

Author's Note

These paragraphs are reprinted as they were written more than 20 years ago to answer the question...Why Did I Write *Successful Coin Hunting*?:

"I wrote this book because I want to pass on to you, the coin hunter, the things I have learned about coin hunting. I believe the beginning coin hunter should learn as much as possible about the hobby before starting out. I hope that this book will give you a head start down the road of successful coin hunting.

"Perhaps some of the information included will not seem particularly valuable to the seasoned coin hunter. Many coin hunters are more active and experienced than I. Nevertheless, some of the tips and techniques may be of value to these persons. Discussions of the different detector types, their operations and applications may benefit even the 'old salt.' Several basic types of coin hunting detectors are on the market, but to my knowledge there is no complete guidebook which explains all the different instruments, their peculiarities and operating characteristics, and how they are best suited for the many different coin hunting applications.

"So, my purpose is this: to help all new coin hunters become successful coin hunters. To them I offer my 20-plus years of 'know how,' 'where to' and 'when to' coin hunting knowledge. To the already experienced and successful coin hunters I offer possibly a few new coin hunting tips, but, more fittingly, my total sympathy for those breaking backs that

Multitudes of coins are waiting to be found by any hobbyist who is willing to learn what it takes to become successful with a metal detector.

remind us all of the successful coin hunting days we have had. To all detector operators I offer the detector knowledge related to coin hunting that I have gained from the building, testing and use of detectors in coin hunting."

Now It's almost 1998.

All of the above remains true, except that my experience has been increased by more than two decades in the field, engineering laboratory and marketplace. Plus, the detectors on the market today that have come out of our laboratory are so vastly different from the ones referred to in the above paragraphs. More experience and new detectors...those two facts are the primary reasons I gave when fellow treasure hunters asked in 1989 and 1992 why I wanted to revise such a popular book as *Successful Coin Hunting*.

The experience I have gained and the experiences that so many of you have shared with me — plus the completely new instruments available to coin hunters today — made a complete rewriting of the book absolutely necessary.

Now, with the new GTI 2000 detector featuring *Imaging by Garrett* the time has come to revise the book still further to make certain that all facts on equipment and techniques are as current as possible. In the fast-moving technology of today's world substantial alterations are often required. Yet, what changes can I or any other writer make in describing BFO or TR detectors? No matter how much we loved those old instruments, they're obsolete today. Anyone who insists on using them must realize that he (or she) is placing severe limitations on the ability to find treasure!

In fact, anyone not using a modern detector with microprocessor controls is missing out on targets that he or she would otherwise find. Believe me!

These computerized detectors that were introduced in the late 1980's made it time for a totally new book on coin hunting...and the new GTI *imaging* detector makes this latest revision absolutely necessary!

Fans of the old volumes will find much here that they remember. Neither the physical laws nor the mythical lore of

treasure hunting has changed. Many of the ideas and stories from the old book are just as applicable in 1998 as they were in the early 1970s. I trust that newcomers to our hobby will enjoy this material and learn from it as so many others tell me they have.

There's also much that's totally new in this *Treasure Hunting Text* because ever-advancing technology makes our venerable hobby as modern as tomorrow.

I am confident that the new GTI 2000 detector with *Imaging by Garrett* is the finest coin-hunting detector ever developed. Of course, as the most technologically advanced of all detectors the GTI 2000 is the best detector to hunt for any kind of targets. But, this is especially true for coins!

Why? Because of its unique TreasureVision™ feature of identifying every target by relative size and precise depth.

Thus, the coin hunter — that hobbyist who is searching only for coins — need only be interested in targets identified as "B-sized" on the TreasureVision™ screen, pictured on Page 99. And, by relating the conductivity of these targets as shown on the Upper Scale of the Graphic Target Analyzer he or she will know (to an amazing degree) just what kind of target is being dug.

In fact, several veteran treasure hunters who field-tested the GTI before its public introduction said they found simply digging "coins in the park" to be ... would-you-believe, BORING. They considered this activity boring because ... once they were familiar with the GTI ... they knew what kind of coin they had found before they dug it up!

Such an attitude is reminiscent of long-time Garrett friend Ed Morris of California, who says that he learned not to dig pennies from his earliest days with a GTA detector.

So, to the treasure hunters of the world I present the Silver Anniversary revision of *The NEW Successful Coin Hunting*. Whether your detector be a GTI 2000, or a Spectrum...a 1265 or a GTA...a Sabre or a Treasure Ace, I sincerely hope that this new book will enable each of you to achieve as much pleasure...as much sheer delight from coin hunting with a

metal detector as I have enjoyed since the 1950's. And, perhaps sometime when we're both finding coins with a Green Machine...

I'll see you in the field!

Charles Garrett

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