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Support The Hobby

I would like to point out to the News Brief readers that there are a number of organizations taking on the challenge against various types of legislation dealing with metal detecting and gold prospecting. MDHTALK's recommendation is to visit their website and give strong consideration to joining the fight. In some cases your support may be to send emails and / or write a letter to specific legislators or to provide funds to help with the fight. Here are the organizations and a link to their website.

[Go to the Join The Fight MDHTALK Webpage to read more about each of these organizations](#)

- MDHTALK News Pages
- U.S. & W.W. News
- U.K. News
- U.S. Archaeology
- U.S. Legislation
- W.W. Meteoritic
- Other Media

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What is a News Brief? The news brief provides a brief look into any news event. The intent of the news brief is to provide you, the reader, with news clips on what was taking place in the hobby last month. To read the whole story select the Article Link or go to [MDHTALK.org](#). There are more news stories placed on the MDHTALK website for December the news stories listed in the MDHTALK News Brief are just a portion of all the hobby related news reported the past month. **The news Brief is now available in Adobe PDF format, there is a link at the top of this webpage.** The news brief is no longer emailed; it is only available on the MDHTALK website and can be downloaded.

The Website's featured article for this month: Where is it Legal to Metal Detect? This question should be easy to answer but that is not the case. There are no uniform state laws or regulations across the fifty states or are there uniform municipal codes for the many thousands of cities and counties in the U.S. One way to get a handle on laws and regulations for your area is to join a local metal detecting or gold prospecting club. These clubs will usually know what the local law and regulation situation is for the hobby. So lets take one section of the U.S. at a time and try to find some answers.

National. There are a number of federal acts that control what can or can not be done on federal properties. These acts are the:

- 1906 American Antiquities Act
- 1966 National Historic Preservation Act As amended through 2000
- 1997 Archaeological Resources Protection Act
- 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

Each of these acts places protection for America's antiquities plus use restrictions on federal lands, historical sites and Native American Indian burial grounds. [Read Complete Article](#)

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other News

- A South Jersey club that digs history. [Article Link](#)
- Group digs up Civil War relics in Carroll County. [Article Link](#)
- Recent Metal Detecting Finds. [Article Link](#)
- here is no 'Nazi Train', Polish geophysicists find. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detector Sales Strike Gold After 'Holy Grail' of Shipwrecks Found. [Article Link](#)
- He digs up pieces of Du Quoin's past; Professional metal detectorist Jeff Miller. [Article Link](#)
- Arizona man finds Cold War fallout shelter hidden underneath his backyard. [Article Link](#)
- Colombia possibly discovers world's largest sunken treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Digging for old: Civil War artifacts sought at Algiers Point. [Article Link](#)

- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [December News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [December News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** is the organization of independent miners across the West. [November News](#), [November Newsletter](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors.** New features for JW Fishers Underwater Search Equipment in 2016. [December Press Release](#)
- **Minelab's** [December Newsletter](#)
- **Task Force for Metal Detecting** [Press Release](#)

You may have heard the sad news that Dick Stout, long time detectorist, author and founder of the FMDAC (Federation of Metal Detector and Archeological Clubs) suffered the tragic loss of his home to a tornado last night.

Thankfully Dick, his wife Fay, and their dogs are okay and currently staying with family.

Let us in the detecting community, show our support to Dick in this time of crisis by donating what we can to help him out in his time of need.

U.K. News

- Barrow metal detectorist's third treasure discovery. [Article Link](#)
- **Jewelry Returns**

- 'Nighthawks': Tracking the criminals plundering ancient sites with the latest equipment. [Article Link](#)
- Bouncer uncovers 'Roman settlement' buried under a British town after studying aerial photos of unusual crop markings. [Article Link](#)
- History enthusiast's love for heavy metal hobby. [Article Link](#)
- Thanet's buried treasure is just waiting to be found. [Article Link](#)
- Roman hoard of 179 coins unearthed in farmer's field in St Levan Cornwall. [Article Link](#)
- Priceless silver cross found in Gwent could be snapped up by National Museum Wales. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure windfall for Attleborough shop owner after Anglo-Saxon find. [Article Link](#)
- Is there a fortune buried in your back garden? As metal detector sales soar, we join Britain's treasure-hunting boom. [Article Link](#)

Legislation and Regulation Issues

- Thank you to all our Supporters, [PLP News Release](#)
Below is our end of the year summary outlining events that have led to where PLP is currently positioned. For those of you who still have some Christmas shopping to do, at the end of this summary we have provided a link to items we have for sale on eBay to keep us in the fight for your Public Land Rights.
2015 YEAR-END SUMMARY
Public Lands for the People have accomplished a lot this year and we are looking forward to more gains for our rights in 2016. Let's review the past year:

W.W. Meteorite News

- Lost and found: Sharon High grad's class ring unearthed. [Article Link](#)
- 1977 Boyertown graduate gets back class ring he lost in 1982. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectors fascinated at potential 'finds'. [Article Link](#)
- Farmer's gold ring lost 60 years ago found by metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Lost Engagement Ring Found 43 Years Later. [Article Link](#)
- Precious ring finds its way home over four decades after it was lost. [Article Link](#)
- Western Indiana native's WWII dog tags returned to family. [Article Link](#)
- Gun manufacturer making 'extraterrestrial' pistols from 4.5 billion-year-old meteorite. [Article Link](#)
- Scientists are discovering frozen meteorites in the Antarctic. [Article Link](#)
- The Turkish village that got rich quick thanks to a METEORITE: Savvy residents squirreled away bits of rock before selling them online to scientists and collectors. [Article Link](#)
- Argentine police recover 2.5 tons of meteorite pieces. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Construction crew unearths remains of 'corduroy road' in Fairfax. [Article Link](#)
- Top 5 Archaeology Discoveries in the American West of 2015. [Article Link](#)
- 800-Year-Old Camp Found in Oregon Sand Dunes Poses Migration Mystery. [Article Link](#)

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events. Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2016 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. [Add Your Event Information Here](#)

- **February 12, 2016** (Three Days)
Quartzsite, Arizona
Quartzsite Gold & Treasure & Craft Show
Natures Nuggets, Tesoro Metal Detectors, Miners Depot, QIA

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the Complete Event Details for February

- **February 20, 2016** (Two Days)
Pomona, California
2016 Pomona CA Gold Show
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **February 22, 2016** (Two Days)
Las Vegas, Nevada
2016 Gold & Treasure Show
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **February 28, 2016** (One Day)
Galveston, Texas
34th Annual Open Beach Hunt
Houston Archeology Recovery Clubs (HARC)