Link](#)
- A ring that went missing in Virginia Beach 21 years ago was just found in the Chesapeake Bay. [Article Link](#)
- The forgotten graves of soldiers killed 157 years ago, during the oppressively hot Battle of Blackburn's Ford. [Article Link](#)
- WWII dog tags returned to Daytona Beach family after 70 years. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting tips for beginners. [Article Link](#)
- Racing legend Larry Perkins swaps racetrack for outback and returns with buried treasure. [Article Link](#)
- 1955 class ring found, looking for owner. [Article Link](#)
- Buried treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Rare finds buried no more, but still treasured, says N.L. metal-detecting enthusiast. [Article Link](#)
- Pennsylvania man cited for actions in pursuit of Fenn loot. [Article Link](#)
- A different kind of fishing. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectors find treasures, trash and everything in between at local beaches. [Article Link](#)
- Amateur treasure hunter finds ring off House of Refuge. [Article Link](#)
- News10NBC's investigative series "Treasure Hunt". [Article Link](#)
- Time capsule finally unearthed at Claypool Primary School. [Article Link](#)
- Waynesboro man uses his metal detector to find hidden treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting provides insight into the past. [Article Link](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Found under Rochester tree, Class of 1953 ESU ring returned to granddaughters. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunter finds lost wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- 'Local love' finds lost ring. [Article Link](#)
- Boy's metal detector finds lost wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Ring Reunion: Tyler man reunited with class ring after nearly 50 years. [Article Link](#)
- Hobbyist finds owner of lost Tyler high school class ring after 40 years. [Article Link](#)
- Never ever swim in the ocean with your jewelry. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Archaeologists Come to Eckley to Study Our Past. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists, students dig in at Quartz Lake. [Article Link](#)
- UWF archaeology students explore Civil War history in Chimney Park dig. [Article Link](#)
- Washington family donates archaeological materials. [Article Link](#)
- Why the Revolutionary War battlefield in Beaufort has never been preserved. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Nautilus Expedition Recovers Possible Seafloor Meteorites. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite Hunters Find Remains of Last Month's Botswana Fireball. [Article Link](#)
- Two meteorite-like objects fall from sky in Muzaffarnagar village. [Article Link](#)
- Chicago area teens build device to search Lake Michigan for meteorites. [Article Link](#)

Hunt Events and Shows

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2018/19 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 Show Calendars

- [Antique Bottle Show](#)
- [Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors](#)
- [Coin Shows](#)
- [Numismaster Coin Shows](#)
- [Insulator Shows](#)

- **August 04, 2018** (One Day)
Orting, Washington
Lenny Phay Memorial Hunt
Puget Sound Treasure Hunters Club
- **August 11, 2018** (One Day)
Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania
35th Annual Black Diamond Treasure Hunt
Black Diamond Treasure Hunters Club
- **August 18, 2018** (Two Days)
Oglesby, Illinois
IVHRRRA National Treasure Hunt
- **August 18, 2018** (Two Days)
New Concord, Ohio
39th Annual Buckeye Hunt
Sponsored by Don & Bill Hayes
- **August 18, 2018** (Two Days)
Sonora, California
2018 Gold & Outdoor Festival
Delta Gold Diggers
- **August 24, 2018** (Three Days)
Liberty, Washington
2018 Resources Coalition NW
Miners Rally
- **August 29, 2017** (Five Days)
Loudmine, Georgia

- [CFMS Society & Club Shows](#)
- [Club-Sponsored Mineral Shows](#)

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Windsor Star, Windsor, Ontario

Metal detecting club fears end to digging in Windsor parks

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Metal detecting club digs local parks

Windsor Star, Mary Caton

July 24, 2018

City administration is looking for a way to regulate local treasure hunters who wander through Windsor parks with metal detectors and trowels.

In approving several changes to the parks bylaw Monday, council instructed administration to meet with metal detecting enthusiasts to develop a new permit process.

Jan Wilson, the city's corporate leader for parks, recreation and culture and facilities, said there have been instances where hunters have left gaping holes in sports fields after a dig.

"Our own staff have found them," Wilson said. "Workers doing field maintenance have found some in the middle of our sports fields and that could present a challenge or an injury risk."

Jack Lewis, the president of the Sunparlour Treasure Seekers, said members of his club follow a universal code of etiquette that calls for "minimally invasive" retrieval of buried objects.

"There is a proper way to retrieve targets," said Lewis who appeared before council Monday, fearing the city might impose an outright ban on his favourite hobby.

Sunparlour Treasure Seekers have been around since 1983 and presently the group has approximately 24 members.

"We are completely willing to work with the city to come to an agreement," said Lewis, who suspects the damage found by maintenance staff was done by "someone who went to a hardware store and bought a detector and a garden shovel."

In previous years, those wishing to hunt for treasure in city parks applied for a generic letter of permission.

Lewis said he knew change was afoot when last year's letter came out late and with amendments.

Normally, Sunparlour Treasure Seekers will head to city hall in February to obtain permission to hunt for items from March through November.

Last year's letter wasn't available until May and had added heritage parks such as Willistead, Jackson, Reaume and Tall Grass Prairie to the list of off limit areas.

Sports fields, public areas of archaeological significance and certain premiere parks are also listed as off limits.

No letter of permission was issued for 2018 and after repeated calls to the parks department, Lewis was told staff were recommending changes to the bylaw and that a ban on all metal detecting in public parks was a possibility.

Wilson said Tuesday "we are going to meet with them to develop a new permit process for this activity. I don't have any preconceived plan for what exactly it will look like. I'm open to discussion with the group."

Lewis told council how members help police and the public at large by finding dangerous objects, items of crime or valuable pieces.

Part of the universal code for hunters is to make every effort to return found property to its rightful owner.

Two years ago, Lewis found a set of police-issued handcuffs that had been cut off and discarded in a park. He turned them in to authorities.

He and other hunters often find and remove discarded needles.

With no letter of permission for this season, members have been travelling to parks and public areas in the county to search for treasure but for some of the club's older hunters, a long commute is not ideal.

"They want to go to a park that's close to home," Lewis said. "Windsor has some fascinating parks, I know it's been a bummer for me and a lot of members."

He said hunting with a metal detector is "a great way to unwind, get outside and get some exercise."

He loves finding an item and pondering its history.

"It's really fascinating," he said. "You name it and people have been losing it for years, pocket change, junk, jewellery. You pull it up and wonder what the story is."