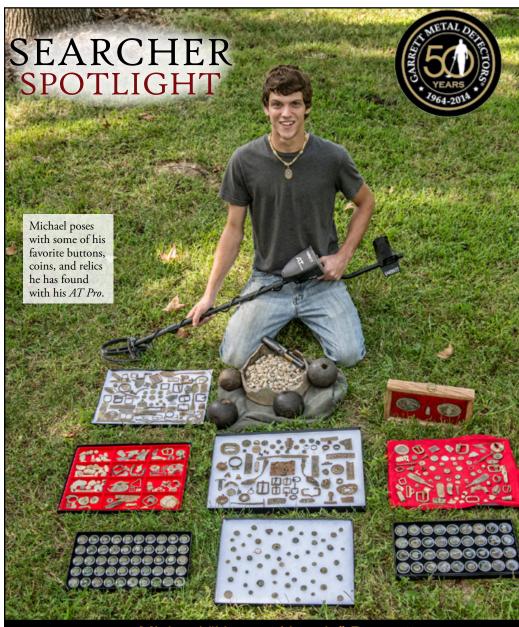
In our continuing *Searcher Spotlight* features, Garrett editor Steve Moore visits with different treasure hunters. In each short article, we'll tell you what makes our featured finder tick: what they hunt with, where they hunt, and their unique tricks or tips to being successful.

Many young treasure hunters have been inspired to take up metal detecting after watching YouTube videos filmed by one of their peers, 20-year-old Michael Bennett of North Carolina.

Although he will hit the ripe old age of 21 in November, his passion for hunting history is clear to all. The collection of coins and artifacts he has amassed is quite impressive.

He began digging at age 14 after getting excited to metal detect while watching Tom Massie's "Gold Fever" TV show with his grandpa. He borrowed his grandpa's crude detector, went outside and soon dug a piece of a double-barrel shotgun. "I was hooked at that point," he admitted.

Michael got his own *ACE 250* from his parents in November 2008, and has not slowed down since. He used both VLF and pulse detectors over the next few years before he settled into a new favorite, the Garrett *AT Pro*, in 2011. "My other relic machine finally played out," he



Michael "Nugget Noggin" Bennett

said. "And I was tired of having to wrap it in a plastic bag when it started raining. The *AT Pro* is waterproof, and I found that it could pull good coins and relics out of trashy iron spots better than my old machine could."

His nickname goes back a number of years and came from his grandfather Jerry.

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Garrett Finds From the Field



Finder: Timothy H., Independence, MO

Using: ACE 250

Find: Brass starburst medal



Finder: Paul W., Bargoed UK

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1566 hammered sixpence from

Elizabeth the 1st reign.

Finder: Terry W., Plymouth, Devon, United Kingdom Using: *AT Pro International*

Find: Comrades of Great War badge from World War I





Finder: Shane S., Norfolk, NE

Using: ACE 350

Find: 1901 German Zwei Mark



Finder: Allan P., Rock Creek, OH

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1865 U.S. 2-cent coin



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Charles Garrett's Code of Detecting Ethics

Charles Garrett has long been an advocate of responsible treasure hunting. He urges all detectorists to leave their hunt areas in better condition than they found it. Here are just a few of his keys to good conduct in the field:



- Never trespass or hunt on private property without permission.
- National and state parks/monuments, etc. are absolutely off-limits.
- Always fill in every hole that you dig.
- Do not leave litter or other discarded junk items lying around.
- Always carry out all rubbish and dug targets with you when you leave a search area.
- Use reasonable caution in digging toward any target, particularly in areas where you are uncertain of the ground conditions.
- Keep informed on and obey all local and national legislation relating to the discovery and reporting of found treasures.

Good luck and happy hunting!

Charles Darrett



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Finder: Chris D., Olin, IA

Using: AT Pro

Find: .36 Remington "tear drop"

pistol bullets



Finder: Mark L., Chilliwack, British

Columbia, Canada Using: *AT Pro*

Find: \$10,000 lost ring reunited with its owner after two years of being lost.



Finder: Bob H., Peterborough,

Ontario, Canada Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Bob put his *ACE 250* to the test when asked to help find his brother's lost wedding ring. The ring was returned to his brother's finger about ten minutes after his hunt started, thanks to his *ACE*

250 and ProPointer.



Finder: Samuel C., Spring Hill, TN

Using: ACE 250 Find: Irish Brigade pin



Finder: Bobbie C., Georgia

Using: AT Pro Find: Cap gun



Finder: Arland B., Rapid City, SD

Using: ACE 250

Find: Wheat pennies, rings, a 1914 "Joseph Bingham" trader coin, a bullet, an Indian Head nickel, and a chunk of





Finder: Rob J., Derbyshire, UK
Using: AT Pro International
Find: 1500s pilgrip hadge

Find: 1500s pilgrim badge (above) and 1800s silver thimble (right)





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(Above) Michael dug this cameo ring on an old house site built in the 1880s. Cameo is a method of carving an art piece whose image contrasts its background color.

(Below) One of Michael's display shelves, featuring early bottles, Civil War-era stirrups, and a broken cannon ball half.



(Above) These are some of Michael's favorite water finds from the past year, all made with his Garrett AT Pro. The case at top includes a minie ball shaped into a fishing sinker, along with a U.S. box plate and U.S. belt plate. The hatchet heads were used for chopping shingles in the 1800s. Note the blunt end for hammering nails and the nail pry notches. The case also includes two 12-lb. Revolutionary War cannon balls, a 6-lb. solid shot ball from the Civil War, and a 12-lb. Borman fused artillery shell. The gun in the case is a 1914 German Mauser pocket pistol.



Above: a War of 1812-era artillery button, and a South Carolina state seal button from Civil War era. Right: A First Regiment War of 1812-era artillery button.





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Michael was always eager to go in search of gold, whether it was sluicing or panning. His eagerness one afternoon finally made his grandpa snap, "All right, Nugget Noggin'! You've got gold on your brain."

The nickname stuck and Michael decided to use it when it came time to pick a handle in 2008 for his YouTube account. Now, more people know him as Nugget Noggin' or just "Nugget." His channel now has more than 40,000 subscribers and his videos more than eight million views.

One of Michael's first *AT Pro* finds came at an old home site he hunted with his friend

Curt Hollifield. Right off the front steps of the house, he dug an 1830 large cent. He moved close to an old well near the house and then began digging a string of great finds: an 1894 Barber quarter, two War of 1812 officers' buttons, a Confederate "Block I" infantry button, a Buffalo nickel, and a Mercury dime.

Michael is always happy to pull items from a "pounded out" site. One of his all-time favorite finds, in fact, was a Confederate "Script I" infantry button that he dug on his birthday. He was using the *AT Pro* with the small 5"x8" DD coil on a heavily-hunted house site littered with shotgun shells.

Nugget Noggin' is quick to offer advice to new detectorists who often contact him. For

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(Above) Confederate "Script I" infantry button found by Michael near an old log cabin in the forest. At the same site, he dug this 1853 silver half dime (upper right).

basics, he advises to keep your searchcoil low to the ground and always recheck your dig holes for multiple targets. "Some ideal places to search with your detector are around big trees, along sidewalks, and driveways. I have dug many silver coins along driveways. People get out of their car and when they pull keys out of their pocket sometimes coins fall out on the ground," he offered.

"If you don't have a good hunting spot, you don't have good chances. But even with a good spot, you really must know how to use your machine. I always tell beginners to dig everything. Put it in All Metal Mode or Zero discrimination and dig all the targets. That way, you'll get used to how nails sound and how different kinds of iron read."

He personally chooses to use just a little bit of discrimination to get rid of tiny iron. "I basically dig everything from large iron all the way up. There are some great iron relics, so you can't skip big iron signals," he says. "I never discriminate out pull tabs or anything like that. I just dig all the signals because some of those in the pull tab range

will be gold rings.

"One time, I had a signal that was 'iffy' and I passed it up. Then one of my buddies came along and dug up something good. After that, if I passed up a signal that didn't sound great, it would start to bother me. I'd turn around and go back and dig it to see what it was. Now, I don't skip anything above tiny iron. I just dig it all so I don't pass up something good."

Michael's advice for others who are new to metal detecting is to simply go slow. "Don't be in such a hurry to race to the next best place. If you find something really good, then keep searching that area.

Normally, where I find one good thing, I'll find something else good there."

Finally, he advises new diggers to not get discouraged. "I have had plenty of hunts where I didn't find silver or gold or even a great relic," he said. "If you watch some of my videos, sometimes I might just find a horseshoe or some trash items. But I show it anyway on the video."





This 2-cent piece from 1864 is one of Michael's favorite coin finds.



(Left) Coins and button dug by Michael with his AT Pro at one old home site. Clockwise from upper left are: an 1830 large cent, a Mercury dime, a Buffalo nickel, an 1894 Barber quarter, a War of 1812 officer's button, a Confederate Block I infantry button, and in the center is another War of 1812 button.

(Below) Michael is on the hunt for more water relics with his frequent detecting companion Abby in summer 2014.



Michael found this silver World War II paratrooper's pin behind an old school. This photo also shows his preferred *AT Pro* settings: Pro Zero Mode, iron disc at 22, and Iron Audio off until he needs to check a choppy signal.



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International Discoveries



Finder: Grega J., Blanca, Slovenia

Using: ACE 250

Find: An avid history-lover, Grega went searching for relics from WWII, specifically a resistance movement in Slovenia. During his hunt, he unearthed a cap badge from the very resistance fighters he was searching for.



Finder: Csaba N., Guessing, Austria

Using: EuroACE

Find: Csaba and his girfriend found this 2.1 gram gold nugget while prospecting in Australia.



Finder: Simon C., Hong Kong

Using: AT Pro

Find: 999.9 pure gold snake ring found on Golden Beach, Hong Kong. It must have been destiny for Simon to find such a "golden" treasure!



Finder: Jonathan M., Newquay,

Cornwall, UK
Using: EuroACE

Find: Medieval book clasp



Finder: David L., Meath, Ireland Using: *EuroACE* and *AT Pro*

Find: David L. was searching his father's back garden with his daughter Bonnie when they got a nice hit and found this rare Ireland bronze cap badge from 1913 with "Oglaig na h-Eireann," meaning Irish Volunteers.



Finder: Craig N., Brisbane, Australia

Using: AT Pro

Find: While hunting an American military camp outside of Brisbane, Craig came across this officer's eagle hat badge and trench art, made by American servicemen during the war in 1942.



Finder: Jauca F., Bistrita, Romania

Using: ACE 250 Find: Saxon ornament



Finder: Paul F., Hereford, England

Using: EuroACE

Find: After receiving permission to hunt on a large farm, Paul found many items such as buckles, horseshoes, buttons, but his favorite find has to be a medieval brooch, dated 1200-1500.



Finder: Dori H., Spruce Grove, Alberta,

Canada

Using: AT Gold

Find: During a metal detecting vacation in Colchester, England, Dori found this beautiful 1733 gold guinea love token.



Russian 100-Kilogram Coin Cache

Finder: Dmitry, Moscow, Russia

Using: GTI 2500

Find: Dmitry was happy to head to the detecting fields with his detecting buddy. They had heard that someone had found a significant treasure in the area they planned to hunt. "When we came to the country where people had found the coins, we saw a lot of holes," Dmitry said. He and his companion began searching in the field, hoping those

who had been there before had missed some treasure. For 40 minutes, Dmitry's *GTI 2500* was silent, but then he began finding big copper coins. During the next four and a half hours, they dug 100 kilograms worth of 18th century 5-kopek coins. Dmitry said that on this day, he truly understood the meaning of the phrase "to rake in the dough"!



(above) Dmitry and his detecting buddy after the find.



Dmitry and his friend had to struggle to carry all of the coins from the field.



Above: View of the 5-kopek coins in the dirt and (right) after cleaning.



The dates ranged from the late 1700s to just after the turn of the century.







Finder: Robert C., Elkmont, AL

Using: AT Pro

Find: While detecting in a cave system, Robert found a lead fishing weight with his *AT Pro*. After rechecking the hole, he discovered six arrowheads.



Finder: Roger K., Detroit Lakes, MN

Using: ACE 250

Find: 1897 and 1903 Barber quarters, 1904 Barber dime, and a 1915 Buffalo

nickel

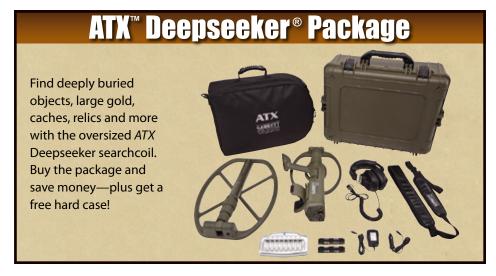


Finder: Keith M., Moreno Valley, CA

Using: ACE 250

Find: While hunting in the hills by an old house foundation, Keith found this 147 wheat cents cache in a Lucky

Strike tobacco tin.





Finder: Craig A., Winona, TX

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1811 Mexican coin featuring

King Ferdinand VII of Spain.



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Finder: Tim K., Summerfield, NC

Using: ACE 350

Find: WWII Navy dog tag returned

to the daughter of this veteran.



Finder: Mark A., Onoway, Alberta,

Canada

Using: AT Pro

Find: Helmet nose guard, estimated

to be 200 years old.



Finder: Shanae S., Linton, IN

Using: AT Pro

Find: Shanae was searching her father's childhood home when she came across a pocket watch lighter. This lighter was used by her grandfather

every day until it was lost.



Finder: Brian O., Stockton, NJ

Using: ACE 350

Little Orphan Annie decoder Find:

ring



Finder: Morgan R., Crandall, GA

Find: 3-ringers and Confederate

Using: AT Gold Infield bullets found in areas that have been hunted before.



Finder: Larry B., East Selkirk,

Manitoba, Canada Using: AT Pro

Find: Toy horse found on a farm site

where Larry's father was born.



Finder: J.D. H., Webb City, MO

Using: ACE 250

Find: J.D. recently purchased an ACE 250 and has found many unique items in his own back yard, including an 1892 Dog license, an 1899 Indian Head penny, a 1900 V nickel, and a few Missouri sales tax tokens.



Finder: Vincent S., Millville, NJ

Using: ACE 250

Find: Cannon shot from the

Revolutionary War

Coin Finds



Finder: Joshua T., Greenwell Springs, LA

Using: AT Gold

Find: 1881 British cent, 1850s American large cent, and a 1782-1820 Shan-Lung dynasty Chinese coin.



Finder: James B., Sidman, PA

Using: ACE 350

Find: James found a beautiful 1804 keydate large cent with his ACE 350. This coin was verified and submitted to PCGS at the 2013 Florida United Numismatics Show in Orlando.



Finder: Chris H., Ludlow, KY

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1898 Barber dime, a 1940 Mercury dime, and a 1899-S Barber

half dime



Finder: Joe M., Bethlehem, PA

Using: AT Pro 1835 half cent Find:

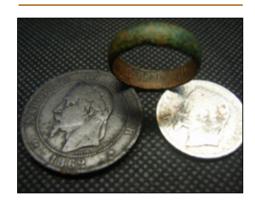


Using: AT Gold

Find: 1926-S Mercury dime



Finder: Ryan L., Syracuse, UT



Finder: Peeters T., Rijkevorsel,

Antwerpen, Belgium

Using: AT Pro International

Find: Bronze coin, a silver coin and a bronze ring, from the period of Napoleon III, dated around 1862.



Finder: Chris A., Green Lane, PA

Using: ACE 150

Find: George Washington button, 1757 King George the 2nd button, 1650 French Liard coin, and two large pennies from the

1880s.



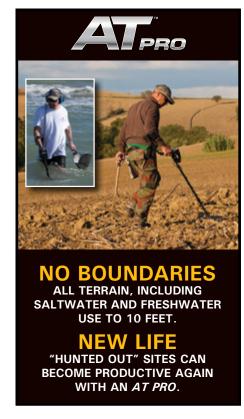


Finder: Don C., Plainfield, IL Using: AT Pro Find: 1907-O Barber dime





Jewelry and Ring Finds





Finder: John W., Scarborough,

Ontario, Canada Using: AT Pro

Find: John found this diamond cross

chain outside an art centre.

Finder: Michael S., Cartwright, OK Using: AT Pro Find: .925 silver charm





Finder: Ray H., Norco, CA

Using: AT Pro

Find: Ray found his first piece of gold jewelry in one of his favorite parks. Ray described the find as "similar to winning the lottery".

Finder: Rob W., Bella Vista, AR

Using: *AT Pro* Find: Stainless steel ring





Finder: Danny S., Visilia, CA

Using: ACE 250 Find: Silver necklace



Finder: Joe B., Valdosta, GA

Using: *AT Pro* Find: Diamond ring



Finder: William K., Buffalo, NY

Using: ACE 250

Find: While hunting after a jazz festival, William found a 10k gold chain with a 10k gold ring, a 10k gold bracelet and a 18k gold wedding band.



Finder: Phillip S., Talladega, AL

Using: ACE 250

Find: 14k white gold ring with 1.74

carat diamonds

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Finder: John F. Using: AT Pro

Find: Columbia Military Academy

ring



Finder: Kyle W., Loveland, OH

Using: ACE 350

Find: While hunting on a sledding hill, Kyle and his son found a 10k white gold class ring from 2004. After doing a bit of research, he was able to return the

ring to the original owner.



Finder: Curtis M., Lexington, MA

Using: AT Pro

Find: Beautiful silver ring with a

secret compartment.



Finder: Tommy H., Olathe, KS

Using: ACE 250

Find: While hunting with his brother and his friend, Tommy found this amazing brooch with eleven .07 carat

diamonds.



Finder: Michael C., Mertztown, PA

Using: AT Pro

Find: While hunting at his in-laws' house, Michael found a 14k wedding band. It had belonged to his wife's grandmother, who had lost her wedding

ring 40 years ago.



Finder: Danny P., Waco, TX

Using: ACE 350

Find: .925 Sterling silver CCC ring



Finder: Grant H., Lancaster, SC

Using: *AT Pro* Find: Silver ring



Finder: Bruce Y., Orange, CA

Using: ACE 350

Find: Silver amethyst ring

Finder: Theo P. Using: *AT Pro* Find: 10k ring





Finder: Paolo S., Burbank, CA

Using: ACE 250

Find: Silver ring found four years

later after losing it at a local park.



Tokens, Medallions, Charms



Finder: Gavin N., Plymouth, Devon,

United Kingdom Using: ACE 250

Find: Gavin found this 1800s religious pendant in a field next to an

old church with his ACE 250.



Finder: James B., Bedford, TX

Using: AT Pro

Find: Notary stamp found in

Holdenville, OK.



Finder: Simion M., Saint David, AZ

Using: Treasure ACE 100 Find: Gold dog charm



Finder: Jeff S., Nampa, ID

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1928 Hoover campaign thimble



Finder: Ray H., Oklahoma City, OK

Using: AT Pro Find: Silver token



Finder: Samuel D., Ohiopyle, PA

Using: AT Pro

Find: Aluminum coupon for ivory soap and a silver 3-cent piece (1851-1873).



Finder: Garry F., Endicott, NY

Using: ACE 350

Find: 1934 New York State Worlds'

Fair token

Finder: Mike L., Salem, VA
Using: AT Pro
Find: Gold
thimble





Finder: Matthew M., Cassadega, NY

Using: ACE 250

Find: Matthew was searching an old family farm when he found the bottom half of a Third U.S. Artillery metal. The metal reads "Grand Army of the Republic 1861 - Veteran - 1866".



Finder: Nick L., Lockport, IL

Using: ACE 250

Find: WWII Good Conduct medal



Relic Roundup



Finder: Robert D., Calhoun, GA

Using: AT Pro

Find: Robert and his father (above) first metal detected together more than 31 years ago. In recent years, Robert found himself busy with work and children. In 2013, he decided to upgrade his old detector by purchasing an AT Pro so that he and his father could enjoy relic hunting again more often. These minié balls and eagle breastplate were found in an area near Resaca, Georgia that they have hunted "many, many times with several different detectors over the years," according to Robert.

"We thought we had found most everything, but the *AT Pro* said otherwise!"





Finder: Randy D., Imperial, MO

Using: AT Pro

Find: Randy hunted out 35 fired rounds from a Civil War spot in St.

Louis using a Garrett AT Pro.



Finder: Daniele S., Toscana, Italy

Using: ATX

Find: Daniele sent this photo of relics found with the Garrett *ATX* on a World War II site where the Battle of Belvedere Suvereto took place in 1944. Most of these relics are from the U.S. Army's 442nd Regimental combat team, an infantry regiment comprised almost entirely of Americans of Japanese ancestry. The 442nd was involved with driving back German forces.

Many of the relics recovered by Daniele were ammunition, but there were also many personal items used by the soldiers of the 442nd Regiment: the remains of web equipment, razors, shaving cream containers, coins, and beer bottles.



Finder: Jonathan B., Hatfield, PA

Using: AT Pro

Find: City of Philadelphia Fire

Department button



Finder: Darren E., Johannesburg,

South Africa Using: ACE 250

Find: After the meticulous research, Darren set out to uncover relics on the site of an Anglo Boer War concentration camp. He found these toy soldiers that belonged to the children in this camp.



Sand, Surf and Swimmin' Holes

Greek Coin on a Russian Beach?

Finder: Alexey, Russia Using: AT Pro

Find: Alexey's favorite place to treasure hunt is Archangelsk central town beach, opposite from the beer factory. "I always find interesting coins in good condition," says Alexey. "As a rule, I always search during low tide. On Wednesday, June 11, I went to the same place on the beach and started to search thoroughly. Usually, I divide the area into squares. It is strange: the finds never end. The water periodically

brings fresh ones.

"The first hour of my search gave a few Soviet coins, a gold pendant, and an aluminum bottle cap. It was about 9:00 p.m. when I decided to return home, but I usually do not turn off the detector until I've left the beach. Halfway back, I heard a clear signal. I just pushed the sand and noticed that something flashed. I found a strange silver coin. Of course, the beach sometimes surprised me but this kind of coin I saw for the first time. I rushed home.

"There, I cleaned the coin, made a picture and uploaded it to the hunters' forum. My find was a Roman denarius of Tully (120 BC). I was tremendously surprised, and this is why: Archangelsk was founded in the 16th Century AD, and the oldest settlement was dated the 12th Century. How can this coin have been there? But the mystery is pleasant and unexpected."





Above: This silver Roman denarius coin, ca. 120 BC, was found by Alexey with an AT Pro.



Finder: Bob F., Colleyville, TX

Using: AT Pro

Find: Texas drought and lower lake levels made for productive hunting for Bob this spring. In one weekend on Lake Granbury (lower photo), he recovered fifteen wheat pennies, two Indian head pennies, and seven silver coins (middle image). Among other finds were a railway badge and a BPOE Hillsboro, Texas Elks Lodge pin from the early 1900s (see above).

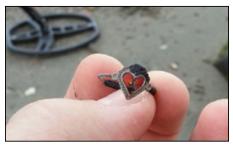






Finder: Thomas R., Palmyra, VA Using: Sea Hunter and ATX Find: His most memorable finds

include gold and silver rings, coins and a 18.5 gram platinum ring.



Finder: Krystyna Z., Bialystok, Poland

Using: AT Pro

Find: Krystyna lost her confirmation ring the day she got it in 1951. After years of thinking that metal detecting was dangerous and only reserved for the military, Krystyna picked up an AT Pro to search the area that she lost her ring. After scouring the beach, she decided to search the shallow water and she came up with her own long-lost ring.



Finder: Alan K., Honolulu, Hawaii Using: Sea Hunter Mark II Find: Rings found in the water off Waikiki.







Finder: James W., Central Point, OR Using: *ACE 350*

Find: James shared this story of finding his own ring, lost in a tragic accident decades before. "When I was 20 years old, I fell on a chainsaw when cutting fire wood in the mountains with my father," he wrote. "Trying to catch myself with my left hand, you can only imagine what happened. I lost my pinkey and ring finger, and a few days later my hand from severe damage.

"Twenty-eight years later I got my first metal detector, an *ACE 350*. I had a ring on my left finger when I had the accident, and thought many times of going to the mountain to try to find it thinking maybe it could help me feel better about what happened. I spent several hours up there looking for my ring with my *ACE 350*, but could not find it. It was getting dark, so I headed for my van when I heard a faint *ding-ding*! This could not be it; I was about 20 or 30 feet from where my accident happened.

"I dug down about ten inches only to find a nest with small sticks, grass and bones! It looked like human bones, then moving things around with my finger, there was my ring to my surprise. I dont know what kind of nest it was, and it looked old, but I was excited to be reunited with my little ring after such a long time. This experience gave me a new excitement for metal detecting, and I was now an official treasure hunter."

Thanks for sharing your story, James. We wish you great success in the field!



Finder: Dave G., Plain City, OH

Using: ACE 350

Find: Dave and his son found and returned this Gerber knife to a Boy Scouts leader who lost it in their camp.



Finder: Scott D., Plattsburgh, NY

Using: AT Pro

Find: Rifleman's buttons from the

War of 1812

Handing Back History

AT Pro user Ed D. of Flower Mound, Texas shared this story of his recovery and donation of a rare silver ring.

"I am involved in a lot of networking events and recently made a connection who invited me to hunt around a historic building. After a few hunts I found a small silver item that at first I thought was a crushed class ring. But, after cleaning off the dirt that encased it, I saw that while it was related to a college, it was not a ring. The item said 'Decatur Baptist College 1934' and was [what I assume to be] a small jewelry item or uniform decoration.

"Research showed that Decatur Baptist College was America's first two year college in America and in the mid 1960s became Dallas Baptist University. After numerous

Ed turned his rare ring find over to officials with Dallas Baptist University's archives.





calls and emails, I came in contact with someone at Dallas Baptist University who is an expert on the Decatur college and who oversees the archives from the old college. He stated that he had never seen any item like this, saying the original college was very poor and had no class rings or any items like that. They did have uniforms, but the uniforms did not include any such decorations, especially any made of sterling silver.

The item did have some initials on the back side and through school records we were able to identify the original owner. Unfortunately we have not been able to locate her. We think the item was part of a bracelet that the original owner, or owner's family, had made especially for them.

"I decided to donate the item to the Dallas Baptist University's archive of memorabilia from the original

Decatur Baptist College. I have also been invited by the university to attend the next reunion of the original college next spring.

"This hobby has been such a great way to give back!"



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Finder: Glyn T., Mid Glamoran,

South Wales, UK Using: ACE 250

Find: 17th century trade token



Finder: Shannon C., Spring Hill, TN

Using: ACE 250 Find: Civil War bullets



Finder: Wayne K., Womelsdorf, PA

Using: ACE 250

Find: Russian Air Force relic



Finder: Shane C., Franklin, TN

Using: AT Pro Find: Two buttons







Finder: Gerd M., Bavaria, Germany

Using: ACE 250

Find: Gerd found two silver Kreuzer coins and other finds from a great day of metal detecting in Bavaria.



Finder: Brian W., Spartanburg, SC

Using: AT Pro

Find: Dog tag found on part of an

old WWI camp.



Finder: Tim K., Summerfield, NC

Using: ACE 350

Find: This WWI US Army Medical Corps Veternarian collar device was found in a field in Dinwiddie County,

Virginia.



Finder: Everett T., Sycamore, OH

Using: AT Pro

Find: Relics found on old home site.



Finder: Jim B., Riegelsville, PA

Using: AT Gold

Find: While hunting on property built in the 1700s, Jim found this U.S. breast plate.

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Finder: Adam D., Brookline, NH

Using: AT Pro

Find: Federal officer staff button



Finder: Thomas W., Kimberly, WI

Using: ACE 350

Find: Wisconsin and Northern Railroad switch key (pre-1920s)



Finder: Bruce M., Great Falls, MT

Using: ACE 250

Find: Relics recoved from outside an

old fort site.



Finder: Ashley M., Brookline, NH

Using: ACE 250

Find: Civil War bullet mold



Finder: Dennis C., North Charleston, SC

Using: ACE 350

Find: Civil War-era calvary boot spur



Finder: Steven H., Hurley, NY

Using: ACE 350

Find: Steven found a rare 1723 William Woods, King George the First Hibernian Halfpenny while searching a neighbor's property.



Finder: Donovan C., Buford, GA

Using: ACE 250

Find: 1923 Peace Dollar

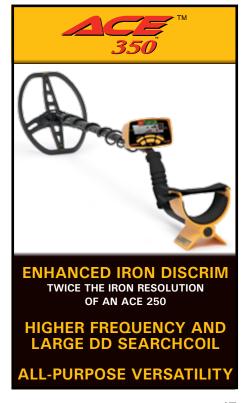


Finder: Grzegroz M., Wrocław, Poland

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1812 silver Prussian coin, a 6

Einen Reichs Thaler.



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Finder: Michael B., Palmer, TX

Using: AT Gold

Find: Michael and a friend were out in March, searching a house that was being torn down in East Dallas. "I am walking along and get this hit on my *AT Gold*, bouncing from 72 - 78, and giving me a mid and then high tone," he said. "So I dig a plug and out comes a 1968 Woodrow Wilson High School ring. It still looked almost new with no shank wear at all."

After getting home and cleaning it up, Michael saw that it was a Balfour 10k with the owner's initials inside it. With help from a forum friend, he was able to track down the owner and schedule a time to meet him for the return. The



man (seen standing beside Michael) had lost his ring playing football with his friends in 1968.

"To see the smile on his face after having his ring returned to him after so many years was worth triple the value of the gold in the ring!" Michael said. "Money is not everything in life and doing the right thing promotes our sport of metal detecting in a good way. We talked for a while over lunch, which he so graciously bought for me and my friend."





Finder: Tony F., Bullard, TX

Using: ACE 250

Find: Tony used his ACE 250 to help out a young girl in need. She had lost her 14k gold ring with an emerald stone that her father had given her for Christmas. Tony was able to find the ring after searching for only 20 minutes. "I called her mom and told her that I had found it and would bring it to her right away," he wrote. "I asked her not to tell her daughter, but to let me surprise her. The look on that little girl's face was priceless. This for me is and will always be my 'find of a lifetime.""

Good job, Tony!



Finder: Cyrus K., Glennie, MI

Using: AT Pro

Find: Two silver Mercury dimes (1917 and 1943) and 7 wheat pennies.



Finder: Rudy B., Modesto, CA

Using: AT Pro

Find: While hunting on an old hotel site in the Sierra Nevada mountains, Rudy started getting signals from a rotting stump. These signals then led him to an Indian spear point and then to a .41 caliber pistol bullet.



Finder: Jeff W., Archbold, OH

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1946 Walking Liberty silver half dollar and a 1943 war nickel.



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Young Guns



Finder: Mark R., Carmel Valley, CA Using: *Ace 250*

Mark wrote to Vaughan Garrett to share the appreciation for detecting his family had discovered. "My wife Jennifer and I have two boys on the Autism spectrum. Our youngest is Jesse and his older brother is Mike. The first picture (above) shows what they are usually up to: computer and Gameboys. We live in a rural town, right on the main street so going outside and playing can be quite challenging. We decided to take up two new activities that would take us outside doing something else-geocaching and metal detecting. We did a lot of research and decided on the ACE 250. We spend most of the time down on the beach but last weekend decided to visit our local park. We found some pull tabs and some clad along with some old copper pennies. For us, it's not always about the find but more about the enjoyment and fulfillment that WE ALL get from getting outdoors and 'finding that treasure'. It brings a smile to their faces."





Finder: Corey L. Using: ACE 350

Find: This happy boy shows off the 1937 Mercury dime he has just found with his father.



Finder: Christian M., Loveland, OH Using: *ACE 250*

Find: 12-year-old Christian unearthed a WWII Army officers eagle hat pin.



Finder: Randy C., Rowlett, TX

Using: ACE 250

Find: Hunting at a local park, Randy and his daughter Madison found her first coin—a 1968 dime.



Finder: Mike F., Hagerstown, MD

Using: AT Pro

Find: Mike brought his daughter out to hunt his brother's house with his *AT Pro*. She found and dug a Hubley Trooper cap gun, made in the 1950s.



Finder: Shawn M., Spokane, WA

Using: ACE 250

Find: This family discovered a silver ring, 1945 nickel, and other great items with their *ACE 250*.



Finder: Mally C., Hull, UK

Using: ACE 250

Find: Hammered Edward 1st silver coin





Finder: Alan R., Liverpool, England

Using: ACE 250

Find: Various silver artifacts



Finder: Roy W., Overton, TX

Using: AT Pro

Find: Several silver coins and rings found at a park that had been heavily

detected.





Finder: Ryan R., Dunkirk, NY

Using: AT Pro

Find: After meticulous research, Ryan set out to hunt at a homesite dating back to 1820. The picture above shows all of

his finds from that day.



Finder: Simon P., Madison Heights, VA

Using: AT Pro

Find: Simon's new found metal detecting skills were put to the test when he was asked to find a friend's lost wedding ring. Luckily, Simon found it using his *AT Pro* and *ProPointer* and returned it to the owner.



Finder: Crystal R., Paducah, KY

Using: AT Pro

Finds: Sterling silver bracelet/charm

and a 24k gold high school ring.



Finder: Bill S., Olive Hill, KY

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1827 large cent



Finder: Michael L., Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Using: ACE 250

Find: Michael recovered a silver bracelet with a name and a serial number. The bracelet has since been returned to the owner's family as a token of remembrance to the owner.



Coin Finds



Finder: Joseph R., Nashua, NH

Using: AT Pro

Finds: "I was hunting along a big hill and out of nowhere I got this killer hit while using my Garrett *AT Pro* with the large DD coil," said Joseph. "The hit ended up being this 1875 Seated Liberty quarter and it was about 10 inches down. After I filled in my hole, I continued down the same line and then found an old militia button. It was a great day of hunting for sure!"



Finder: Rok H., Jesenice, Slovenia

Using: EuroACE

Find: Roman Sesteritius coin



Finder: Luka P., Crni Vrh, Slovenia

Using: *GTP 1350*

Find: 1664 Hungarian silver coin





Finder: Steven J., Des Moines, IA

Using: ACE 350

Find: A U.S. Army veteran's 1899

Philippine Insurrection Medal



Finder: Gunther L., Leper, Belgium

Using: ACE 250

Find: 5-cent coin from Singapore



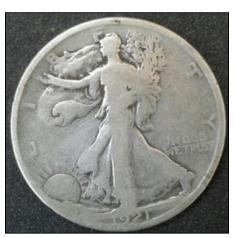
Finder: Jim C., Murphy, NC

Using: ACE 350

Find: 1902 Indian Head penny

Finder: Gene F., Williamstown, NJ Using: *AT Pro* Find: An 1828 large cent, dug at ten inches.





Finder: Justin K., Kalamazoo, MI

Using: GTA 400

Find: 1921 Walking Liberty half

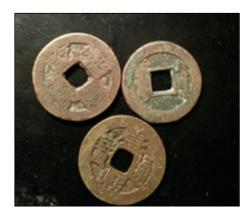
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Finder: Georgiu D., Bistrita, Romania

Using: ACE 250

Find: 1893 silver 1-Korona coin



Finder: Michael S., Cartwright, OK

Using: AT Pro

Finds: Michael found these Chinese

coins on an old abandoned railroad.



International Discoveries



Finder: Davorin K., Slovenia

Using: ACE 250 Find: Silver brooch



Finder: Csaba N., Güssing, Austria

Using: EuroACE

Find: 3 Celtic relics discovered while

detecting in Hungary.



Finder: Michael F., Bargoed, UK

Using: ACE 250

Find: 1500 BC axe head



Finder: Niklas S., Hersbruck, Germany

Using: ACE 350

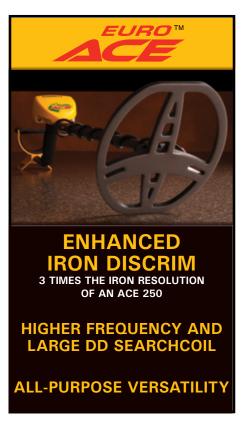
Find: German MG 42 machine gun



Finder: Ivo M., Lom, Bulgaria

Using: ACE 150

Find: Roman coin, circa 104 AD





Finder: Stephen G., Birkenhead,

Merseyside, UK

Using: AT Pro International

Find: King George Medal (above) and Italian Mussolini medal from Emperor

Augustus (below).





Finder: Rafael T., Hirm, Austria

Using: ACE 250

Find: Two 6-Kreutzer coins, (circa 1800s) found in the same hole with his

ACE 250.



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Coin Finds



Finder: Moisés P., San Juan Del Río,

Mexico

Using: ACE 250

Find: 1800s silver reale coin



Finder: Lemuel B., South Wales, UK

Using: EuroACE

Find: 1866 Queen Victoria gold Half

Sovereign



Finder: Daren F., Paris, TX

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1856 half dollar



Finder: Novie C., Honea Path, SC

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1922 Peace Dollar



Finder: Terry M., Dover, DE

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1903 Barber half dollar



Finder: Marko P., Slovenia

Using: EuroACE

Find: 1800 Austria 1/2-Kreuzer, 1768 1-Soldo from Italy, and Austria 3

-Kreuzer (unkown date).

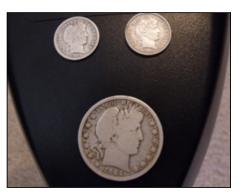


Finder: Edward M., Kansas City, KS

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1903 Barber quarter, 1916

Barber dime, 1944 Mercury dime



Finder: Barry L., Azle, TX

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1904 Barber half dollar and

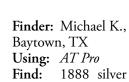
two 1903 Barber dimes.



Finder: Florin P., Tulcea, Romania

Using: EuroACE

Find: 1588 Georg Friedrich dukat



dollar





Finder: Bart H. Using: ACE 250

Find: Bart found this gold florin,

dated around 1315, in Belgium.



Jewelry and Ring Finds



Finder: Lawrence P., New Brighton, UK

Using: ACE 250 Find: WWII skull ring



Finder: Andrew G., Gowrie Junction,

Queensland, Australia Using: ACE 350

Find: 25cm men's gold bracelet

Finder: Kevin D., Laughlin, NV Using: AT Pro Find: 14k ring (4.82 grams)







Finder: Chiara B., The Netherlands

Using: ACE 250

Find: After a quick search with is father's ACE 250, Chiara reunites this

diamond ring with its owner.

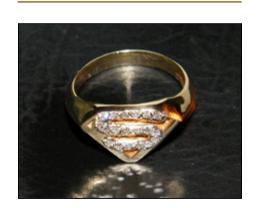


Finder: Jason A., Chesaning, MI

Using: ACE 250

Find: On his first hunt with his Garrett ACE 250, Jason found this beautiful 10k gold ring with an opal

and two 1/14 ctw diamonds.



Finder: Curtis M., Lexington, MA

Using: AT Pro

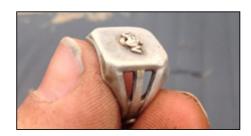
10k gold ring with diamonds Find:



Finder: Chad R., Woodland, PA

Using: AT Pro

Souvenir ring of J. G. "Big Jim" Find: Tarver—The Texas Giant who stood over 8 feet tall and traveled with the Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey and other circuses from 1909 to 1935.



Finder: William H., Baltimore, MD

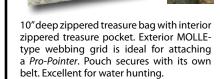
Using: AT Pro Find: Silver ring



Finder: Michael K., Liverpool, England, UK

Using: ACE 250

Find: Michael was searching around his house in Liverpool when he got a nice signal. Thinking that it was just another pull tab, he started digging. Imagine his surprise when he pulled out this Roman ring dating from 410-430 AD. This find has been cataloged by the British finds database.



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Relics, Rarities and All Kinds of Finds



Finder: Robert B., Fredericksburg, VA

Using: AT Pro

Find: Robert found a calvary sabre hanger, a calvary button, 4 bullets, and a union buckle in his hometown of Fredericksburg, the site of two Civil War battles.



Finder: Don B., Dallas, TX

Using: AT Gold

Find: Watch fob from the 2nd Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce

Convention in 1921.



Finder: Jeremy H., Trion, GA

Using: ACE 350

Find: Mississippi Militia button



Finder: Eric Z., Knoxville, TN

Using: AT Pro

Find: While hunting in his historic neighborhood in Knoxville, Eric found this WWII USMC hat insignia.



Finder: Scott H., University Place, WA

Using: AT Pro

Find: Hunting a World War II military housing site, Scott found an old military whistle, a WWII 9th Infantry insignia, an Army/Navy award for excellence, and an aluminum good luck token.



Finder: Russell F., Warrensburg, MO

Using: AT Pro

Find: Three Civil War bullets and a 1848-O Seated Liberty half dime



Finder: Shane S., McLeansboro, IL

Using: ACE 350

Find: Franklin D. Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps brass lapel button



Finder: Karen S., Macon, GA

Using: GTI 1350

Find: 1936 Motor Vehicle disc



Finder: Ryan R., Dunkirk, NY

Using: AT Pro

Find: Military First Class Army hat

badge



Alaskan Visit Proves Golden

Buddies Dave F. from Kirkland, Washington, and Jeff S. made a week-long prospecting trip to Nome, Alaska during the summer. Jeff, owner of Treasuredude Detectors in Seattle, hunted with his *AT Gold* while Dave tested out his new *ATX*. They hunted on a claim owned by Alaska Gold and Resort.

They worked an area on top of a hill where the ground had already been dug out by other prospectors in the past. Jeff dug seven pieces of gold (most containing quartz within the nuggets) totaling 1.13 ounces, the largest piece being a third ounce piece. Using the 8.5 x 11" DD coil on his *AT Gold*, Jeff dug one of his larger nuggets about 18" deep.

Dave was very pleased with his own efforts, as he netted 2.73 ounces of gold in eleven pieces with his *ATX*. "Last year with another brand detector I found one nugget but this year with the *ATX*, I found 16 in the same area!" he said. His finds ranged from tiny nuggets only two inches deep to 3/4 ounce nuggets at 14-inches depths. Dave added, "I also found a Silver 1902 Barber dime and a 1905 Indian Head penny at about six inches, so the *ATX* make a fine gold and coin machine! I can hardly wait to go back next summer and tear it up again."





gold that weigh in for a total 1.13 ounces.



Jeff and Dave (right) are all grins with some of the larger gold pieces they found displayed on the bills of their caps



ATX Finds From the Field

Finder: Dan F., Williamsburg, VA

Using: ATX

Find: Dan submitted these photos in the spring of various Civil War bullets, iron artifacts, early coins, and colonial relics that he had found with his *ATX* so far in 2014.







Finder: Joseph D., Long Beach, CA

Using: ATX

Find: 1945 two and a half Mexican

peso gold coin





Finder: Wayne W., Morenci, AZ

Using: ATX

Find: A co-worker of Wayne's was attending a family gathering at a local river, when her granddaughter lost a 24k gold bracelet in the river. They looked for several hours, but came up with nothing. The co-worker asked Wayne if his metal detector would work underwater and if he could help them find it. A few days later he brought his detector to

the spot in the river where they had lost the bracelet. After twenty minutes

of searching with his *ATX*, he was able to recover the bracelet for his co-worker.



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Dave found 16 pieces o

The smallest pieces are shown in close-up on top of this dime.





"Garrett Lads" of England find a Viking Hoard

Finder: Justin B. and Daniel B. Using: *AT Pro* and *EuroACE*

Find: After reading their story in the UK's *The Searcher* magazine, Vaughan decided to award the so-called "Garrett Lads" with a Favorite Find of the Month.

They had discovered the hiding place of almost 1kg of Viking silver. The hoard is made up of solid silver ingots and pieces of bracelets, some of which have been identified as possible Russian silver dated aproximately 900AD. Daniel found the first ingot with his *EuroACE*. It measured over two inches in length and weighed 51g. Justin, searching with his *AT Pro* while inspecting Daniel's find about a foot away, picked up a good signal at around 6–8 inches. Justin was hunting in Pro Mode with zero discrimination.

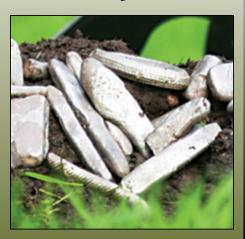
Justin uncovered the soil to discover a silver ingot that measured almost four inches in length and one inch wide. Its weight was a staggering 128g. This single ingot is one of the largest to be found in the UK. Altogether, Justin and





Daniel uncovered 19 pieces of silver with a weight of almost 1kg, indicative of somebody of significant wealth and importance. The ingots had beed buried together in a shallow hole with an aim to be recovered but for some reason the owner failed to return for them.

The find is now in the hands of their FLO (Finds Liaison Officer) who has started the identification and treasure trove process. Hopefully, this is just the beginning of the Viking finds for the "Garrett lads." Congratulations.



Finder: Tre U., Wendell, OH Using: ACE 350 Find: 1897 Barber dime



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Finder: John G., Wichita, KS

Using: AT Pro

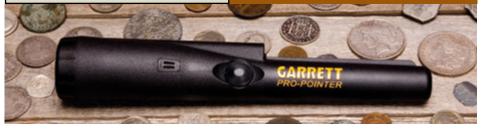
Find: Grandmaster symbol for the Knights of Pythias order (1874).



Finder: Chad A., Williamsport, MD

Using: ACE 250

Find: While hunting some property on the border of Pennsylvania and Maryland, Chad and his wife came across this antique Westinghouse 10-watt tipped light bulb, circa 1912. It's amazing that it did not break after 100 years!





Jewelry and Ring Finds

Finder: Dennis M., Denmark

Using: AT Gold

Find: Dennis made this remarkable find while detecting in May off an island in southern Denmark. The location was the surroundings of an old castle that had been torn down in 1677.

Dennis relates, "After a couple of hours of not finding much, I had a 50 target ID on my *AT Gold*. I remember thinking it was probably another button, and as it was only two inches deep, I didn't expect much. I dug it and did not believe what I was seeing...a HUGE gold ring with a lot of stones! I picked it up and was aware that this wasn't a modern ring...it looked renaissance! We called the local museum and they arrived shortly after.

"The museum took the ring to a jewelry shop who clarified that it was all diamonds and that the ring



Finder: Nicholas P.,
Berthoud, CO
Using: ACE 250
Find: Gold wedding ring returned to the owner after being lost for 36 years.





/il du vide hvor meget

din bolig er værd?



weighs 7.3 grams. So it is very likely (because of its extravagance) that this is a gift from one of Denmark's most famous kings, Christian the 4th, to his second wife Kirsten Munk. Find of a lifetime!"

This royal ring became a big news story in Denmark. Congratulations on an impressive and historic find!



Finder: Jonathan G., Cramerton, NC Using: *ACE 150*

Find: After moving into his greatgrandparents' old home, Jonathan began detecting, in search of burried jars of old coins. He found no chaces, but on his last swing of the day, he go a good singal, which turned out to be his great-grandmother's wedding ring.







Finder: Shannon H., Johns Island, SC

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1575-1700 copper-alloy double

loop asymmetrical buckle



Finder: Mike P., Bellport, NY

Using: AT Pro

Find: 1853 Jr. QUAM label pin



Finder: Plecskó J., Beleg, Hungary

Using: ACE 150 Find: Roman coin



Finder: John H., Laplata, MD

Using: AT Pro

Find: 14k gold wedding band and a WWII U.S. artillery collar shield found by John searching his home where seven

generations have all resided.



Finder: Pat W., Longview, TX Using: *AT Pro* and *ProPointer* Find: Conoco token

Finder: Sid C., Washington DC Using: ACE 250 Find: 1828 penny





Finder: Jose A., Cabeson de la Sal,

Spain

Using: AT Pro International

Find: Medieval period coin (above), circa (1389-1442) from The Duchy of Brittany of a Medieval feudal state that existed between approximately 939 and 1547. Jose's finds, seen fresh out of the sand (below).



Finder: Nikolic J., Valjevo, Yugoslavia

Using: None

Find: 1768 30-Kreutzer King Joseph

II silver Austrian Imperial coin



Finder: Steve S., Falcon, CO

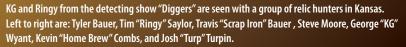
Using: ACE 250

Find: 1954 Japanese 10-Yen coin











Joyce W., of Livermore, CO, enjoys multi-day hikes in the foothills of the Rocky Moutains. She often carries her *ACE 350* and digging tools. Her husband Dick brings gold pans and other gear on their hikes.





