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Best of 2017: Part 2

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Diggin' Texas 2—Another Tribute to Our Founder!

By Steve Moore



Charles Garrett would be proud. The second annual memorial hunt named in his honor went off without a hitch. The late March 2018 event included more treasure

hunters and more prizes than the first year's event.

Once again, the hunt took place near the Louisiana border, on the grounds

of a 200-acre RV park that sits along Big Cypress Bayou in Jefferson, Texas. Jefferson was an important commercial riverboat town around the period of the Civil War, so historic finds were expected beyond just the relics and silver coins planted by the Garrett team. The memorial hunt, in fact, included a "best finds" contest revolving around natural finds of coins, relics, and Texana artifacts dug by the detectorists.

More than 400 hunters joined in the fun over the weekend, and many other family members came out to either watch or take part in the free Kid's Hunt on Saturday. Eleanor Garrett, co-founder of Garrett Metal Detectors,

took some time on Saturday to relate a little of the history of how she and her late husband Charles started their company back in 1964.

Mrs. Garrett is seen below getting to know a couple of YouTube's big metal detecting celebrities: Jocelyn Elizabeth (known on YouTube as Relic Recoverist) and Beau "Aquachigger" Ouimette.



See pages 4-9 for more story and photos.



NOTE: Diamond Don's RV Park is private property. Metal detecting is not permitted without permission from the property owners. Garrett and TAMDC had their permission for this hunt weekend only.



Finder: Ronald W., North Brookfield, MA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1830 Massachusetts Volunteer Militia button



Finder: Wesley C., Corinth, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Sterling silver thimble



Finder: Brian L., Benbrook, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 10k gold chain, 9k gold bracelet, and a silver chain found in the Grand Cayman Islands



Finder: Andrew C., United Kingdom
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: 1779 George III gold half guinea



Finder: Kamlesh V., Rajasthan, India
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: 23k gold ring



Finder: Gordon W., United Kingdom
Using: *ACE 400i*
Find: Mark Anthony silver denarius, circa 31-32 BC

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Garrett's Code of Detecting Ethics

Charles Garrett always urged his fellow searchers to conduct themselves as responsible treasure hunters and to leave their hunt areas in better condition than they found them. Here are just a few of his keys to good conduct in the field:



- Never trespass or hunt on private property without permission.
- National and state parks/monuments, etc. are absolutely off-limits.
- Always fill in every hole that you dig.
- Do not leave litter or other discarded junk items lying around.
- Always carry out all rubbish and dug targets with you when you leave a search area.
- Use reasonable caution in digging toward any target, particularly in areas where you are uncertain of the ground conditions.
- Keep informed on and obey all local and national legislation relating to the discovery and reporting of found treasures.



Finder: Gediminas, Europe
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: 1768 gold Dutch ducat coin



Finder: Terry S., Holt, MO
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 18k white and yellow gold diamond necklace with a citrine stone



Finder: Clark S., United Kingdom
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Torque necklace with mother of pearl or oyster shell inlays

Finder: Jaap S., Europe
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: 1827-B Willem the 1st gold 5 gulden coin



Finder: Eric D., Grand Rapids, OH
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 18k gold ring, 10k white gold ring, .925 silver ring, 10k gold ring, and a .925 silver cross charm



Finder: Mike L., Midlothian, VA
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: 1874 U.S. trade dollar stamped with Asian marks



Finder: Aaron S., Spiceland, IN
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1765 silver Spanish half reale



Finder: Michael L., East Hampton, CT
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: World War I general service eagle button



Finder: Joshua C., Jefferson, ME
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1789 George Washington inaugural button



Finder: Piotr W., Europe
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Silver coin cache, circa 1587-1668



The two big premium hunts—the Silver Hunt on Sunday and the Relic Hunt on Saturday—had more participants than the previous year. And this year, we enjoyed good weather that allowed maximum hunt time for all.

Huntmaster Rusty Curry and his staff spent the weekend continually hiding prize tokens and coin caches throughout the park grounds, ensuring that all who continued searching had the chance to make finds.

Visiting YouTube stars Michael "Nugget Noggin" Bennett, Jocelyn Elizabeth, Beau Ouimette, Tim "Riny" Saylor, and George "KG" Wyant gave a hand to all the youngsters during the big Kid's Hunt on Saturday afternoon. They were also on hand to cheer on people of all ages who participated in the wild Night Hunt that evening.

Once again, Diamond Don Raney treated the crowd to a spectacular fireworks show Saturday night. Keith Wills, Wayne Peterson, the staff of TAMDC, and representatives of the

WorldWide Association of Treasure Seekers (WWATS) offered other free demonstrations, prize raffles, and even a gold panning area for youngsters.

Veteran treasure hunter Tom Moss was on hand with his vintage cannon to help fire up the hunters with timely blasts to start each hunt. Company Vice President Vaughan Garrett was on hand to make a special announcement Saturday regarding the launch of a new Sport Division product—the fully wireless Garrett *Pro-Pointer AT* with *Z-Lynk* technology.

The Garrett staff would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of the many volunteers who helped coordinate the weekend's hunt, including all of the fine people and companies who donated prizes. For a full list of those who helped with sponsorship, please see page 9 of this issue.

Several videos have been posted by our visiting YouTube stars of the fun they experienced during the 2018 Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt. Please

visit their channels to see some of the fun that was enjoyed by all:

- Aquachigger
- AnacondaTreasure (Diggin' with KG & Riny channel)
- Relic Recoverist
- Nugget Noggin

Here's hoping that we can continue to enjoy the legacy of Charles Garrett with another big hunt in the future!







(Below) Kids enjoyed the chance to pan for real treasures in this giant wash tub. Special thanks to everyone who made the kids feel special!







(Above) Garrett's new CEO Steve Novakovich fires off the cannon to start the Relic hunt. (Below) Nugget Noggin sharing an excited moment when a fellow hunter discovers her first prize token.





Special Thanks to Our Sponsors and Donors!

Garrett Metal Detectors would like to thank the following companies, organizations, and individuals for donating prizes, subscriptions, and/or materials and personal time to the 2018

Charles Garrett Memorial Hunt. We apologize in advance if we have neglected to list anyone who helped make this event fun for everyone involved.

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Finder: Andrew S., Europe
Using: ACE 250
Find: Ancient Arabian coin



Finder: Simon M., United Kingdom
Using: ACE 400i
Find: Henry VI gold noble coin, from 1421



Finder: Jared K., Tacoma, WA
Using: ACE 350
Find: 1920s Tacoma store token



Finder: Utah N., McKinney, TX
Using: AT Pro
Find: Civil War drummer boy's belt buckle



Finder: Tor H., Europe
Using: AT Gold
Find: Napoleon era British Navy button with beautiful gold plating



Finder: Jeffrey P., Winchester, VA
Using: AT Pro
Find: Virginia Military Institute gold gilded Civil War button



Finder: Brad M., Manchester, TN
Using: AT Gold
Find: Civil War sword handle



Finder: Pal V., Europe
Using: AT Gold and ACE 300i
Find: Viking grave finds, circa 1000AD



Finder: Jeremy P., Babb, MT
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1848 pre-Civil War revolver, a Remington .36 caliber



Finder: Simon O., United Kingdom
Using: ACE 300i
Find: 14k gold ring



Finder: James E., United Kingdom
Using: ACE 400i
Find: 7th century silver Anglo Saxon sword pommel cap



Finder: Jason I., Athens, ME
Using: AT Pro
Find: Rare 1689 William and Mary commemorative jeton



Finder: Benjamin K., Europe
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Roman Cassi silver denarius coin



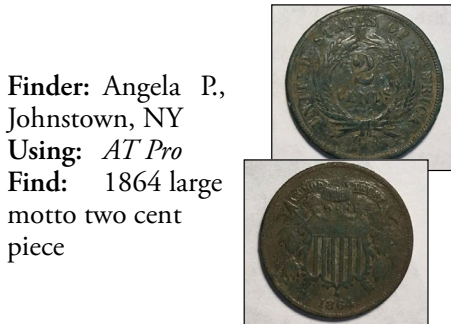
Finder: Larry P., Salem, NH
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1848 large cent



Finder: Ray H., Oklahoma City, OK
Using: AT Max
Find: Rose Gold 23 diamond stone ring. "Simply amazed at the depth of the Max," said Ray.



Finder: Steven E., United Kingdom
Using: ACE 400i
Find: Roman headstud brooch, circa 1st Century AD, in excellent condition. Per Steven, it was a "priceless feeling" when he dug this one.



Finder: Angela P., Johnstown, NY
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1864 large motto two cent piece



Finder: Michelle V., United Kingdom
Using: AT Pro International
Find: A rare gold Richard III half angel hammered coin. Michelle and her husband were participating in a charity dig in Monks Kirby, Rugby, UK, when she found this hammered gold coin



about 17 inches deep in a plowed field. "I had her on Pro Mode and the Target ID was 65, although a little scratchy," said Michelle. "I am really excited about this coin, as there haven't been any found for many, many years."
 Congrats, Michelle!



Finder: Chris O., Kerhonkson, NY
Using: ACE 400
Find: 1783 Carolus III silver half reale



Finder: Marco F., Europe
Using: *ATX*
Find: Gold nugget



Finder: Michael F., Madison, TN
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 14k gold ring with diamonds



Finder: Adrian R., Europe
Using: *GTI 2500*
Find: Julia Lepedia Roman bronze coin, circa 44-36BC



Finder: Jeremy C., Saugerties, NY
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Sea Scouts silver ring



Finder: Tomislav B., Europe
Using: *ACE 400i*
Find: Gold Roman coin



Finder: Pavel S., Kaliningrad, Russia
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Grand Master Wynrich von Kniprode silver schilling, circa 1351-1382AD



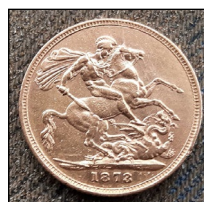
Finder: Ian H., United Kingdom
Using: *EuroACE*
Find: King Edward I small silver hammered pennies coin hoard, circa 1280-1307AD



Finder: Brian P., Middletown, NY
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: War of 1812 artillery belt plate. "While digging a cellar hole in Upstate New York, I received a signal right in the foundation ruins," said Brian. "After moving a foundation stone and a little digging, I was rewarded with this beauty!"



Finder: Michael J., United Kingdom
Using: *ACE 400i*
Find: 1873 Victorian gold sovereign coin



Finder: Jose B., Europe
Using: *ACE 300i*
Find: Gold ring



Finder: Kevin P., United Kingdom
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: 1817 George III gold half sovereign and a silver hammered coin



Finder: Trevor L., Mount Clemens, MI
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 14k yellow gold diamond ring



Finder: Cody D., Rutland, VT
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Cody was digging in southern Vermont, on his last site of the day. "My first signal was a 70-71 signal," he said. "I called Indian, but was very surprised when I saw a big copper sitting in the hole. It was the rare Ryder 15 Vermont copper coin. I'm still awestruck."



Finder: Bob F., Colleyville, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Sterling Elks watch fob, with the owner's name (E. T. Josey of Huntsville, Texas) engraved in. Bob found that Josey was born in 1843, served in the Civil War, settled in Huntsville in 1870, and lived there until his death in 1925. It just goes to prove that you never know what kind of history is waiting to be uncovered next.



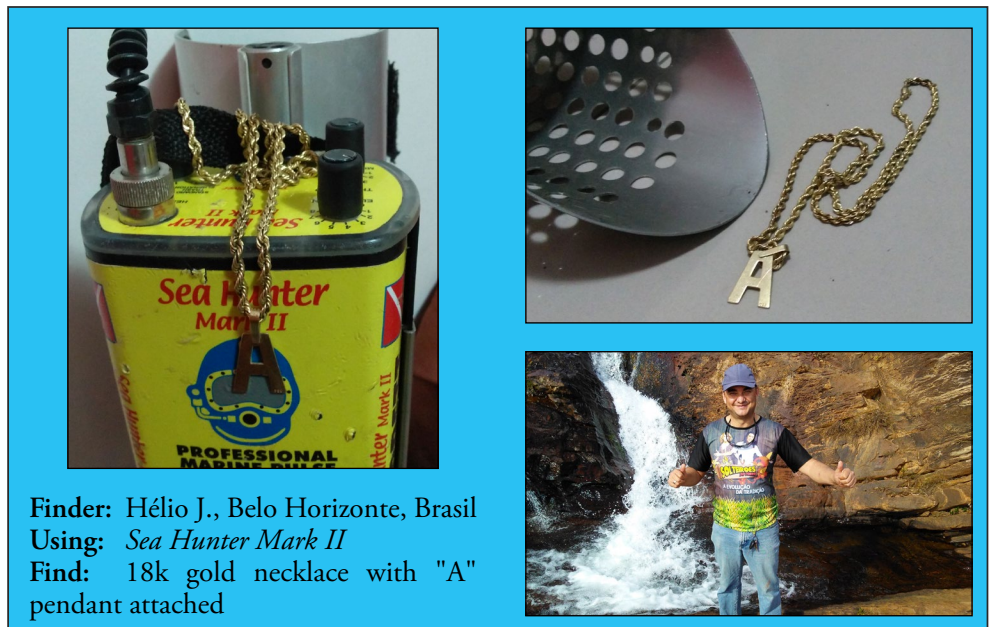
Finder: Ezekiel R., Corrientes, Argentina
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: Lion-image buckle belonging to an officer of the army of Paraguay, circa 1860s.



Finder: Daniel C., United Kingdom
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: 1853 Queen Victoria gold half sovereign coin



Finder: Péter T., Europe
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Mathias rex coin, circa 1458-1490



Finder: Hélio J., Belo Horizonte, Brasil
Using: *Sea Hunter Mark II*
Find: 18k gold necklace with "A" pendant attached



Finder: William M., Parker, CO
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Large gold nugget found about 12 inches deep in August 2017.



Finder: Andy B., McKinney, TX
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Confederate buckle dug near the Chickamauga battlefield on private property. "The feeling of seeing the 'reveal' when the plug was lifted was surreal," he said.



Finder: Kamil W., Europe
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Roman coins, artifacts and fibula



Finder: Stephen, United Kingdom
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: "I was detecting a field on the coast in Weymouth, Dorset, England, when I got a brilliant double dinger signal on the *ACE 250*," said Stephen. He found the silver eagle ring was probably dropped by an American soldier during World War II.



Finder: Luka R., Europe
Using: *ACE 400i*
Find: Roman fibula of two-headed horse, found about 40cm deep in a field that had been heavily pounded by other detectors.



Finder: Lucian L., Europe

Using: *ACE 300i*

Find: 170 pieces of German Iron Cross class 2, found near a former German military base from World War II. Believed to be the largest horde of Iron Crosses ever found.



Finder: Michael E., Winchester, VA

Using: *AT Max*

Find: 1739 1-duid coin. "The *AT Max* seems to reach right through heavy iron and lock on targets," he said.



Finder: Vania R., Europe

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: An 18th Century sword guard with angelic figures



Finder: Stephen W., United Kingdom

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: George Washington success medallion/token, circa 1792-1795



Finder: Matt O., Pittsburgh, PA

Using: *ACE 350*

Find: Victorian sterling silver pencil



Finder: Ronny R., Houston, TX

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: 1901 \$10 gold coin



Finder: Eddie T., Forkland, AL

Using: *AT Max*

Find: 2-piece General Service World War I button



Finder: Tor H., Europe

Using: *AT Gold*

Find: 1279 Long Cross hammered penny



Finder: Jim G., Bourbon, MO

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: 1875 Seated Liberty silver quarter



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Finder: Julio C., Salta, Argentina
Using: ACE 300i

Find: An Indian ornament and a lead seal dating from the 1600s. "The lead seal came in clothes from Europe as contraband from the Dutch people," he said.



Finder: Chase K., Oakhurst, CA
Using: AT Gold
Find: 1856 Seated Liberty dime



Finder: Digger Dawn, United Kingdom
Using: ACE 400i
Find: 1573 Elizabeth 1st silver sixpence



Finder: Michael O., Bethlehem, South Africa
Using: ACE 250
Find: Michael was asked by his friend to use his detector to help find his wife's lost wedding ring. "It is not always about finding gold but also friendship and help that is nice in this fun hobby," said Michael.



Finder: Mark C., United Kingdom
Using: ACE 400i
Find: A star-shaped 14th Century annular brooch

ROMAN HOARD FOUND WITH AT PRO



Finder: Kevin M., United Kingdom

Using: *AT Pro International*

Find: Kevin was detecting with his club, Detecting for Veteran, in a charity event on November 26, 2017, when he made this find. It is a late 2nd Century or early 3rd Century hoard of a little more than 200 Roman Antoniniani coins.

The scattered coins were found with two halves of a silver ring, believed to have been used to secure the bag. "The hoard is now with the British Museum for cleaning and valuing," said Kevin. He has since returned to the site with an archaeology team to find five more coins and a trumpet brooch.

Congrats to Kevin!



Finder: Adam D., Carelton Place, Ontario, Canada

Using: *AT Pro International*

Find: Biscayne trade ax from the period of 1630–1650



Finder: Shaun B., Vancouver, WA

Using: *ACE 400*

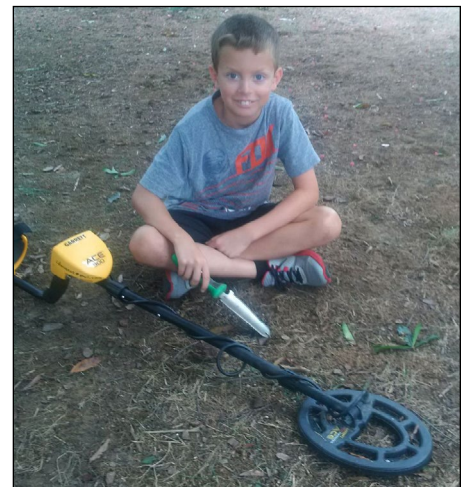
Find: 10k gold ring with gem stones



Finder: Perry and Jake E., Pine Island, Minnesota

Using: *AT Pros*

Find: Small bust pins and two large circular pins depicting Samuel J. Tilden and the year (1876) he ran for president.



Finder: Calvin D., High Point, NC

Using: *ACE 300*

Find: Calvin, nine, was detecting with his father Christian when he found this 1879 semi-key date Indian Head penny—his oldest coin find yet.



Finder: Robert B., Virginia

Using: *AT Max*

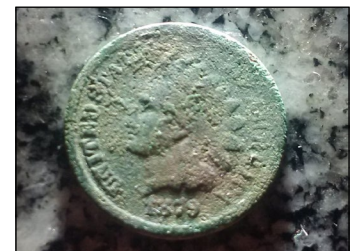
Find: Early militia button, found in a Union camp site



Finder: Christopher S., Richlandtown, PA

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: 1820-1840s Militia belt plate





BONE 25: BEST O' NORTH EAST HUNTS/CONFERENCE



Historic Keene, New Hampshire, was the staging area for the weeklong 25th Annual Best O' North East Conference and treasure hunts—known to most as BONE 25.

The event was hosted and organized by the Professional Treasurer Hunters Historical Society and Streeters Treasure Hunting, a metal detecting dealership in Marlborough, New Hampshire, owned by George Streeter.

Daily hunts were held Tuesday through Friday, including the Garrett sponsored Thursday natural hunt on about 200 acres of colonial property. Other hunts were held on nearby farms and in open colonial forest where hunters had the opportunity to search for early colonial cellar holes.

The weekend show in Keene featured raffles, seeded hunts, and talks by detecting veterans like Terry Smith, Heath Jones, and Michael "Nugget" Bennett.

Although this was rumored to be the final BONE Hunt, George Streeter has already announced BONE 26, set for April 2019. Mark your calendars!



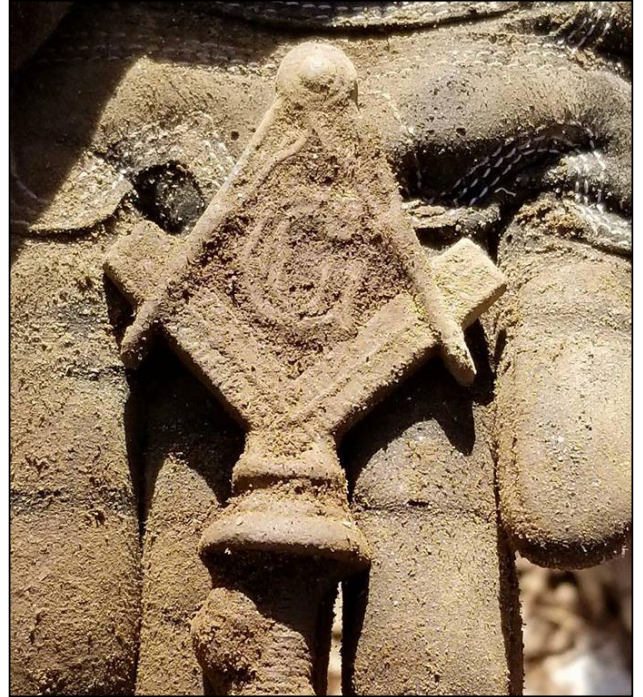
(Left) This AT Pro user was all smiles when she dug an early large cent on Tuesday. (Above) Miguel Ardito found this King George I colonial copper. (Right) Hunt organizer George Streeter.





(Above) Steve Moore dug this colonial buckle at BONE 25 with his AT Max.

(Below) Two of Steve's coin finds, a 1785 Spanish silver one real and a 1912 Canadian Large Cent.



(Above) A BONE 25 Masonic find. (Below) Steve with Hoover Boys (left to right) Bob Horst and Kurt Franz, plus Nugget Noggin (fourth from left) and Hoover Boy Brad Johns.



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