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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.**

This last month has been interesting to state the obvious. A time like most of us has never seen. I hope everyone is healthy and stays that way. The unknown factor of this virus is what makes it dangerous. The 80% that have it and show none or just minor symptoms are outweighed by the remaining 20% that require serious medical care. My gut feeling is that everyone will be exposed to this virus at some point. Probably many have already and do not know it as it did not affect them. It has to run its course. Until then these rules we are living under will probably continue.

We have seen many detecting events and shows of all types canceled or postponed already and many more to come. Wishful thinking is that this will end by summer. Let us hope that happens but I am not optimistic. We should all have prepared ourselves for the possibility that this go on into the fall months.

As far as the cancelling or postponing I think everyone can understand that. In most cases, if not all, gatherings of all kinds have been banned. So it is out of the hands of the people running the events. The promoters may have a lot of money wrapped up in advertising so that is all a loss to them. Anyone who is looking at an event during the summer is considering if they want to put out advertising money for something that may not happen.

Other factors to consider are the closing of restaurants, rest stops, the venues where the events are held, and of course the stay at home orders. Even once these orders and closures are lifted there are points to consider. How many people will attend a group function especially if it is a large show? How many vendors will show up and how many of the public will show up? All unknowns. We in the detecting hobby are a hardy group of outdoors types but there are many in the hobby that are up in years. With this virus being tough on the older age group then many may stay home for a while even after the restrictions are lifted.

If there is a silver lining for the hobby (I just made a funny) in all this is that the "social distancing part is tailor made for us. The stay at home orders gives us more time to go digging. The six foot apart rule is not a problem as many go alone and those with detecting partners do not want to be within six foot of their buddies. Unless they hit a hotspot! Rarely are we out with more than a few people. So get out and use that silver" lining to put some in your pouch.

A suggestion to pass some time if you are housebound is to use it to do some cleanup, research and create displays for some of those relics that have been gathering dust waiting for you to have the time. You can also use it to research new hunt sites. However this is absolutely NOT the time to go knocking on doors for permission. You will most likely get a very big no from everyone. Don't even try to go back later as they will remember you.

This situation will pass. It can be miserable or tolerable. Very miserable if you are seriously afflicted. Everyone needs to go with the flow and understand that there is nothing the individual can do to change it. Ride it out and you will see everyone again soon.

We have tentatively planned an FMDAC Northern region hunt. This was planned prior to all this virus mess. It will be (if possible) the last weekend of August at Beaver Meadow Campground in Java Center, NY. You do not have to be a member

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

to enter. The flyer will be out shortly. All entry fees received will be held in case we are not able to hold it. More on this later but put it on your calendar as a tentative event.

Be safe.

**Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President**

**Debbie Buxton, FMDAC North Region Director's Message**

**Hello Everyone.**

As I watch the COVID-19 pandemic unfold, I am reminded of my FMDAC family. Our members come from all races, ages and professions. We have been there for each other during good times as well as bad times. I get a warm loving feeling knowing that we stand together.

We have many "first responders" in our FMDAC family. I want to take this opportunity to let you know how proud we are of you! We pray that you stay safe and well.

There are a lot of elderly folks who live alone in our FMDAC family. If you know of one, please give them a call, send a card let them know that we are here for them.

To My FMDAC Family, Stay Safe and May God Bless  
**Debbie Buxton, FMDAC North Region Director**

### Hobby Related News

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

- Metal-detecting offers a personalized getaway. [Article Link](#)
- Gallery: Metal detecting enthusiasts hunt for coins during the Texas Treasure Show. [Article Link](#)
- Looking for a fun family outing? Try metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Miguel Ardito's Passion for Detecting with Garrett Metal Detectors. [Article Link](#)
- 'The perfect place' 2020 VISION: Detecting provides a getaway in itself. [Article Link](#)
- 'Magnet fishing' hobbyist finds firearm in water at Reaume Park in east Windsor. [Article Link](#)
- 1776 Continental dollar bought at flea market for 56 cents worth nearly \$100G. [Article Link](#)
- Man finds buried .38 revolver at Ferry Park while metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- How this P.E.I. man's collection is keeping the history of his community alive. [Article Link](#)
- The 10 Best White's Metal Detectors 2020. [Article Link](#)
- DIGSTOCK, metal detecting the Revolutionary War in the Adirondacks of Chazy, NY. [Article Link](#)

#### U.K. News

- 'Very strange' sword discovered by St Annes detectorist on Blackpool beach. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting faces restrictions on Rasen's 'green and pleasant land'. [Article Link](#)
- Public urged to report illegal metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- Sunderland man who 'enjoys finding lost things' discovers ancient Roman coin while metal detecting. [Article Link](#)
- MEDIEVAL TREASURE RETURNS TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT. [Article Link](#)
- V&A snaps up medieval brooch found on Brigstock farmland. [Article Link](#)
- British Museum acquires 3,000-year-old Shropshire sun pendant. [Article Link](#)
- Alarm raised over heritage 'robbers'. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector enthusiast's medieval gold ring find in Chester officially named as treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Nighthawkers are Robbing England of its Past. [Article Link](#)

#### Other Media News Sources

- **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. [Pod Cast 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. [Pod Cast Link](#)
- **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. [March News](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [Coin News](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [March News](#), [March Newsletter](#)
- **Minelab Newsletter** [March Issue](#)
- **PLP Public Lands for the People** - A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. [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. [Web Link](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [April Newsletter](#)

#### Jewelry Returns

- Pasco County woman helps couple find missing wedding ring in Anclote River. [Article Link](#)
- Metal-detecting enthusiast finds former Iowa high school student's class ring five inches underground — in Kansas [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting fan finds his dad's ring... five years after he lost it. [Article Link](#)
- Australian woman reunited with lost ring 46 years later. [Article Link](#)
- Owen Sounds Untimes.com</a> Woman reunited with engagement

- English Heritage urges end to illegal metal detecting at historic sites. [Article Link](#)
- Blackfield schoolgirl Ava Bray finds Bronze Age axe on Southbourne beach. [Article Link](#)
- ‘Incredibly rare’ Roman horse brooch found in Lincolnshire – The ‘Leasingham Horse’. [Article Link](#)
- Loads of incredible treasure has been found around Plymouth. [Article Link](#)
- Bronze Age artefacts dug up in Shropshire are declared treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Historic gold posy ring found by Lichfield man to be sold at auction. [Article Link](#)

#### W.W. Meteorite News

- What scientists learned after firing a small cannonball into a near-Earth asteroid. [Article Link](#)
- Huge 2-mile asteroid will be visible from Earth next month – and is deemed ‘potentially hazardous’. [Article Link](#)
- The Earth and moon have company: 2020 CD3 [Article Link](#)
- Scientists are racing to find ‘alien substances’ at site of ‘world’s biggest explosion’ 100 years ago in Siberia. [Article Link](#)
- Oregon and SW Washington see at least 2 fireballs in night sky. [Article Link](#)

ring at local landfill. [Article Link](#)

- Good samaritan turns in someone's lost wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Sentimental gold friendship ring lost and then found almost 50 years later. [Article Link](#)

#### North America Archaeology News

- Submarine Wreckage Detected Off Hawaiian Island of Oahu. [Article Link](#)
- Digging up war-time history in a field in County Derry. [Article Link](#)
- U.S. Museum's Dead Sea Scroll Fragments Turn Out to Be Elaborate Fakes . [Article Link](#)
- Summer Archaeology Sites in Bear Brook, Pillsbury Parks [Article Link](#)
- Protecting And Preserving Ancient Sites At Risk From Sea-Level Rise In Florida. [Article Link](#)
- U-2 Spy Plane Photos Are Windows Onto Ancient Civilizations [Article Link](#)
- Brown University archaeologists map out God’s Little Acre. [Article Link](#)
- 44 African American graves found under Florida parking lot. [Article Link](#)
- Big data could yield big discoveries in archaeology. [Article Link](#)

#### Hunt Events and Shows

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

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2020/21 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 2020 Show Calendars

- [Antique Bottle Show](#)
- [Coin Shows](#)
- [Numismatic Coin Shows](#)
- [Insulator Shows](#)
- [CFMS Society & Club Shows](#)
- [Club-Sponsored Mineral Shows](#)
- **April 03, 2020** Event: (Three Day)  
Lucky Stone Farm, Saunderstown, Rhode Island  
Pound The Ground  
Rhode Island Relics
- **April 04, 2020** Event: (Two Days)  
Cashmere **(Canceled)**, Washington  
21st Annual Gold & Treasure Show  
North Central Washington Prospectors

- **April 04, 2020** Event: (Two Day)  
Butte , Montana  
Montana Gold & Treasure Show **(Canceled)**  
GPAA Gold and Treasure Shows & Lost Dutchman's Mining Assn
- **April 14, 2020** Event: (Five Days)  
Stanton, Arizona  
2020 Stanton Outing  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **April 18, 2020** Event: (Two Days)  
Rapid City , South Dakota  
Black Hills Gold & Treasure Show **(Canceled)**  
GPAA Gold and Treasure Shows & Lost Dutchman's Mining Assn
- **April 18, 2020** Event: (One Day)  
Orlando **(Postpone)**, Florida  
8th Annual Sunshine Shootout & Relic Hunt  
Central Florida Metal Detecting Club
- **April 18, 2020** Event: (One Days)  
Lancaster **(Canceled)**, Pennsylvania  
2020 LRRC Spring Club Hunt  
Lancaster Research & Recovery Club
- **April 21, 2020** Event: (Six Day)  
Marlborough, New Hampshire  
BONE #27  
Streeter's Treasure Hunting
- **April 25, 2020** Event: (One Day)  
Rancho Jurupa Campground in Riverside, California **(Cancelled till I2021)**  
33rd Annual Hunt Rendezvous  
West Coast Prospectors and Treasure Hunters
- **April 25, 2020** Event: (Two Days)  
Concord **(Canceled)**, North Carolina  
Carolinas Gold & Treasure Show  
GPAA-Gold Prospectors Assn of America
- **April 26, 2020** Event: (One Day)  
Shamong, New Jersey  
SJMDC Open Hunt  
South Jersey Metal Detecting Club
- **April 28, 2020** Event: (Five Days)  
Scott River, California  
2020 Digger's Dirt Party  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

[Add Your Event Information Here](#)

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

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

Public Lands for the People - A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization  
[Public Lands for the People Website](#)

#### PLP Press Release

PLP is following up on issues of road closures, NEPA regulatory delays, duplicative regulatory issues that are prohibitive from the State level, EPA 402 Petition for suction dredgers, and numerous other public lands use problems. We are meeting with senior level advisors to the White House, Interior Department, EPA and the Forest Service, though we have postponed our March trip to Washington D.C. because of the corona virus. Many of our contacts won't be able to meet with us so to be good stewards of our resources, we are going to reschedule our meetings once things have cleared up. Please keep up to date by reading PLP updates every month in the Mining Journal: [www.icmj.com](http://www.icmj.com)

We recently submitted comments on Trump's new NEPA rulemaking to ease burdens upon the small miners consistent with our education package on Critical Minerals: National Security Amendments to the NDAA for lawmakers on the Hill—helping all miners. Being that Trump's staffers and agency heads have identified most of the issues we have outlined and they issued their report, the next step is regulatory implementation by publishing in the Federal Register, notice and comment period, etc., to enact regulatory relief in the quickest way the government can. The regulatory plan must come first before resuming our push with Congress on our Critical Minerals: National Security Amendments to the NDAA. We are helping to move the process forward as quickly as possible.

PLP's President has been busy not only with PLP, but actually 'out there' staking claims of uranium, rare earth elements and critical minerals! There is a lot more to be found and claimed in this great land, so don't just concentrate on gold mining. Uranium costs more to mine than it's worth at the moment; but there are other minerals the U.S. needs to have in the local supply chain. Read the Epoch Times' front page story here and watch the TV interview here.

PLP's proposed small miner amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) now called "Critical Minerals: National Security Amendments to the NDAA" is still in subcommittee. We have good reason to believe it will come out of committee next year after Senator Lisa Murkowski terms out this fall as chair of the Energy & Resources Committee and is replaced by a favored Senator that is more pro-mining and proactive! Stay tuned...

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!** We know folks are busy and don't always remember to keep up things like renewing their supporting membership in PLP. That is why we are bringing back this very popular renewal option...We are sending our clubs who may wish to renew again and get TEN BOOKS of 2020 Grand Raffle tickets in advance, to encourage you to renew AND join in the raffle! If you renew your club membership now, you get to keep the book of tickets as a bonus gift from PLP (don't forget to mail them in along with your membership dues). And, of course, you may purchase as many extra books of tickets as you wish! They are 12 tickets for \$10. You can't win if you don't enter! We'll drop your tickets in the barrel for the July 2020 Grand Raffle Drawing. If you wish to purchase additional tickets directly, you can call our toll-free number (844)-PLP-1990 which is (844) 757-1990 or Mail a Check (to the address below) and specify the number of ticket books you wish to have mailed to you. Supporting the PLP Grand Raffle helps us continue to fight for your rights.

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