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The Best Kind of Treasure

An ACE 350 Adventure
Contributed by **Emmie C.**
of Round Rock, Texas

Every year, along about the first weekend of November, a migration to Panama City Beach, Florida takes place. I'm not talking about turtles, but a creature known as a triathlete. These athletes come to participate in the Florida Ironman triathlon, which is a 2.4-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run. They must do them all on the same day, and they must complete it in less than 17 hours. (Yes, I think they're insane too.)

That's why Bill was there. This was an important event for him because it was his first Ironman distance triathlon, and he had trained so hard for so long. He hoped to finish in less than 12 hours, a fantastic time for mere mortals. However, things were not going well for Bill. He arrived after a particularly bad week at work and now, after his first practice swim, he was on his hands and knees in the sand of the beach outside his condo desperately searching for his cherished wedding band. He had realized it was missing from his hand after pulling off his wetsuit.

That was how my friend Vickie found him, also returning to the condo after her swim. They searched and searched but couldn't locate the ring. She got his room number, told him that she was with a large group, and tried to reassure him that someone might find it. But he was heart sick about it that night and again the next day when, from his balcony, he saw someone with a metal detector combing the beach. He



An Ironman athlete is reunited with his wedding band. Seen (left to right): Jody K., Bill P., Emmie, and Jenny P. Photos courtesy of Tom Marek.

thought for sure it was gone for good. Bill's predicament was unknown to me. As it happened, I had just gotten my Garrett ACE 350 only a couple weeks before this trip and decided to bring it with me.

I'm completely new to the hobby of metal detecting, so I was very excited to have a chance to try it out on the beach. I told my travel buddies, Jenny and Jody about it on the drive from Texas to Florida and they were game to help me do the diggin'.

We headed down to the beach in front of our condo one afternoon and started swinging and digging the sand. The ACE 350 was great fun to use. We dug everything and got lots of the usual trash like pull tabs, bottle caps and such, but we felt successful because we did find 72 cents in change. (You have to call it successful if you find money, right?)

After a while we decided to head into re-hydrate and at the ramp from our condo ran into our roommates Carolyn and Tom, who came down to take pictures and hunt sea shells. So we decided to turn around and keep swinging as we walked along. We had

gone only a few feet when I got the signal on the ACE 350 and my pal Jody scooped up the sand. A total team effort, Jenny was the first to spot the gold wedding band and exclaimed, "It's a RING!". Yee-haw! My first gold ring with the ACE 350!

It was Carolyn who knew about Bill (thanks to Vickie), so she took it up to the condo see if he could identify it. She returned 10 minutes later with Bill, whose face was beaming with joy. He filled us in on how he lost it and what a bad week it had been. We assured him that finding the ring was a sign that things were going to turn around and he would have a good race. Since we wouldn't take any reward money, he looked us up the next day and showered us with gift cards and a beautiful note card expressing his appreciation. We were thanked again by his wife on race day when she ran into some of our group, wearing the wedding band on a chain around her neck. The ACE 350 had salvaged their week!

I have watched many videos from others that do this hobby and it was indeed a thrill to find a gold ring. But

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I have to say, there is no amount of money I could have gotten for it that would have made me as happy as seeing the joy in Bill's face the day we returned it to him. It made me feel good for days. I realized that sometimes the "treasure" you find metal detecting is not always in the scoop.

The ACE 350 was so easy to learn and fun to use. I'm hooked! So how did the race turn out for Bill? He finished in 11 hours, 20 minutes, and 23 seconds!



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Finder: David K., Canada
Using: AT Pro

Find: David shared photos of some of his favorite finds from 2013. Seen from top, moving down, are: gold ring, a large crotal bell, an 1825 Royal Navy purser's button, a 1902 Canadian silver quarter, and a wedding ring that David found and returned.



Finder: John B.,
Port St Lucie, FL
Using: ACE 250
Find: Silver
crucifix charm,
four inches tall.



Finder: Harlan L., North Richland
Hills, TX

Using: AT Pro

Find: Harlan was excited to save \$700 before Christmas using his AT Pro. Plumbers were going to charge him that much to locate and dig out a backed-up sewer pipe. Using notch discrimination and Iron Audio, Harlan swept his front yard until he got a faint, deep signal . . . and then did his own digging.



GARRETT FINDS FROM THE FIELD

Gold and Silver in One Hole



Finder: Kim J., Ebeltoft, Denmark
Using: *AT Pro International*

Find: Kim went to hunt a forest site where a festival was held in the 1800s, and soon found copper coins dating 1874 to 1904. Moving to a dense patch of woods at the site, "I dug a beautiful silver 10 ore from 1882," said Kim.

"One meter from the silver coin, up came a really nice silver brooch with makers mark (after research, it was made in Copenhagen between 1893-1937). I swung the detector over the hole again and a signal was still there. Then the gold plate pendant (above) was unearthed and I simply yelled with joy and properly scared the two people jogging by. The pendant has a makers mark and was made between 1830-1850."



Finder: Charles F., Acworth, GA
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: 1919 Great Britain penny



Finder: Derle P., Houston, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1898 Barber dime, dug in the yard of a home built in 1925.



Finder: Michael H., White Oak, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Michael found this loaded .38 Special handgun in a Longview park while he was hunting for tokens. "I called the police and they came and ran the serial number and discovered it was reported stolen," he said. "I'm thankful no child found it first."

California Surfer Girl Reunited with Her Car Keys

Bill S. of Cypress, CA says he is two for two with his *AT Pro* in the Lost and Found Department. The first time, he helped a man find his ring at Huntington Beach.

More recently, Bill was hunting early morning between Bolsa Chica State Beach and Sunset Beach. A few hours later, he was approached by a female surfer. "She said the beach rake ran over her car keys while she and her friend were out surfing," he said. She explained that her keys and a car fob were attached to a long black lanyard.

Bill spent time making 300-foot long passes through the area where her keys had been. After a while, she made arrangements to get a ride home and thanked Bill for trying. "As I started to walk away from the sloping beach area while swinging the *AT Pro*, I saw a beer can sticking out of the sand," he said. "The sand was really clean, so that can stuck out and you could tell the beach rake pushed it to the surface.

"As I walked toward the can I saw about an inch of black nylon strap next to the can, so I kicked it out of the way." Bill swung his coil over the nylon and his *AT Pro* instantly

sounded off. He grabbed the nylon and up came the bunch of keys. "I found them!" he shouted to the girl, who was walking away.

"She was very grateful and offered to pay me," said Bill. "I said, 'no way,' but I need to get a photo of you holding the keys."



This young lady was all smiles after Bill recovered her car keys, buried by the beach tractor's rakes, with his *AT Pro*.

Treasure Trove Find for an ACE 250 “Newbie”

Finder: Rob C., Shropshire, England

Using: ACE 250

Find: Since buying his ACE 250, Rob has joined up with a local detecting group to help gain access to good hunt sites on areas where Romans, Celts, and Vikings all came through and settled for various lengths of time. The club’s hunt on Sunday, February 9, 2014, was a big day for Rob, as he relates:

“My first signal brought up a George III halfpenny. Pretty worn, and couldn’t tell the date. Still, it’s a start.

“The next 20 minutes I got only trash. And then, a good signal. Loud, clear and steady. Definitely not trash. About 8 inches below the surface, my Garrett *Pro-Pointer* gives out a long loud signal, and there, in a clod of earth, was

my first ever Roman coin. I was ecstatic! Always wanted a Roman, and there it was in the palm of my hand.

“What a great start. It got better. No more than 20 paces further, another Roman pops up. The Detecting Gods are shining on me today. Another twenty paces, unbelievably, a Celtic gold stater. I was dumbstruck. Other people find this stuff, not me. I’m a newbie. Another 20 paces, another Roman.

“I immediately reported this to the dig organiser, because I think I may have stumbled on a hoard. He sectioned off the area, as the law states. Only me inside this perimeter. More coins. More Roman, and incredibly, more Celtic staters. I’m now pretty much in a state of shock. This is big. This is important.

“By the end of the day, 7 gold Celtic staters, and 25 Republic Roman coins had been unearthed, in a site now recorded as of major historical interest. My coins have been declared to the authorities, and I am in the process of handing them over. They will in all likelihood be declared Treasure Trove by the Government. If so, they will pay me the market rate for the coins, which will be



Rob C. shows the collection of Roman and Celtic coins he found in February, before turning them over to authorities for evaluation.

split 50/50 with the landowner, but the monetary value was never my motivation for getting out with my 250. I’ve contributed, in a small way, to a deeper understanding of Romano Celtic life in our area.”



Finder: Michael S., Cartwright, OK

Using: AT Pro

Find: Michael was hunting an old home site on a ranch east of Sherman, Texas, when he found this coin cache. At a depth of 7.5 inches, he dug this old Electrolux bank that was filled with Wheat pennies.



Finder: Gus P., Scotland

Using: Pro-Pointer

Find: Gus and his hunting buddy are holding some of the 177 silver Edward I pennies from a hoard they recovered in mid-December. The coins date to around 1270 to 1350 AD, and Gus was quick to credit his *Pro-Pointer* with so many of them being recovered. “The *Pro-Pointer* was absolutely essential. The holes were exceptionally muddy and watery, it was dark, the weather was foul—the kind of weather conditions we have here in Scotland.”





YOUNG GUNS



Finder: Timothy B., Killinghall, UK
Using: ACE 250
Find: Ten-year-old Timothy found this 1936 George V penny soon after getting his ACE 250 for Christmas.



Finder: Christian M., Loveland, OH
Using: ACE 250
Find: Christian found these two lead 1940s WWII figures in an area where a 1800 farm house once stood.



Finder: Lucas C., 17, from Felton, PA
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1832 Capped Bust dime. It's condition was so good that Lucas said he almost fainted when he saw it.



Finder: Chyann Z., Valrico, FL
Using: GTA 500
Find: 1953 Roosevelt dime. This was Chyann's second silver coin!



Finder: Dante B., Mendoza, Argentina
Using: ACE 350
Find: Dante, 9, used his ACE 350 to search near the ruins of a hydroelectric plant destroyed in a 1934 flood. He found these Austrian labor certification buttons at the site. The copper buttons are not of significant value but Dante has found the time he shares detecting with his father to be very rewarding.



Finder: Cameron, 16, Norwich, UK
Using: EuroACE
Find: Edward II hammered penny of Canterbury mint, ca. 1327-1307



International Discoveries



Finder: Adam V., Senica, Slovakia
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Celtic gold ingot, 9.4 grams



Finder: Lewis A., Mallaig, Inverness-Shire, UK
Using: *GTI 2500*
Find: Lewis found this ring in a field where he had previously found many musket balls and a 1694 William III silver shilling. The treasure trove unit in Edinburgh, Scotland informed him to his surprise that the ring is a fede ring dating to 1350.



Finder: Ralph G., Rotherham, South Yorkshire, U.K.
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: This Bronze Age socket headed spearhead, circa 1000 BC.



Finder: Boghina I., Bucharest, Romania
Using: *GTP 1350*
Find: Boghina found both a spear and an axe of the Transylvanian Celts that date back some 2,500 years per specialists from Romania's National Museum of History.



Finder: Alexander C., Mantua, Italy
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Roman silver coin depicting Emperor Titus, ca. 79 AD.



Finder: Václav W., K, Kamenná, Czech Republic
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Václav was hunting with a friend in the forest when he found a Medieval period silver coin cache. He dug through many roots and finally pulled two silver tolar coins from the hole. His *ACE 250* continued to signal more targets down under the roots, so Václav called his friend on the phone and told him to hurry with the camera. After digging five of the large coins, he heard two smaller tones. One proved to be a silver ring and the other was a silver-coated shark's tooth. "In the Middle Ages, it was believed that if you were carrying a shark's tooth, it would protect you from snake bites!" Vaclav explained.

(Top) The coins, ring and shark's tooth after cleaning. (Below) The items and part of a ceramic pot seen at the time they were dug.





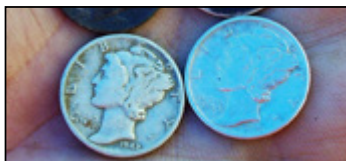
Finder: Luke J., Victoria, Australia
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: In an area about 1.2 meters square, Luke dug a huge collection of rare Australian pennies. His total was 103 Australian pennies dating from 1934 to 1964; 21 Australian half pennies dating from 1946 to 1964; two Commonwealth of Australia one pennies dating 1919 and 1920; and three Commonwealth of Australia one half pennies dating from 1926 to 1936.

AT Gold "Gets the Job Done"



Finder: Morgan R., Crandall, GA
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: "All these coins (*seen above*) came from two old homes' yards where the owners said they have been detected before and I probably wouldn't find anything," said Morgan. "LOL, I love going behind others and playing clean up. I have read quite a few posts on different forums saying the *AT Gold* won't hit good on high conductors like silver and the answer to that is in the picture. I love my *AT Gold* and plan on being buried with it!"

"These coins were found in thick beds of nails from years of the houses being re-shingled. The dark colored dimes are an 1890 seated (my oldest coin so far in 20 years of being an avid detectorist) and a 1951 Rosie. I also have pictured my first Indian Head penny, a 1907, and the Mercury dimes are a 1943 and 1944. The two Walking Liberty half dollars are both dated 1944. Silver is still out there. You just have to have a machine that can unmask these coins and the *AT Gold* gets the job done with the 5x8" coil attached."



Finder: Luca G., Borgo San Dalmazzo, Italy
Using: *EuroACE*
Find: Luca (*above*) shared this photo (*below*) of his recent finds of coins and relics. The buckle dates to the 1600s.



Finder: Patt B., Hornbeak, TN
Using: *Treasure ACE 300*
Find: Newspaper boilerplate. The back of the plate says "Property Western Newspaper Union"

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Relics, Rarities and All Kinds of Finds



Finder: Andrea H., Tetbury, Gloucestershire, UK

Using: ACE 250

Find: Andrea used her husband's ACE 250 to begin searching a stubble field near her house as it was being freshly plowed. She found several bits of lead and other items before getting "a lovely, loud clear signal." She pulled a muddy figure with gilding showing through the dirt and decided to pocket it until she could clean it later.

Upon cleaning the figure, she found herself looking at an odd-shaped gilded figure with bright blue eyes. "For all the world, all I could think was C3PO (from *Star Wars*)," she said. Andrea's local archaeologist says that it is a Limoges Reliquary Mount of the 12th Century that had probably been part of the decoration covering a Medieval chasse, which would have contained revered saintly remains.

The gold-covered copper alloy piece measures 50mm x 15mm. Andrea's husband Matthew has since found the wing tip of the Medieval angel in the same field with their ACE 250.



Finder: Florin S., Transylvania

Using: AT Pro

Find: Florin (*below*) found these relics in a forest used since ancient times. Above the harness pieces is a Dacian war knife, a small version of a Dacian sword or "falx." Florin has donated these relics to the National Museum in Bucharest.



Finder: Joao C., London, UK

Using: EuroACE

Find: An old seal with an image of a running greyhound dog.



Finder: Mark and Matthew H., Battle Creek, MI

Using: ACE 350 and ACE 150

Find: 31.7 gram man's 10k gold bracelet marked "Italy".



Finder: Sverri J., Vodskov, Vendsyssel, Denmark

Using: ACE 250

Find: This buckle, found near an old Medieval church, was said by museum workers to be similar to one found in Britain that dated to about 1400 AD.



Finder: Kenny J., TX

Using: ACE 250

Find: 1924 silver Fort Worth Press Marble Tournament medallion.

Coin Finds



Finder: Stefan T., Kokkola, Finland
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: 350-year-old coins; year 1656 seen at left and 1638 at right.



Finder: Matthew S., Manchester, NH
Using: *ACE 150*
Find: 1767 Bavarian 20 Kreuzer coin Matthew dug deep from an old local baseball field. "This is an amazing find for me and will be hard to beat," he said. "You never expect to find these things."



Finder: Michael R., Sherwood, AR
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: U.S. Grant commemorative token.

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Finder: Steve S., Falcon, CO
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Armed Forces commemorative coin



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Finder: Greg S., Mifflinburg, PA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Greg and a great friend used his *AT Pro* and "spent every possible hour" hunting a 3/4-mile roadbed below the bricks/cobble during its restoration to find this amazing set of coins. "I feel blessed to be given the opportunity to save these coins from being lost," he said.



Finder: Chris L., Oakwood, Derby, UK
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: King Henry VIII silver groat, graded VF condition by an expert.

Finder: Florin P., Tulcea, Romania
Using: *EuroACE*
Find: Rare gold coin that Florin found in the forest.



Finder: Helmut B., Nakotne, Latvia
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: Two very old silver coins—one is from 1542.

Customer Finds From the Field



Finder: Dave S., Kasson, MN

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Temperance Medal originally designed for General Ashbel Wells Ridley (A.W.R.) of the New York State Militia—with the first ones struck in 1841.



Finder: Jason M., Seneca, SC

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Jason had the chance to hunt the 1914 home of a colleague from school. He dug a target with an 87 target ID and found this 1930 Clemson A&M College class ring. The ring was inscribed with the owner's name.

Jason, a graduate of what is now Clemson University, actually grew up with the granddaughters of the man whose ring he had found! When he turned over the lost-lost ring to their mother, she was in tears.



Finder: Robert H., Galveston, TX

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Robert, whose first detector was a Garrett *Ground Hog* decades ago, shared this newspaper clipping of his latest ring return. In this case it was a University of Texas Medical Branch nursing student named Jacquelyn, who had lost her ring months before. At a meeting of the Galveston Island Treasure Club, Robert was able to return it to her. He firmly believes that reuniting lost rings with their owners is “the right thing to do. I have found lots of jewelry but there is an added, unexpected joy of seeing the happiness in someone’s eyes when you can reunite them with their lost treasure.”

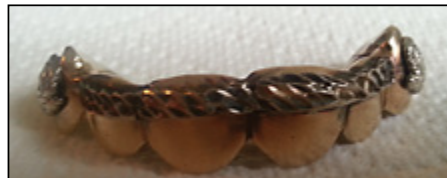
Way to go, Robert!



Finder: Steven J., Des Moines, IA

Using: *ACE 350*

Find: A U.S. Army veteran’s 1899 Philippine Insurrection Medal



Finder: David V., Oshawa, Ontario, Canada

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Denture with gold grill



Finder: Svein J., Hejnsvig, Denmark

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: In a field near Billund, Svein dug this 4-inch (10cm) bronze Viking relic. Local archaeologists say it is the first of its type they have seen and that it dates to the period of 793 to 1066 AD. Svein is scheduled to conduct further searches with the Danish archaeologists at the site.



Finder: Paul S., Hesperia, CA

Using: *AT Gold*

Find: Paul managed to dig nearly 70 pieces of gold in two days in a pay patch he located in the El Paso Mountains of Southern California. He was using his *AT Gold* (spelled out in his photo seen above) with a 4.5” *Super Sniper* coil.

“This detector can really sniff out the tiniest flakes of gold!” Paul said. “The smallest piece is a speck at 0.04 grams and the largest of the group is 0.3 grams. I cleaned out the spot of all detectable gold with my *AT Gold*.” His two day-haul included more than 6.4 grams of gold. The photo below shows Paul’s haul from one of the two days.



International Finds



Finder: Mark C., Jedburgh,
Scottish Borders

Using: *EuroACE*

Find: Papal bulla (lead seal) of Gregory IX (1227-41 AD). This relic marks the fifth item claimed by Treasure Trove, Scotland that Mark has found with his *EuroACE*.



Finder: Norman N., Rosyth, Fife, UK

Using: *ACE 250*

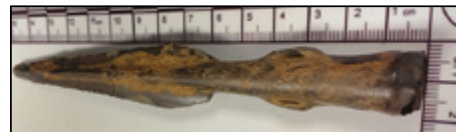
Find: Silver 1863 Gothic Victorian florin coin and (below) a solid silver monogrammed cufflink from the George III era (1738-1820).



Finder: Andrea T., Portosuso, Italy

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: 1861 five-cent Italian coin from the period of Vittorio Emanuele II.



Finder: Marc P., Telford,
Shropshire, UK

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Confirmed by UK finds liaison officer to be a Bronze Age socketed spearhead, ca. 1600-1300 BC.



Finder: Alessandro T., Brescia, Italy

Using: *EuroACE*

Find: Bronze dragon, perhaps from 16th-17th century

Finder: Austin H.,
UK

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: 1300s
George I hammered
penny



Finder: Rob J., Derbyshire, UK

Using: *AT Pro International*

Find: Above: Roman spindle whorl, King George II 1754 farthing, and (right) a Victorian cameo brooch of Hercules and his wife Megara.



Finder: Salvatore P., Rovigo, Italy

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Antique artifact



Jewelry and Ring Finds



Finder: John B., Edmonton, Canada

Using: *AT Pro, AT Gold, Infinium, ATX*

Find: "Here are my ring totals for 2013: 55 in total, including four gold," said John, who makes many of his finds hunting in the water.



Finder: Dias C., Switzerland

Using: *ACE 150*

Find: 18k gold bracelet by the lake



A Double Ring Return Day

Finder: Rick B., South Yarmouth, MA

Using: *Infinium*

Find: Rick has found and returned a number of class rings but never a double return. In March 2012, he found two class rings in the water with his *Infinium* but was unable to track down the owners until this past December. As it turned out, they were from different schools but they had been lost by the same woman in 1975.

When Rick explained to Gail that he had found her school ring in the waters of Dennis, Massachusetts, she explained that she had actually lost her boyfriend's ring as well. As it turned out, Rick had

found both rings. "Disbelief on both of our parts was verbalized for several minutes," said Rick.

Gail helped track down her former high school boyfriend Marty and soon a meeting was arranged. The owners were reunited with their high school rings during a four-hour session that included local reporters and even children of the adults.

Rick later reflected: "I have never experienced such a ring return. This will never happen to me again unless I win the Lotto, get hit by lightning, and get stung by a swarm of killer bees all on the same day!"



(Left) Gail and Marty were dating in 1975 when their high school rings were lost in the waters of Dennis, Massachusetts. They are seen 38 years later with the rings after Rick recovered both and tracked down the former owners.

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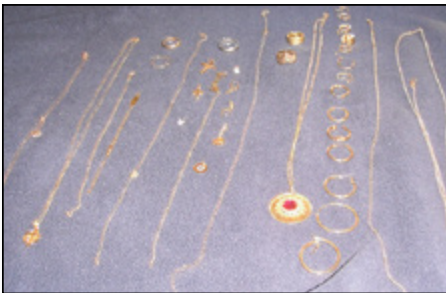
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Jewelry and Ring Finds



Finder: Allan J., Rinkøbing, Denmark
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: 14k gold ring with a diamond



Finder: Jimmy, Scherpenheuvel-Zichem, Belgium
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Jimmy says his *AT Gold* is “a master at finding small gold earrings to the beautiful rings and necklaces.” These are his best jewelry finds from 2013.



Finder: James F., Garden Grove, CA
Using: *GTP 1350*
Find: James and his 12-year-old son Kai were hunting a playground area when James dug this Italian 925 silver bracelet. After digging a lot of clad and other items, they finally headed for the car. En route, James got a nickel signal at two inches and used his *Pro-Pointer* to pop out his first diamond ring ever. “I checked it and it was stamped 14k,” he said. “Man, I started sweating. Finds like these are what keep us ever more interested in this great sport.”



Finder: Charlie R., Richmond, KY
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Charlie spent more than seven hours searching an area where a friend’s brother had lost an expensive ring. He found it. “This was my first ring that I have returned and it was truly a humbling experience,” he said.



Finder: Mark D., Middleboro, MA
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: On an old farm near his house, Mark found a gold ring, a silver ring, an 1848 large cent, an old buckle, and a Boy Scout neckerchief slide from New Mexico.



Finder: Christopher K., West Bend, WI
Using: *Pro-Pointer*
Find: 1960 10k Jostens class ring



Finder: Mark C., Port Elizabeth, South Africa
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Mark was asked to help find a man’s white gold wedding ring that was lost while the man was laying grass sod in his garden. The owner is seen happily holding his recovered ring and the *ACE 250* that Mark used to find it.



Finder: Marco, Castel Sant’Elia, Italy
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Early silver ring

Finder: Chris D.
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 14k gold engagement ring





Tokens, Medallions, Charms



Finder: Michael S., Cartwright, OK
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1919 city of Denison dog tax tag.



Finder: Billy C., Fort Ashby, WV
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 4 brass cow tags used in the 1930s and 1940s to number dairy cattle



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Finder: Joshua L., Elkton, VA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1853 "Merit Medal" found at an old home site at a local spring.



Finder: Mike M., Brookline, NH
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Mason tag



Finder: John S., Oilville, VA
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Boyd, Edmond & Davenport packet (passenger) boat company tag used for traveler's luggage on the James River and Kanawha Canal.



Finder: Rich J., Grimsby, UK
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Medieval silver 13th century annular brooch found at 4 inch depth.

Finder: Luca Z., Farra d'Alpago, Belluno, Italy
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Devotional medal



Finder: Lucinio P., Evora, Portugal
Using: *EuroACE*
Find: Religious medallion



Finder: James L., Southport, Queensland, Australia
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Two 32nd Red Arrow infantry badges



Relic Roundup



Finder: Robert N., Riedenberg, Germany

Using: *AT Pro International*

Find: Battle axe, crossbow arrow point, and spurs.

Finder: Bill F., Spotsylvania, VA

Using: *ACE 350*

Find: Bill, a home inspector by trade, was called on to inspect an historic mansion near the Rappahannock River in Fredericksburg. Bill relates this story of an incredible find he made that day.

“I knew the lady who hired me very well and didn’t feel like charging her. She was a very nice lady I had known all my life. I told her I wouldn’t charge for my services that day but she insisted. I said I would do it for free but in return she could let me use my metal detector in her basement / crawl space. In reality I was dying for the chance to use it.

“When the inspection was over I went to the truck and got out my *ACE 350* and went to the basement. It was a dirt floor and half of it was raised and formed a crawl space. I found lots of nuts and bolts and nails on the basement floor and decided to check out the crawl space. I was doing a belly crawl and swinging the coil back and forth and got a strong iron signal. I got closer and started digging with my hands. Eventually I grabbed onto what I thought was a pipe. There was some fabric wrapped around it that was falling apart in my hand.

“Then I saw what looked like a small bump of metal at the end of the pipe. I kept digging and finally, after being very careful, pulled out a Tower 1863 Enfield Rifle. My



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Finder: Christopher R., Allenstown, New Hampshire

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Civil War cartridge box plate



Finder: Michal S., Brno, Czech Republic

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: World War I Austro-Hungarian officer’s bayonet

heart was racing but I took it upstairs to show the owner and present it to her. She wanted me to just get it out of her house because she thought it was loaded. Later I found out it actually was. When I cleaned it up, I found the initials HT carved in the stock. I’ve been offered a lot of money for it but to me it is priceless.”



Finder: Barry M., Regents Park, Queensland, Australia

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Relics and coins from a World War II Army base.



Finder: Mike B., Clinton, MS

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Mike lives in an area where Civil War troops were known to have camped on their way to the Siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi. As he moved dirt in his back yard to level an area for his son’s playground, he scanned over the disturbed ground

“First I found an old Buffalo nickel and then the best find of my life—this CSA button,” Mike said. “The reverse reads Courtney & Tennent. I did some research and found that this is a high-ranking officer’s button, possibly belonging to a General. It is so awesome to find such a great piece of Civil War history right in my own back yard. Seeing this find, my son, who just turned ten, got excited and now wants to start detecting with me so that’s just another bonus.”

Jewelry and Ring Finds



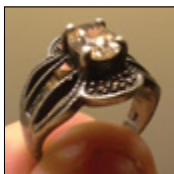
Finder: Robert M., Eyemouth, Scotland
Using: *EuroACE*
Find: 12th-14th century Medieval ring with an irregular uncut emerald.



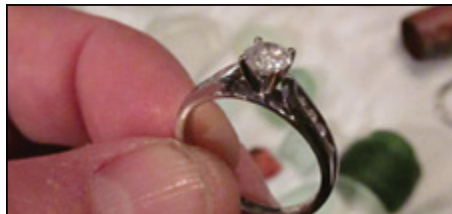
Finder: James B., Bedford, TX
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: James had always wanted to buy a metal detector. His wife agreed to the purchase after he lost his wedding ring while hanging the Christmas lights around the house. After much research, he decided on an *ACE 350* in January and waited for a day when the temperature was above 40 degrees.

"After searching for an hour and a half, I found my wedding ring," said James. He reports that his wife now has interest in detecting. He plans to buy another Garrett before their annual trip to Gulf Shores, Alabama this year.

Finder: Mark S., Baytown, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Ring dug 8 inches deep



Finder: Hen V., Amersfoort, Netherlands
Using: *ACE 150*
Find: Large earring



Finder: Pierre D., Hartlepool, UK
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 22k white gold ring



Finder: Joe B., Valdosta, GA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: "If I had a chance to return items like this every day, I would do it with joy," Joe says. After almost a year of searching, he was able to track down the relatives of the owner of this 1965 Valdosta national championship high school ring.



Finder: Arsen M., Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: "It was the best moment of my life," Arsen said of this find. His *AT Pro* read 86-88. In the hole were four items: a World War I medal, a 17th Century gold ring, a bracelet, and a medallion.



Finder: John M., Richmond, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Gold class ring



Finder: Russ K., Lakewood, WA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Russ dug this ruby and gold high school ring on Fort Lewis, where he and a young soldier were detecting together. The 1976 ring, which read a solid 70 on Russ' *AT Pro*, had been lost 30 years before by another soldier. Russ was able to track down the owner, who now lives 3,000 miles from the military base where he was once stationed. The story was written up in the his local Fayetteville, NC *Observer* newspaper.



Finder: Marty H., Bedford, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: A 1990 14k gold and diamond Texas A&M ring. Marty returned it to the owner through the Texas A&M Alumni Association.

Coin Finds

Finder: Andrew M.,
Ava, MO
Using: ACE 250
Find: Swiss rappen
1906 Confoederatio
Helvetica coin



Finder: Lemuel B., Bridgend, South
Wales, UK
Using: ACE 150
Find: 1200s Henry III Short Cross
silver penny

Finder: Mark G.,
Wales, UK
Using: ACE 250
Find: 1938
Queen Victoria
silver 1½ pence
coin, only minted
for UK colonies.



Finder: Simon D.,
Staffordshire, UK
Using: AT Pro Intl.
Find: 1199-1215
King John hammered
silver penny



Finder: Justin G., Silverburn, UK
Using: ACE 250
Find: King James V silver groat

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Finder: Terry S.,
Rangely,
CO
Using: ACE 250
Find: 1942
Walking Liberty
half dollar that he
found by the back
porch of his mother's farm house. Terry
also found a 1919 and a 1927 Wheat
penny.



Finder: Viktor M., Plovii, Bulgaria
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Viktor became interested in
metal detecting after watching Diggers
on National Geographic. He researched
detectors and decided to buy the AT
Pro International. He dug all types of
metal items during his first three hours
of hunting, but finally found his first
coin. It is a 5 Para of Abdul Hamid II, a
Turkish ruler from the late 1800s. "The
coin is not of high value," said Viktor,
"but the fact I found a 100-year-old coin
from my first try with metal detector in
hand sparked my interest even more!"



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Finder: Jason S., Arnold, PA
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1912 Barber half dollar



Finder: Luis S., Mora, Portugal
Using: EuroACE
Find: Luis took one of his colleagues
out to metal detect using his EuroACE.
His friend had terrific beginner's luck,
finding this 1720s gold coin.



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Sand, Surf and Swimmin' Holes



Finder: Rick B., South Yarmouth, MA
Using: ATX
Find: Rick found 5 rings, including a 14k white gold wedding band, a 10k 1972 class ring with green jewel, an 18k signet ring, a 10k 1960 class ring and another 14k wedding band, during a 30-minute beach hunt!

Finder: Tony G.,
Rainbow Beach,
Queensland, Australia
Using: AT Pro Intl.



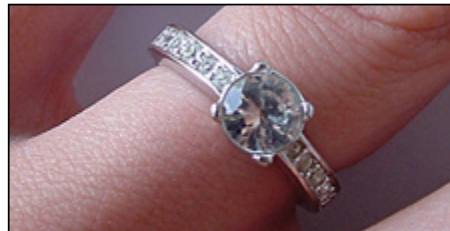
Find: After finding these two rings, Tony gave them to friends and family. He said, "The money I would have received selling both rings pales in comparison to the good feelings I got for giving them to close friends."



Finder: Stefano G., Civitavecchia, Italy
Using: ACE 250
Find: 1754 quattrino coin minted in the Papal city of Bologna, and found by Stefano on a beach.



Finder: David K., Taylor, PA
Using: AT Pro
Find: Brass antique oar lock and flint spearhead



Finder: Sam S., Weston-super-Mare,
North Somerset, England
Using: ACE 150
Find: 14k gold, diamond ring



Finder: Freddy, Durban, South Africa
Using: ACE 250
Find: Freddy took his ACE to a local beach on December 26, right after a big two-day party on the beach. "This is what I picked up in one day on my beach in Durban," he said of the rings, bracelets (above) and coins (below).



Finder: Charlie P., Romford,
Essex, UK
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Gold ring at the beach

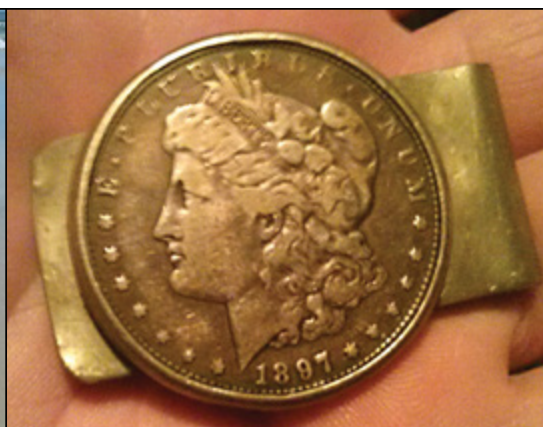
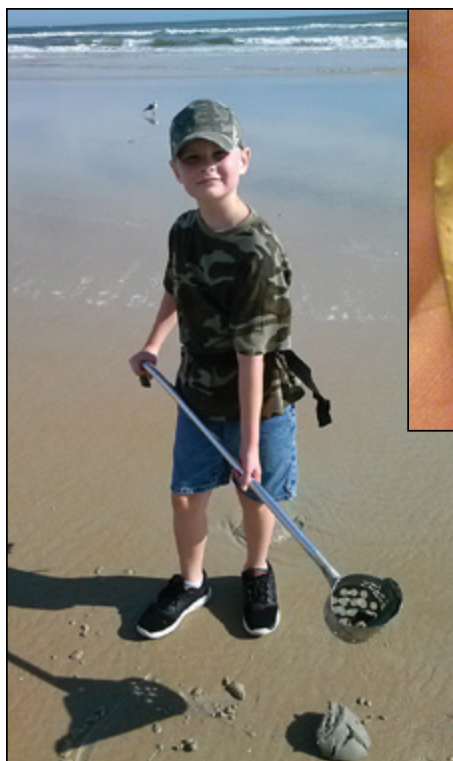


Finder: Jon F., Jasper, Ontario, Canada
Using: AT Gold
Find: Jon decided to wade into a local river where it was mostly bedrock. His AT Gold soon made a number of good finds. Among them were: a 22k gold ring (top); six silver coins (above); various muzzle load lead and a silver or pewter crotal bell (below).





Sand, Surf and Swimmin' Holes



Finder: Gary D., Deltona, FL
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Gary and his son (*seen at left*) were detecting on the beach in Port Orange, Florida in February when they made a terrific recovery. "I got a loud signal in the high 80s, and I knew it had to be a good one," Gary said. They started scooping and up came a money clip attached to an 1897 Morgan dollar.



Finder: Lindsey W., Galveston, TX
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Lindsey found this silver ring after being introduced to metal detecting by her newlywed husband Shawn on Galveston beach.

AT Pro Pays For Itself on First Water Hunt

Daryl B. of Friday Harbor, WA, found that his new *AT Pro* was a huge success on his first water hunting trip. He shared the following story:

"I was excited to find a few older silver rings pretty quickly after getting into the water but wasn't prepared for what happened next. I got a pretty solid pull tab signal and after digging about 30 or so of them already that morning I assumed it was another, but when I looked in my scoop it took me awhile to realize what I was looking at. I've never seen a ring with such a unique shape. It was on its side so I pulled it out and my jaw dropped.

"The top was completely covered in diamonds! There were so many I thought it was costume jewelry for a brief moment but sure enough 18k was stamped on the inside. It's 3.5 karats and weighs 16 grams with a very unique invisible setting. One of a kind! I just stood there for a few

moments wondering if I was dreaming or not. I started to go back towards the boat to get a better look at the ring when the detector gave a very high silver ping. I was just 5 feet from where the gold ring was just found. This one was down about 10 inches deep.

"It took three deep scoops to finally get it but again I couldn't believe my eyes. A giant silver lion's head with a diamond eyeball! It weighs 34 grams. This was too much. I needed to sit down and collect myself.

"I returned the next day and my luck continued. I found four more silver rings and a tungsten wedding band as well. I was almost done for the day when I got another good sounding signal. I was shocked to see what was sitting in the scoop when I pulled it up—a spearhead with a beautiful, blackish-silver patina. I love looking for arrowheads but to find one this way was almost more exciting than the rings. I scooped again to see what the target was that led me to the spearhead and found a small green

pipe." Daryl said that his *AT Pro* had by then already "paid for itself and then some."



Daryl's 18k gold/diamond ring, weighing 16 grams.

(Below) Daryl shows his impressive string of good jewelry finds and a spearhead.





Customer Finds From the Field



Finder: Alessio M., Padova, Italy

Using: ACE 250

Find: Coins, buttons, buckles, lead bullets and other artifacts found while hunting in the fields.



Finder: Mike L., Salem, VA

Using: AT Pro

Find: Mike calls his AT Pro a "silver vacuum." This collection is from a one-day hunt on an old baseball field tucked between a church and a camp ground: 5 Mercury dimes, 8 silver Roosevelt dimes, and Mike's very first Walking Liberty half dollar!

Finder: Rhonda H., Galena, IL

Using: AT Pro

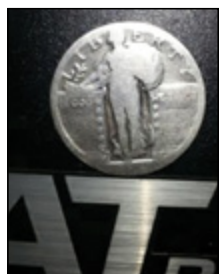
Find: 1860 half dime



Finder: Mike R., Lancaster, SC

Using: AT Pro

Find: Standing Liberty quarter



Finder: Bob R., Duncanville, TX

Using: ACE 250

Find: Bob received a tip from a historian friend on New Year's Day about an historic building in downtown Dallas that was being demolished. "He knew that the building had been a saloon dating from the late 1870s which had a general store attached to it," said Bob.

Two of the workers gave Bob and his friend the approval to check around the lot over a three-day period before the area would be completely fenced in. Bob noticed that the workers' Bobcat had scooped out what was once the cellar for both businesses into a huge dirt hill.

He quickly went to work moving dirt and scanning with his ACE 250. By the end of the weekend, he had found bottles, pieces of other bottles, coins, and many other artifacts. "The best bottle found was a turn-of-the-century Dallas Bottling Works bottle with the wire stopper in place," Bob said. His best coins were: an 1858-O Seated Liberty dime; an 1833 Capped Bust dime; an 1897 Barber quarter; a 1901 Indian head penny, and a 1902 Barber quarter.

"Thinking of all the activity that took place where I was digging items is what keeps us detectorists/treasure hunters going," he reflected.



Finder: Ed D., Willits, CA

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1948 Rosie, 1944 Mercury dime



Finder: Keith M., Moreno Valley, CA

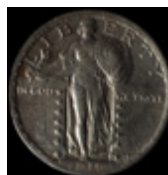
Using: ACE 250

Find: 1891-O Seated liberty dime

Finder: David B., Poplarville, MS

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1919 Standing Liberty coin



Finder: Jim B., Riegelsville, PA

Using: ACE 350

Find: 1825 Capped Bust dime



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May Winners

Winner 1, U.S.

Finder: William Y., High Point, NC
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Confederate belt plate, Atlanta Arsenal



Winner 2, U.S.

Finder: Jeremy P., Babb, MT
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1838 powder flask with U.S. shield design with 28 stars



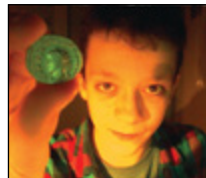
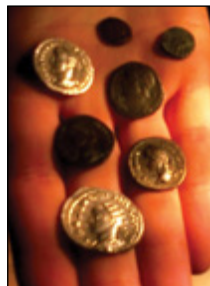
International Winner

Finder: Rune I., Norway
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 2,000-year-old silver Roman fibula. It was dated by his county archaeologist, and is one of 88 finds Rune has delivered to his local Troms Museum.

June Winners

U.S. Winner

Finder: Vince P., Florida
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1600s Spanish silver cob, found on a Florida beach about three inches deep.



International Winner

Finder: Sean P. (14), Belgium
Using: *EuroACE*
Find: Sean saved his money, bought his own *EuroACE*, and soon made the find of his young detecting career: a cache of seven silver and bronze Roman coins.

July Winners



U.S. Winner

Finder: Dave H., New Hampshire
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: British belt plate, 53rd Regiment of Foot; dug on an old property in Chichester.



International Winner

Finder: Virvarei C., Romania
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Hoard of 161 Ottoman coins, 18th/19th Centuries

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International Finds



Finder: Luca D., Marche Region, Italy
Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Luca made these two coin finds in the winter. He was hunting on the Mediterranean beach but decided to move farther from the shore into the edge of the coastal scrub brush. "I would never have imagined to find something so interesting," Luca said.

He dug a copper coin with heavy patina and a short while later he found a very dark blackened coin. After cleaning each of them and meeting with an antiques expert, Luca learned that he had found a silver Roman denarius that is about 2,000 years old (*above*) and also a Quattrino of Pope Alexander VII (*below*), ca. 1655 to 1677.



Finder: Paul G., Hengoed, UK

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Two of his favorite coin finds.

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Finder: Chris N., stationed in Germany

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Bronze bell and buckle



Finder: Gaetan L., Halle, Belgium

Using: *AT Pro International*

Find: Toy halberd (two-handed pole weapon), circa 17th–18th century



Finder: Philip O., Limburg, Belgium

Using: *AT Pro International*

Find: Four silver coins, two Roman coins, and a coin weight.



Finder: Sheila H., Grimsby, Lincolnshire, U.K.

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Sheila was detecting on local cultivated land when she found "this little beauty. At first I didn't recognize what it was as it was encased in mud. It has been identified as a Roman spatula handle (missing the iron blade) depicting the Roman goddess Minerva."



Finder: Wesley B., Almere, Holland

Using: *ACE 250 and Pro-Pointer*

Find: Silver gronsveldse liard coin, circa 1620–1650 AD.



Customer Finds From the Field



Finder: Larry R., Danville, KY
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1798 Carolus III silver 8-reale



Finder: Dylan S., Talladega, AL
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Dylan dug up the Talladega High School ring that once belonged to his great grandmother. When he showed it to his grandmother, all she could say was, "My Mama wore this."



Finder: Mike L., Salem, VA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1819 Matron Head large cent



Finder: Michael B., Palmer, TX
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: "These are my first two ever real silver dollars found since I have been detecting," Michael wrote. "The first one, a 1922 Peace Dollar, I found was 2 inches underground and rang up as a solid 99 on the *AT Gold*. The second one is an 1889-O Morgan silver dollar. It's still in the coin bezel where someone was wearing it as a necklace probably; it also rang up on the *AT Gold* as a solid 99 on the VDI numbers. The bezel the Morgan is in is also silver."



Finder: Gary N., Dallas, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1834 Capped Bust half dollar



Finder: Chuck F., New Castle, DE
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1875 Denmark 2-kroner



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Finder: Amos B., Alicante, Spain
Using: *Pro-Pointer*
Find: Moorish buckle and coin

Finder: Rich K., New Egypt, NJ
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Find: 1853 Liberty Head dollar gold coin





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