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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.

Hope everyone is having a successful year of amazing finds. Or at least enough to keep you happy. Or maybe just getting out and swinging your detector and having a good time doing it. The thrill of the search and what may turn up in that very next dig is what keeps many of us going. The seasons are getting close to changing time and that means a long dry spell for many of us in the "cooler" states.

That's the time of year when you check out your equipment. Send your detector in for any repairs. That is also the time when you can clean up all your finds from the year. Research them and do your research for the following detecting season.

Another activity is to look at is to go through your trash box. That would be the box that you dump all your trash targets in after each hunt. I go through mine carefully. I have never gone through a box without finding something that I missed and thought was trash. Or something that got accidentally put in the trash pocket. I recently found a box of scrap metal from my early years of detecting that had not been opened in at least 20 years. I found many items in it that I would not toss aside now. I cannot figure out why I tossed them aside even then. Some items need a little more cleaning to tell what they are. That is something you may not do in the field or at least not enough to completely identify the item. If you do not do this then you could be throwing away some good items. I have many times observed people dump all the trash targets in a garbage can at the conclusion of a hunt. I cringe at that and wonder what they dumped over time.

There is an issue coming up in a southern state that I do not have any info on as of yet. Waiting for a phone call to fill me in. My belief is that divers are beginning to be harassed for retrieving items from rivers. This was settled sometime back with a state bill that became law. Apparently, it seems that maybe they found a loophole. A new bill may be getting crafted to correct the problem. That is my guess only. Will let everyone know when the details are clear and the time is right.

Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President

John Howard, FMDAC Treasurer Message

Hello All.

Just in case some of you want to host a seeded hunt, here are some tips.

First of all, you need a place to hold the hunt. I personally like a camp grounds with open fields. It gives the owners a little extra income, and the hunters that camp have a place to stay if they come from out of town. Make sure you go over the fields to locate and remove any metal trash.

Next, get your price figured, include the silver dimes, prizes, etc. Get the flyers out early enough so the hunters can plan for that date. Also get you requests out for donations to the manufactures and suppliers.

Plan on having some sort of food for the lunches, coffee, and water. If there are restaurants near by, you have to allow time between hunts for the hunters to go for lunch and get back.

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

Most manufactures that donate or sell at 50% off will want pictures, so have some one there to take pictures of the winners.

Make sure you have a committee to help, you can't do it all your self.

Good luck

John Howard, FMDAC Treasurer

Hobby Related News

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Get your holiday haul on a metal detecting trip. [Article Link](#)
- WA prospector finds \$110K gold nugget. [Article Link](#)
- A growing collection and collector. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure found on The Curse of Oak Island: Season 6 trailer reveals team find gold. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists celebrate spectacular discovery of Iron Age treasure. [Article Link](#)
- The Rogue River's lord of the ring. [Article Link](#)
- Detectorist demonstrates the art of the beach dig in La Jolla. [Article Link](#)
- Okie from Muskogee: Dunlap finds ways to enjoy life, work. [Article Link](#)
- Calgary metal detectorist seeks owner after digging up gold ring inscribed 'Audrie'. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure is buried beneath a Missouri field, but digging it up won't be easy. [Article Link](#)
- At pirate ship off Cape Cod, divers dodge sharks to find new treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Florida Man Looking For Owner of Fallen Soldier Bracelet. [Article Link](#)
- Unlikely duo finds treasure of friendship over metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Searching for buried treasure at Eureka Lake. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Get your holiday haul! Metal detecting holiday costing £1,500 offers guests the chance of finding ancient relics. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting could be banned for public spaces. [Article Link](#)
- Have Metal Detector, Will Travel. [Article Link](#)
- Hundreds of 1,500-year-old Roman gold coins found stuffed inside urn and buried beneath a cinema in Italy. [Article Link](#)
- Hidden treasures unearthed at Detectival 2018. [Article Link](#)
- A Very Good Doggo Just Found Incredible Bronze Age Treasure in Czechia. [Article Link](#)
- David strikes gold... and silver with discovery 3,000 years on. [Article Link](#)
- There's gold in them thar hills – or at least on Hjarð Islan. [Article Link](#)
- Meet the metal detectors finding lost valuables in Cornwall. [Article Link](#)
- Wrexham man finds Roman coins on farmland near Ellesmere. [Article Link](#)
- Post-medieval gold ring and silver cufflink found in Essex are declared treasure. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Fire Chief Finds Farm Hole in the Ground - Possible Meteorite. [Article Link](#)
- Down to earth: Vatican brings together world's meteorite curators. [Article Link](#)
- Space rock taken from Skye's ancient meteorite impact site. [Article Link](#)
- After meteor lights up Perth sky, hunt begins for meteorite that crashed to Earth. [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. [September News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [September News](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors** Add Clarity to Your Search with Side Scan Sonar [September Press Release](#)
- **Lost Treasure E-Magazine** [September Issue](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [September News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance Newsletter**
- **1715 Fleet Society** [October Newsletter](#)

Jewelry Returns

- Kuna man finds, returns 28-year lost class ring. [Article Link](#)
- Lost wedding ring discovered in 'chance in a million' find. [Article Link](#)
- Labor Day Lost and Found | Family Finds Lost Wedding Ring Buried Deep on Maine Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Class ring recovered from WWII crash scene in England is returned to gunner's son. [Article Link](#)
- Lost ring dug out of beach. [Article Link](#)
- Lost Wedding Ring Found. [Article Link](#)
- Lost medal returned after 37 years. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting group on Anglesey come to the rescue of dad who lost precious gold ring. [Article Link](#)
- Richard's thanks as community rallies to find lost wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Do-gooder with metal detector returns wedding ring lost on beach for more than a week. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Forest Service hiring for 1,000 spring and summer jobs. [Article Link](#)
- Wreck of Captain Cook's HMS Endeavour 'discovered' off US coast. [Article Link](#)
- Federal Grants Awarded to History, Archaeology Projects. [Article Link](#)
- Uncovering the Real Story Behind the 'East Bay Mystery Walls'. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology Center discovers vandalism at ancient sites. [Article Link](#)
- When is it OK For Archaeologists to Dig Up the Dead? [Article Link](#)
- Ancient remains discovered in Frio County. [Article Link](#)

- Hole responsible for space station leak caused by drill, not meteorite, Russia says. [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](#)
- [CFMS Society & Club Shows](#)
- [Club-Sponsored Mineral Shows](#)

- **October 06, 2018** (One Day)
Oregonian, Ohio
2018 Fall Treasure Hunt
Ohio Detectorists Assn (ODA)
- **October 06, 2018** (One Day)
Fort Worth, Texas
Satellite Hunt
Texas Asson of Metal Detecting Clubs
- **October 06, 2018** (One Day)
Milton, Massachusetts
2018 John Govoni Memorial Open Hunt
Massachusetts Treasure Hunting Assn

- **October 06, 2018** (One Day)
Long Branch, New Jersey
27th Annual Open Beach Treasure Hunt
Deep Search Metal Detecting Club
- **October 06, 2018** (One Day)
Fort Worth, Texas
34th Annual Fun Hunt
Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club
- **October 06, 2018** (One Day)
Cullman, Alabama
45th Annual Deep South Treasure Hunt (Members Only)
Warrior Basin Treasure Hunters Assn
- **October 07, 2018** (One Day)
Norwood, Ohio
44th Annual Open Fall Metal Detecting Hunt
Tristate Historical Research and Recovery Assn
- **October 13, 2018** (Two Days)
Antler, Oklahoma
2018 WWATS Rendezvous
WWATS - World Wide Assn of Treasurer Seekers

- **October 13, 2018** (One Day)
Brownwood, Texas
Annual Fall Open Competition Hunt
Central Texas Treasure Club
- **October 20, 2018** (Two Days)
Puyallup, Washington
BBedrock Gold Show
Bedrock Prospectors Clu
- **October 24, 2018** (Five Days)
Stanton, Arizona
2018 October Stanton Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **October 27, 2018** (One Day)
Lincoln Park, West Seattle, Washington
Moonlight Hunt
Cascade Treasure Hunters
- **October 27, 2018** (One Day)
Irving, Texas
44th Annual Open Hunt
Lone Star Treasure Club

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Metal detecting could be banned for public spaces. Henley Standard, South Oxfordshire U.K. [Article Link](#)

METAL detectorists could be banned from Henley's public spaces.

The town council is considering the move following complaints about the misuse of Freemans Meadow.

In one incident over the August bank holiday weekend a detectorist dug up a section of turf and then replaced it carelessly and the grass struggled to recover in the hot weather.

When he was approached by a resident, the man became aggressive and claimed to have been given permission by the council to search the area.

Tony May, a member of the Friends of Freemans Meadow committee, wrote to the council saying a ban on metal detecting was the best option as it was impossible for the council to monitor the area.

He said: "A lot of young children play in Freemans Meadow and the risk of tripping or incurring ankle injuries could be quite significant. One could also legitimately argue that metal detecting for financial gain hardly constitutes a leisure activity.

"The Friends are doing our best to help with improvements and general tidying up and we have asked for more frequent grass mowing to make the field as level as possible.

"We regard metal detecting as undermining our efforts and indeed those of the council, which have been appreciated."

Members of the council's recreation and amenities committee were divided over whether to ban detecting.