Meet California's "MEGA Cladder"

In 2012, Jason Burns of South Orange County, California, discovered the sport of metal detecting from his brother Robert, an ACE 250 user. Just a few years later, he has become so proficient at digging coins with his own detector that forum users began referring to him as the "Mega Cladder." By the end of 2017, his clad coin finds alone had reached almost $7,000.

Jason became hooked on detecting when his brother took him to a local school to try out the ACE 250. "Robert always had the love of metal detecting since he was a kid," said Jason. He quickly tried out the detector and dug a quarter. "This is so cool!" he thought.

With that, Jason began researching metal detectors, and finally decided that the Garrett AT Pro was the one he wanted. Unfortunately, his wife did not see the need to invest in his desired Christmas present that year—in spite of his pleas that it would pay for itself in no time.

"So, I decided to purchase the AT Pro myself," he said. "I took it to a local park and within minutes, I was getting hits." Once he started to understand the tones and the Target ID numbers, Jason found himself looking for quarters. "I could not believe how much I was finding!" he said. "It soon dawned on me that this hobby can be a large money maker."

Jason soon purchased a Garrett Pro-Pointer to speed his ability to find his coin targets. "I soon found that I was pulling in at least ten dollars per hunt," he said. "My luck started to change when I found my first ring, a nice little silver ring. I was so excited."

During his first year with the AT Pro, he also found gold rings and his first platinum ring. It was only after he found his most valuable ring that his wife Meredith became a believer. "I dug a target that hit in the nickel range, and it turned out to be a platinum ring with diamonds," said Jason. "The ring appraised for $4,300!"

Although the ring finds are exciting, Jason is primarily a coin shooter. During his first year of hunting in 2013, he accumulated $750 in clad coins. In 2014, his total coin haul was $1,050, which he bested in 2015 with $1,280.

Jason tried his luck with beach hunting a few times, but found that (Continued on page 3)
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.
his main love was hitting parks and schools. "I slowly began to streamline my hunting," he said. "I use small, homemade flags to aid in my hunting. I've learned to grid a field and put in about 20 flags where I get good signals."

"Then, after I've flagged about 20 hits, I go dig all of them. I'm fast with my Pro-Pointer and I find it easier than stopping to dig each individual hit that I get."

Jason says he averages at least $15 in clad during a 3-hour hunt. He considers himself fortunate enough to have a home-based business that allows him the flexibility to hunt at least three or four days a week.

He eventually purchased a rock tumbler for use in cleaning his clad, which he uses with a special blend of water, aquarium pebbles, rock salt, and white vinegar. "I don't tumble my coins until the end of the year," he says. "And then I take photos of my finds."

One year, he and his wife were able to purchase brand-new furniture for their home with his AT Pro coin finds. His total coin haul in 2016 was $1,700 in clad, and his 2017 total was nearly as high at $1,580.

Jason says his favorite finds so far have been the $4,300 ring and a 1904 Barber half dollar. "The area of California I live in is not really an old town, so I don't find as many silver coins as some people do," he said.

"But, believe it or not, I still get excited to find a clad quarter. I guess detecting just takes me away from reality for a while."

Jason, when your hobby actually pays you more than $1,000 a year while you're out having fun, who wouldn't enjoy it?
Finder: Michael F., Kaufman, TX
Using: AT Gold
Find: Michael's lost gold wedding band recovered 18 years later

Finder: Mike S., Tasmania, Australia
Using: ACE 250
Find: Silver sovereign coin holder

Finder: Brian S., East Dorset, VT
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1787 Draped Bust Connecticut copper

Finder: Logan B., San Antonio, TX
Using: ACE 200
Find: While searching around his Grandpa's Coca-Cola swing, Logan got a good coin signal on his ACE 200. After digging a plug, he extracted a nice coin spill—40 pennies and three nickels. He recalls, "It was the biggest coin spill of my life."

Finder: Marijan M., Europe
Using: ACE 350
Find: Antonius Pius Caracalla Roman coin, circa 198-211AD

Finder: Ryan G., Exeter, NH
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1832 Capped Bust half dime

Finder: Jason S., Crawfordsville, IN
Using: ACE 400
Find: 1864 "small motto" 2 cent piece and three silver Mercury dimes

Finder: Cody R., Waldo, ME
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1854 Liberty half cent

Finder: Scott B., Halifax, Canada
Using: ATX
Find: Gold brooch, circa 1800s

Finder: Marcin J., Europe
Using: AT Pro International
Find: 1915 gold 2 1/2 dollar coin

Finder: David C., Lyndon, KS
Using: AT Pro
Find: Bronze Chinese marriage coin
In January 1947, a small Dakota plane carrying $15,000,000 in gold bullions and coins to restock the banks crashed near the summit of Mt. Parker in Hong Kong, China. Five to nine million dollars worth of gold are still scattered amongst the hill tops. Stuart was contacted by an English newspaper to help search for some of the gold coins that were left behind.

Stuart recalls, "We went with the reporter so he could take some pictures of us hunting for the lost treasure. Within three minutes of starting our quest the Garrett rang out a sharp high pitched note that was music to all of our ears and out from two inches below the surface came a Mexican 50 pesos gold coin gleaming like the day it was minted."

Congratulations Stuart on your amazing find and thank you for sharing your story!
Finder: Kyle M., South Paris, ME
Using: AT Pro
Find: Coin purse with coins, including an 1887 Seated Liberty half dollar, 1894 Barber half, two 1909 Barber quarters, 1898 Barber quarter, 1908 Barber dime, six Indian Head pennies, and two unidentified coins.

Finder: Michael L., East Hampton, CT
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1838 Seated Liberty silver dime

Finder: Patryk S., Europe
Using: AT Pro International
Find: 18k gold ring

Finder: Tyler C., Ontario, Canada
Using: AT Gold
Find: WWII Canadian Armoured Corps gold sweetheart ring

Finder: David W., United Kingdom
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Henry V silver groat coin, circa 1413-1422AD

Finder: Giuseppe Y., United Kingdom
Using: ACE 400i
Find: George IV Bullhead shilling

Finder: Justin S., Claremore, OK
Using: AT Pro
Find: Free Mason member ring, circa early 1900-1905

Finder: Miroslaw B., Europe
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Three ancient Roman denarii coins

Finder: Heriberto C., New Haven, CT
Using: AT Gold
Find: Spill of 105 silver coins, dated 1946-1964

Finder: Adrian R., Europe
Using: GTI 2500
Find: Roman Julia Lepedia Spanish bronze coin, circa 44-36BC
Finder: Jason, United Kingdom
Using: GTI 2500
Find: King Henry VII silver groat, circa 1495-1504AD

Finder: Hasan K., Denizli, Turkey
Using: ACE 300i
Find: Gold ring

Finder: Christopher N., Summerville, GA
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1905 Louisville, KY United Confederate Veterans reunion badge

Finder: Urh L., Europe
Using: EuroACE
Find: 1915 Austria ducat gold coin

Finder: Ivan C., Singapore
Using: Sea Hunter Mark II
Find: 40 grams of gold

Finder: Raja K., Johore, Malaysia
Using: AT Gold
Find: 1512 Portuguese Manuel 1st tin bastardo coins

Finder: Jasja H., Europe
Using: ACE 300i
Find: 1704 Generaliteits gulden silver coin

Finder: Mateusz W., Europe
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Russian 19th century St. Nicholas bronze icon plaque

Finder: David D., Hurricane, WV
Using: AT Pro
Find: George Washington inaugural button

Finder: Mike W., Anna, OH
Using: AT Pro
Find: German military service medal

Finder: Tim M., Hutchinson, KS
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1922 silver Peace Dollar
Finder: Aaron W., Charleston, WV
Using: AT Pro
Find: Army distinguished service cross

Finder: Garren K., Fort Worth, TX
Using: AT Pro
Find: Discovered on a Civil War battlefield in Virginia. Garren shared a photo of his James artillery shell after 26 days of electrolysis cleaning.

Finder: Luka R., Europe
Using: ACE 400i
Find: Vespasian denarius coin, circa 70-71AD

Finder: Juan R., Kingston, NY
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1835 Capped Bust half dime

Finder: James B., United Kingdom
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1683 King Charles II silver hammered coin

Finder: Tentis M., Supply, NC
Using: AT Pro
Find: War of 1812 Script A, 1st regiment button

Finder: Chris L., United Kingdom
Using: ACE 400i
Find: Four silver Roman denarius coins

Finder: Patrick O., Norwich, NY
Using: AT Pro
Find: Hand engraved silver button

Finder: Peppe D., Europe
Using: ACE 250
Find: 14k Spanish gold pendant with Patapinta (the artist’s name) inscribed on the back, estimated to be from the fifth century.

Finder: Robert C., Pittsburgh, PA
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1984 50 Yen 1/2 ounce gold coin in bezel

Finder: Dylan D., Town of Sullivan, WI
Using: ACE 250
Find: 10k gold ring with diamonds

Finder: Ursu M., Europe
Using: EuroACE
Find: White gold plated silver key
Finder: Dave S., Kasson, MN
Using: AT Gold
Find: Gold nugget

Finder: Michael C., North East, MD
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1739 King George half penny copper coin

Finder: Eduard T., Europe
Using: EuroACE
Find: Ancient Dacian silver neck ornament, estimated to be over 2,000 years old

Finder: Dave S., Kasson, MN
Using: AT Gold
Find: 1879 silver Morgan dollar coin found by Owen—his first silver coin.

Finder: Nazar D., Slovita, Ukraine
Using: EuroACE
Find: 1615 Sigismund III Vasa of Poland silver coin

Finder: Florin G., Europe
Using: ACE 250
Find: Bronze brooch and a Diva Faustina denar coin inside a Roman fibula

Finder: Frank P., Clinton Township, MI
Using: AT Pro
Find: Spill of a lifetime—four Barber quarters, one Barber dime, one Canadian quarter, Standing Liberty Quarter, two V Nickels, Buffalo nickel, and an Indian Head penny.

Finder: Jeff H., Wallkill, NY
Using: ACE 400
Find: George Washington inaugural button missing the shank off the back

Finder: Jorge R., Guanajuato, Mexico
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Emperor Augustine Iturbide’s seal button, circa 1810-1822

Finder: Mick H., United Kingdom
Using: AT Pro International
Find: 1873 Queen Victoria gold half sovereign coin

Finder: Owen W., Burlington Flats, NY
Using: ACE 350
Find: 1879 silver Morgan dollar coin found by Owen—his first silver coin.
Finder: Daniel B., Gilbertsville, NY  
Using: **ACE 250**  
Find: 1837 Hard-times token

Finder: Martin N., Europe  
Using: **AT Pro International**  
Find: Viking age gold pendant, estimated to be over 1000 years old

Finder: Jay Dee J., Disputanta, VA  
Using: **AT Pro**  
Find: Civil War Union soldier’s identification tag

Finder: Michael H., United Kingdom  
Using: **ACE 250**  
Find: Wallet containing six coins, circa late 1800s to early 1900s

Finder: Keith S., Shippensburg, PA  
Using: **AT Pro**  
Find: Civil War buckle

Finder: William C., Leland, NC  
Using: **AT Pro**  
Find: 1797 King George III cartwheel

Finder: Brandon S., Swanzey, NH  
Using: **AT Pro**  
Find: War of 1812 infantry officer’s button

Finder: John A., Culloden, WV  
Using: **ACE 400**  
Find: 14k gold ring with 10 diamonds, appraised at $1,000 - $2,000

Finder: Michal P., United Kingdom  
Using: **AT Gold**  
Find: Ring found on a quick search before work

Finder: Ted B., Grimesland, NC  
Using: **ACE 250**  
Find: Civil War Union camp cook pot with bones still inside
Finder: Cody T., Minneapolis, MN
Using: **ATX**
Find: Civil War U.S. belt buckle, j-hook, and a minié ball

Finder: Clifton B., Guymon, OK
Using: **AT Pro**
Find: Grandma’s ring discovered in her flower bed.

Finder: Brian F., Hollywood, CA
Using: **AT Pro**
Find: USA intertwined Artillery bridle rosette, circa mid 1800s

Finder: Paul B., United Kingdom
Using: **ACE 400i**
Find: Henry VIII hammered half sovereign gold coin

Finder: Clifton B., Guymon, OK
Using: **AT Pro**
Find: Henry VIII hammered half sovereign gold coin

Finder: Brian W., Buena Park, CA
Using: **ACE 250**
Find: Silver diamond ring

Finder: Renars V., Europe
Using: **ACE 250**
Find: Silver ring and brooch

Finder: Damian S., Europe
Using: **EuroACE**
Find: Casimir IV silver coin, circa 1447-1492AD

Finder: Tom S., Ontario, Canada
Using: **AT Pro International**
Find: 1831 Coronet large cent

Finder: Nathan Z., Claysville, PA
Using: **ACE 300**
Find: Monogrammed locket

Finder: Roy H., APO, AE
Using: **AT Pro**
Find: 1380 French jeton coin

Finder: Brittany S., Dinwiddie, VA
Using: **ACE 250**
Find: 1856 gold 1 dollar coin
Finder: Michal P., United Kingdom
Using: AT Gold
Find: Coin cache with five coins inside including a 1696 William III

Finder: Mark B., Europe
Using: AT Gold
Find: Doge Pietro II of Venice gold coin, circa 1567-1570

Finder: Cameron M., United Kingdom
Using: EuroACE
Find: 22k gold wedding band

Finder: Richard P., Watauga, TX
Using: AT Pro
Find: Platinum diamond ring

Finder: Paige G., Indian Trail, NC
Using: AT Pro
Find: Broken toy airplane

Finder: Lee N., Valparaiso, IN
Using: AT Pro
Find: Three silver quarters—1943 Washington, 1918 Standing Liberty, and a 1908 Barber

Finder: Harald H., Europe
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Child’s Roman bracelet fragment, circa 60-160BC

Finder: Oscar A., Chihuahua, Mexico
Using: ACE 250
Find: 1732 silver 8 reale

Finder: Douglas R., Quito, Ecuador
Using: ATX
Find: Gold nugget specimen

Finder: Mark S., United Kingdom
Using: ACE 400i
Find: 22k Victoria half sovereign

Finder: John S., Shelton, CT
Using: AT Pro
Find: Two Barber half dollars, three Barber quarters, and two Barber dimes

Finder: Nicholas A., Vero Beach, FL
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1830s large cent turned into a love token by a soldier from the Second Seminole War
Finder: Greg S., Cumberland, RI  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: 1857 Seated Liberty half dollar

Finder: Oskar M., New South Wales, Australia  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Silver bangle bracelet and three silver rings

Finder: Simon O., United Kingdom  
Using: *ACE 300i*  
Find: Edward III silver groat, circa 1351-77AD

Finder: Fernando D., Colonia, Uruguay  
Using: *ACE 400*  
Find: 1852 Pedro II gold coin

Finder: Scott B., Nova Scotia, Canada  
Using: *AT Pro International*  
Find: Gold ring, vintage cameo, and two old coins all found in the same hole.

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Finder: Phil B., Plainfield, WI  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Platinum octopus ring

Finder: Rick S., Fulton, NY  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Civil War Shako hat plate

Finder: James S., Cambridge Springs, PA  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: 1864 Civil War token

Finder: Luka H., Europe  
Using: *AT Pro International*  
Find: 1899 Austria one Korona silver coin converted into a ring
Finder: Toth G., Europe
Using: ACE 250
Find: Rare Avar-age bronze head of a boar, depicting animal patterns

Finder: Nadia R., Quebec, Canada
Using: AT Pro
Find: 10k gold Roswell ring with red stone

Finder: Anton, Russian Federation
Using: AT Pro International
Find: 1521 Albrecht of Hohenzollern silver shilling

Finder: James R., Knoxville, TN
Using: AT Pro
Find: Cache of Civil War dropped minié balls

Finder: Jeremiah M., Three Rivers, MI
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1858-O silver Seated Liberty half dollar

Finder: Graeme S., United Kingdom
Using: EuroACE
Find: Roman fibula brooch

Finder: Michigan Diggers, Shelby, MI
Using: AT Pro
Find: Silver spoon found at a home site built in the early 1900s.

Finder: Guy M., Columbiana, OH
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1931 P.F.L. brass oration church medallion
October 2017 Winners

U.S. Winner #1
Finder: Brian P., Middletown, NY
Using: AT Pro
Find: War of 1812 artillery belt plate

U.S. Winner #2
Finder: William M., Parker, CO
Using: AT Gold
Find: Colorado gold nugget

U.S. Winner #3
Finder: Ray H., Oklahoma City, OK
Using: AT Max
Find: Rose Gold diamond ring

International #1
Finder: Steven E., United Kingdom
Using: ACE 400i
Find: Roman Head Stud brooch

International #2
Finder: Vanya R., Europe
Using: ACE 250
Find: 18th century sword guard

International #1
Finder: Tomislav B., Europe
Using: ACE 400i
Find: Roman gold coin

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### November 2017 Winners

**U.S. Winner #1**
- **Finder:** Andy B., McKinney, TX
- **Using:** ACE 250
- **Find:** Civil War Confederate buckle

**U.S. Winner #2**
- **Finder:** Bob F., Collyville, TX
- **Using:** AT Pro
- **Find:** Sterling silver elk’s watch fob

**U.S. Winner #3**
- **Finder:** Cody D., Rutland, VT
- **Using:** AT Pro
- **Find:** Extremely rare 1787 Vermont copper variety Ryder 15

**U.S. Winner #4**
- **Finder:** Ronny R., Houston, TX
- **Using:** AT Pro
- **Find:** 1902 Liberty Head U.S. $10 gold coin

### International Winners

**International #1**
- **Finder:** Luka R., Europe
- **Using:** ACE 400i
- **Find:** Roman two-headed horse fibula

**International #2**
- **Finder:** Lucian L., Europe
- **Using:** ACE 300i
- **Find:** Iron cross hoard

**International #3**
- **Finder:** Stephen W., United Kingdom
- **Using:** ACE 250
- **Find:** WW II American soldier’s sterling silver ring

**International #4**
- **Finder:** Ezequiel R., Argentina
- **Using:** ACE 350
- **Find:** Buckle with lion figure

### December 2017 Winners

**U.S. Winner #1**
- **Finder:** Stone K., Daphne, AL
- **Using:** AT Pro
- **Find:** Civil War Alabama Confederate sword plate

**International #1**
- **Finder:** David M., United Kingdom
- **Using:** ACE 150
- **Find:** Bronze Age gold clothes fastener, circa 1200 BC approximately
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