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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.**

It's time to conduct election of officers. All positions are open at this time. That would be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Northern Region Director, Central Region Director and Southern Region Director. Anyone interested in running for a position or nominating someone should send in a nomination letter. According to the by-laws it must be in writing.

This is your chance to step up and take a turn to work to protect the hobby. Any club or individual member can nominate an individual (including themselves) for an office by simply sending a signed nomination letter to Bill Hayes at 585 Fulla Lane, Heath, Ohio 43056. Bill has been appointed to collect the nominations.

The deadline for nominations is October 1, 2019. If we have any challengers then ballots will be sent out to all clubs and independent members.

Last month in the news gram you read about Washington Township in PA. They have ceased issuing detecting permits and voided any existing permits. The newspaper article that you read, although factually true, left out a few details. I did not, and never do settle for using a news article as the full story. I go to the source. A phone call to the township put me in touch with the man who has been charged with dealing with the situation.

It was not just due to artifacts not getting turned in. That was a part. There was also the fact that they have had a big increase in the number of people requesting permits. They do not have much of a policy governing the use of detectors and that has begun to cause problems. The biggest of them is that the "parks are getting dug up". In case you did not get that I will translate. There is a lot of sloppy target recovery going on including the use of shovels.

I had a pleasant conversation that culminated with an accepted offer to help them put together a new policy that would protect both the locality and the hobby. One that would not just suggest, but would insist on proper recovery techniques. What direction that takes will be determined. This is a case where the hobby has dodged one. They could very easily have banned the hobby from the public areas. At this point they are willing to work out a policy that will allow us to continue to pursue the hobby in the parks. One of them may end up off limits and that is due to people not following the rules. Let's hope that after this one is set up that it does not go that same route.

Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President

### [Ed Burke, FMDAC Vice President's Message](#)

**Hello Metal Detectorist.**

After over four decades involved in this fascinating hobby, I have come to truly appreciate the value of research. Whether you use archive newspapers, maps, or the internet, locating those long forgotten hotspots can prove to be quite rewarding. As rewarding as dedicated research is, sometimes pure luck can also prove beneficial.

### South Region: Art Di Filippo

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

Years ago, following a large winter storm, I headed to the New Jersey shore. Upon arrival, I immediately noticed the beach had suffered severe erosion. The entry ways had a several foot drop between the last step and the sand.

It was mid-morning and very clear and cold. I began working parallel to the water at the water's edge. I immediately began digging good targets. At the end of a 7 hour hunt, I had accumulated 3 three pieces of gold, a ring, beat up bangle bracelet, and a 31 g. Bangle. In addition, I had a handful of Indian heads, "V" and buffalo nickels.

The final tally on silver was over 60 pieces most of the were Washington quarters. Unbelievably, I dug no clad or memorial cents.

Perhaps we should factor weather reports into the research equation.

Ed Burke, FMDAC Vice President

### Hobby Related News

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

- Treasure Hunter, Trish Marlette, has some interesting finds. [Article Link](#)
- Diving for lost treasure: Couple finds phones, wedding rings in northern Arizona waters. [Article Link](#)
- Loveland treasure hunter detects with club for gold, history. [Article Link](#)
- Low water in Bayou St. John reveals treasures, trash. [Article Link](#)
- 3 Interesting Facts About Metal Detecting Hobby. [Article Link](#)
- Man receives father's long-lost dog tag. [Article Link](#)
- Time capsule hunt continues in Leominster. [Article Link](#)
- What lies at the bottom of lakes? Minnesota scuba diver has found a boatload of sunken treasures. [Article Link](#)
- Fort Plain Police issue warning to treasure hunters bringing metal detectors to historic site. [Article Link](#)
- Divers recover iPhone X from a lake. [Article Link](#)
- TSA returns confiscated bullet cartridge necklace to Marine Corps veteran. [Article Link](#)
- Pa. Historical Recovery Service to present Revolutionary War relics Monday. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting a growing hobby. [Article Link](#)
- Irvington woman finds wedding ring she lost while jogging. [Article Link](#)
- Finding what was lost: Columbus man metal detects to find old treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Going on a 'hunt' with a metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Bottle dropped into Bellport Bay in 1972 as science class experiment resurfaces. [Article Link](#)
- For metal detectors, buried treasure was just a beep away. [Article Link](#)
- Hedgesville group finds and displays Civil War relics. [Article Link](#)
- More than books on offer at local libraries. [Article Link](#)

### U.K. News

- Metal detectorists end up in hospital after accidentally eating cannabis cakes. [Article Link](#)
- Meet metal detecting enthusiast David. He's been scouring Bristol's countryside for 30 years. [Article Link](#)
- Metal-detecting couple find one of UK's largest ever treasure hoards after discovering 2,600 ancient coins worth around £5million. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds £10,000 gold ring in garage 40 years after discarding it as worthless. [Article Link](#)
- Hoard of ancient silver coins found at Prees is treasure. [Article Link](#)
- 'Spectacular' Bronze Age hoard found on land at Teesdale farm. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunting cop strikes gold TWICE with rare TWO-ionic knights find. [Article Link](#)
- Rare medieval brooch unearthed in field near Bromsgrove. [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. [Hour Long Programs](#)
- **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. [August News](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [Coin News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [August News](#)
- **GPPA August Newsletter**
- **Minelab August Newsletter**
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [August News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society September Newsletter**

### Jewelry Returns

- Social media sleuths help return lost bracelet — 75 years later. [Article Link](#)
- Family heirloom ring lost during swim found one year later. [Article Link](#)
- Social media reunites Glens Falls man with treasured school ring. [Article Link](#)
- 'Something told me that I could help': Stranger finds missing ring at Tobay Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Victoria man makes a hobby of reuniting owners with lost rings. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds lost engagement ring on Whitstable beach. [Article Link](#)
- Hampstead man reunites dog tag with vet's daughter. [Article Link](#)
- Man with metal detector finds lost wedding rings at Hampton Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Massachusetts woman reunited with wedding ring 10 days after losing it in the ocean at Hampton Beach. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist finds rings on beach in Hythe. [Article Link](#)

- Mudlarking by Lara Maiklem review – lost and found on the River Thames. [Article Link](#)
- 36 sceats buy a cow – rare medieval coin found in Limburg. [Article Link](#)
- Tamworth kids find safe while magnet fishing. [Article Link](#)
- Viking treasure hoard is the talk of the town. [Article Link](#)
- UK metal detectorist find, Roman gold solidus in London auction. [Article Link](#)
- Desperate appeal to find newlywed's sentimental ring. [Article Link](#)
- Bronze Age axe found in Bexhill. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters gold discovery will remain in Devon. [Article Link](#)
- Hoard of Roman coins and brooch found in Shropshire declared treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Braintree metal detecting club celebrates anniversary. [Article Link](#)

#### W.W. Meteorite News

- Asteroid and meteorite difference: NASA reveals how to distinguish space rocks. [Article Link](#)
- CAUGHT ON CAMERA: Fireball streaks across the Ozarks Sunday afternoon. [Article Link](#)
- Bright Fireball Explodes Over Ontario, Meteorite Fragments Might Have Reached the Ground. [Article Link](#)
- Calling all meteorite hunters! ROM wants your rocks. [Article Link](#)

- Stranger finds missing wedding ring thought to be lost for good at Jersey Shore. [Article Link](#)

#### North America Archaeology News

- Trove of archaeological ruins unearthed south of Durango. [Article Link](#)
- Digging Deeper in the Pines. [Article Link](#)
- Dig at Pa. ghost town unearths prehistoric past. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists Investigate The Alamo. [Article Link](#)
- Hermit's Cabin in Idaho Wilderness Restored. [Article Link](#)
- How Lasers Are Utterly Transforming Our Understanding of the Ancient Maya, Bringing Their Whole Civilization Back to Light. [Article Link](#)
- Digging for the (Arti)Facts. [Article Link](#)
- Satellites are transforming how archaeologists study the past. [Article Link](#)
- 'Passport in Time' doing archaeological excavations at Camp Au Train. [Article Link](#)

#### Hunt Events and Shows

##### Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2019/20 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](#)
- [Coin Shows](#)
- [Numismaster Coin Shows](#)
- [Insulator Shows](#)
- [CFMS Society & Club Shows](#)
- [Club-Sponsored Mineral Shows](#)

- **September 06, 2019** (Two Days)  
Penticton, British Columbia, Canada  
11th Annual Treasures in the Sand Open Hunt  
Okanagan Treasure Hunters

- **September 10, 2019** (Five Days)  
Columbia, California  
2019 Digger's Dirt Party: 5-Day Common Dig Outing at Italian Bar  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **September 14, 2019** (Two Days)  
Berea, Kentucky  
Moonshine Treasure Hunt (Open)
- **September 14, 2019** (One Day)  
Berne, New York  
49th Annual Club Hunt and Picnic  
Empire State Metal Detector Assn
- **September 15, 2019** (One Day)  
Lathrop, Missouri  
44th Annual Treasure Hunt  
Mo-Kan Search and Recovery Club
- **September 24, 2019** (Five Days)  
Scott Bar, California  
2019 Digger's Dirt Party: 5-Day Common Dig Outing at Scott River  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

- **September 28, 2019** (One Day)  
Norwood, Ohio  
45th Annual Open Fall Metal Detecting Hunt  
Tristate Historical Research and Recovery Assn
- **September 28, 2019** (One Day)  
Wantagh, New York  
45th Annual Club Hunt  
Atlantic Treasure Club
- **September 28, 2019** (One Day)  
Jones Beach Field 6, New York  
45th Annual Hunt  
Atlantic Treasure Club
- **September 28, 2019** (One Day)  
Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Washington  
By the Light of the Silvery Moon Hunt  
Olympic Peninsula Treasure Hunters

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#### Fort Plain Police issue warning to treasure hunters bringing metal detectors to historic site

[WTEN 10 ABC News](#) [Web Link](#)

FORT PLAIN, N.Y. (NEWS10) — Fort Plain Police say treasure seekers with metal detectors have been spotted at a local cemetery and historic site, and they are now being warned to stay out or risk being arrested.

The warning appeared on the Fort Plain Police Department's Facebook page. It read that they have received multiple complaints of people entering the grounds of the Fort Plain Cemetery and the Fort Plain Museum and Historical Park.

The cemetery and the adjacent piece of land owned by the museum is on the site where the Revolutionary War era Fort Plain once stood.

Police Chief Ryan Austin told News10's Anya Tucker that he believes some artifacts may have been unearthed and stolen. He has concerns that the items are being sold off to collectors. "We have had reports that some items were sold on eBay." He said. But, he added that those reports have not been substantiated yet.

Chairman of the board of directors at The Fort Plain Museum, Norm Bollen said it is akin to stealing a part of Capital Region history.

“It’s that information. Once that knowledge is lost, it’s lost.” He said.

Chief Austin says it’s possible that those looking for good places to treasure hunt did not see the signs that restrict the use of metal detectors and the removal of artifacts. But he says, now that they’ve been warned they will face arrest and a trespassing charge if they are caught on the property with metal detectors. He says he has also increased patrols in the area to keep trespassers out.