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## DON'T PROCRASTINATE TREASURE MIGHT NOT WAIT



### Detector Tips from Charles Garrett



Procrastination is one of my greatest faults. It's the easiest thing in the world to do, of course, because it requires no effort. You can delay completing a project for years and it doesn't cost one ounce of energy. In fact, it is sometimes the most enjoyable way because you can roll over, take a nap and let the world go blissfully by. That attitude, however, and continuing to keep procrastination around as a partner, can lead too often to serious losses and reductions of income, as well as satisfaction.

I often tell people, "Don't procrastinate . . . if you have a good treasure lead, or if you have something you are searching for, go do it and go do it now. Don't delay. Don't put it off. If you get a treasure tip from an old-timer, or you make a discovery of a hidden map, perhaps, or maybe a clue on a treasure hunt, the following of such clue might lead to success. Proceed immediately to continue in your search.

Over the years I am confident I have failed to find many treasures both large and small because I delayed. Let me tell you of a couple of them.

One of my woeful tales involves a treasure hunt my friend Roy Lagal and I went on many years ago. Roy called me one day and asked me to come to Idaho. He had a treasure we should look for immediately. It was a treasure of vast proportion and was one that was secreted someplace over one hundred years ago. It sounded interesting and I told Roy I was definitely coming. Well, time drug on and procrastination got the best of me. I delayed for over a year.

Finally, in the fall of 1975 I went to Idaho and Roy and I began our search. We searched for several days, digging through various clues and walking no less than thirty or forty miles over an area where we were confident the treasure was concealed. To make a long story short, we found the location. In fact, Roy spotted the marker where the treasure was concealed nearby in a cave. The marker indicated the location of the cave. Approaching the entrance, our hearts fell as we could immediately tell that the cave had been entered. Along one side of the cave were hundreds of small rocks that had been discarded in a pile. We immediately recognized these as rocks that had at one time been used to conceal the entrance of the cave. Upon entering the cave we found enough evidence to determine that a particular group had been in the cave just six months earlier.

Another story I'll share is even more heartrending for a treasure hunter to relate. Many years ago I visited the

Cripple Creek, Colorado, area. I fell in love with the place and recognized the tremendous historical potential. Some of the area was open to metal detectors and using my equipment around some of the old sites, I uncovered quite a few valuables. At a site that is now the location of a hospital, I found numerous articles including a beautiful, solid silver and gold belt buckle set.

One day my family and I had driven to the top of Mount Pisgah to take a view of the surrounding Cripple Creek area. I began talking with the caretaker about old ghost towns and he pointed out to me the location of an old mining town—where gold had once been discovered in good quantity. He told me it would be okay for me to check out the area with my metal detector, so I did.

I began searching and immediately began to find old coins, a gold pocket watch, a beautiful old brass St. Louis lock and various other very exciting items. I knew the ground had never been touched with a metal detector. About fifteen minutes later, I was told to leave the area by an old lady on a horse who was wearing a six-shooter. She was not impressed by my explanation that Mr. Wilkerson had given me permission to detect there. Certainly, I am a brave individual, but not a stupid one, so I decided I would obey her command. Sadly, I packed my gear and walked slowly away.

I had full intentions to soon return to the area (with written permission in hand) to continue my search. I knew I had found a real bonanza. But procrastination again took hold of me and it was about three years before I returned to Colorado with enough time to give

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that ghost town a good searching. I found that a new road had been placed into the area where the old ghost town stood. As I approached, my heart sunk.

Instead of seeing old log cabins nestled beautifully back up against the treeline, I saw brand spanking new houses with paved streets running in all directions. The old ghost town had become a housing community. My hopes of finding more treasures there were gone forever.

I hope what I have related will encourage you not to procrastinate in your search for treasure. If you have a lead, or know the whereabouts of a treasure... go immediately. Do not delay. Search for your treasure now because tomorrow someone else may have recovered it before you...or it may be forever covered by an asphalt parking lot.

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## 3,000-Year-Old Gold Treasure Found



**Finder:** Fanel S., Brasov, Romania

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Fanel, a pastor by trade, reserves his Mondays for his hobby of metal detecting with his *AT Pro*. His most recent find has been deemed exceptional by the National History Museum of Romania.

He was hunting the grounds of his old middle school, built in 1962. As he detected along a steep slope, his *AT Pro* gave a nonferrous metal indication. He assumed it be World War I or World War II cartridges, one of his more common finds in the area.

"I started to dig, hoping wholeheartedly not to find again a cartridge case," he said. "At 20 to 30cm depth, I saw a part of the first link. This cut my breath. I recognized instantly what it was because only one month ago, about 1 km away, I discovered four golden rings of the same kind. After my explosion of joy and excitement ended, I worked very carefully to take the rings out of the ground. My surprise was great when I saw it was not just a link or two, but it was a handful of chain links—21."

Fanel followed his country's laws by handing over the golden links to the National History Museum of Romania. Their specialists used X-ray identification to determine that the chains were 86% gold and 14% silver. Fanel says the local alluvial gold weighs 115.57 grams and is

"being considered an exceptional discovery in Romania. Archaeologists dated the chain links around the 12th Century BC, meaning they are about 3,000 years old."

Fanel's ancient gold discovery has become a sensation on all the media channels in his country.



These photos show the ancient gold chain links found by *AT Pro* user Fanel S. The lower image was taken with the uncleaned links in the recovery hole.



# Garrett Finds From the Field



**Finder:** Paul S., Hesperia, CA

**Using:** *AT Gold*

**Find:** Paul and his wife Mary went metal detecting in the desert on a club claim on September 29. They found seven small gold nuggets with their *AT Gold* and a 4" *Super Sniper* coil. "We were so excited we went back and found 12 more gold nuggets the next day," said Paul. "Amazingly, the smallest is a tiny 0.018 grams and the largest is a nice 0.842 grams. Total for the two days is 3.08 grams!"



**Finder:** Bradyn S., Reynoldsville, PA

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Bradyn holds his first silver coin, a 1906-D Barber half dollar. He was detecting a camp area that was not expected to hold such old history. Days later, he found two silver Roosevelt dimes behind the camp.

"Never underestimate the areas where you detect," Bradyn advised. "You should detect every place very patiently and carefully. If you do, in the end you might just get some sweet finds!"



**Finder:** Paul B., Plano, TX

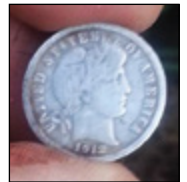
**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** "Here are just a few of the rings I've found with the *AT Pro* this year," Paul wrote. "This is the oldest coin I've found to date, an 1829 Brazilian reis, that came from a school yard in Dallas that was built in the 1970s. Must have been a show and tell day!"

**Finder:** Doug L., Tacoma, WA

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** 1912-S Barber dime (semi-key date)



**Finder:** Justin K., Torrington, CT

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** George Washington inaugural button and a 1784 half reale.



**Finder:** Brevin H., Hickory, NC

**Using:** *ACE 250*

**Find:** Brevin managed to dig 121 coins from the remains of an old house that had burned down decades ago. In one area near the chimney, the flooring was not as badly burned and Brevin began finding coins. In addition to 60 wheat pennies and two silver dimes, he collected four war nickels, six Buffalo nickels, and six clad nickels (*above*).

**Finder:** Ian H., Abingdon, MD

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** World War I uniform collar disk  
Ian and his daughter found in a park.



**Finder:** Michael H., Indian Land, SC

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Michael dug a stunning gold and diamond ring from the grounds and fields of his old middle school (built in 1962) last July. One week later, he pulled a second diamond-filled ring. After cleaning them, he noticed a micro thin piece of copper being used as a spacer to keep the ring on a lady's finger. "Upon touching it to figure out what it was, it just fell apart," he said.

Michael had the two cleaned-up rings appraised as being worth \$9,600 for one and \$4,700 for the other. "Can't say enough to you guys for the design and craftsmanship of this machine," he wrote to Garrett. "This school will get plenty more visits from me and my *Pro*."



# Caches, Hoards and Other History



**Finder:** Kamil S., Greenwich, CT

**Using:** ACE 250

**Find:** Twelve-year-old Kamil found this hoard of 61 coins while hunting in an old park near a baseball field. It included 44 dimes, three quarters, two silver nickels, and twelve half dollars. The dates on the coins range from 1920 to 1966. Kamil received his ACE as an August birthday gift.



**Finder:** Scott S., DuBois, PA

**Using:** AT Pro

**Find:** Scott dug this 31-coin cache while hunting an old Pennsylvania ghost town. It includes 18 Shield nickels, five Liberty "V" nickels, four two-cent coins, two Indian Head pennies, one Barber dime and a Buffalo nickel. "After finding this, I am convinced that there has to be more caches out there," said Scott. "You've just gotta go find them!"

## Gold Coin Hoard Found With AT Pro Internationals



Peter W. (seen at left, above) and his friend Niels pose with 47 gold Byzantine coins they recovered recently with their Garrett AT Pro International detectors. Most of the coins (ca. 465–585 AD) are in excellent condition.

Peter says that he was hunting an old farm that he had been led to by his research. He and Niels had spent considerable time creating their own map depicting all the known gold, silver and bronze coins found in their region during the past 200 years. "We found a pattern of gold coin findings in the region we have been searching," Peter explained. "In that pattern, there was an unfilled area, so I decided to go on and search this area." He was more than two hours into his search of the farm when he dug his first gold coin. "At first I thought it wasn't real and put the coin in my bag," he said.



"Then at the same spot, I got the same pitch; this went on and on." Peter quickly called his friend to come join him with his AT Pro. When Niels arrived an hour later, Peter had already dug 32 gold coins. "After four days of searching, we found a total of 47 coins," said Peter, who recovered 40 of them. "It's a big find for the Netherlands, especially the North."

He believes the ancient cache was once contained in a pot or sack that was hit by a tractor plough. The coins were found in an area only about 15 meters in length and at depths ranging from about 10 to 35 cm (4 to 14") deep. The coins have now been properly documented by Dutch authorities and returned to them. According to Peter, if the cache is eventually sold for profit, the landowner will share in the proceeds by Dutch law.

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# Customer Finds From the Field



**Finder:** Jo Ann D., Henderson, TX  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Republic of Texas Navy Military button



**Finder:** Steven J., Des Moines, IA  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** U.S. general service button



**Finder:** John C., MA  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Wood stove cover



## Family Heirloom Found and Returned

**Finder:** Andrew M., Montgomery City, MO  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Andrew dug a Sterling silver spoon that was engraved with names and a date of Christmas 1907. By using genealogy sites and forums, he was able to contact descendants of the spoon's owners. The silver spoon had been a 25-year anniversary gift. In August 2013, Andrew (*seen above*) was able to return the special heirloom to the family. "Nothing will ever top the experience I had," he said.



**Finder:** Steven F., Knoxville, TN  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** Wild Turkey handmade knife



**Finder:** Michael K., Waltham, MA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1723 George I coin (*above*) and an 1837 Large Cent (*below*)




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# International Discoveries



**Finder:** Neil W., Heywood, Lancs, UK  
**Using:** *EuroACE*  
**Find:** A lead alloy phallic figurine, believed by Neil's finds liaison officer (FLO) to probably date to the Roman period.



**Finder:** Derek F., Durham, UK  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Thin pendant with a small hole and a silver sixpence design.



**Finder:** David K., Oshawa, Ontario, Canada  
**Using:** *AT Pro International*  
**Find:** David's favorite coin finds of 2013 were (*above, top row, left to right*): an 1831 British one penny, an 1825 half-penny trade token, (*second row, left to right*) a holed 1861 Novia Scotia one cent piece and an 1872 British one penny. Seen below is another of David's best finds: a Sterling silver ring of English-origin (ca. 1890–1900) with 14k gold inlay.



**Finder:** Wayne, Paris, Ontario, Canada  
**Using:** *AT Pro International*  
**Find:** Italian Air Force Cap Badge, found in a field near an airport where WWII pilots trained.



**Finder:** Rob W., Prestatyn, Denbighshire, UK  
**Using:** *ACE 150*  
**Find:** Pocket watch of silver with gold numerals made in London in 1842 by watchmaker Theodore Cohn.



**Finder:** Andrew M., Doncaster, South Yorkshire, U.K.  
**Using:** *EuroACE*  
**Find:** Medieval silver brooch



**Finder:** Jan J., Urk, Netherlands  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Silver one *rijderschellingen* coin from the year 1685

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**Finder:** Kalle S., Suomussalmi, Finland  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Cross from the early 1700s





**Finder:** Steffan H., New Braunfels, TX  
**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Steffan learned from his father that his great-great grandfather had once operated a business on the north side of their ranch after he had immigrated from Germany. He began hunting with his *AT Pro* and soon dug his first Morgan silver dollar a foot and a half deep. Steffan found two other Morgan dollars, four Mercury dimes, and a Maria Theresia thaler coin (seen above left).

This silver bullion coin was minted from 1741 to 1858 in Austria. After the death of Empress Maria Theresia in 1780, Joseph II permitted the Austrian mint to continue striking the coin with the 1780 dies to meet demand from the Middle East. "The only way I figure it could have ended up there is my great great grandfather must have brought it with him from Germany," said Steffan.

**Finder:** Attila P., Thornwood, NY

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** After moving up from a "beginner metal detector" to an *AT Pro*, Attila found this Mercury dime (right) after only a half hour in the park. "I also found a few deeper Wheat pennies in the next few hours. Then it happened again," said Attila. "Another dime signal; another Mercury dime 6 inches down. That's when I knew this *AT Pro* was a keeper!"



**Finder:** Mark A., Southbury, CT  
**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** 14k gold bird pin with two diamonds. It appraised for \$1,000. Mark said it had a Target ID like foil or a pull-tab.



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**Finder:** Kenny B., Columbus, NC

**Using:** *AT Gold*

**Find:** Kenny obtained permission from a city manager to hunt a South Carolina train depot that dates to 1877. He agreed to donate his finds to a small museum to be included in the new depot. Kenny found various railroad related artifacts, 1870s-era bullet casings, coins, a 100-year-old gold Mason pin (below), Southern Railway lead box car seals (bottom image), and other assorted iron relics.



**Finder:** Michael H., Marion, KY

**Using:** *GTP 1350*

**Find:** 1888 drill team competition metal



**Finder:** Joe C. Jr., Cuyahoga Falls, OH

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Joe poses with his finds from his first full year of metal detecting following his retirement. He made a total of 148 trips into the field and averaged about four hours per hunt. Joe collected \$968.83 in coins, including an 1851 large cent, a 1900 Barber dime, a 1917 Mercury dime, and ten one-dollar coins. He also found one gold ring, a gold cross and thirteen silver rings (some seen below).





# Relics, Rarities and All Kinds of Finds



**Finder:** Brenton K., Great Falls, MT  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1800s horse bridle rosette



**Finder:** John F., Nashville, TN  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Civil War lead carving of a bird made from a minié ball.

**Finder:** Brandon D.,  
Monroe, CT  
**Using:** *AT Gold*  
**Find:** Irish Republican Army Button  
1760-1980



**Finder:** John S.,  
Pittsfield, MA  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 1834 floral  
pattern button



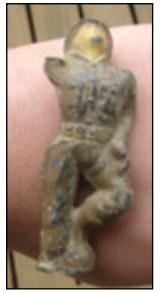
**Finder:** Chad H.,  
Hanover, IN  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Early 1800s  
button



**Finder:** Christine F.,  
Hopewell Junction, NY  
**Using:** *AT Gold*  
**Find:** Headless lead  
toy soldier



**Finder:** Christian M.,  
Loveland, OH  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Lead toy soldier  
(with head)



**Finder:** Martin W, New South Wales,  
Australia  
**Using:** *Infinium LS*  
**Find:** 200-year-old shackle found on  
an old convict stockade site



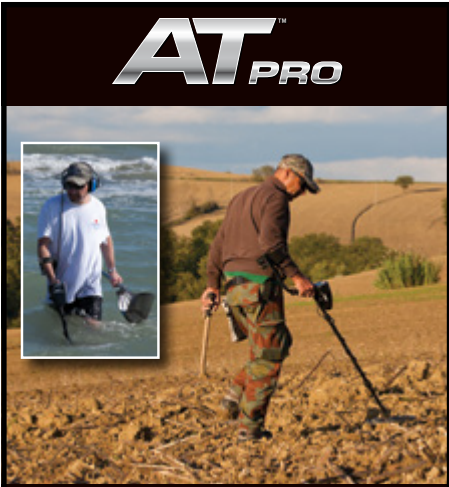
**Finder:** Andrew M., Montgomery  
City, MO  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Civil War era boot heel plate



**Finder:** Bill B., Winnsboro SC  
**Using:** *Master Hunter CXIII*  
**Find:** Gold pocket watch



**Finder:** Jonathan H., Grand Rapid, MI  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 1850s Federal Engineer soldier  
button



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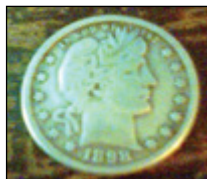


# Coin Finds



**Finder:** Rob F., Utica, Illinois  
**Using:** ACE 350  
**Find:** 1896-O Barber half dollar, 1944 Walking Liberty half, 1952-S Franklin half, and 1910 Barber dime

**Finder:** Steven O., Missoula, MT  
**Using:** ACE 150  
**Find:** 1898 Barber quarter



**Finder:** Andrew H., Indian Head, MD  
**Using:** ACE 250  
**Find:** 1678 Scottish Charles II 2 Pence



**Finder:** Chris O., Kerhonkson, NY  
**Using:** ACE 350  
**Find:** 1837 Seated Half Dime

**Finder:** Vincent G., Hamilton VA  
**Using:** AT Pro  
**Find:** 1730 King George II copper coin



**Finder:** David E., Knightstown, IN  
**Using:** Freedom 3  
**Find:** 1848 large cent



**Finder:** Alfredo M., Dover, NJ  
**Using:** AT Pro  
**Find:** 1903 silver Barber quarter



**Finder:** Sam J., Quaker City, OH  
**Using:** ACE 350  
**Find:** 1822 King George IV silver coin, 1856 Napoleon III silver coin, 1910 Chinese coin



**Finder:** Ray H., North Las Vegas, Nevada  
**Using:** GTA 1000  
**Find:** A 1928 Peace Dollar (inset), found where road and sidewalk work was being done in Las Vegas.

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**Finder:** Nick L., Lockport, IL  
**Using:** AT Pro  
**Find:** 1864 two-cent piece



**Finder:** Chris D., Olin, IA  
**Using:** AT Pro  
**Find:** 1930 Buffalo nickel

# Customer Finds From the Field



**Finder:** Jonathan B., Hatfield, PA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** This 1793 Flowing Hair large cent was dug from a productive colonial era site Jonathan and his friend Scott have been digging for several months. "It wasn't until I got home and started the dirt removal process that I brushed off Lady Liberty's face for the first time in 220 years that I really got a good look at what I had found," said Jonathan. "My heart started pumping."

Jonathan and Scott believe a small shop or colonial-era tavern must have been near the site they are digging due to the impressive list of coins they have pulled in a few months: two undated King George II halfpennies, a 1771 King George III halfpenny, a 1774 Carolus III silver half reale, a 1775 King George III halfpenny, the 1793 Flowing Hair large cent, an 1804 Draped Bust half cent, an 1837 Coronet large cent, an 1851 Braided Hair half cent, a 1907 Indian Head cent, and a 1911 Indian Head gold quarter eagle!



The reverse of Jonathan's 1793 large cent has the wreath design.



**Finder:** Joe M., Burlington, IA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Federation of American Motorcyclists perfect score award from the 1918 National Gypsy Tour



**Finder:** Michael K., Waltham, MA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Half of a scarce U.S. militia two-piece buckle, ca. 1845-1860.



**Finder:** Brenden E., Glastonbury, CT  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Virginia coat button and Civil War minié balls



**Finder:** Lamoine T., Menard, TX  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** Lamoine and his wife Ann found two intact .45-70 bullets, used in the 1880s, in their own front yard.



**Finder:** Derle P., Houston, TX  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Derle works for the railroad and has to travel around Texas as part of his job. While staying in historic Jefferson in September 2013, he found this 1854 Seated Liberty dime from the New Orleans mint (*below*). He also dug this Civil War crossed sabers cavalry hat pin (*above*).



**Finder:** Andrew W., Philadelphia, PA  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Colonial Federal Naval officer's button from the 1820s

# Coin Finds



**Finder:** Donald P., Proctorville, OH  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1908 Barber half dollar, two Mercury dimes, and a 1908 Barber dime—all found in a forested area of an old city park. Seen below is one of his dimes at the time of recovery.



**Finder:** Christian M., Loveland, OH  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Standing Liberty quarter



**Finder:** Terry B., Farmland, IN  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 1936 Walking Liberty half dollar



**Finder:** Donald R., Torrington, CT  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1897 British Victoria penny



**Finder:** Derle P., Houston, TX  
**Using:** *AT Pro and Pro-Pointer*  
**Find:** 1822 five-Francis coin



**Finder:** Graham R., Port Pirie, SA, Australia  
**Using:** *AT Gold*  
**Find:** An Australian 1925 penny, the third rarest in Australia.

**Finder:** Mark J., Port Erin, Isle of Man, UK  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 5 Quirsh silver coin from Egypt; date in Arabic is 1911.



**Finder:** Jean-Maurice M., Knutsford, Cheshire, UK  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 1874 silver six pence



**Finder:** Douglas L., Tacoma, WA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1852 3 cent "trime" coin



**Finder:** Rick L., Portland, Ontario, Canada  
**Using:** *Pro-Pointer*  
**Find:** A rare 1859 Canadian large cent coin



**Finder:** Craig A., Brisbane, Queensland, Australia  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Craig found this 1897 Morgan dollar while hunting an old U.S. Army World War II site.



# Jewelry and Ring Finds



**Finder:** David A., Wheaton, IL

**Using:** *ACE 150*

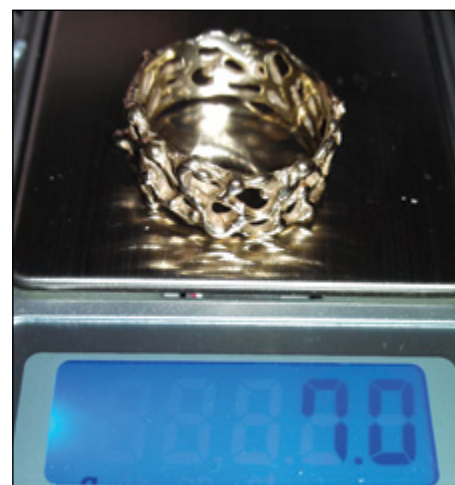
**Find:** David unearthed this antique diamond ring while hunting plantation property on a trip near Charleston, South Carolina.



**Finder:** Scott H., University Place, WA

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Scott found this 14k gold turtle in a park. It has ruby eyes, diamonds around the base of the shell, and tri-colored gold on its shell.



**Finder:** Gene S., Houston, TX

**Using:** *ACE 250*

**Find:** First gold ring find



**Finder:** Brian P., Comstock Park, MI

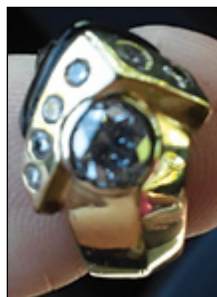
**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** His first gold ring find was this 1981 woman's class ring, which was engraved with the owner's name. Brian was able to track down the lady and return the ring that had been lost 33 years ago.

**Finder:** Jennie R., Dewey, OK

**Using:** *ACE 350*

**Find:** 14k gold diamond ring appraised at \$2,000



**Finder:** Alfredo M., Dover, NJ

**Using:** *AT Pro*

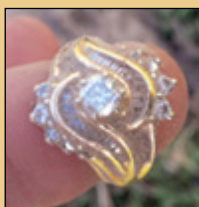
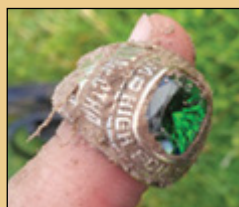
**Find:** Gold and diamond ring

## Never Mind the Heat

Randy H. of Spring, Texas, spent part of his Labor Day weekend hunting a local school soccer field with his *AT Pro*. "I was wondering if it was worth the effort due to the extreme heat and humidity," he said. After about an hour of finding only clad coins, he got his answer.

He found three gold rings, two with diamonds. He pulled the diamond-studded 14k gold band from a hole, checked it again with his detector, and found the engagement band. The rings read between 47 and 57 on his Digital Target ID. For Randy, it was "a truly unbelievable hunt on a very hot and humid holiday."

(Below) Randy's three ring finds included this 10k gold high school ring and a diamond-studded 14k gold wedding band.



**Finder:** Michael S., Warren, RI

**Using:** *ACE 150*

**Find:** His first silver ring

**Finder:** Michael A., Brighton, MI

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** A 4.9-gram 14k gold ring





# Jewelry and Ring Finds



**Finder:** Dale P., Lebanon, OR  
**Using:** ACE 350  
**Find:** 18k diamond ring that his jeweler valued at \$2,000.



**Finder:** Alfredo M., Dover, NJ  
**Using:** AT Pro  
**Find:** His first gold ring, found in the wet sand on the Jersey coast.



**Finder:** Brandon E., Mineola, TX  
**Using:** ACE 250  
**Find:** A 1942 high school class ring that Brandon returned to the owner 71 years after he had lost it.

**Finder:** Andrew K., Spartanburg, SC  
**Using:** ACE 350  
**Find:** Sterling silver ring ca. 1920s-1930s with amethyst stone.



**Finder:** Danny S., Visalia, CA  
**Using:** ACE 250  
**Find:** Gold ring



**Finder:** Leon B., Vista, CA  
**Using:** AT Pro  
**Find:** First ring find



**Finder:** Jim M., Camp Hill, PA  
**Using:** ACE 250  
**Find:** Italian rosary ring and a 14k white gold wedding band



**Finder:** Mike F., Maddison, TN  
**Using:** AT Pro  
**Find:** 10k cherub ring



**Finder:** Terry G., Lumberport, WV  
**Using:** ACE 250  
**Find:** Terry found and returned this class ring to its owner 28 years after it had been lost.



**Finder:** Jose E., San Diego, CA  
**Using:** ACE 250  
**Find:** Jose and his wife found this 14k white gold ring with a 13-star shield design in an old park in San Diego. He thought it was silver until he took it to a jeweler. His wife also found a ring and a diamond earring that day.



# Tokens, Medallions, Charms



**Finder:** Vincent G., Hamilton VA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Jaycee "speak up" award charm



**Finder:** Preston B., Ellis, KS  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 1905 Indian head penny, tax tokens, metal coupon



**Finder:** Craig B., Ogdensburg, WI  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** An 1805 Sydney Smith bronze medallion, issued by the London Maritime Museum. Craig and his wife also dug an Indian Head penny and two silver coins from the same old home lot.



**Finder:** Ian H., Abingdon, MD  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1908 Baltimore Athletic League medallion

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**Finder:** Steven J., Des Moines, IA  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** A U.S. Army veteran's 1899 Philippine Insurrection Medal



Michael S. of Cartwright, OK found this good luck token (*right*) at a 1914 hotel and this tax token (*above*) in the Red River.



**Finder:** Jason S., Arnold, PA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1902 dog tag



# Relic Roundup



**Finder:** Terry M., Felton, DE  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Terry poses with his favorite relic finds, including a Civil War sword hanger (*below*).



**Finder:** Paul M., Fort Wayne, IN  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Brass hat badge



**Finder:** Steve in Iowa  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** World War II Army surgeon/nurse sterling badge



**Finder:** Tentis M., Supply, NC  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** 1892 suspender buckle

**Finder:** Joe A., Bethel, OH  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Mold used for making lead Boy Scout figurines



**Finder:** Douglas L., Tacoma, WA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Found on old World War II Army housing site.



**Finder:** Tentis M., Supply, NC  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** 1800s military button



**Finder:** Todd S., Greenville, KY  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** U.S. Army Quartermasters button (*above left*) and a Civil War U.S. cavalry horse bit (*above right*)



**Finder:** Gary M., Suisun City, CA  
**Using:** *AT Gold*  
**Find:** Rhode Island Newport Artillery button made between 1836 and 1848, based upon its R&W Robinson backmark.



**Finder:** Everett W., China Spring, TX  
**Using:** *GTI 1500*  
**Find:** Everett, a retired state trooper, settled on a property that once served as a training camp for the National Guard during World War I. This photo shows some coins, buttons, buckles, and other relics he has dug on his land. Each of the five artillery shells weighs about 5.5 pounds each. Everett's oldest coin in the group is an 1866 nickel.



# ATX Relic Finds From the Field

## Some ATX Finds and Photos from the March 2014 DIV Hunts



Culpeper County, Virginia is the site of a twice-annual Civil War relic hunt in some of the hottest mineralized soil in the USA. A few ATX users from the most recent DIV XXVI and DIV XXVII hunts shared some of their finds photos for the *Garrett Searcher*.

Cases to left are from (top to bottom): Rick H. of Cincinnati, OH; Curt Hollifield of NC; Rusty Curry of TX; and Steve Moore of TX.



(Left) Rusty Curry plows through fresh snow that has fallen in northern Virginia.

(Above and below) Steve's ATX may be muddy, but it was proven to sniff out Civil War bullets from under the blanket of snow.



(Left) Revolutionary War era Royal Provincial military button and a Civil War pen tip holder Rick found.

(Right) A Vermont state seal button found by Beau Ouimette of MD with his ATX.



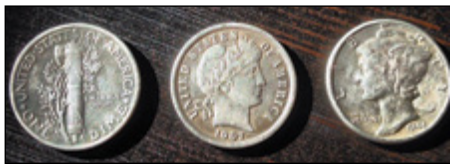


# Coin Finds



**Finder:** Robert S., Cottage Hills, IL  
**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Like an old western gunslinger putting notches on his firearm, Robert marks his *AT Pro* with silver and gold nail polish to score his finds. As of November, he had 50 silver coins, four silver rings, and three gold rings painted on his detector.



**Finder:** Bradyn S., Reynoldsville, PA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1941 and 1944 Mercury dimes, and 1907 Barber dime.



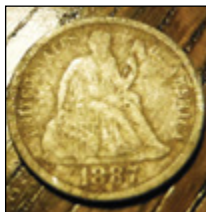
**Finder:** Mark A., Southbury, CT  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1914 Barber half dollar with no mint marks, a "key date" coin.



**Finder:** Curtis M., Lexington, MA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1921 Morgan silver dollar

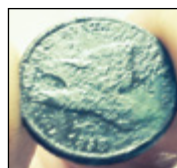


**Finder:** Bob M., Milwaukee, WI  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Bob found this 1865 Indian Head penny and three others at an old city park that he had hunted many times before. Bob used the *AT Sniper* coil to help find these targets in trashy areas.



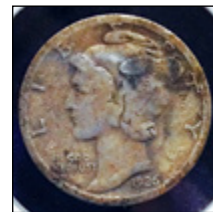
**Finder:** Alton W., Nicholson, GA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1887 Seated Liberty dime

**Finder:** Robert P., Battle Creek, MI  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1858 Flying Eagle cent



**Finder:** Wayne K., Womelsdorf, PA  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 1868 2 cent piece

**Finder:** Daren F., Paris, TX  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Semi-key date 1926 S Mercury dime



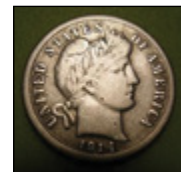
**Finder:** Jared K., Tacoma, WA  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** 1899 Indian head penny



**Finder:** Mike K., Newton, MA  
**Using:** *AT Gold*  
**Find:** 1778 Spanish 1 Real



**Finder:** Shanae S., Linton, IN  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1914 Barber dime



**Finder:** Terry T., Yakima, WA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1903 Indian head penny, Chinese coin and a 1936 Liberty head dime



# Sand, Surf and Swimmin' Holes



**Finder:** Michael B., Shady Dale, GA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Michael went to a local lake to try out his *AT Pro*. By day's end he had hauled in nine gold rings, four silver rings, three silver pendants, a gold pendant with small diamonds, gold teeth (a "grill"), plenty of clad coins, and other miscellaneous jewelry.

"My metal detecting buddy watched me from the shore with his non-waterproof detector," said Michael. "He is now looking to purchase a Garrett *AT Pro* due to my epic water hunt!"



**Finder:** Robert C., Auburn Hills, MI  
**Using:** *ACE 250*

**Find:** These are Robert's finds from his first four months of using his *ACE 250* on east Florida beaches. "It was so easy to use, a newbie like me found \$70 in coins, four rings, tokens, and silver jewelry items," he said.

## U.S. Marine Finds Pacific Beach Hotspot

Staff Sergeant Chris P. of Murrieta, California, made the most of his off-duty time while stationed on Okinawa, Japan, in late 2013. While previously deployed in Afghanistan, he had used a detector to help protect his Marine team from IEDs and land mines. After he was sent to Okinawa, he bought a used *Infinium LS* for \$600 and more than paid for his detector on his first day at the beach!

Chris was not having much luck in the sand. Fortunately, a lifeguard informed him that tourists had reported losing items in the swimming area but that he had never seen anyone using an underwater detector. Moving into the water, Chris began finding coins immediately.

"For the next six hours, DING, DING, DING. It was just like a giant piggy bank!" said Chris. "All dollar and five dollar Japanese

coins." Then, in the deeper water, he recovered an 18k gold Bvlgari ring, worth more than \$1,800. "I smiled like I have not smiled in a long time," he admitted. Within five days of water hunting four to six hours a day, Chris had collected more than \$225 in coins plus silver, platinum, gold and titanium rings, an 18-inch gold necklace with a 24k gold pendant, and a heavy Dolce & Gabbana silver necklace.

Chris plans to retire from the military service when he returns to the United States and says he "looks forward to getting my daughters involved in this great hobby in southern California."



(Above) Chris' first water hunting ring find was an 18k gold Bvlgari.



Some of the Japanese coins (upper right) he found off Okinawa's beach.

Rings, necklaces and other finds (right) Chris made with his *Infinium LS*.





# Sand, Surf and Swimmin' Holes



**Finder:** John S., Spring Lake, MI  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 74.5-gram gold chain found in Lake Michigan. Although it is marked 999, a jeweler who tested John's chain tells him that it is 19k to 20k gold.

**CAMO DIGGER'S POUCH**

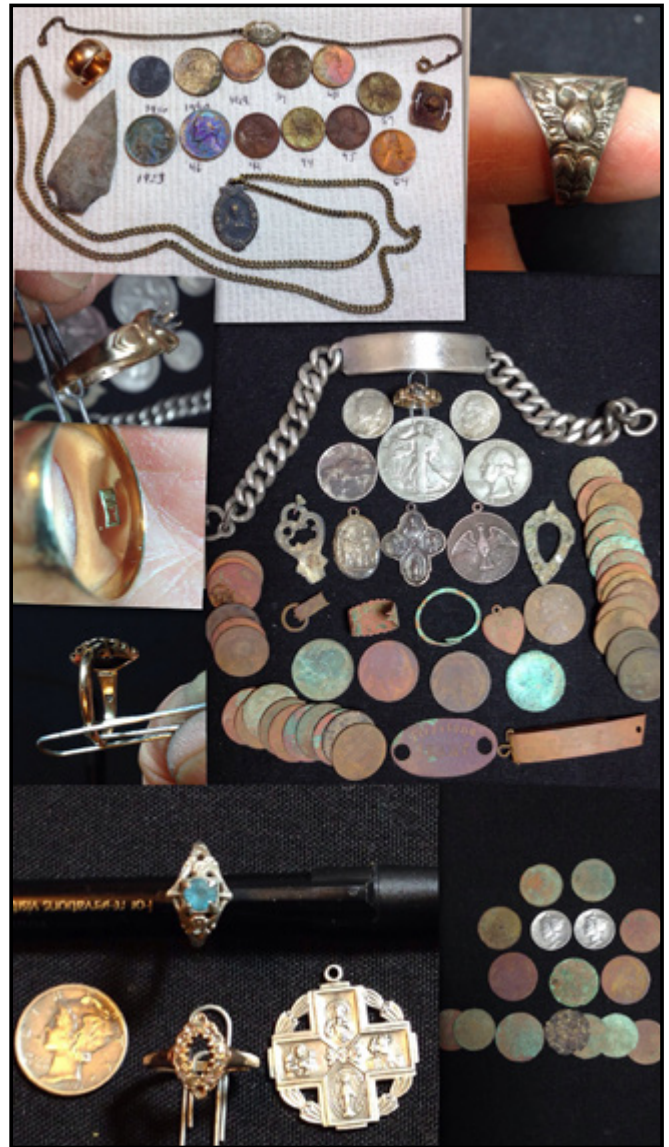
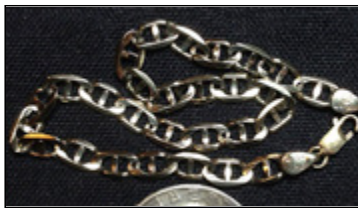



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**Finder:** Bruce M., Bristol, CT  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Finds:** "I've been detecting over 27 years and bought a new *AT Pro* this year after reviewing how versatile it is," Bruce wrote in December. "I still can't get over my successes from the moment I powered it on the first time out."

"The photo collage with the large silver ID bracelet contains finds just made in the last month using the 5x8" coil in a drawn-down lake that others declared held nothing but junk. The amount of trash and mineralization made for a site the *AT Pro* excelled in; 3 gold rings, Army Air Corps ring plus other jewelry and silver coins were some of the notable finds. The Native American shale point was a bonus while digging for a silver coin.

"The 14k bracelet (*seen below*) came from a swimming area that was void of coins and rings and most trash targets due to my competition. I adjusted the Iron Audio to 35 and knew bouncing signals, low to mid tone could be a chain. My first bouncer was this 14K keeper!"



**Finder:** Janusz F., Berchem - Antwerpen, Belgium  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** These are some of the rings Janusz found in his first four months using the *AT Pro* to hunt beach areas. "The *AT Pro* is a great detector," he said. "We find 100 times more than our first detector." He says that he has also found enough coins to recover the cost of his detector.



# Customer Finds From the Field



**Finder:** Robert G., Benbrook, TX  
**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** While hunting in England last summer, Robert found this gold ring with what might be a diamond centerpiece. "It's at the British Museum to determine the age, material and whether it should be considered treasure according to their laws," Robert said.



**Finder:** Daniel P., Villa Rica, GA  
**Using:** *ACE 150*  
**Finds:** Daniel, 15, dug this 1925 silver Peace dollar. It was well preserved inside a deteriorating wallet at about three inches depth.

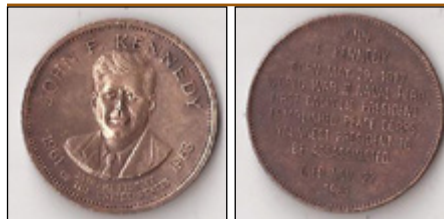


**Finder:** Myles S., Parkton, MD  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Finds:** Myles found these Civil War relics, including a musket trigger guard and cartridge box finial, near the Virginia Battle of Wilderness site.

**Finder:** Michael M., Chickasha, OK  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Finds:** World War II rifleman's badge, found in a park that had been hunted hard.



**Finder:** Shannon C., Spring Hill, TN  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Finds:** Sons of Confederate Veterans 1928 reunion badge and a Civil War hospital blood letter with brass case and rusty blades.



**Finder:** Bob M., Milwaukee, WI  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** JFK memorial token



**Finder:** Gene S., Houston, TX  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Gene was searching for a lost wedding ring in the parking lot of the Texas Renaissance Festival when he found this .925 sterling silver ring.



**Finder:** Steve J., Des Moines, IA  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** .925 silver bracelet

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## February winners

### U.S. Winner

Finder: Joseph M., Kelso, WA  
Using: *ACE 250*  
Find: Joseph, 9, was using his dad's detector to hunt along the Columbia River in Washington. Two hours into the hunt with his dad, Joseph found part of a flintlock pistol. "This could have been part of Lewis and Clark's gun since history says they went through here," he said.



### International Winner

Finder: Bjornar H., Kongsberg, Norway  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Bjornar found this 30-gram cross near a church from the Middle Ages. Archaeologists have dated it to around 1300-1400 AD. It is made of electrum, a naturally occurring alloy of gold and silver, with trace amounts of copper.



## March winners

### Winner 1, U.S.

(right)  
Finder: Angel M., Bridgeport, CT  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Brass sacrifice dagger



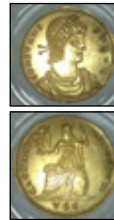
### Winner 2, U.S.

(below)  
Finder: Rob P., Grayson, GA  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Confederate buckle found on an 1800s house site in a small town northeast of Atlanta.



### International Winner

Finder: Stefan D., Linz, Österreich, Austria  
Using: *GTI 2500*  
Find: Gold Roman Aureus coin from the 1st Century. "I went to the museum near me and they told me it's a double solidus (8.98 grams), an extremely rare coin," Stefan said.



## April winners



### U.S. Winner

Finder: Kenneth C., Shepherdsville, KY  
Using: *ACE 250*  
Find: Kenneth's grandparents own land that was used for salt production hundreds of years ago. He began hunting an area where his great grandfather said a building had once stood. Kenneth has since found buttons and other early items, but this was beyond his expectations: a 1759 King George II gold guinea coin.



### International Winner

Finder: Fanel S., Brasov, Romania  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Four golden rings from the 12th Century, considered to be an "exceptional" discovery by archaeologists in Romania.  
**See story on page 2 of this Searcher.**

## JOIN THE GARRETT SEARCH TEAM!

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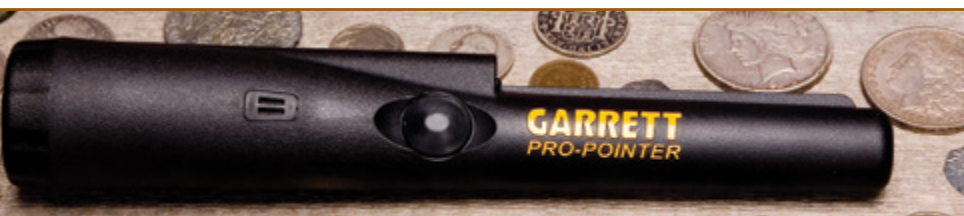
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## LEARN THE LANGUAGE THE ATX MAY REWARD YOU

Contributed by  
**John Bortscher**



Garrett's new pulse induction metal detector—the *ATX*—is a wonderful piece of technology, which should help put pulse metal detectors out in the forefront for multi-use.

I am an avid coin and jewelry hunter who has been detecting for about 20 years. In 1996, I purchased my first PI, (Pulse Induction), a Garrett *Sea Hunter*, Mark II. I bought it used wondering if in fact if I was going to keep it. I had heard stories that PI machines were not highly recommended. My first several hunts took me to a fresh lake water's edge and in the water, detecting up to my neck. I noticed right off the bat that a PI detector is very sensitive to tiny targets and goes extremely deep.

I did get many coins, and the usual bottle caps, pull tabs, fishing tackle and aluminum cans. I sometimes detected some spots with my other VLF water detector with other people. When it became evident that most targets had been removed we moved on to a new spot. I

switched gears one day, on one of these so-called "hunted out" lakes, using my *Sea Hunter*, and what a surprise! The lake had again come to life with many targets, which were silent to most of the VLF detectors. The *Sea Hunter* also worked very well in saltwater.

I began reading about another pulse induction detector, the *Infinium*. It was unique in that instead of giving a mono tone on all targets like the *Sea Hunter*, the *Infinium* would sound off with a high-low tone on gold and some iron. It would change its tone to a low-high tone on silver/copper and once again on some iron. I immediately saw the potential of the *Infinium*, and sold my *Sea Hunter* to purchase a used *Infinium*.

This new detector became my main arsenal for water detecting, except for the really shallow areas—which accumulated a lot of junk. My *ACE 250* or later on my *AT Pro* handled this area quite well. In 2007, my first year with my Garrett PI metal detectors, I had my best year ever as far as rings go. I found 41 rings in the water and land with my *Infinium*, including 11 gold rings. My formula for success was quite simple. I hunted the water with pulse induction detectors, especially the deep water and places which were already hunted out by others. Yes...I dug my share of trash, however, if you don't dig a signal, you will never really know what it is.

Last year, I became aware of another PI metal detector in the works and I was



John found these rings in 2007 with an *Infinium* PI detector.

excited...what else could be improved? I got my hands on one as soon as I could, and was surprised at a totally new design. The *ATX* has telescopic, adjustable lower rods with locking cams, yet it can all be retracted to fit inside your carry on luggage if flying to a detectable area for holidays. Although I am not a gold nugget hunter, I was reading stories on how the *ATX* was competing and often winning with detectors costing 2 to 3 times as much. It was sensitive to very tiny nuggets, yet also had the ability to sound off on very deep nuggets also.

When it arrived, I immediately did some air tests and got used to the various programs. This detector is DEEP! The ability to tune out electronic interference is done automatically with a push of a button. It has ground tracking, which can be turned off or on. It has the typical motion mode and a non-motion mode. Now the new *ATX* is a very deep metal detector. But the non-motion mode gets even more depth. It even has pinpoint ability for those who prefer to pinpoint a target. And finally, my biggest surprise was an iron ID button. Wow! I can now knock out some of my iron targets.

The audio of the iron ID sounds similar to the *AT Series*, in that it gives a low grunt. Now, as with many other features on metal detectors, the iron ID has its limitations. It will read accurately depending on the size of an iron target and it's depth. So, a 1/4" iron nut will read as iron to about 5-6 inches. A rusted tin can will grunt as iron deeper. For best accuracy, you have to put in the time and learn what the metal detector is telling you.

I hunted the water for rings and coins as often as I could, weather and work permitting. When the lakes froze, I hunted some relics. After it snowed, I even hunted a toboggan hill and pulled out several coins in the snow. My overall *ATX* finds from last year were as follows: 12 rings, (including 2 gold), several chains (including one gold chain), and 112 coins worth \$32.29. My relic hunts got me several variety of bullets, some spoons and some older coins.

So what makes this metal detector extra special for coins, relics and jewelry finds? Well, it has modulated audio,



# ATX Finds From the Field



**Finder:** Mark in the eastern goldfields near Menzies, Western Australia

**Using:** *ATX*

**Find:** Twenty ounces of gold, made up of a number of nuggets and a large piece of ironstone and quartz specie. Mark reported the *ATX* exceeded his ground balancing expectations in the hottest mineralized grounds of the Western Australia goldfields.



**Finder:** Warren M., Cairns, Australia

**Using:** *ATX*

**Find:** .9-gram nugget found in the North Queensland goldfields



**Finder:** David K., Victoria, Australia

**Using:** *ATX*

**Find:** Shown from top two, moving clockwise around the Aussie 5-cent piece are gold nugget finds weighing 0.38, 0.17, 1.42, 7.07 and 2.43 grams. "All the nuggets came from ground that has been heavily hit by other detectors, including my own *Infinium* and *AT Gold*," David said.

## LEARN THE LANGUAGE *(continued from pg. 18)*

which means the deeper a target, the more silent the audio becomes. You can guess quite accurately how deep a target is, and by raising the coil above the target, you can also get an idea of its size. You can easily ID pop can targets. That unique iron ID feature is a real blessing. My favorite by far and a first!

I can leave a lot of targets behind, and save precious time concentrating on better sounding targets. And similar to the *Infinium*, gold should read high-low and copper/silver will read low-high. Superb for searching for old silver coins. The coil will also give subtle hints to nails and bobby pins. The shallow ones will read four series of low-high or high-low beeps. Deeper nails and bobby pins will read less

pairs of audio tones. Because the *ATX* is sensitive to tiny objects, you have to listen for those whisper sounds, which usually designates a very deep target, and a very deep target is usually old. I use a very large sand scoop to cut down on the number of scoops needed to get to a deep target.

The *ATX* is the best Pulse Induction detector I have used to date! Don't let anyone tell you that a PI metal detector can not discriminate. Once you learn the tones—the soft vs. harsh tones, Iron ID, the multiple tones, the whispers—you are well on your way to digging up many targets missed by others. Do hunt hunted out areas and do dig those deep whispers. And hunt often. You have to learn the *ATX* language, and it takes time. The rewards are there waiting for you.



**Finder:** Daniele S., Rosignano Solvay, Toscana, Italy

**Using:** *ATX*

**Find:** Daniele used the *ATX* to hunt areas where U.S. Army troops fought near the ocean against a German battalion in World War II. Shown are some ammunition, grenades, remains of web equipment, and personal items such as a soldier's razor, shaving cream, coins and discarded beer bottles Daniele found while digging other artifacts.

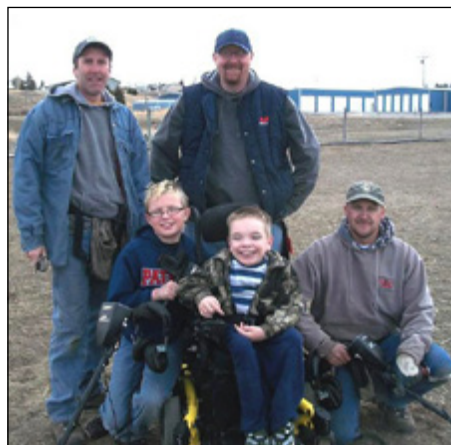


These are John's first ring finds made with his *ATX* pulse induction detector.



(Above) Tim Saylor poses for photos with young Everett, a Leukemia patient who lives on a farm near Wellman, Iowa. “He got the Garrett detector from the Make a Wish Foundation, wanted a signed picture from the Diggers, and had no idea I was going to be there in person,” said Ringy—who happens to have family a short distance from Everett’s hometown.

The Ringmaster left the young man with some souvenirs and he talked with other young fans of his TV show in town. Soon after the visit, an excited Everett contacted Tim to tell him about the 1886 Indian Head penny he had dug on his family’s farm with his new ACE 350.



## Stars of “Diggers” Take Time for Their Fans

Free time is a little more challenging these days for George “KG” Wyant and Tim “Ringy” Saylor. The long-time detecting buddies have a hit TV show on their hands in the form of the National Geographic Channel series “Diggers”—currently in its second full season.

Outside of filming and detecting, they often make time to visit with younger detectorists who have become interested in what they do. KG and Ringy have taken their finds in for school classroom show and tell sessions, and they have been known to respond to a number of special requests from other young fans.

Tim and George appreciate that not everyone is a fan of their antics on the “Diggers” show. Yet, some historians have gone out of their way to express their appreciation of how the duo helps preserve artifacts for others to enjoy. One history major graduate wrote to Tim, “I do not understand how some can be upset with a show that clearly teaches appreciation (not disregard) for history.”

Wyant and Saylor enjoy the enthusiasm they see in young faces. They are often approached by kids who want autographs or photos. “Once, we were in a dirt field near an old ranch house hunting with our buddy Travis,” said Tim, “and this 11-year-old kid in a high-tech wheelchair (*see photo at left*) cruised out through a gate and across the plowed field just to talk with us. His brother is also a big fan of the show, and wants to start detecting.”

One mom wrote to them about how much her kids enjoyed watching “Diggers.” She said that she videotaped them “digging in the yard



(Above) Ringy and KG teach metal detecting basics to a class of middle schoolers.

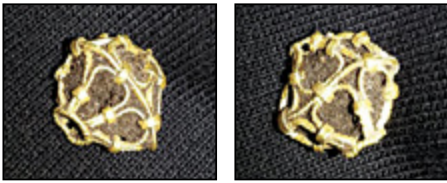
(Below) Ringmaster Tim holds one of his favorite finds made during the filming of *Diggers*—a rare Confederate Civil War belt plate.



using a broken electric weed whacker as their detector and a plastic screwdriver as their pinpoint. Maybe they watch the show too much, seeing as my 5-year-old likes to be called Ringy and the 3-year-old KG, and when they find something they run around the yard yelling they have some sweet nectar for the pock.”



# Customer Finds From the Field



**Finder:** Allan J., Ringkøbing, Denmark  
**Using:** *AT Pro International*  
**Find:** Gold pearl from the Danish Middle Ages



**Finder:** Lolke H., Friesland Netherlands  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 17th / 18th century ring



**Finder:** Grzegorz M., Wroclaw, Poland  
**Using:** *AT Pro International*  
**Find:** Eighteen silver coins, mostly from the 17th century, found in the fields around his father-in-law's home.



**Finder:** Chris O., Kerhonkson, NY  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** My first 3-cent (trime) piece



**Finder:** Michael K., Stony Point, NC  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 1881 five dollar gold coin on a pocket chain found at an old church.



**Finder:** Wesley, Kampsville, IL  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 1945 Mercury dime



**Finder:** William H., Baltimore, MD  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Key to an Edison phonograph, model A-250 circa 1912



**Finder:** Manny M., Stem, NC  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 1899 Barber dime



**Finder:** Tom P., Gowanda, NY  
**Using:** *Pro-Pointer*  
**Find:** 1940s bar/restaurant token

**Finder:** Mike H.,  
Fredericktown, MO  
**Using:** *ACE 150*  
**Find:** Mike bought a used *ACE 150*,



found this silver ring, and became so hooked on detecting again that he bought an *AT Pro*. His grandson now uses the *ACE*.



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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, GARRETT!

More than 250 Garrett Metal Detectors employees gathered on April 1 to celebrate both the 50-year anniversary of their company and the birthday of its founder, Charles Garrett.

Although the size of Garrett's manufacturing facilities has changed over the decades, the operation still remains in Garland, Texas, where it all began. "I feel like I'm at home," Garrett expressed to the employees. "I guess that's because Garrett Metal Detectors has always been like our second home."



Eleanor, Charles and Vaughan Garrett

