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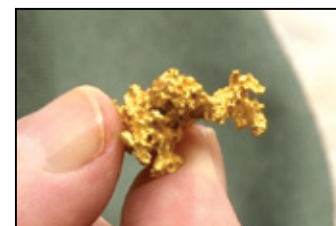
I am truly thankful for all the treasure hunters who share their favorite finds with us each month for my son Vaughan's *Pro-Pointer* giveaways. In my mind, everyone is a winner—regardless of whether he selects their find or someone else's.

All of us at Garrett Metal Detectors take great pride in knowing that so many people are making so many great recoveries using our Made in America detectors.

Since our latest ground search detector is the *AT Gold*, I thought I would share some basic thoughts for those who have ever considered taking up gold prospecting with a metal detector. During my decades of field testing my detectors, I have searched with success for this precious mineral on multiple continents.

For the new prospector, there are three basic rules of thumb to follow in order to begin achieving gold recovery success:

1. **Choose the correct type of detector.** Field test an instrument before you get carried away about its capabilities. Test it in



Charles Garrett seen while recently discussing some of his treasures. (Above) Garrett holds a gold nugget he dug in Australia.

gold country. Listen to the recommendations of metal detector experts whom you trust. The ability for the detector to be ground balanced, either automatically or manually, is a must in the highly mineralized soils where gold is most often found.

2. **Use this detector with patience.** Learn to understand your detector fully and become proficient in its use. Always hunt in the All Metal Mode and dig every target until you become thoroughly familiar with

your detector. With Garrett's *AT Gold* detector, the exclusive All Metal Iron Audio feature can be used to help audibly identify iron trash.

3. **Hunt patiently in areas where gold has already proved its presence.** You must utilize some research. It is best to

confine your searching to areas that are known to have produced gold until you have become very familiar with the telltale signs of mineral zones. Familiarize yourself with various types of ore and other rocks in the area you are searching.

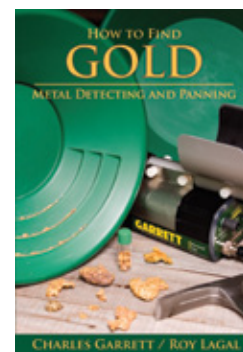
Finally, respect both private and public property by restoring it to the condition in which you found it. Fill all holes that you dig. Carry out all trash and dug targets when you leave a search area.



Happy Birthday, Mr. Garrett!

Charles Garrett celebrates his 80th birthday on April 1 and Garrett Metal Detectors begins its 49th year in business!

For more tips on electronic prospecting and on gold panning, ask your dealer for a copy of Charles Garrett's shirt pocket size field guide, *How to Find Gold: Metal Detecting and Panning*.



Relic Recoveries with the AT Pro™

North Carolina

Months of researching through old maps, official records, books and soldiers' diaries paid off recently for Glenn J. of Wake Forest, NC. He was able to locate an uncharted Union Civil War camp used during the army's march to Washington, DC.

"Over the course of my first few hunts at the site using my Garrett *AT Pro*, I pulled many unfired .58 caliber three-ringings and Williams Cleaner bullets," said Glenn. Even after other relic hunters learned of the site, Glenn was able to dig an eagle sword belt plate and breast plate one afternoon.

"The *AT Pro's* excellent depth and Iron Audio were crucial to my success," he added. "One of the best features of the *AT Pro* is the ability to hunt in wet weather conditions. The *AT Pro* is my 'go to' detector."

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(Above) One of Glenn's relic cases from his Union camp site includes an eagle breast plate, an eagle sword belt plate, three unfired Henry .44 caliber bullets and knapsack hooks.



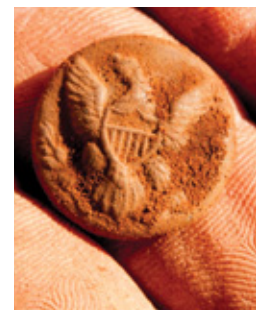
(Above) More than 220 Civil War bullets—some of them carved by soldiers—were dug by Glenn at his site, along with a bayonet scabbard tip, several early coins and prewar flat buttons.



(Left) Glenn examines a minié ball freshly dug from the site.



See video of this Central Texas relic hunt at garrett.com!



(Left) Gun parts, U.S. eagle buttons (also above), a Civil War breast plate, brass cartridges and others relics dug by Vance Gwinn during a February 2012 central Texas hunt now on Garrett's YouTube Channel and website.



Tokens, Badges & Plaques

Texas



This 5-cent token, circa 1903–1906, was found by *AT Pro* user Derle P. of Houston, TX.

Tennessee



ACE 350 user David J. of Cotton Town, TN made this interesting find. “I was treasure hunting a site where an old mansion stood many years ago,” David said. “I found the piece in the picture (above). It appears to have a mansion engraved on it. I am not sure what it is! I *am* sure that I am now hooked on this great hobby and have Garrett to thank for it.”

Missouri



This 1908 Miners Convention badge was found in an old city park by Jack G. of Windsor, MO with his *AT Pro*.

Utah



“Do the research,” says Richard B. of Hurricane, UT. He turned to his local university’s special collections department for maps and soon found that his brother’s pasture land once contained 18 house sites back in 1918. Armed with the knowledge gained from his research, Richard used his *GTI 2000* to find numerous coins dating between 1890 and 1930. “My favorite finds were the trade tokens (see above),” he wrote.

Ohio



Kevin C. of Milford Center, OH got an *ACE 250* for Christmas in 2010 and spent his first months learning his new machine. “Like anything of importance, you have to be willing to work at it,” Kevin admitted. “I began to look at the world around me differently. Those that detect know what I am talking about.”

During 2011, Kevin’s finds of old coins and relics began to increase as he spent time researching good sites. His favorite finds include an 1840 William H. Harrison campaign medallion (seen above), four large cents from 1848 to 1851, an 1841 Seated Liberty dime, and two 1858 Flying Eagle cents.

Belgium



This military artifact was found with a *GTI 2500* by Jacobs J. of Antwerp, Belgium.

Garrett Searcher Correction Notice

The photo caption under the gold nugget shown on page 5 of the Winter 2012 *Searcher* was incorrect. The person

who actually made this find with a *GTI 2500* was Alan M. of California. The *Searcher* regrets this error.



Relics, Rarities and All Kinds of Finds

Rare Confederate Plate Find Made with AT Pro

Georgia



Brandon H. of Dalton, GA had been hitting a Civil War hotspot with his *AT Pro* and having good luck—Confederate cast “I” military buttons and even artillery buttons. “But I wasn’t ready for what I found today,” Brandon wrote on February 4. He began digging a strong signal, which proved to be a rare “C.S.A.” belt plate. “It’s in awesome shape,” he said, “except that the hooks on the back are gone, but, hey, it’s a CSA buckle!”

(Left) Brandon holds his freshly dug CSA belt plate. (Above) Brandon took this photo with his phone camera as the Confederate plate sees daylight for the first time in many decades.

Missouri



(Above) The toy gun found by Gary S. at his mother’s home. (Right) A photo of Gary from the early 1950s with this toy gun and stick horse.

Texas



This 1851 officer’s sword belt plate was found in West Texas near an old homesite. Robert G. of Benbrook, TX, who was using an *AT Pro*, plans to give the repaired belt plate to the landowner, whose ancestor served in the Civil War.

Wyoming

“I turned our 5-year-old boy loose with our Garrett *Freedom Ace Coin Commander* that I purchased in 1986,” said Robert S. of Cheyenne, WY. Fifteen feet from where he started, Robert’s young son (*below*) dug up a competition horse shoe. “This experience has triggered a love of ‘treasure hunting’ in this young man that I am sure will last a lifetime!” Robert wrote.



Maryland



ACE 250 user Andrew H. of Indian Head, MD found this Revolutionary War era British Royal Navy button.

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Beau O. of Maryland with more than 6 pounds of silver coins—dating from the 1780s to 1830s—he recovered from a river with his AT Pro. (See "My Best Coin Day . . . E.V.E.R." video on Garrett's AT PRO web page)



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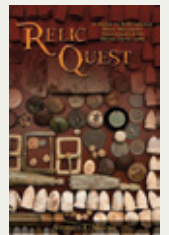
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Sand, Surf and Swimmin' Holes

Oregon

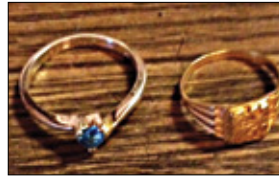


When David E. of Coos Bay, OR found out about the waterproof Garrett *AT Pro*, he jumped on it. "I even went outside of my comfort zone a bit and tried water detecting," he wrote. "It's amazing how much stuff was just waiting for me to get my coil over it that I was never able to get before."

The photo above shows his finds for one day of water hunting: a knife, a gold ring, a toe ring, a silver ring and a gold charm. These items were in addition to his clad coin finds of the day.

Connecticut

Kenneth H. of Plainville, CT took his *AT Pro* to a public beach to enjoy "a great early spring day" in February. He dug numerous coins and two gold rings (*above*) in his outing.



Wisconsin



Brian G. of Reedsburg, WI found these two rings on his first hunt with his new *ACE 250*. Brian was also able to track down the class ring's owner and return it to her.

New York



This 1797 Spanish reale was found in the bottom of a lake in rural western New York by Steve L. of Freedom, NY. By taking advantage of lower-than-normal water levels, he made the find with his *GTI 2500*. Steve said "it was one of those occasions of being at the right place at the right time."

Florida



Fifteen-year-old Connor of Fort Walton Beach, FL found his first 14k gold ring on the beach using an *ACE 250*. He happily netted \$150 by selling the 8-gram ring to a local pawn shop.

Spain **New Sea Hunter Owner is Pleased with Results**

Roderick T., born in England, now resides on the Costa Blanca of Spain where he is team leader for a local metal detecting club. He noticed that some of his new team members were finding more jewelry in the sea than he was.

Roderick decided to invest in a *Sea Hunter Mark II*. "Suddenly, my finds were up and in only 4 hours of water detecting over a couple of days, I found my first gold ring and numerous interesting finds, plus spendable coins," he said.



(Left) Roderick T. on a Spanish beach with his new Garrett *Sea Hunter* detector.

(Below) Roderick's first gold ring find and other items from a December 2011 beach hunt.



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Indiana

"I recently received my *AT Gold* and had to go try it out on my gold claim in northeast Georgia," said Jeff F. of Nabb, IN. "After about three hours of searching using my *Super Sniper* coil and Garrett Retriever tool, this is what I came up with (see left). These are top of the line gold-getting machines. Keep up the great work guys. I love that the entire machine can be submerged."

February 2012 Favorite Find Winner! See page 11



New Hampshire

This 1823 large cent (right) was discovered by Albert L. of Manchester, NH while using his *AT Gold* at an old school yard. "The Target ID hit at 87 at 8 inches. I was thinking, "This must be a dime," Albert recalled. "I dug my plug and almost had a heart attack. In the hole was an 1823 large cent—my oldest find. Thank you for making such an outstanding product."



South Carolina

U.S. eagle buttons, including an Infantry cuff and Infantry coat button, two South Carolina palmetto buttons, a Connecticut cuff button, and a 10th Regiment Revolutionary War button.

Recent relic finds made by *AT Gold* user Melvin L. of Charleston, SC.

Ohio



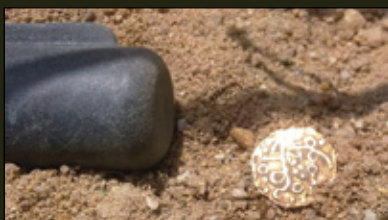
This 5-cent copper token (above, left) and a 1920s vintage brass radiator plaque (above, right) were found by *AT Gold* user Steve T. of Thurston, OH.

Malaysia

Shahril "Steve" M. of Pulapol, Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia made quite a haul in his first few days of detecting with his new *AT Gold*. In the southern part of his country, he recovered 180 ancient hammered coins (one being gold) and an old brass sword. According to Steve (seen below holding the gold coin), these items date to around 1520 to 1600 AD.

16th Century Hammered Coins, Sword Recovery with AT Gold

(Right) These pictures show the ancient sword and hammered coins Steve recovered during three days of detecting with his *AT Gold* in southern Malaysia.





International Finds

Scotland

Julian G. of West Dundartonsire, Scotland started metal detecting in March 2011. He found his *ACE 250* easy to understand and very effective. Julian's favorite coin finds to date are (clockwise in photos below, starting from upper left): a 1918 silver six pence, an 1859 gold half sovereign, a silver Edward penny circa 1272–1307, and an 1898 silver half crown.



England



Rob J. (above) from Belper, Derbyshire, sent in this photo of some of his 2011 finds that he made with his Garrett *EuroACE* detector. Among his interesting finds (right) is this 1880 commemorative medallion.



Rob found these items (above) on farm land near his home. They are: a copper alloy buckle (ca. 1550–1650; three coins (dating 1807 to 1884); an 1844 jacket button; and two pewter handles.



Australia

While detecting in Merredin, Western Australia, with his *AT Pro*, Jack B. found this little 5 para Egyptian coin—which was minted from 1839 to 1844.



England



Morley H. of Somerset shared photos of his recent finds, made with his Garrett *EuroACE*. At left are four 16th Century clothes fasteners.

Below are two of Morley's recent hammered silver coin finds.



England

Clive A. of Mirfield, West Yorkshire, shared this photo of his recent great day of metal detecting with his *ACE 350*. "I had coins coming up every few minutes at different depths, some of them at over 12 inches deep," he said. Clive's haul for the day was one crucifix, two tokens and 32 coins.



Jewelry and Gold Finds

Illinois

Dave N. of Galesburg, IL took up detecting and bought an *ACE 350*. He recently recovered a 1903 pocketwatch with a 14k gold case in a flower garden in his parents' backyard. Dave's father Richard had lost his father's gold pocketwatch when he was young.

Even after many decades in the soil, the gold watch (*see below*) was cleaned up by a local watchmaker and looks as good as new. According to Dave, showing his grandfather's recovered pocketwatch to his dad "blew his mind."

This 1903 gold pocketwatch Dave found with his *ACE 350* was lost when his father was a boy.



Australia

Warren and Colleen M. of Earlville, Queensland, have owned Garrett detectors since the early 1980s. "Recently we purchased a new *Infinium* and an *AT Pro* as upgrades to our prospecting and relic hunting," they said. During their first trip to the North Queensland gold fields in September, Colleen was rewarded with a solid gold nugget of 2.4 grams. She was hunting in Standard Mode and reports that the Digital Target ID of this nugget was 50.



This 2.4 gram gold nugget was found in Australia by Colleen M. with her *AT Pro*.

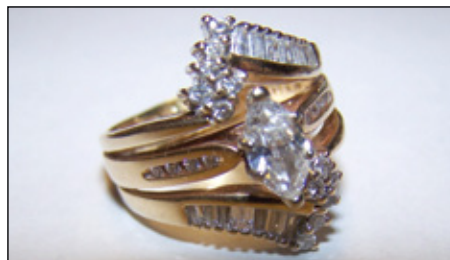
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Tennessee

Kerwin I. of Speedwell, TN sent in this photo of some of his favorite jewelry and coins found with his *GTAx 1000* detector. "Now, I'm saving to get an *AT Pro* or an *AT Gold*," Kerwin wrote.

Michigan



This wedding ring, which appraised for \$4,665, was found in a small lake in northern Michigan with an *ACE 250* by Bill W. of South Boardman, MI.

Texas

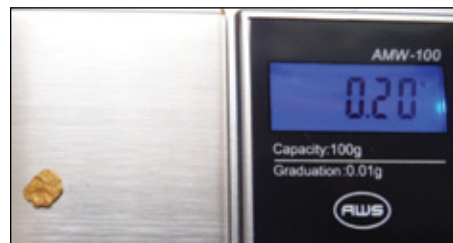


"I almost had a heart attack," wrote Kenny J. of North Richland Hills, TX, of his discovery of the blue stone ring seen above. He was hunting with his *ACE 250* on an empty lot where he had previously recovered old coins and some military buttons.

Upon taking the ring into a local jeweler the next day for an appraisal, Kenny was told that the blue stone was tanzanite and the ring's retail value was \$5,500. "I almost had a second heart attack in as many days," he said.

Australia

Shane J. of Greymouth, Westcoast found a .20-gram gold nugget (*below*) with his *AT Pro International*. He was scanning over old 1860s-era workings on his father-in-law's gold claim.






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Coin Finds

Indiana



This 1936 Great Britain half penny was found by Joshua H. of Dugger, IN and his young daughter. They were hunting his parents' yard when she found this coin about six inches deep.

Delaware



Sean M. of Middletown, DE made three great coin finds in one recent evening hunt with his *AT Pro*. They were an 1853 silver 3-cent piece (*above*), a 1724 King George I half penny, and an 1803 Draped Bust large cent.

Canada



AT Pro user Colin R. of Mission, British Columbia, found this 1890 Morgan silver dollar while searching an old park.

Vermont



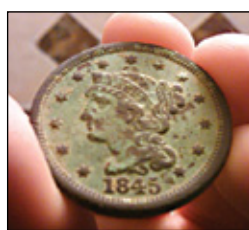
Henry P. of Waterbury, VT dug this 1793 Flowing Hair large cent with his *AT Pro* in a field near an old colonial home site.

Florida



Imagine the pleasant surprise of one Carol S. of Inverness, FL when she dug this 1817 Spanish silver reale during a recent club hunt in a county park. They club had planted 849 painted American coins. Toward the tail end of the two-hour hunt, Carol made this great non-seeded find with her *ACE 250*.

Ohio



Paul M. of Middletown, OH found this nice 1845 large cent using his *AT Pro* on an old farm.

England

Hammy Sammy's First



Samantha N. (*above*) of the UK was given a nickname during a recent club hunt. Using her *ACE 250*, she picked up a strong signal, which proved to be an Audi's wheel trim. "I always check my holes with my Garrett pinpointer in case there is anything left inside the hole," Samantha related.

Sure enough, her *Pro-Pointer* led her to a rare version of a silver Edward the 1st hammered coin (*below*) that had been lying under the Audi part. Her hunt club now calls her "Hammy Sammy" or "Audi Sammy" for her persistent hammered find.



West Virginia



Chris M. of Hurricane, WV "started shaking all over" when he dug his first Seated Liberty dime with his *ACE 250*. It was minted in 1876 in Carson City, Nevada (*note the CC mint mark on the reverse of his coin seen to right*). "I was in treasure hunting heaven," said Chris.

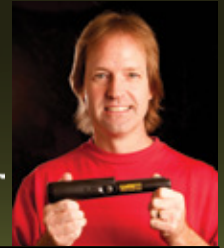


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January winners



(Above) Florian B. of Salignac, France had the International Favorite Find of the Month with this medieval bracelet, found in the French Alps with his GTI 1500.



(Above) Bobby B. of Henderson, Tennessee was January's U.S. winner. Using an AT Pro, he found this brass 1874 National Fireman's Tournament Medal while hunting at an 1860s era house.

February winners



(Above) Vldas B. of Northamptonshire in the UK was the February Pro-Pointer winner. He found these two beautiful golden artifacts while using his GTI 1500 at a club rally.



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