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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.

With the new year upon us we at the FMDAC wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year. We hope it is filled with amazing finds. This is the time of year when many of us have had to mothball our detectors due to the weather and ground conditions. This is the time to take up your research efforts to find some new and promising sites. If you are searching the same old sites and wondering why you are not finding much then its time to hit the books.

Research can take on many forms. The simplest of which is just talking to people. At parties, community events, your other regular activities, any place there are a couple or a hindered people are potential gold mines of information. It is especially advantageous if the some of the people there are known to you as acquaintances. That is at least a small "in" that you can take advantage of. Some of them will know others in attendance and that could give you another "in". Work into your conversations that you like history and like searching for it. Wear a detecting hat or shirt. People will ask about it. There are sites out there you just have to go after them.

I will bet that many of you have friends and even relatives who live in older homes and you have yet to search their lawns. Make a list of all your friends and relatives. Include all the extended family, the aunts and uncles and great ones if you are young enough to have some still living. All the 2nd and 3rd cousins and nieces and nephews. Now cross off those you have searched. Cross off the apartments and new homes. What you have left are your new sites. Now wasn't that easy!

Now for a caution if you are traveling to the Caribbean. The island nations of Jamaica and Antigua are now off limits to detecting. So leave your detectors home or on the cruise ships. No new laws have been passed that I could find. In Antigua the Cabinet has made statements that the use of a metal detector is no longer allowed. That includes resort beaches. They are utilizing the historical and cultural theft angle without passing a law.

In Jamaica they have banned the "import" of detectors. Metal detectors have shown up on a customs poster of prohibited items right along with guns, explosives and other such "dangerous" items. Nowhere does it actually state that you cannot use one in Jamaica. At least not that I have found but you can no longer take one into the country.

Like it or not that is the way it is. Although there may not be an actual law I would not want to test it. Sitting in a foreign jail along with the ramifications and expense of it is not my idea of a vacation.

Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President

[Jewelry Returns](#)

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

- Tyler police officer helps find missing Aggie ring, owner grateful for assistance. [Article Link](#)
- Forster's Nick Richards uses metal detector to find diamond ring at Merewether. [Article Link](#)
- Lost class ring found in Janesville, returned to owner after 26 years. [Article Link](#)
- A ruby in the rough: Parkview graduate reunited with class ring 26 years after losing it. [Article Link](#)
- Missing wedding ring found at festival site after four years. [Article Link](#)
- Lost \$23,000 rings recovered. [Article Link](#)
- Engagement ring lost at Belmont 5K, found at Christmas Parade. [Article Link](#)
- Missing wedding ring found four years later. [Article Link](#)
- Couple's wedding rings made of 4.5 billion-year-old meteorite found in Hamburg Township. [Article Link](#)

Hobby Related News

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Carter County Treasure: Looking for Mr. Sprinkle's silver. [Article Link](#)
- Lead cross found on The Curse of Oak Island 'could be most historic find in North America'. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters sought alleged 'copper ship' worth millions. [Article Link](#)
- Detecting History Gateway Metal Detecting Club treasures giving back to the community. [Article Link](#)
- La Salle County metal detector group finds buried, lost items. [Article Link](#)
- Simcoe County treasure hunter unearths 'priceless' piece of history. [Article Link](#)
- Rio History: Research and Treasure Hunting. [Article Link](#)
- Orillia YouTuber finds historical brass railway spike at Front Street station. [Article Link](#)
- 10 Most Valuable Treasures Ever Found (Part III). [Article Link](#)
- The Curse of Oak Island Season 6 Episode 4: Recap. [Article Link](#)
- Rare gold coins found in Israeli city of Caesarea. [Article Link](#)
- NYPD to return British couple's engagement ring lost after proposal. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunting at Rocky Neck. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Statuette Kept in a Margarine Tub for Years Turns out to be Ancient Roman Artifact. [Article Link](#)
- Well-Preserved 3,000-Year-Old Pre-Viking Sword Unearthed in Denmark is Still Sharp. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detecting Brothers Unearth Ancient Roman Coins in Belgium. [Article Link](#)
- Roman Minerva statue in margarine tub among discovered treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Winfarthing treasure on national award short list. [Article Link](#)
- Metal-detecting trend boosts 'treasure' discoveries as numbers hit a record for second year running. [Article Link](#)
- Ashley Revell who inspired Simon Cowell's Red or Black? ITV show finds Bronze Age hoard in Elham. [Article Link](#)
- Norfolk treasure named Britain's favourite new museum artefact. [Article Link](#)
- Bronze Age gold, silver medieval charms and Tudor finery - the historical treasures unearthed in Cornwall this year. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient ring found by TV-inspired metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Dorset metal detecting club raises money for local hospice. [Article Link](#)
- Five treasures 'buried' around Grimsby from Crown jewels to Nazi weapons. [Article Link](#)
- Is Norfolk treasure the best in Britain? [Article Link](#)
- Man discovers Roman silver ring after 15 years of looking for treasure. [Article Link](#)
- THE latest hoard of ancient 'treasure' found in the county has been unveiled including Roman and Medieval jewellery. [Article Link](#)

Other News Sources

- **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. [December News](#) , [Newsletter](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [November News](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [December News](#)
- **PLP -Public Lands for the People** [December Newsletter](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [January Newsletter](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Archaeology Group: Work on Property Endangering Artifacts. [Article Link](#)
- Underwater archaeologists research boats that sank in Lake Minnetonka. [Article Link](#)
- The Most Amazing Historical Discoveries of 2018. [Article Link](#)
- Trash Dump Yields Clues About Colorado Springs Founder. [Article Link](#)
- The Archaeology Of Outer Space. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Massive landslide that blocked a riverbed and formed a mound 500ft high in Russia 'was caused by a METEORITE or massive BOMB' locals claim. [Article Link](#)
- Boom! goes the meteor, across Minnesota. [Article Link](#)
- Meteor seen across the state on Wednesday night. [Article Link](#)
- Meteor lights up the sky over Mexico City. [Article Link](#)
- Curiosity to study possible meteorite on Mars surface. [Article Link](#)
- MARTIAN MYSTERY Nasa's Mars curiosity rover finds shiny 'golden' rock on red planet. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite warning: ASTONISHING moment blue FIREBALL rips through sky. [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 2019 Show Calendars

- [Antique Bottle Show](#)
- [Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors](#)
- [Coin Shows](#)
- [Numismaster Coin Shows](#)
- [Insulator Shows](#)
- [CFMS Society & Club Shows](#)
- [Club-Sponsored Mineral Shows](#)

- **January 06, 2019** (One Day)
Belmar, New Jersey
2019 Cabin Fever Hunt
East Coast Research and Discovery Assn

[Select here to View
the Complete Event Details for October](#)

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December 2018 PLP Newsletter

PLP's Trump Card [Article Link](#)

Shhhhhhh... Don't tell anyone but do you know what happens when dredge protests fail, fines are paid on unreasonable regulations and when the courts are not in your favor? Legislation- not ordinary legislation but must-pass legislation for budget and national security reasons. Fortunately, PLP along with the National Mining Association placed mining for the very first time in history (signed into law by President Trump August 13, 2018) so that the needs of the miners are a matter of national security under the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Previously on December 20, 2017 PLP and the USGS were instrumental in having President Trump sign executive order #13817 requiring the federal government to develop and implement a strategy to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign sources for critical and strategic minerals and metals.

PLP's work in D.C. is starting to pay off - at the Presidential level, and the agency level through direct communication on the sound premise that domestic mining regulatory relief needs are a matter of national security. President Trump in signing executive orders such as #13771, #13777 and #13817 all move the federal agencies to provide the mining community the needed regulatory relief utilizing PLP's supplied legal research, ICMJ supplied miners complaint letters, and the experience supplied at the right time and place to the top decision makers and their writers.

We are making incremental steps implementing PLP's Small Miner Amendments through our influence at the Executive order level, the agency rulemaking level and the Congressional level through the NDAA. Rest assured, the foundations PLP are laying along with our property rights allies, are being laid regardless of the fighting between President Trump, the Democrats or the Republicans.

ellow Miners and Patriots, if you are going to be part of the continuing effort to repeal duplicative regulations, join or renew your PLP Membership now to keep our gains moving forward and receive the...drum roll please...

The first annual "Drain the Swamp" PLP Calendar
This nifty calendar has many important dates highlighted such as the dates President Trump signed key Executive Orders that help miners. You will also receive a PLP T-Shirt AND a book of 12 raffle tickets to our 2019 Grand Raffle!

Please join or renew now while quantities last at
www.PublicLandsForThePeople.org/join/

You can also order extra 2019 Grand Raffle tickets by calling 844.PLP.1990 (844.757.1990). We are offering many expensive prizes this year!

We are happy to report that the SCOTUS made a great ruling regarding private property rights and critical habitat designations where the USFWS had designated critical habitat for a frog that no longer existing in that area. We are happy with this ruling and are looking forward to many more common sense rulings from the SCOTUS in the future. For the SCOTUS ruling, [click here](#).

PLP is heading to D.C. again in early January, so please help us win the next round in getting regulatory relief for small scale miners, Join PLP or Renew today! With your support we can.....
"Take It Back And KEEP IT!"

Thank you!
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