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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 last month in the hobby . 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.

A potential detecting ban has been suggested in Walingford, CT. I say potential as at this time there is nothing in writing. It was discussed at a committee meeting and was left that the parks director would write something up for the committee to consider. We are assisting the local club with attempting to fend it off before it happens, before it gets to the point of having to battle an actual "bill" in the town council.

This came about mainly due to athletic field markers getting dug up and removed. Those markers are 3 in long bolts. The small size and removability is the problem as responsible hunters will remove "trash" encountered. Second to that was sloppy digging. Three detectorists spoke at the online meeting and did a great job of presenting the hobby. We followed up with a letter to the parks director with suggestions on how to alleviate the problem with the markers. We also included suggestions on the digging problem and included our target recovery sheets.

We are hopeful that this can be stopped before it goes any further. If not then we will let everyone know and we will provide contact info for the council members.

For any of you who are officers in ANY organizations that have an online presence with officers listed, there is a scam that you should be aware of. This goes back beginning several years ago when the FMDAC treasurer received email requests for money that looked like they were coming from me. They were a bit vague but convincing. Luckily he checked with me. Recently many of the officers received emails asking for money that used my name. However it was not my email address. Pass it around to your officers and especially the treasurers to double check any money requests that come via email. Do not do it by replying as it will go the scammer. Check the email address with what you have in your address book. Check it out by initiating a separate email or do it by phone or text. The length scammers will go are endless and there is always a new one popping up.

Last of all with regret I announce that Lee is resigning as the newsgram editor. Lee has done a great job for several years and we thank him for his efforts. It is not a small undertaking to put this together and we appreciate his efforts.

Happy Hunting
Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President

South Region: Art Di Filippo

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

North America Archaeology News

- Archaeologists find earliest colonial site in Maryland after nearly 90-year search. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologist Brings 18th Century Fort to Life with LiDAR and 3D Modeling. [Article Link](#)
- U.S. Repatriates Pre-Columbian Artifacts to Mexico. [Article Link](#)
- 'It's fantastic': Archaeologists find artifacts on Henrico property from multiple time periods. [Article Link](#)
- Boston Archaeology asks public for help identifying mysterious artifact found at Paul Revere House. [Article Link](#)

Hobby Related News

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

Other Media News Sources

- Beach Metal Detecting Turns Up Central Regional Class Ring. [Article Link](#)
- Meet the Berks-based detectorists. [Article Link](#)
- A Guide to Metal Detecting by Dalton treasure Hunter Graeme Rushton. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters find guns in Memphis canal. [Article Link](#)
- 7 places to look for free money. [Article Link](#)
- Children with metal detector find Civil War cannonball in York County. [Article Link](#)
- Jaw-dropping treasures found by metal detectors (Photo Show) [Article Link](#)
- Is Coin Collecting 'For The Birds?' [Article Link](#)
- The Thrill Of The Hunt: Mulik Seeks Treasures In The Dirt. [Article Link](#)
- Emails: FBI was looking for gold at Pennsylvania dig site. [Article Link](#)
- VC Variety uncovers rare treasure in West Michigan. [Article Link](#)
- These modern-day treasure hunters reunite people with lost heirlooms. [Article Link](#)
- Pajama-clad man caught on camera trying to snatch artifacts from historic fort. [Article Link](#)
- SAR-1 Search & Recovery Underwater Metal Detector. [Article Link](#)
- The Best Metal Detectors, According to Real-Life Treasure Hunters. [Article Link](#)
- Millions of dollars worth of precious metal hidden in secret vault in rural Texas town. [Article Link](#)
- How Metal Detecting Apps Work. [Article Link](#)
- Seek, and who knows what ye shall find. [Article Link](#)
- New coin column to debut: "Hidden Treasures," by Frank J. Colletti. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient coins being smuggled illegally across US border seized by officials. [Article Link](#)
- Metal Detecting In A Sedona Swimming Hole. [Article Link](#)

- **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. [March Pod Cast Link](#)
- **Archaeology and Metal Detecting Magazine** present the BIG metal detecting podcast. A weekly show bringing all areas of history together with our guests, news and much more. [March Pod Cast Link](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [March News](#)
- **Garrett Searcher** [March Searcher](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [March News](#)
- **Mel Fisher Salvage Update**
- **PLP March Press Release**
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [March News](#)
- **The Archaeology and Metal Detecting Magazine** The Archaeology and Metal detecting magazine are one of the lead online sites in their genre. Offering multiple platforms for Archaeological, Historical and metal detecting news, articles, research areas and much more. [March News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [April Newsletter](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Oops! The "World's Oldest Meteorite Impact Crater" Isn't an Impact Crater After All. [Article Link](#)
- A fireball, a driveway and a priceless meteorite. [Article Link](#)
- I'm a meteorite dealer who makes millions selling space rocks – I've been kidnapped and robbed in the brutal trade. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite falls over Arkansas, possibly landing near El Dorado. [Article Link](#)
- See Vesta, the brightest asteroid, in binoculars. [Article Link](#)
- Meteorite hunters find Sweden's first ever new-fallen iron meteorite. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

Jewelry Returns

- Magnet fishing: Hundreds in the district now hooked on fast-growing hobby. [Article Link](#)
- Swedish Viking hoard: how the discovery of single Norman coin expands our knowledge of French history. [Article Link](#)
- 'Illegal metal detecting' at Castell Dinas Brân in Llangollen. [Article Link](#)
- Map of the places in Cornwall to find buried or sunken treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Viking era silver strap tip found in Shropshire field is declared official 'treasure'. [Article Link](#)
- When in France Don't Do As The French Do. [Article Link](#)

- Power of social media helps lost engagement ring find its way back to owner. [Article Link](#)
- Wedding ring found in Belding Burger King parking lot after two weeks of searching. [Article Link](#)
- The Finder of the Rings: Vancouver woman's lost wedding band recovered. [Article Link](#)
- Hobby helps Sisters man find cherished items lost by owners. [Article Link](#)

- New rules to be set for metal detecting in Portsmouth. [Article Link](#)
- Sheffield dad reveals incredible treasure trove unearthed after one month of metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Brierfield metal detectorist excited to get back out exploring after lockdown. [Article Link](#)
- 2,000-year-old Celtic brooch found by metal detectorist sells for £55,000 at auction. [Article Link](#)
- ‘Devastated’ by lost engagement ring, Georgia couple gets big surprise from community. [Article Link](#)
- MODERN-DAY TREASURE HUNT SAVES KEY WEST MARRIAGE PROPOSAL. [Article Link](#)
- Amherst man never lost faith his mother’s memory ring would return. [Article Link](#)
- Aldi shopper, 100, who lost wedding ring in shop gets it back five years later. [Article Link](#)

[New coin column to debut: “Hidden Treasures,” by Frank J. Colletti](#) [Web Link](#)

Pelham, Alabama) — A new metal-detecting and coin-collecting column by award-winning author Frank J. Colletti will debut on Monday, March 1, 2021. The column, “Hidden Treasures,” will appear in [Coin Update](#) every other week.

Frank Colletti, a Certified Public Accountant, is known to the numismatic community as a specialist and collector of the Guide Book of United States Coins, popularly known as the “Red Book.” He wrote the Guide Book of the Official Red Book of United States Coins (Whitman Publishing, 2009), a reference for book collectors, which Kenneth Bressett has called “a fascinating account with a wealth of information.” Colletti follows the market for rare and special-edition Red Books and regularly advises on pricing and rarity.

The longtime collector became interested in coins in 1962, when he received a Barber quarter (last minted in 1916) in payment on his newspaper-delivery route. His interest in metal-detecting is also longstanding, and he has written hundreds of related articles in various hobby publications, including Lost Treasure magazine. He wrote monthly columns on coin collecting (“Money Talks”) and on the good deeds that metal detectorists perform (“Civic Patrol”).

“The hobbies of treasure-hunting and coin-collecting are richly connected,” says Colletti. “Metal detectorists often locate scarce and unusual coins, and we should be knowledgeable about our finds. As you learn more about coins, you become better equipped to form a nice collection, rather than just a random accumulation. And if you’re already an active coin collector, you can enter an exciting new world by learning the ins and outs of hands-on treasure hunting.”

Whitman publisher Dennis Tucker has seen growing interest in metal-detecting over the past year. “We published the second edition of Dave Bowers’s Lost and Found Coin Hoards and Treasures in the winter of 2019,” Tucker says. “The book was featured in social media and got coverage from the American Numismatic Association and the hobby publications. Then it started to gain more attention from metal detectorists. In five weeks I received nearly 400 Facebook friend requests from treasure-hunters who were interested in the book. There are active communities online, where detectorists share information and inspire each other to keep looking for the next big treasure.”

Colletti joins a regular lineup of Coin Update columnists including Q. David Bowers, Michael Alexander, Louis Golino, and Michael Bugeja. News articles, market commentary, Mint reports, and opinion pieces on U.S. and world coins, medals, tokens, and paper money are published daily at Coin Update

[Hunt Events and Shows](#)

[Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.](#)

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club’s 2021 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 2021 Show Calendars](#)

- [Antique Bottle Show](#)
- [Coin Shows](#)
- [Insulator Shows](#)
- [CFMS Society & Club Shows](#)

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Check out your event before going it may have been postponed or canceled.

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- **April 02, 2021** (Three Days)
Stanton, Arizona
2021 Backhol Push Dig at Stanton LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **April 08, 2021** (Four days)
Vein Mountain, North Carolina
2021 Detector Hunt at Vein Mountain LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **April 16, 2021** (Three Days)
Canton, Texas
TEXAS TREASURE SHOW
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF METAL DETECTING CLUBS
- **April 16, 2021** (Three Days)
Canton, Texas
Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt IV
Garrett Metal Detecting and Texas Assn of Metal Detecting Clubs
- **April 17, 2021** (Two Days)
Deal, New Jersey
The Big Deal Hunt
ECRDA, SIHH, DSMDC-Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights Foundation
- **April 20, 2021** (Five Day)
Marlborough, New Hampshire
BONE #28 Streeter’s Treasure Hunting
- **April 23, 2021** (Three days)
Duisenberg, California
2021 Backhol Push Dig at Duisenberg LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **April 27, 2021** (Five Days)
Blue Bucket, Oregon
2021 Diggers Dirt Party at Blue Bucket LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **April 30, 2021** (Three Days)
Stringer District in Kern County, California
PLP’s SPRINGFEST!
PLP - Public Lands for the People

[PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE](#) [Introducing SPRINGFEST! April 30-May 2, 2021](#)

Everyone loved Oktoberfest so much we decided to double the fun and not wait until October to meet again. We look forward to gathering again and sharing the gold (of COURSE keep all you find!), food and fellowship. PLUS we have some really exciting new updates that PLP will be announcing concerning re-starting CALIFORNIA SUCTION DREDGING this summer in most of California. SpringFest attendees will be the first to find out the exciting news and get the information in their hands.

This historic gold and tungsten mining claim is still yielding gold in the washes, flat ground and even in the huge tailing piles. Last outing there were several nice nuggets shown off by attendees. Bring your metal detector and drywasher and keep all the GOLD you find! It is a dry, high desert claim with ample area for dry camping. Be aware there is wildlife living on the claim. We are visiting their home (in the area of the desert that the claim is in, we’ve seen foxes, coyotes, snakes, lizards, jack rabbits, etc.). Do not dig near their homes.

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We will again be gathering on a 130 acre private mining claim in the historic Stringer Mining District just south of Randsburg, CA. The claim is a short distance from Highway 395, south of Red Mountain. The claim is RV accessible and large motorhomes and travel trailers had no problem last time. We will have an area for RVs to park, and tent camping is allowed most anywhere except the main area where we will be hosting the potluck dinner, panning area and group campfire.

We will have PLP logo signs on wooden stakes to help guide you to SpringFest from Highway 395. The PLP registration table will be near the entrance to the claim. The entrance is less than a mile and a half from the highway on a paved and good unpaved road. Our volunteers will be wearing bright yellow PLP Volunteer shirts and vests.

It can be hot and cold, plus windy this time of year so be prepared for any weather.

You can check in beginning 11am on Friday April 30th and stay until after lunch on Sunday May 2, 2021. Be sure and show off the gold you find, we all enjoy seeing freshly dug gold!

We will be hosting an exciting raffle at the outing, with many great prizes such as a Fisher Gold Bug 2 detector donated by FISHER, the new and very popular Mad Mining 12 volt electric puffer drywasher, MANY awesome gold nuggets, silver rounds, and those sought- after PLP gold bags. WOW!

We will have clean porta-potties on site, extra drinking water and a group campfire Friday night and Saturday evening after the potluck dinner/ dessert. Please bring your own camp chairs and a folding table if you want to eat on a table, we are short of such things ourselves and will be using ours for serving the potluck/ BBQ dinner.

Saturday dinner begins at 6 pm. Bring your favorite main or side dish and dessert to share! PLP will be adding to the meal with BBQ burgers and hot dogs. Home-made sourdough bread made by one of our volunteers was so awesome we are bringing it back.

After dinner we will be filling you in on what PLP has been working on and especially the PROVEN ways you can now exercise your legal right to mine and reclaim. We will be handing out ALL-New and very useful PLP Challenge-type cards specifically designed to keep the Forest Service working within their actual jurisdiction and not overstepping onto your legal mining rights.

We want this to be fun and educational for experienced prospectors and newbies too. Once again, experts will be on hand to share tips and tricks to improve your gold recovery skills. There will also be a tour of a small commercial placer mine on Saturday.

Back by popular demand: The kids really enjoy the metal detecting area prepared just for them. Several kids honed their detecting skills at Oktoberfest finding many old coins and even going home with a gold nugget! The smiles on their faces showed that they sure liked what they found!

If you are new and need help learning how to set up and run your equipment, we've got you covered. Need gear? The mining community is always willing to share. We will have some loaner equipment available, and there will be experienced folks willing to drywash and pan with you. Just reach out to one of our volunteers. There will be a common area for panning too.

We will again have a professional XRF analyzer on hand to provide instant assay results for your mineral specimens and gold nuggets. Find out the purity of your placer gold on the spot! What minerals are in that odd piece of ore you found? Bring it and find out!

If you are willing to volunteer to help out, just email or call us, we could use your help at the outing, even a small thing or two - we appreciate you! For example, we need a volunteer to run a dessert contest. Many hands make for a fun outing for everyone.

The Mining Journal continues to support PLP, publishing the 'PLP UPDATE' article every month. They are planning to be at SpringFest and will have complimentary magazines available. A huge thank you to the Mining Journal!! www.icmj.com

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new friends at SpringFest. Remember, we are still committed to "Exercising our Granted Rights while we Make Mining and Multiple Use Public Land Great Again!"

Your PLP Board of Directors look forward to seeing you all out there!