

# Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Clubs Inc.

## FMDAC News Gram

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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.

### News

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

- Gold discovered in 150-year-old sunken ship will be on display at Long Beach Convention Center. [Article Link](#)
- Million dollar Lincoln error stuns hobby. [Article Link](#)
- Prospecting club donates \$5,500 to Kids Food Pak program. [Article Link](#)
- Exploring Tokens & Medals Through the Eyes of a Longtime Coin Collector. [Article Link](#)
- Hoping for a return of lost wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Medieval cross found on The Curse of Oak Island 'could end up rewriting history'. [Article Link](#)
- Jean turns metal detector hobby into service. [Article Link](#)
- Lost Ring? Call Ringfinder. [Article Link](#)
- Praying For Luck With A Metal Detector. [Article Link](#)
- One of the Biggest Diamonds in History Has Just Been Dug Up. [Article Link](#)
- The Curse of Oak Island discovery could be 'biggest ever' in treasure hunt's history. [Article Link](#)
- CES – Use Your iPhone With a Bluetooth Metal Detector. [Article Link](#)

#### U.K. News

- Sixpence for you thoughts: Shropshire detectorist unearths rare coins. [Article Link](#)
- Medieval bishop's ring found by detectorist sells at auction for £7100. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectors banned from Bristol parks after children's playground targeted. [Article Link](#)
- 'I cannot express my gratitude enough' - Mackenzie Crook said making Detectorists in 'beautiful Framlingham' will be remembered as 'happy times. [Article Link](#)
- A pin, two grots and the find of a lifetime. [Article Link](#)
- Mystery surrounds discovery of holes in the West End of Newcastle. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting banned in park. [Article Link](#)

#### Other News

- **American Mining Rights Association** 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. [January News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [January News](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors F.D.N.Y.** Rescue Operations Scuba Unit [February Press Release](#)
- **Lost Treasure E-Magazine January Issue**
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [December News](#)
- **White's Discover** [February Magazine](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [February Newsletter](#)

#### Jewelry Returns

- Man Finds A Working iPhone 6 Plus Underwater And Tracks Down The Owner. [Article Link](#)
- Sands of war return a relic: Carrollwood man's dog tag. [Article Link](#)
- Nico Bellamy Finds Stolen Ring in Time to Propose. [Article Link](#)
- Miracle find: Wedding ring recovered on Northland beach returned to UK owner. [Article Link](#)
- World War II dog tag is back with Battle of Bulge survivor 73 years later. [Article](#)

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

- Man finds rare £4,000 Saxon coin with metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector enthusiast makes find of her life when digging up 2,000-year-old 'treasure'. [Article Link](#)
- Local historian finds rare artifact linked to Abraham Lincoln. [Article Link](#)
- Lucky find gives archeologists glimpse into early hunting technology in Yukon. [Article Link](#)
- Coastal Waters Threaten Florida's Historic Resource s. [Article Link](#)
- Massive Napa archaeological dig continues at future hotel site. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient Sunken Warship, Steamboat and Lighthouse Discovered off Coast of Mexico. [Article Link](#)

**W.W. Meteorite News**

- Meteorite Hunters Recover Fragments of Fireball That Exploded Over Michigan. [Article Link](#)
- Hunt on for spec of space rock that shook Michigan. [Article Link](#)
- Mystery solved? Iron meteorite throne in PYRAMID was made to take Pharaoh to the stars. [Article Link](#)
- Yes, We Can Survive A Deadly Asteroid Impact Just As Our Early Ancestors Did . [Article Link](#)
- Stargazers stunned by New Year's Eve meteor - see their videos and pictures. [Article Link](#)

**Mark Schuessler, President's Message**

If you have not visited the website recently then you have missed the expanded events calendar. You will find a compilation of hunts around the country along with gold shows and even Civil war shows. You can see an abbreviated version on this newgram from which you can access the full version. This is being provided by Lee Weise and his Metal Detecting Hobby Talk website. Lee is the guy responsible for putting together the newsgram you are reading. We thank Lee for both of these endeavors.

This month the hobby lost another veteran member. This man was close to the officers of the FMDAC. Carl McFeeders of Bolivar, OH passed away on January 13. Carl was a fixture at a lot of hunts in the general Ohio area for decades. Carl, along with his wife Jill travelled all around the Midwest, into New England and to the south to hunts. He was a quite a competitor also. Winning and placing high in competitions. Although he retired from that aspect a number of years back. Carl and Jill were founders of the Silverseekers club of which Carl was the president and Jill secretary/treasurer for a looooooong time. Jill was also our FMDAC treasurer for at least a decade. They were both always there to help out whenever they could. I am pretty certain that I speak for everyone when I say that Carl's presence will be missed. Here is a link to his [obituary](#).

In honor of Carl we have donated a book to the Bolivar, OH library in his name. Of course we chose a metal detecting related book. The new relic book "Discovering Virginias Colonial Artifacts" by Bill Dancy has been sent to the library. If you are wondering why we chose a book on Virginia to go to Ohio it's because the information in general in this book applies to anywhere in the country. Rest in Peace Carl.

**More News**

**Detectorists has returned for third and final series. The first two season can be found on Netflix.**

- Season Number Three
- [Episode One Video Link](#)
- [Episode Two Video Link](#)
- [Episode Three Video Link](#)
- [Episode Four Video Link](#)
- [Episode Five Video Link](#)
- [Episode Six Video Link](#) Final Episode

**PLP Press Release**

Yes, you read that right. RINEHART WINS! Although the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), denied Mr. Rinehart's petition to review the Supreme court of California's decision in his case; we have to admit, if the small mining community had 99 more Mr. Rineharts, we could really make a difference! Here is a man who for the last 6 years has stood up for his rights under federal law regardless of what the outcome might be. We must thank Mr. Rinehart for his commitment and for setting an example for everyone. That is a WIN! Unfortunately, Mr. Rinehart and all of us who have supported him are dealing with a very corrupt legal system in California (in our opinion), and we believe the SCOTUS might want Congressional clarification on the Federal preemption on Federally managed lands. So far, our high-level contacts in Washington D.C. and the Trump administration know of this problem, and are looking for a legislative solution that has not reached a consensus at the moment. The recent executive order that President Trump signed ([https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2017minerals\\_eo\\_.pdf](https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/2017minerals_eo_.pdf)), that MMAC/PLP had a hand in assisting in is a good first step in dealing with this problem. [Read More](#)

**Hunts 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](#)
- [CFMS Society & Club Shows](#)

- February 09, 2018 (Three Days) Quartzsite, Arizona Quartzsite Gold Show
- **February 17, 2018** (Two Days) Monroe, Washington 2018 Gold, Gem & Mineral Show Washington Prospectors Mining Association
- **February 18, 2018** (Two Days) Tucson, Arizona 2018 Gold & Treasure Show GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- February 24, 2018 (One Day) Galveston, Texas All Token Hunt TEXAS ASSN OF METAL DETECTING CLUBS
- **February 24, 2018** Event: (One Day) Galveston, Texas 36th Annual Open Beach Hunt Houston Archeology Recovery Clubs (HARC)
- **February 24, 2018** (Two Days) Pomona, California 2018 Gold & Treasure Show GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of

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- [Club-Sponsored Mineral Shows](#)

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