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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 All.

I want to expand on what the FMDAC secretary Frank Coletti has written below. We have seen very little legislation or closures in quite sometime. At least that we have heard of. What that means is that we cannot fight them if we do not know of them. If you know of any potential closures or legislation on any level then let us know. If you are trying to do it yourself that is fine but please contact us for advice. You may think you are doing it the right way but may in fact be going astray simply by inexperience. We have been doing this for several decades so do not hesitate to ask for assistance. That is what we are here for. There have been times that we have been deep in the mix and there are times we have sat on the side and just rendered advice on how best to proceed.

The FMDAC board will be taking up an issue shortly to revise our code of ethics. We are looking at amending one item and adding two others. All three concern target recovery. This code was made back in the mid eighties and needs updating to stay with the present times. Some items that did not even catch the attention of people then are in the spotlight now. We must insure that our members and our appearance continue to be shown in a proper and respectable light. It was discussed at an informal meeting at Treasure Week with the board members who were present. It was favorably received and so will be presented to the full board for discussion.

Finally if you are the club contact or officer who is receiving this Newsgram from the FMDAC then please make sure that you are forwarding it to your membership. Also if you are a member of an FMDAC member club and you are not receiving this from your club then please contact them and find out who is not sending it to you. They are posted on the website shortly after being sent out and you will also find them in the forum and the facebook page.

Regards, Mark Schuessler, FMDAC President

Frank Colletti, FMDAC National Secretary Message

To All:

Hi, it has been a while since I once wrote the Quest, which just seems outdated by today's standards. So, our incumbent President, Mark Schuessler, felt that this was just a more efficient way to get news out to the membership about our hobby,

I try to keep current with news about the hobby, both good and bad news. It is incumbent upon you, the members to relay any news in your area that is important to share. This news includes: parks or beaches being closed to the hobby, or preferably news that such a proposal is being offered for a vote. In this way we can spread the news to all to try to prevent such events from happening. We can spread the news to our many members who can organize a letter writing campaign. In the event that such a letter writing campaign is started it is important to remember several points.

- 1) Obtain as many names of those who are in charge as possible, including titles.
- 2) Obtain an accurate address for mailing. You would be surprised how often the wrong addresses are used, and the letters are never properly received.
- 3) Address your letters to the individuals responsible.
- 4) Write in a courteous manner. Never use negatives, emphasize the positive aspects of the hobby, such as: how we

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

remove trash, and properly dispose of it; never damage the areas and always fill all holes, even those left by others; take care to not disturb any other visitors to the area; and you can attach any news about returned items to those who requested help finding a lost personal treasure.

5) If you expect a reply, always enclose a post paid return envelope.

If we try to maintain a positive profile with the public we cannot lose, and may even gain a lot.

At one beach that I regularly detect, the police have become friends, and have asked me to help find someone's lost item several times. At another beach, when I leave, I regularly turn in lost keys, some times an entire key chain, including a car key. I often wonder how the loser got home.

Maintain a friendly attitude, and I answer most questions from observers, without giving any personal information to them.

Always remember the Code Of Ethics, and you can't lose.

Frank Colletti, National Secretary

General U.S. and World Wide Hobby News

- Metal Detecting and Ice Cream: Arrow Rock hosts two cool events Sept. 1. [Article Link](#)
- Shocking finds in Manchester waterways include guns and knives. [Article Link](#)
- Area group digs for treasures, fun. [Article Link](#)
- Time capsule: Flags, Confederate cash, US medal. [Article Link](#)
- Mother searching Happy Valley-Goose Bay for lost ring. [Article Link](#)
- Metal detector finds little treasure, but plenty of drug paraphernalia in Kelowna park. [Article Link](#)
- Riverview man's metal detective work yields lost treasures. [Article Link](#)

U.K. News

- Discovering Hidden Treasures at St. Norbert Abbey. [Article Link](#)
- Calgary treasure hunter's curiosity draws him to partially drained Glenmore Reservoir. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure hunters find trove of Roman coins in England. [Article Link](#)
- What is a "mourning ring" and why has one been found in North-Essex? [Article Link](#)
- How a missing treasure vault key is causing a commotion in India. [Article Link](#)
- Hoard of 2,000-year-old silver Roman coins unearthed by group of friends and a metal detector. [Article Link](#)
- Amateur treasure hunter, 45, unearths a 1,800-year-old Roman signet ring engraved with the goddess of Victory in a field in Somerset. [Article Link](#), [Article Two](#)
- Eden treasures go on show. [Article Link](#)
- 'Treasure' decision on ancient ring. [Article Link](#)
- Looters suspected of raiding Castle Hill in 'nighthawking' attack. [Article Link](#)

W.W. Meteorite News

- Spectacular green meteor streaks over southern NSW. [Article Link](#)
- Mineral never seen on Earth found inside Russian meteorite. [Article Link](#)
- Greenland Air Base Unharmed by Apparent Meteor Explosion. [Article Link](#)
- Ancient Meteorite Crystals Uncover The Mysteries Of The Sun's Explosive Youth. [Article Link](#)
- Watch Two Meteorites Hit the Moon!. [Article Link](#)

Other News

- **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](#)
- **Gold Prospectors Assn of America (GPAA)** - News on legal issues for the gold prospecting community [August News](#)
- **JW Fisher Detectors** Gives Back to the Community [August Press Release](#)
- **Lost Treasure E-Magazine** [August Issue](#)
- **Prospecting and Mining Journal (IMCJ)** [August News](#)
- **Western Mining Alliance** [Newsletter](#)
- **1715 Fleet Society** [September Newsletter](#)
- White's Two New Metal Detectors
TDI BeachHunter @ \$1,299.95
[See Webpage for Details](#)
Goldmaster@24k Intro Pricing \$649.95 - \$749.95
[See Webpage for Details](#)

Jewelry Returns

- MLA loses ring on beach only for it to be found and returned 18 months later. [Article Link](#)
- Englewood man finds \$20,000 ring on Siesta Key. [Article Link](#)
- Couple's wedding ring returned after detectorist's find on Bridlington beach. [Article Link](#)
- Mystery Solved – Metal Detectorist Unearths High School Ring Buried For 53 Years . [Article Link](#)
- Wedding ring found. [Article Link](#)
- A perfect match: How one wedding ring found its way from the bottom of the James River back to its owner. [Article Link](#)
- Treasure Hunter Finds Olympian's Missing Ring. [Article Link](#)

North America Archaeology News

- Why Military Veterans Are Turning to Archaeology. [Article Link](#)
- How Archaeologists Play A Role In The Forest Service's Response To Wildfires. [Article Link](#)
- SC County Evaluating Archaeological Site Under Construction. [Article Link](#)
- Archaeological Dig at Gray-Cloud Home Attracts Neighbors, History Buffs. [Article Link](#)

Hunt Events and Shows

Metal Detecting & Gold Prospecting Events.

Now is the time to start planning and getting your club's 2018/19 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 Show Calendars

- [Antique Bottle Show](#)
- [Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors](#)
- [Coin Shows](#)
- [Numismaster Coin Shows](#)
- [Insulator Shows](#)
- [CFMS Society & Club Shows](#)
- [Club-Sponsored Mineral Shows](#)

- **September 01, 2018** (Two Days)
Chaffee, New York
FMDAC Northern Chapter Open Hunt
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- **September 01, 2018** (Two Days)
Foresthill, California
California State & US National Gold Panning Championships
Motherlode Goldhounds
- **September 07, 2018** (Two Days)
Penticton, British Columbia, Canada
10th Annual Treasures in the Sand Open Hunt

- **September 08, 2018** (One Day)
Berne, New York
48th Annual Club Hunt and Picnic
Empire State Metal Detector Association
- **September 15, 2018** Two Days
Burford, Oxfordshire, England
Detectival UK Rally 2018
- **September 15, 2018** (One day)
Taunton, Massachusetts
New England Treasure Show
Silver City Treasure Seekers
- **September 15, 2018** (One Day)
Bremerton, Washington
2018 MDAW Membership Picnic Hunt
MDAW-Metal Detecting Assn of Washington
- **September 15, 2018** (One Day)
Lovelock, Nevada
2018 Rye Patch Nugget Shoot
Reno Prospecting & Detecting Club,
GPAA of Northern NV
- **September 16, 2018** (One Day)
Lathrop, Missouri
42th Annual Treasure Hunt
Mo-Kan Search and Recovery Club
- **September 22, 2018** (Two Days)
ava Center, New York
20th Annual International Hunt
Genesee Valley Treasure Seekers

- **September 26, 2018** (Five Days)
Burnt River, Oregon
2018 September Burnt River Outing
LDMA-Lost Dutchman Mining Assn
- **September 29, 2018** (One Day)
Jones Beach Field 6, New York
Super Fall Hunt
Atlantic Treasure Club
- **September 29, 2018** (Two Days)
Knoxville, Tennessee
3rd Annual Fall Open Hunt
East Tennessee Relic & Coin Hunter Club
- **September 29, 2018** (One Day)
Bremerton, Washington
Light of the Silvery Moon Hunt
Olympic Peninsula Treasure Hunters
- **September 29, 2018** (One Day)
Annapolis, Maryland
Silver Frenzy V Open Hunt
Maryland Artifact Recovery Society (MARS)
- **September 30, 2018** (One Day)
Annapolis, Maryland
Open Treasure Hunt
Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

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Public Lands for the People - A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

PLP News Release

Public Lands for the People delivered information to the Federal EPA in Washington DC in March that legally explained that suction dredgers do not "add" a pollutant within the meaning of the Federal Clean Water Act requiring a 402 or 404 pollution discharge permit. The EPA has assured us of a decision in the near future, as it was passed to their specialists on the matter.

As we know, whether it is California's SB 637, or the CA Water Board, or Idaho's IDWR, they all defer to the Federal EPA regarding exemptions when the Feds choose to specifically state such. The fact is, the States get funds from the Federal government to carry out these directives. PLP is continuing to follow this matter up and resolve it under the Trump administration so that suction dredgers will not be labeled polluters requiring discharge permits in CA or any other State. PLP strongly believes that by submitting to a 402 permit, as some have advocated (see the article below this newsletter: "Surrendering to the Pollution Permit"), miners will run the risk of undermining and subverting our negotiations with the Federal EPA to resolve this issue at a national level.

PLP also believes that when the true costs of the \$6,000 permit plus the cost of hiring a water monitoring engineer per dredger (or group of dredgers), at \$50,000 comes to light (which is now being hidden), dredgers will be rightfully outraged as this will not be affordable, nor reasonable. We can say this with relative certainty based upon our experts with real experience in past permitting, going back to the year 2000!

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PLP 2018 Grand Raffle Winners [Press Release](#)

We are excited to announce the winners of this year's Grand Raffle drawing. We are humbled by the positive notes and calls of support from so many of you as you ordered tickets, bought memberships and just donated because you want to stand with us in the fight to keep our public land rights. THANK YOU!

- + ½ ounce GOLD NUGGET Donated by minerskeepers.com – Richard Kelsey
- + 4 stack GOLD CUBE Donated by Goldcube – John Cross
- + Dry concentrator Donated by Mad Mining – Jim Henesh
- + Macro Gold racer Detector Donated by The Miners Cache – Brian Winter
- + Mining claim location service Donated by Josh Reinke – Thomas Sager
- + Stake claim Workshop Donated by Josh Reinke – Dick Tieben
- + California Mining Claim Donated by Ron Kliewer/ www.goldrushu.com – Roger Bowman
- + Kwik Kiln Donated by GPK Company – Robert Davies
- + Recirculating sluicebox Donated by Mad Mining – Laren Crawford
- + Goldstrike mini washplant package Donated by Goldstrike Adventures – Jeff Lawlis
- + Fast Furnace Kiln Donated by fastfurnacecompany – Roger wingo
- + Tike Strike concentrator Donated by Spikestrike sluices – Gearge Cowie
- + Stowaway concentrator Donated by Spikestrike sluices – Jeffrey Courter
- + Gold ram panning sluice Donated by Spikestrike sluices – Ron Renter

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