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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.**

ions will take place shortly for the 4 top offices. The cutoff date for nominations is September 15th. Nominations should be made by a club. If an independent member they can self nominate. Send nominations to Bill Hayes, at 585 Fulla Lane, Heath, Ohio 43056. If there are any elections actually necessary then we will send out ballots.

You need to be aware of **HR 7608**. This regular appropriations bill has been hijacked by the democrats in the house to remove all vestiges of the Confederate states from national parks. It would include the battlefield parks. Here is the wording;

#### **REMOVAL OF CONFEDERATE COMMEMORATIVE WORKS**

**SEC. 442. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or policy to the contrary, within 180 days of enactment of this Act, the National Park Service shall remove from display all physical Confederate commemorative works, such as statues, monuments, sculptures, memorials, and plaques, as defined by NPS, Management Policies 2006, §9.6.1.**

This is disgusting and an attack on our heritage brought to you by a political party. The rabble-rousers on the streets who are destroying the monuments have a whole party of conspirators in the government. Many of these monuments are beautiful works of art. They would be no more. How would anyone be able to interpret the battles without even any markers to follow along? This is insanity.

There is a positive note. The bill was said to be DOA in the senate. It passed the house on a partisan vote. The White House has already weighed in on the issue. They oppose it as well as other provisions in the bill. Bottom line is doesn't have a chance of passing and would not get signed by the president even if did pass the senate.

I hope that the area you live in is getting back to some kind of normal. It is questionable where I am. Every event of any kind through the end of the year has been cancelled. We are not supposed to have any enjoyment and when someone has found a way then it is quickly shut down. So for now we have our detectors and can go off by ourselves or with a couple friends and dig some history. Please do it responsibly and use proper target recovery habits. They can be found on our website at [FMDAC.org](http://FMDAC.org). The positive note in all this mess is that I am unaware of any attacks on the hobby. They are too busy with all the other stuff going on.

**Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President**

## Ed Burke, FMDAC Vice President's Message

Hello Metal Detectorist.

### COIN SHORTAGE???

Since we all are actively involved in a hobby where coins play a major role, I would like to address the alleged coin shortage in our great country. I will try to refrain from using the term "fake news", but... We all can relate to the number of clad coins that are lost daily in our frequently visited recreational areas.

As a matter of fact there are many detectorists that frequent only these areas in search of modern coinage.

In many cases, these sites replenish quite regularly. If this is true why are coins becoming scarce?

The fact is, there is no shortage of modern coinage in the U.S. What we are experiencing is a problem with circulation. Because of the unprecedented restrictions caused by COVID 19 pandemic, people are not spending their hard cash. With mail orders and take out opinions, Americans are relying on plastic to make their purchases. So in a nutshell, the shortage is not real, the lack of circulation is the culprit.

I suppose we can attribute all of these problems on the Corona Virus.

Ed Burke, FMDAC Vice President

## Hobby Related News

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

- Trove of 1,000-year-old gold coins unearthed in Israel. [Article Link](#)
- Garrett Announces Shipping of New ACE Apex Multi-Frequency Metal Detector. [Article Link](#)
- 'Remarkable' 442-carat diamond found in Africa, could be worth \$18M. [Article Link](#)
- Massive gold nuggets found by diggers on Australian TV. [Article Link](#)
- One Man's New Hobby is Helping the Community in Unexpected Ways. [Article Link](#)
- The Blackbeard Treasure Launches \$10 Million Treasure Hunt Across 10 States. [Article Link](#)
- An old VFW medal recalls an industrial tragedy. [Article Link](#)
- Tauranga metal detector strikes gold stumbling across \$46k Aussie coin. [Article Link](#)
- Shawnee Mission Faces: Kevin Roepe, metal detectorist and treasure hunter. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure off coast: Missing wing of gold pelican statue from 1715 shipwreck is recovered. [Article Link](#)
- Grand Rapids man finds buried 'treasure' in backyard. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting a growing hobby. [Article Link](#)
- Beach Erosion, Turtle Eggs Discovered as Brevard Locals Survey Isaias Damage. [Article Link](#)
- Old bracelet found on Ma Barker House property in Marion County. [Article Link](#)
- Gold 1909 half sovereign coin found in Busselton with new metal detect. [Article Link](#)
- Spanish police recover ancient treasure from alleged looter. [Article Link](#)
- Sault man finds a piece of area's ancient past, gives it proper home at Sault Museum. [Article Link](#)

### U.K. News

- Hampshire revealed as top hunting spot in the country for aspiring treasure hunters. [Article Link](#)
- 'Unlawful' treasure hunters causing damage to land in Malvern. [Article Link](#)
- Thought It Was Scrap Metal': Norwegian Man Stumbles Upon 'Unique' Early Viking Sword. [Article Link](#)
- Somerset one of the best county's for finding treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Machetes, guns, knuckle dusters and a phone disguised as a Taser were pulled from Fenland rivers by a man who took up magnet fishing as a lockdown hobby. [Article Link](#)
- Amateur metal detectorist finds astonishing Bronze Age haul in Scotland. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detecting duo find rich pickings at Gordonstoun. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeology map pinpoints the BEST places in the UK to find buried treasure. [Article Link](#)
- Unique Bronze Age hoard found near Peebles by metal detector enthusiast. [Article Link](#)
- Beginner's luck for 10-year-old metal detectorist. [Article Link](#)
- Dalton man Graeme Rushton's wonderful find could bag £10k at auction next month. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detectorist guards £100k hoard of silver for two sleepless nights over 'nighthawk' fears. [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. [August 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. [August Pod Cast Link](#)
- **Coin World** - Numismatic and Coin Collecting [August News](#)
- **Garrett Searcher** [August Issue](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [August News](#)
- **Minelab** [August Newsletter](#), [2nd Newsletter](#)
- **PLP - Public Lands for the People.** [August Press Release](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [August 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. [August News](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [September Newsletter](#)

### North America Archaeology News

- Virtual tours of Jamestown, including archaeological sites, are on the way. [Article Link](#)
- Long-Awaited Update Arrives for Radiocarbon Dating. [Article Link](#)

- 'East Anglia is one of the best places to metal detect in the world'. [Article Link](#)
- First World War badge of hero found in field near Canterbury. [Article Link](#)
- Norfolk treasure hunters discover more than 6,500 items in just one year. [Article Link](#)
- New organisation to support and train metal detectorists. [Article Link](#)
- Relic hunter unearths Civil War-era coins. [Article Link](#)
- The weird, wonderful and rare buried treasure found beneath the ground across Greater Manchester. [Article Link](#)

- Archaeology | 1940s excavation of mound offers clues to Adena, Hopewell cultures. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeological dig in Southport unearths relics of the past. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeologists Locate Earliest Known North American Settlement. [Article Link](#)

### Jewelry Returns

- Century-old pocket watch finds its way home thanks to prospector Giac Asco. [Article Link](#)
- Deputy returns lost ring to Marine after accident. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector miracle as wedding and engagement rings are found on Cornwall beach. [Article Link](#)
- Metal-detecting pensioner finds missing wedding rings buried deep in sand at north-east beach. [Article Link](#)
- Tampa Bay couple reunited with wedding ring after losing it during a day at the beach. [Article Link](#)
- Good News: S.I. woman finds lost family heirloom wedding ring. [Article Link](#)
- Search and rescue volunteers find Utah woman's lost diamond ring in reservoir. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector rings true for Cranbrook couple. [Article Link](#)
- Auckland surfer's lost wedding ring found by local after washing up on Orewa Beach. [NZ Herald.co.nz](#)
- Amazing find as metal detectorist reunites heartbroken widow with wedding ring lost on Cleethorpes beach. [Article Link](#)
- Ohio man drives to Virginia to return lost ring of 60 years. [Article Link](#)

### W.W. Meteorite News

- Meteor 'as bright as the full moon' sighted in night sky across eastern Japan. [Article Link](#)
- A car-size asteroid flew within 1,830 miles of Earth over the weekend — the closest pass ever — and we didn't see it coming. [Article Link](#)
- Where do meteorites come from and what can we learn from them? [Article Link](#)
- The sky is not falling, but a crazy meteor did explode over Colorado Tuesday night. [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](#)

- **September 05, 2019** (Two Days) Berea, Kentucky  
2nd Annual Moonshine Treasure Hunt  
Terry and Brenda Causey
- **September 08, 2020** (Five Days) Burnt River, Oregon  
2020 Burnt River Outing  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn

- **September 22, 2020** (Five Days) Nebo, North Carolina  
2020 Digger's Dirt Party: Common Dig Outing at Vein Mountain  
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **September 26, 2020** (Two Day) W. Stanley ConOver Beach Pavilion, Deal, New Jersey  
29th Annual Open Beach Treasure Hunt Deep Search Metal Detecting Club

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

### Garrett Announces Shipping of New ACE Apex Multi-Frequency Metal Detector

GARLAND, Texas, Aug. 24, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Garrett Metal Detectors announced it is now shipping bulk production orders of the new ACE Apex multi-frequency metal detector from its Texas manufacturing facility.

Apex, a new Sport Division detector for hobbyists, was first announced by Garrett officials on May 15 during a ground-breaking international social media live reveal event. "When we unveiled all of the key features of the exciting Apex in our live reveal, we promised to begin shipping orders during the summer," said Garrett CEO Steve Novakovich. "I am pleased to report that this week, we are fulfilling that promise."

Garrett's Apex was billed as the pinnacle of the company's best-selling ACE metal detector series. "The Garrett ACE series has been trusted worldwide to deliver high-end performance at affordable prices," Garrett Marketing Director Steve Moore detailed. "Customer excitement over the new multi-frequency Apex has been tremendous. We were thrilled to start shipping out dealer pre-orders this past week."

Garrett's Apex includes Multi-Flex™ multi-frequency technology, giving its users the flexibility to select powerful single detecting frequencies or simultaneous multi-frequency options. These frequency choices allow Apex users to adapt their detectors to various ground mineralization conditions and to enhance detection of preferred metallic treasures. "Apex's Multi-Frequency Salt Mode, designed for use along challenging saltwater beach shores, has really grabbed attention," Moore added. "Our Apex field testers have reported excellent saltwater test results. This news has helped fuel the excitement, along with the fact that the Garrett

Apex offers more frequency options than any other detector currently on the market with an MSRP below \$500."

Garrett's ACE Apex includes built-in Z-Lynk™ wireless technology (up to six times faster than Bluetooth® speed). The new treasure-finding device is lightweight (2.5 pounds), and is simple enough for beginners to master quickly. But its ranges of advanced features and frequency options have drawn positive notice from even veteran treasure hunters.

One of Apex's popular features is a 175-point high resolution ground balance, allowing the detector to adapt to challenging soil conditions ranging from saltwater to highly mineralized soil. Intuitive menu controls allow the operator to easily adjust overall target volume, volume of undesired iron objects, detector sensitivity, search modes, target notch discrimination, and minor frequency adjustments to eliminate any electrical interference.

Powered by a built-in rechargeable lithium ion battery, Apex also includes a backlight to allow the user to read LCD controls in low light, six search modes to select from, a five-tone audible target identification system (coupled with large Digital Target ID numbers on the Apex LCD), and a new 6" x 11" DD-configuration Viper searchcoil.

The Garrett ACE Apex has a rainproof control box, while its lower shaft and searchcoil are fully submersible. It ships with a mini-USB charging cable for the internal battery, as well as a Viper searchcoil cover to prevent any scratching of the coil's lower surface. For full details on technical specifications and pricing for the new Apex metal detector, please visit [www.garrett.com](http://www.garrett.com).