

THE GARRETT SEARCHER™



Summer 2009 Edition

Garrett Metal Detectors

A Hobby That Brings History to Life

As a child, I was never overly interested in history. I was more fascinated by the lure of pirates and hidden treasures, particularly after watching the original 1930s version of *Treasure Island* starring Wallace Beery. However, as I spent more and more time in the field treasure hunting, I found that my love of history increased dramatically.

A treasure hunter simply can't help but learn more about history as he or she discovers and unearths treasures from the past. Whether it's a 1930s dime or a Civil War relic, there is history associated with each discovery. Treasure hunting in Europe can take you even farther into the past. I will never forget the first ancient Roman and Greek coins I discovered with my metal detector. They were absolutely unlike any money I had ever dug up in the United States. Whereas American coins have been minted for little more than 200 years, lost coins in other parts of the world can be *thousands* of years old!

In this issue of *The Garrett Searcher*, you will see some of these ancient coins and other treasures found by our customers in Europe. You will also see a photo from Spain that portrays the challenge that metal detectorists face in that country (and in many

other countries) that threaten their hobby. American treasure hunters tell me about facing increased restrictions in certain areas. It seems that the illegal practices of a few hunters are threatening to spoil the hobby for the rest of us. I urge you to always obey the law, especially about metal detecting in restricted areas.

I think one of the secrets to keeping the peace between historians and hobbyists is to employ responsible recovery methods. You can volunteer to work with archaeological teams on important historic sites. While you will not keep your finds, you can feel a sense of pride when future generations are able to



Buttons, fibulas, coins, musket balls and other relics (some dating to the Roman era) were handed over to the mayor of a small town in Spain in April 2009 during a large hobby rally.

view historic artifacts in museums and in other displays.

Henry Tellez and Steve Moore from Garrett's sales and marketing team recently attended a large hobby rally in southern Spain where the detectorists handed over history to the local township. The detectorists earned various prizes based on their discoveries and were satisfied with knowing that they had handed back important history.

Truth be told, historians are learning more about the past through the use of metal detectors than from conventional archaeological methods.

On a different historical note, you are encouraged to pick up a copy of our latest RAM book, *Gold in the Ancient World*. Author Jenifer Marx paints a broad picture of adventure, artistry and greed as she explores the achievements resulting from man's love of gold. You can learn more about the fabulous golden treasures of King Tut that have been recently touring America again.

Until next issue, I encourage you to cherish the history of our past as you work hard to keep our hobby strong.

I'll see you in the field!

Charles Garrett

England

Beachcombing and Digging Deep Pays Off

"I am a former deputy editor and now a freelance feature writer, and have been a committed treasure hunter since 1978. During these 31 years I have used several makes of metal detector and am happy to endorse freely, Garrett machines, owing to what I consider their second-to-none quality, and field performance.

"My first Garrett was a *Groundhog* VLF/TR that gave me many years of reliable service along with several gold coins of various types. Currently, I am using a recently-bought *Sea Hunter Mark II* pulse induction machine, specifically for beachcombing below the low tide lines of the beaches



John H. found this Bulgari 18-carat ring set with 24 pavé diamonds valued at \$3,650 with his Garrett Sea Hunter II.



close to my home on England's south-west coast.

"The *Sea Hunter II* is, I have to say, an awesome piece capable of recovering coins and rings from over 12 inches deep in seawater-soaked sand without any problem. However, as I dig every signal, my find rate is more than most others.

"In the dry sand areas of the beaches, where all the junk lurks, the *Sea Hunter's* Discrete Discrimination feature copes well with the pull-tabs, bottle caps, and silver paper, though


small pieces of ferrous junk such as hairpins are the bane of all pulse induction machines. Loud signals can be ignored if they become silent on raising the searchcoil an inch or two, whereas, coins and rings have stronger signals and will not fade.

"For improved searching in the dry sand areas, I prefer the Garrett *ACE 250* fitted with the larger 9"x12" coil, a combination that perfectly complements the wet sand capabilities of the *Sea Hunter II*.

"It was while searching an area of dry sand that had already been carefully searched by another treasure hunter using a rival manufacturer's top-of-the-range non-PI motion machine, that I exploited the *Sea Hunter II's* phenomenal depth capabilities. There, between two of his holes in the sand, at a depth of about 11 inches the *Sea Hunter* registered a clear, 'solid' signal that I knew was not junk.

"After a few anxious minutes trying to locate the signal in both the spoil and in the hole itself, I found the ring at the bottom of the hole and to one side.

"I would recommend to anyone contemplating buying a *Sea Hunter II* to go and buy a small shovel or spade, for you will be digging deep targets well beyond what is practical with a scoop or a trowel."
—John H., England



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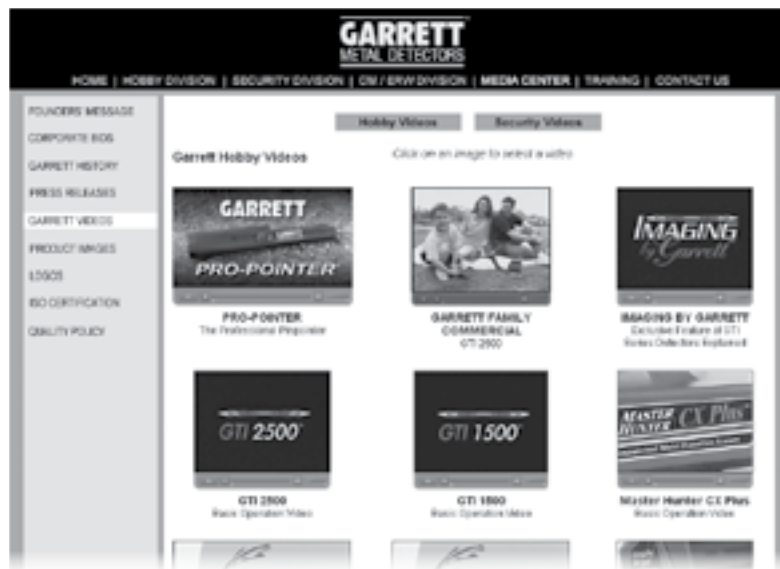
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If you have not visited the Garrett website lately, we invite you to take a look at the new video section that has been added. To reach it, simply go to www.garrett.com and click on the "Media Center" navigation tab along the top of the page. Then, on the left menu bar select "Garrett Videos."

Customers can enjoy vintage Garrett television commercials as well as introductory videos for each of our hobby metal detectors, including the new *PRO-POINTER*. In addition, you can check out the Garrett manufacturing process filmed by the *Discovery Network* in a video called "How It's Made," a program that has been airing

recently on the *Science Channel*. Short clips from Charles Garrett's treasure hunting videos (available on DVD and VHS) can also be previewed.

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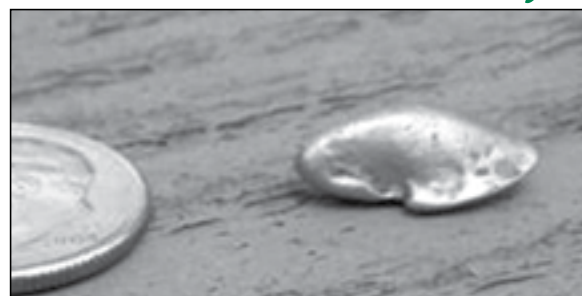
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California

Miners Find Gold With An Infinium



Alan M. found this nice 2.8 gram nugget hunting bedrock with an Infinium LS.

Alan M. of Ashland, Oregon, recently returned from a prospecting expedition to the Happy Camp, California, area. Using his *Infinium LS* metal detector with an 8" mono coil, he found a smooth surface 2.8-

gram gold nugget at a four-inch depth. Alan's nugget was "locked tight in decomposed bedrock with tree roots trapping it tighter in the rock. I carry a small chisel with me for just this type of terrain to bust bedrock apart." In addition to carrying a chisel for such extractions, Alan recommends the *Infinium's* optional 8" mono coil, "as it is more sensitive to smaller nuggets and easy to get it around tighter areas and rocks."



Spain

More than 1,000 hobbyists turned out in Sevilla, Spain during early May to peacefully protest the government's serious restrictions on metal detecting in their country. This banner reads, "Why in Europe, Yes, and here, No, for adequate regulation?"

New York

New Yorker Finds New Hobby At 75!

Kenneth C. of Rome, New York, had held an interest in metal detecting for a long time without pursuing it. "Then, in 2006 I discovered that my Christian brother Kip and his lovely wife Cindy were both avid treasure hunters," says Kenneth. Kip soon had his friend equipped with a Garrett ACE 250. "Wow! What a blessing," wrote Kenneth. "My

first time out I was rewarded with a man's silver military ring and some nice coins. That same year I was able to find \$45+ dollars in coins, 15 rings, a 1902 quarter, and a \$20 Jamaican commemorative coin. Needless to say I am now hooked on the Garrett ACE 250 detector.

"Thought you might like to know I am a 78-year-old man which I guess proves

you are never too old to start detecting. My advice for what it's worth to the young and old is: GO GARRETT AND START DETECTING."



These rings are among the fine finds made by Kenneth C. with his ACE 250.

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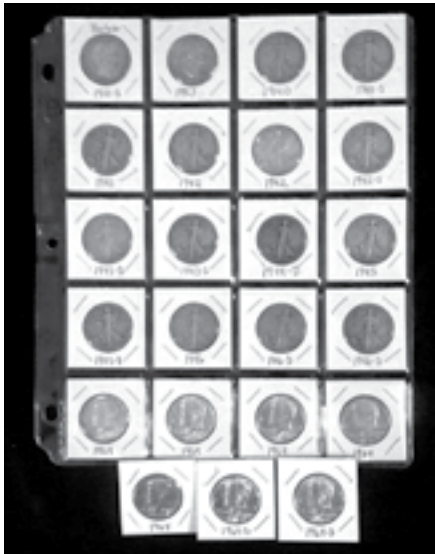
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Florida

Old Homestead Yields Silver Cache



This sleeve contains most of the two dozen silver coins found by detectorist Aeryck de S. of Florida with an ACE 250.

Aeryck de S. of Middleburg, Florida, braved spiderwebs and snakes to hunt the site of an old homestead shortly before the area was cleared for a new roadway. He had previously recovered 1940s-era coins on this land, but had avoided one

particular thicket.

"I was once told that the old woman who lived there hoarded a lot of things," he related. "When someone tells me that the former resident hoarded things, that makes me think 'cache.'"

"Well, that's exactly what it came to be. I ended up digging for a while and then returning the next day to complete the task of digging around 18" through tree roots and dirt to uncover 24 silver half dollar pieces that had been buried and long since intertwined through the roots. This find was made using an ACE 250 with the large coil.

"The halves ranged in dates from a Barber half from 1910, then a slew of Walking Liberty halves, a Franklin half, and several 1964 Kennedy halves. They were wrapped in a

burlap-looking cloth and then were further wrapped in some sort of bag that had long since deteriorated. Attempting to free the burlap proved nearly impossible due to the tree roots that had long since swallowed the package and engulfed it in their grip. I was determined to get at the bag, but I wanted to make sure that nothing was damaged in the process of extracting it, so I took my time to scoop out small bits at a time in order to retrieve it all. Imagine my surprise!

"For anyone who lives in Florida, then they know that the spiders here can be as big as your face and can intimidate even the most seasoned treasure hunter at times. I'm glad that I decided to venture into the spider trees that day, or else I may never have found this treasure!"

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Gulf Coast

Going Deep For A Diamond Stud

Peter E. recently decided to test his Garrett *Sea Hunter* on a beach where five other hunters were already working the water. "In other words, it is hammered 24/7," Peter said of this area. Coming out of the winter months, the water was still pretty cold "so no new drops yet and the targets were few."

Despite these challenges,



This diamond stud was recovered by Peter E. at the beach with a Sea Hunter.

Peter did manage to find a 1/2-carat diamond stud "which was down very, very deep. The *Sea Hunter* is a keeper."

North Wales

ACE 250 Locates A 300-Year-Old Coin



Brian H. in North Wales found this William III sixpence with his ACE 250.

"I purchased my ACE 250 in November 2008, and have found a number of interesting items on

the five or six occasions that I've been out detecting with it. Personally, my favourite finds are coins—particularly old British coins. I felt that I had to let you know that when I was out detecting for the first time in 2009—on Friday 2nd January—that I found a William III (William of Orange) sixpence. It's very worn, the worst wear being the area that I would have expected

to find the date!!

"Nevertheless, as William III reigned between 1689 and 1702, I am more than happy to have found such coin—over 300 years old. What a start to the new year!

"As for the ACE 250, I can't recommend it highly enough - reasonably priced, easy to use and very effective."—Brian H., North Wales, U.K.

Belgium



Mark H. found this 1792 Louis XVI silver coin and gold Roman ring (circa 1000 AD) during his first month with his ACE 250!

Dallas

Silversmith to the Stars



Two of Mike L.'s recent recoveries: an Allan Adler personalized silver medallion personalized for "Rose" and a 1900 Morgan dollar.

Dallas-area detectorist Mike L. recently found a four-ounce silver collectible piece with his ACE 250. Upon researching the item, he was thrilled to learn that it was a handcraft item from artist Allan Adler, whose techniques were once documented by the Smithsonian Institution. "After reserching, I found Allan Adler was the silversmith of the stars and his company had created table settings, jewelry and teapots for such notable clients as Frank Sinatra, Michael Jackson, Paul Newman, Clark Gable, Eleanor

Roosevelt and Katherine Hepburn," Mike related. "Adler also designed a Paul Revere-inspired silver tea service in the 1940s that sold at Sotheby's auction for close to one million dollars."

In the two years he has been hunting with his ACE 250, Mike has amassed an enviable collection of gold and silver jewelry, commemorative tokens, relics and early coins. The second silver coin he recovered, in fact, just happened to be a valuable 1916-D Mercury dime.

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United Kingdom

PRO-POINTER Recoveries in England



Photos of Cliff S. recovering a small gold ring with the aid of his PRO-POINTER. The inside of this 600-year-old is inscribed, "I am sent to salute."



Bob W. used his PRO-POINTER to recover this Charles half groat from the 1500s.

Two avid metal detectorists in Great Britain, Cliff S. and his friend Bob W. of the Sussex area, were aided by Garrett's PRO-POINTER in making an historic discovery this spring.

The men were detecting on farmland near Lewes when they unearthed rare bronze and gold metallic artifacts and ancient Saxon remains that are more than 1,500 years old. Cliff and Bob immediately contacted local police and archaeologists, who have since recovered the ancient remains and the golden treasures found with them. The remains, currently being analyzed by an English laboratory, may eventually go on display in a local museum.

Since making their historic discovery, Cliff and Bob have been busy using their Garrett PRO-POINTERS to find other historic coins and relics. Cliff discovered a small gold finger ring in March that the Sussex Finds Liaison Officer believes dates back to about 1400 AD. "Bob, myself and my detecting club members think it probably belonged to a drummer boy

or possibly a messenger boy because of its size and inscription," said Cliff. "It has an inscription which reads 'I am sent to salute,' which indicates that it is from a military context."

Bob used his PRO-POINTER this spring to help recover a gold Victorian half sovereign and a silver Henry VIII groat that dates from 1526 to 1544 AD.

Cliff adds, "Because I am a member of Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society and also of the Independent Historical Research Group, I am part of a small group of keen detectorists who work in conjunction with archaeologists. We track the spread of the Romans across the South and East of England." He and Bob thus have the rare privilege of hunting many previously untouched sites. They have both found the PRO-POINTER to be "an absolute invaluable piece of equipment in verifying the presence of artifacts."

Bob has also used his PRO-POINTER to help recover a gold Victorian half sovereign.

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United Kingdom

A Painful Treasure Recovery Lesson

A quality pinpointer can not only speed your recovery time but prevent you from damaging a prized treasure item. Just ask Matthias R. of Cheshire, U.K.

"Reading about your premier *PRO-POINTER* prompts me to relate my tale of woe of how I wish I owned such a valuable electronic tool," Matthias wrote to Garrett. He related how he had been invited by a friend to test a new metal detector on a site where a hoard of English hammered silver coins dating from the 13-14th century had been recovered.

Within 15 minutes of searching the location, Matthias was "in pursuit" of a deep target that registered a depth of more than 12 inches. "It was more than a struggle as I battled with the mud and a hole that was constantly filling with

local water," he wrote. "The target was there but difficult to find. Eventually, I decided that the target must be 'off centre' and so carefully shaved the side walls of the excavation, examining each shovel full of soil removed."

Matthias finally retrieved his elusive target, which his friend identified as one of the original hoard type, an Edward groat, from the 14th century.

"Later, at home I began to gently clean my prized find, only to discover the damage I had caused to it. I was disappointed beyond words." The valuable coin was heavily scraped by the spade during its recovery. "I consulted Nigel, who owns Regton Metal Detectors, in Birmingham, here in the UK," wrote Matt. "I asked him which was the



This Edward groat from the 14th century shows scrape marks from the spade Matt R. used to unearth it.

best pinpointer on the market today, and he advised me that the Garrett *PRO-POINTER* was outstanding.

"I've learned my lesson the hard way, and I shall save up and buy one. Now I warn my mates, 'Don't be like me, and wait until it's too late; buy the best and save the heartache.'"



Detectorist Spencer B. of Columbia, South Carolina, is a hobby enthusiast who is also an advocational archaeologist. Since acquiring a Garrett *PRO-POINTER*, he has been impressed with the time he has saved. "The *PRO-POINTER* has made my work and hobby so much easier and recovery time is twice as fast once the target is out of the hole," he reported. Spencer sent in this photo (above) of a colonial flat button he found in March in the South Carolina low country to demonstrate how well this button's patina made the relic match the color of the dirt.



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Oklahoma/Texas/Georgia/United Kingdom

Long-Lost Ring Returned from Overseas

"It all started on a cool, drizzly day in early October 2005," recalled Scott S. of Altus, Oklahoma. At that time, Scott was serving the U.S. military in the United Kingdom. He had recently purchased a Garrett ACE 250 which he often used for hunting in the morning before he reported to work. He, his wife and two sons enjoyed the ACE so much that Scott soon purchased a GTI 2500.

"Within two weeks of receiving the GTI 2500, I made my best find to date," he recalled. "On that cool October day, I was making my way back towards my vehicle moving along the edge of the field when I got a solid signal on my detector. The detector was telling me that the object was 6 to 7 inches deep."

Scott dug a mud-caked gold ring. "This was my first gold ring and I was very excited," he wrote. "I looked closer and found out that it was a woman's class ring from 1953. Once I got home, I used some warm tap water and a soft toothbrush to cleanse away the dirt."

The gold ring was set with a sapphire stone which had a small piece of gold on top of the stone. In small letters, he could make out the school name of "Albany" and what appeared to be an Indian mascot. Additionally, there was a set of initials on the ring's inside.

"I searched on the Internet and found Albany high schools



Betty reunited with her class ring found by Scott S. in the United Kingdom.

listed and I narrowed it down to a couple that had an Indian as a mascot," he related. "After sending emails to the schools and not getting any responses, I gave up with the search.

"Fast forward three years to 25 January 2009. I woke up that morning and was surfing the internet on a metal detecting website." Scott and his family had been transferred by the military from the U.K. to a new duty in southwestern Oklahoma. After reading a story of a metal detectorist locating the owner of an old, lost ring, Scott decided it was time to try again to locate the owner of the lost ring he had found.

He found a website for an Albany High School of Georgia and emailed the webmaster. A 1955 graduate of the high school soon emailed back that she might be able to narrow down the possible ring owners. A graduate named Betty from the class of 1953—the only person

with the correct matching initials—was soon identified.

"I'm not going to disclose all of her initials due to privacy concerns, but the first one is a B for Ms. Betty," says Scott. "Three days later, I was talking with Ms. Betty asking her where she thought she lost the ring. She went through a list of assignments that she accompanied her husband on and one of the assignments was at Lakenheath Air Base, United Kingdom. I informed her that she lost her ring while stationed there. The apartment she lived in between 1960-1963 had been torn down some years after she and her husband left the UK. The apartment that she once lived in was located in the very field that I hunted."

Scott was obviously very pleased to finally track down the ring's owner, who now lived in Texas. The local Crown Jewelers in Altus even straightened out a small bend in the ring and cleaned it up after hearing Scott's story.

"While I have made finds that are many times older and more valuable than this ring, this has been my best find to date because I was able to do the right thing and return it." Some 42 years after losing her class ring, Ms. Betty was reunited with it. "I did ask Ms. Betty for one thing," Scott admits, "and one thing only—a picture of her with the ring on her finger."

England

Ancient Coin Pot Found by GTAx 550 Hobbyist

Ron H. of Leicestershire, England, recently informed Garrett of a 6,000-coin Roman hoard he unearthed with his Garrett GTAx 550 metal detector. He was detecting in a grass field in South Leicestershire in August 2008, when he made the find of a lifetime.

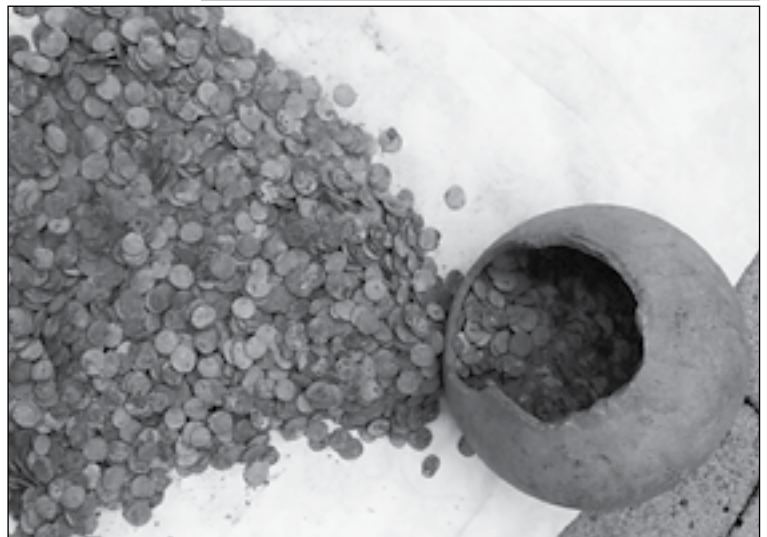
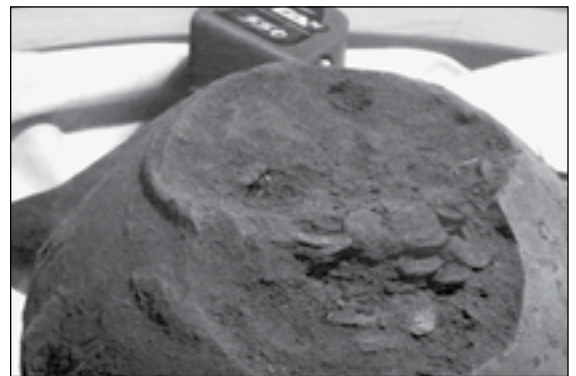
He had recovered an early Roman brooch and several scattered Roman coins before his detector registered a large target about a foot deep. "It was very exciting," Ron admits as he realized what he had found.

"The hoard consists of approximately 6,000 mid to late 3rd Century bronze coins," Ron related. "They were contained in a 25x23 cm. pot, the top of which was at a depth of 28 centimeters [11 inches]." In accordance with British antiquity laws, Ron reported his impressive discovery to the local Finds Liaison Officer of the British Museum. His treasure could end up on display in a local museum, in which case Ron will be paid fair market value for the discovery.

Since discovering the hoard, Ron has made other great discoveries—including an early Roman gold coin—with his GTAx 550.



(Above) Ron H. displays the cleaned-up cache pot with 6,000 Roman coins he found last summer. (Below, right) The coins were almost obscured when the pot—completely filled with dirt—was first dug from the ground. This cleaned 3rd Century bronze Roman radiate coin (below, left) is the type that filled Ron's recovered cache pot.



(Left) Ron also found this Iron Age gold Roman stater with his GTAx 550.

(Right) Another view of the 6,000-coin bronze hoard.

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Garrett users have told us many times over the years how they enjoy reading the Garrett *Searcher* newsletters. They say that they particularly enjoy seeing what fellow treasure hunters have unearthed with their Garrett metal detectors.

We at Garrett equally enjoy the stories and photos that our

users submit. Unfortunately, we simply don't have room to run them all but we would like to at least acknowledge everyone that submits.

Something For Everyone

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Garrett Fans Share Their Story

Garrett Fan Hooked for Life



Robert M. sent this photo of some of the coins, rings and other goodies found in his first five months using an ACE 250.

"I purchased my very first metal detector (an ACE 250) in March 2008. I had wanted a metal detector since I was a young teenager and I am now approaching 50 years old.

"I have treasure hunted at local parks, beaches, carnival sites and even in shallow water at local lakes. I look forward to extending my treasure hunting to different areas and venues.

"The benefits I enjoy since I used my ACE 250 for the very first time are numerous. The fresh air, exercise, friends I've made, and oh, the treasures I find are all quite rewarding.

"Every day I look forward to the next time I will go out hunting for treasures with my ACE 250. I cannot imagine a more interesting and rewarding hobby. I am hooked for life!"

Missouri

High School Ring Reunited With Owner

"A friend of my wife's called and said her daughter, a senior in high school, lost her class ring. Her father is disabled and his daughter had saved and bought her ring herself. Like a lot of folks, times are a little tough on the family. They heard via 'word of mouth' that I had a new detector and asked if I

could search their yard in hopes that I could find it. Apparently her daughter lost it as she was running out to the bus, but she wasn't completely sure.

"I have never met these folks and though it is 17 degrees here in Blue Springs, Missouri (a suburb of Kansas City) I fired up my detector and tuned it to the Jewelry Mode. In approximately three minutes I heard the 'magic tone' which got

my attention and underneath some snow I located the girl's ring! I will never forget the look of thanks on the face of the girl's father when I gave it to him.

"Of course, they offered to give me a reward for my short assistance but I would never consider such a thing. My reward was doing a good turn and even though it was COLD, I did get to go detecting!"—William S. Blue Springs, MO

Hunting in Minnesota

Gerald J. of Mankato, MN, mailed in photos of his first "real" hunting season with his GTI 2500 metal detector, following his recent retirement.

"Until I retired I only had a day or two on the weekends to spend time detecting," Gerald wrote. "Now that I have more free time I have been able to familiarize myself with the machine and its potential. It is a real coin magnet!"

"The total number of coins shown in the picture is not 100%



Gerald J. has found 3,813 coins just in the Summer and Fall 2008.

accurate as I did not include half-dollars, wheat pennies, silver coins, Canadian coins, Sacajawea dollars, etc. in the count. All in all it was a terrific season of metal detecting."



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Canada

John's Ring Magnet Strikes Again

"I have always done well using Garrett metal detectors in both water and land. This past year, 2008, was no different. My best ring find of the year was a nice gold ring, with a 1/2-karat stone, 8.5 grams of 14K gold valued over \$3,000.00. Not bad for a ring. I had found other gold rings with my *Infinium*, but this was simply the best!

"I picked up a Garrett *Scorpion Gold Stinger* metal detector early in the season and was amazed at how many rings it alone found me. It is hot on nickels, which is about the same place high karat gold rings show up. And yes....it got me a lot of rings along with some gold rings this past summer, too. It's almost a ring magnet. I hit several high schools with it, and all the rings, gold & silver sounded off with a nice strong clear signal.

"The *ACE 250* was no slouch either, as it got some nice rings at various playgrounds, using the sniper coil. And finally the *GTI 2500* in true All Metal Mode found some nice coins and more rings buried in the wet sand near the water at some local lakes. If you add it all up, you get Garrett machines, finding some decent finds, on the water, near the water and far away in higher elevations. It works for me."—John B., Edmonton, Canada



Top Left: Ring valued at over \$3,000 found with John's *Infinium*.

Top Right: Gold ring found by John and his *Scorpion Gold Stinger*.

Bottom: John's 2008 Garrett ring discoveries.

Wisconsin

100,000 and Counting!

"My interest in metal detecting started in 1981 watching two hunters working one of the oldest parks in Chicago. Three days before my 60th birthday, I traded some green for one of those 'beeping' machines," relates Wallace P. of New Berlin, WI.

After finding his first coins in a local park, Wallace admits, "I was hooked. The TH'ing bug had claimed another coin shooter and I had my first ledger entry in a book that currently contains 3,458 entries that record 102,684 coins.

"I admit there are fewer entries these days, but I still enjoy 'time in the field' pursuing the greatest hobby ever. Are



Top: Wallace's 4,432 coins plus other items he recovered in 1993.

Bottom: Wallace with a \$5 gold coin.



there any other octogenarians that care to challenge my record?"

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Kentucky

GTI Couple Enjoys Finding History

"We are a two-Garrett family. I received the *GTI 2500 Pro Package* for my birthday in 2007 and I recently purchased the *GTI 1500* for my wife Linda in March 2008. Our finds range from a 1786 large copper Connecticut cent to modern items found at an outdoor music venue.

"Our recent finds include two large cents dated 1822 and 1829, an 1864 two cent piece, a 1916 D Lincoln cent, a gold-plated broach (circa 1800), and a puppy paw belt buckle from the same time period found at the



(Above, left) Carl with his *GTI 1500*.

(Above, right) This pre-Civil War era puppy paw buckle is so named by its clasps.

same old Kentucky homestead location as the large cents.

"These detectors are truly the 'Cadillacs' because I can go back to old worked-over sites and find good things. We have found approximately 3,000



Carl and Linda E.'s treasures found with their *GTI 2500* and *GTI 1500* include (clockwise from top): an 1864 two-cent piece; an 1829 large cent; an 1800s-era gold broach; an 1822 large cent; and (in the center) a 1916 D Lincoln cent.

modern coins and 11 rings over the past two years using our Garrett metal detectors."

—Carl E., Nicholasville, KY

Tennessee

Family Tradition



Nathan's *ACE 250* ring finds include the 1/4 carat diamond ring seen in above left.

"My *ACE 250* has been raking it in since the water levels were lowered for the winter," shared Nathan L. of Wartburg, TN. He worked the receding shorelines and cleaned up on jewelry, particularly gold and diamond rings.

In the photo seen to the left, Nathan describes several of the rings: "The engagement ring on the left has a 1/4 carat diamond in it and it would retail for \$1200.00. The wedding band in front and on the right I found last year and I found the matching engagement ring at the same spot a couple of weeks ago. I've been on a roll with my *ACE*."

"Garrett metal detectors have served our family well. My dad bought one new and I used his for a few months until I found enough jewelry and

coins to sell and buy my own. When I bought my first metal detector back in the 1970s, it was a Garrett *Deepseeker*. I guess we have had about 12 of them over the years."

Nevada

Garrett User Has Golden Touch

"My life has totally taken a turn," Richard P. of Sparks, NV, recently wrote after purchasing a Garrett *ADS Deepseeker* metal detector. In his first three days of hunting, he found a 14k gold bracelet with five cut diamonds, one 14k gold ring, a sterling

silver trinket, a 20-inch 14k gold chain and several placer gold flakes in several inches of black sand. Richard then purchased a new *ACE 250* to add to his arsenal, as he hopes to continue his good luck in the Nevada gold fields this summer.

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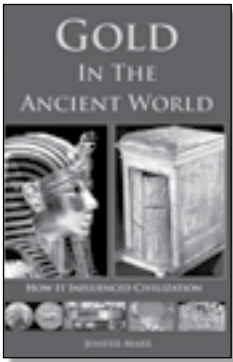
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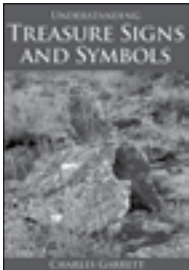
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