

THE GARRETT SEARCHER™



Charles Garrett

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Garrett Metal Detectors®

A Reunion Like No Other: The Class Ring Return



Finder: Sonny P., Linwood, NC

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: “I found this gold class ring at a local high school. This made my 110th ring since I started metal detecting about 3 years ago with the *AT Pro*. The ring was inscribed with a boy’s name and also had the graduation year of 2000 on it. Armed with this information, I searched the Internet for the name of the school, person’s name, and the year of graduation.

“I was very excited over finding this big chunk of gold but the excitement soon turned to sorrow. Instead of finding information about the ring owner’s high school activities, accolades, or present location, tragically I found his 2002 obituary. The boy had died along with his brother and three of their friends when a car carrier slammed into them and the car exploded, killing all five kids instantly. There were six vehicles involved in a pile-up that was caused by dense smoke from a forest fire. A sixth unrelated person was also killed in that same accident.

“This story was covered by CNN News. The obituary listed the boy’s relative’s names and with a little more research I was able to contact the boy’s mother. When I told her that I had found her son’s ring she immediately started crying and told me of the tragic story. We arranged to meet at the high school where I had found the ring. After some tears and hugs the ring was back where it belonged. Ironically enough, I gave her the ring on the weekend before Passover of 2014 and she had buried her two sons on the weekend before Passover in 2002.

“A major news network received an email from someone that informed them about the story and they contacted me wanting to cover the event but I felt like this should be private so I refused to inform them when I would be returning the ring. It must have been fate that lead me to the ring and the resulting information that I was able to find! I can’t imagine what this poor lady must have gone through after receiving that call informing her that her 2 sons had been killed in a car crash. This will surely be my most memorable find! Thank you Garrett for the *AT Pro* that enabled me to make this reunion possible!”



THE SPORT OF TREASURE HUNTING™



Garrett® *Pro-Pointer AT* . . . see pg. 4!



Finder: Kenna M., Nettie, WV

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Printing plate



Finder: Chris D., Olin, IA

Using: *AT Gold*

Find: NRA sharpshooter award



Finder: Joel S., Milford, OH

Using: AT Pro

Find: After receiving permission to detect a golf course from 1936, Joel found silver (*above*) and even gold (*below*) every time he hunted it.

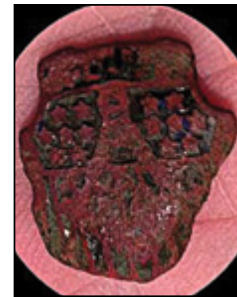


Garrett *Searcher* Correction Notice

In the September issue of *The Garrett Searcher*, James Z. of East Haddam, CT submitted his find of a pistol handle from a 1700s-era flintlock pistol. A frequent reader of the newsletter pointed out that the item is actually a "Hames Top" (*right*), which was part of a collar for plowing horses. We would like to thank Edward F. for bringing this to the *Searcher's* attention.



Also, in the October issue of *The Garrett Searcher* we showed an image Mike P. of Bellport, NY submitted. This image he sent in was a comparison photo to the actual find that he made. Here is his photo of the 1853 Jr. QUAM lapel pin he found (*right*) and the comparison image (*far right*).



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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 Garrett



THE SPORT OF TREASURE HUNTING



DETECTING AS A SPORT?

Yeah, this sport is now a lot more than just a hobby. Treasure hunting has seen explosive growth worldwide in the past decade.

For those of us who love the great outdoors, there's simply no better way to really get out there and have fun. There is that sense of adventure that comes with just getting to a terrific location. Sometimes, that might mean hiking through the hills or tromping through the forest to get to an old site.

Other times, you might find yourself "getting there" via boat, kayak, canoe, four-wheeler, ATV, or even pack mule. Where *you* find *your* treasure depends on where you live, what you're looking for, and what your research shows you. Your search site might be in the mountains, at the beach, on an old homestead, or even a long-forgotten historic place deep in the woods.

Garrett sees treasure hunting as a means of getting quality exercise and spending quality time with friends or family. It's a way to bond with children or grandchildren and recover history that will often amaze them. There is also a competitive side to metal detecting enjoyed at numerous organized hunts, rallies, and club hunts that go on throughout the year around the world. Our new catalog and our upcoming ads will encourage people to escape from routine, leave their limits behind, and enjoy "The Sport of Treasure Hunting."



Ask for a copy of Garrett's 2015 catalog! It features the new Pro-Pointer AT pinpointer and "The Sport of Treasure Hunting."

Several photos and pages from the new 2015 Garrett catalog can be seen on this page.



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NEW for 2015!

Garrett *Pro-Pointer AT*

The best pinpointer in the world just got better. That's a fact. Garrett is releasing the new *Pro-Pointer AT* to meet a number of demands that our customers have given us.

Some of the comments you have shared with us are:

- Why can't my *Pro-Pointer* be made to be waterproof?
- Make it a different color so I can find it in the field easier.
- The *Pro-Pointer* should be more sensitive or at least have sensitivity that can be adjusted.
- I don't like the audio when I hunt. I prefer a "stealth" mode. Why can't you make a pinpointer that only vibrates?
- Put a quick retune feature on it so I can more quickly tune out hot soil or saltwater.
- Make it with an alarm so it will alert me if I leave it somewhere.
- Put an automatic power-off feature on it so it won't drain my battery if I forget and leave it on.
- Put a lanyard clip on it so I can attach it to something besides just the belt holster it comes with.
- Keep it affordable! Making it waterproof should not make it cost twice as much.

Happy New Year! All of these wishes shared with Garrett over the past year have been granted with the design of our latest *Pro-Pointer*, a true All-Terrain model. It is fully waterproof to 10 feet or 3 meters—just like its AT family members: the *AT Pro*, *AT Gold*, and *ATX* metal detectors.

It includes a Fast Retune feature, three levels of Sensitivity, a lost pinpointer alarm, auto power off, and much more. It is an orange color that is easy to spot when submerged or when left in most fields.

The MSRP for the new Garrett *Pro-Pointer AT* is \$149.95 in the United States. This is the price originally charged for the original Garrett *Pro-Pointer* when it was released. Garrett will continue to manufacture both models and has decided to reduce the price of the original *Pro-Pointer* by \$20.



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Garrett Users Share Their Stories



Finder: James B., Sidman, PA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1723 2-reales coin minted in Seville, Spain. James found it on a colonial road bed in Pennsylvania.



Finder: Scott R., Hornbeak, TN
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Scott found these silver coins in eight hours of hunting an old baseball field in Pro Mode.



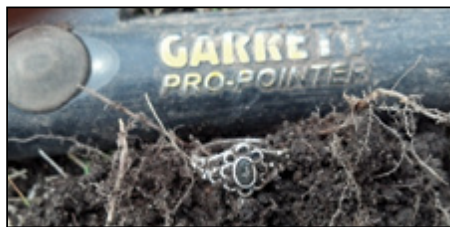
Finder: Cedric D., Lakehurst, NJ
Using: *ACE 150*
Find: Watch fob given to members of the Improved Order of Red Man. Made in Newark, NJ, circa 1920s.



Finder: Bob S., Clarksville, TN
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1877 Seated Liberty dime with the Carson City mint mark.



Finder: Chad H., Grainfield, KS
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: His first silver Peace Dollar.



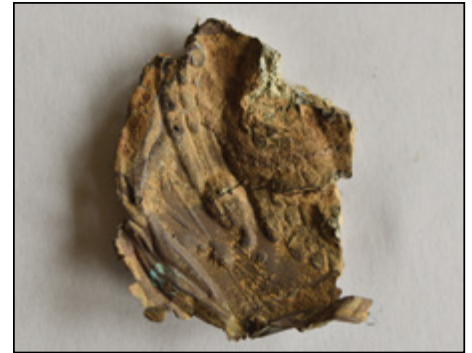
Finder: Shane R., Howard Lake, MN
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: Silver ring with blue diamond



Finder: Joe B., Valdosta, GA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: U.S. Cavalry saddle badge



Finder: Bradyn S., Reynoldsville, PA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1877-S Seated Liberty quarter



Finder: Seth F., Fredericksburg, VA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Seth used his 5" x 8" coil on an old homesite that was being bulldozed. He dug this thin piece of crumpled brass, part of a Civil War breast plate.



Finder: Neil M., Lagrange, KY
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 20-filler coin from Hungary, 1887 Indian Head penny, World War II infantry pin, and a flat button, all found on an old homesite.



Jewelry and Ring Finds



Finder: Gary S., Dorset, England
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: 1700s posey ring



Finder: Chris W., Wylie, TX
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: Looking for a new way to exercise, Chris picked up detecting and has found several great beach finds.



Finder: Cecil M., Spencer, NY
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Earring

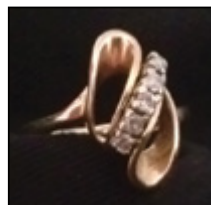
Finder: Russell F., Warrensburg, MO
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 14 KP (karat plum) gold ring with a 1/4 karat diamond, found near an old soccer field.



Finder: Shanae S., Linton, IN
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Shanae (*above*) was digging on a site that dates to 1910, and she found this cross that was once silver plated (*below*).



Finder: Lynne P., Vero Beach, FL
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 10k gold ring with 5 diamonds



Finder: Luke S., Launceston, Tasmania, Australia
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Luke recalls: "53 years ago my grandparents got married and my grandfather gave my grandmother a beautiful 192 gram gold necklace as a wedding present. Unfortunately she lost it 47 years later and never got it back. I had a rough idea of where she lost it due to the info she gave me and I decided to go for a hunt. Lo and behold I found it! She was so happy and offered me a cash reward but the look on her face was a great enough reward for me."

Finder: Danny P., Waco, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: .925 silver ring



Finder: Patrick D., Fort Worth, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Patrick stumbled across this 14k "red gold" (58.33% gold and the rest copper) bracelet worth about \$300 found in an empty lot.

Garrett Finds From the Field

Son Discovers 1785 Spanish Silver

Finder: John S., Pittsfield, MA

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: John shares his story, "I'm actually submitting this story for my 17-year-old son Luke. He is an amazing young man and the team dig coordinator for The Berkshire County Treasure Hunters. We had spent the entire morning detecting an old church property that we have permission to hunt in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

"After about five hours of pulling clad and a few silver coins out of the ground, we decided to call it quits for the day and head home. My son Luke asked me to drop him off at his mom's house so he could visit with his aunt that was up from Georgia for the Easter holiday. When he got out of the truck he said, 'Hold on, I want to grab my *AT Pro* and gear so I can do a little searching behind mom's house later.'

"I let out a little laugh and said, 'best of luck, man,' because his mother's



1785 Spanish 1/2 reale at approximately 11 1/2 inches.

"As the president of The Berkshire County Treasure Hunters, I have seen many nice old items come out of the ground over the years. But the *AT Pro* nailing a dream coin at a ridiculous depth like that is a true testament to both the quality and innovation that is synonymous with the Garrett name."

house is on a property that is right in the middle of the city and I figured it was going to be a trash fest. I got home and was getting ready to jump in the shower to wash away the day's dirt when my phone rang, and this is what I heard on the other end when I answered: 'Dad! Dad! I found the juice! Woouoooooooooooo! I found the juice, Dad.'

"After about a minute, I got him to stop hooting and hollering enough to find out his *AT Pro* had just found a



Finder: Rhys F., Bedford, Bedfordshire, UK

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: After receiving permission to hunt in a little village, Rhys was told by the land owner that there was an 1800s farmers market on one of his fields. "As I headed in that area, it started as a slow day, bits of junk here and there," Rhys said. "I finally reached where the farmer pointed out and he was right. I started to find coin after coin. Just a few old pennies, then a hole with three silver Victorias, two 1-florins, and a shilling, so I know I had the right spot.

"Altogether I found seven silver coins, two 1700s tokens, two 1700s pennies, and a bunch of 1800s/1900s pennies in the area. One coin was an



1849 Victoria 'Godless' florin. When I stopped by an old oak tree for lunch, I searched around it and found a nice Edward 3rd hammered silver penny.

"After lunch, I walked back towards the farm house and I found some old army badges and a WWI soldier's silver skull ring—all about ten meters from each other. I was just about to go home when the farmer said that after WWI the soldiers had camp somewhere on the farm. I didn't finish detecting the whole farm but I will be going back real soon."



Finder: Jason S., Rapidan, VA

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Jason recalls: "I've been hunting with the *AT Pro* for about two years with good success. But recently I found the hole of a lifetime that yielded 400 bullets, a section of a sword scabbard, countless percussion caps, a box plate, and my favorite: one Confederate cartridge box, one Federal cartridge box, and a bayonet scabbard. Needless to say, I couldn't have done it without the *AT Pro* allowing me to get in the water where these artifacts have been hidden for 150 years."

GTI 2500 Discovers History
Contributed by Thorsten S.
of Munich, Germany

One day, I decided to search an old path in the woods. Today it is defunct but on 30-year-old maps it is marked as a footpath. It was a rainy day. Under the forest canopy it was rather dark and the sound of the rain hitting the leaves added to the depressive atmosphere.

For hours I only found modern junk. Then the “bell tone” sound of the *GTI* informed me about a non-iron object in the ground which was much larger than a coin. Using a wooden stick rather than a steel digging tool I started to dig. Some 20 cm / 8" deep I found a metal object with a dark, smooth surface. There were no rust marks and no brown color in the surrounding soil so apparently it was indeed not iron. But there was also no green color which often indicates antique bronze objects.

Slowly, I removed the object from the ground and saw a Roman statuette, some 15 cm / 6" tall. Since the figure was female, nude and held an apple in her hand it was Venus, the Roman goddess of love. The old Greek called her Aphrodite. According to Greek mythology, 3 goddesses had an argument concerning the question who was the most beautiful. Godfather Zeus was asked but he refused to judge as he sensed upcoming trouble. So, finally, a mortal was chosen to be the judge. It was Paris, prince of Troy. All goddesses offered tempting bribes. Finally Aphrodite won since she promised Paris the most beautiful woman on earth, Helena. As a symbolic trophy, Aphrodite received a golden apple. That is why Aphrodite respectively Venus is often depicted with an apple. Unfortunately, Helena was not only married but was married to one of the most influential men in Greece. Paris fled with Helena to Troy which led to the Trojan War and, finally, to the destruction of Troy. What a great find.

It laid almost 2000 years on that footpath, hundreds or even thousands



(Above) Thorsten with the Roman statuette. A close up of the Roman statuette Aphrodite cleaned and on display at the museum (right).

of people must have walked over it. By the way, just some 10 m / 11 yards away I found an incendiary bomb from World War II, of the rare explosive type. This unpredictable mixture of finds makes this hobby so fascinating.

In antiquity people often had such statuettes either for their personal altar at home or they used it to embroider stage coaches. Since the beginning of find recordings in Bavaria some 200 years ago, only two other Roman divine bronze statuettes have been found. None depicted Venus. The find was reported to authorities and is displayed today in a museum, along with most of the objects I found in this area. The museum dates the statuette to the 3rd century AD. The state bought my property share of the find. The sum I received for this find alone was sufficient to pay for my *GTI 2500*, 12.5" coil, *Pro-Pointer*, rucksack and digging tools.



(Right) Thorsten at the museum pointing to the finds he donated.





International Discoveries



Finder: Craig A., Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 103rd field battery artillery badge

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Finder: Bart H., Leopoldsburg, Limburg, Belgium
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1315 Fiorino D'oro gold coin



Finder: Guilherme R., Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Lanco 15 Jewels pocket watch (circa 1901)

Finder: Stefan T., Kokkola, Finland
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: 1591 Swedish 8-Ore Klipping



Finder: Martin T., Sestri Levante, Genoa, Italy
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Martin (*above*) found this Republic of Genoa "Petachina" coin (circa 1436-1442)(*below*)



Finder: Gary S., Bournemouth, Dorset, UK
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Medieval Heraldic horse harness pendant (circa 13th century)



Finder: Keith S., Crestmead, Brisbane, Australia
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Hermes winged wheel hood ornament



Relics, Rarities and All Kinds of Finds



Finder: Ashley M., Brookline, NH
Using: ACE 250
Find: Arrowheads discovered within a small cave.



Finder: Rob M., Eyemouth, Berwickshire, Scotland
Using: AT Pro
Find: Rob recovered this Civil War buckle while hunting in Scotland. "My latest and greatest find so far with the AT Pro, I believe this is a genuine American civil war buckle which is fantastic, but even more fantastic when the relic was dug up in a small fishing village called Eyemouth which is in Scotland. To be honest I didn't have a clue what I had found, all I know is I love it and hope you guys do too."



Finder: Nick R., Williams, CA
Using: ACE 250
Find: Suspender clasp



Finder: Jason G., Warrior, AL
Using: AT Pro
Find: Percussion type rifle lock plate



Finder: Diana L., Cole Camp, MO
Using: ACE 250
Find: WWI Collar Disk - Second Infantry, Company C

Finder: Charlie R., Rindge, NH
Using: AT Pro
Find: Rich Treble Orange button



Finder: Russell B., Osawatomie, KS
Using: AT Pro
Find: Depression token good for 50¢ in merchandise at John C. Herber's general store.



Finder: Andy S., North Chesterfield, VA
Using: ACE 250
Find: Bayonet and Civil War relics



Finder: Jeremy H., Trion, GA
Using: AT Pro
Find: Civil War Cast I button



Finder: Tim W., Tahlequah, OK
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1880s Native American police uniform button



Finder: Tentis M., Supply, NC
Using: AT Pro
Find: Suspender clips, buttons, and buckles

Coin Finds



Finder: Kenneth H., Brownsville, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Mexican 50 pesos coin, 37.5 grams of gold



Finder: Everett T., Sycamore, OH
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 2001 American Eagle silver dollar



Finder: Adam V., Senica, Slovakia
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Roman coins



Finder: Robert L., Syracuse, NY
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1886 10-cents coin from Canada





Finder: Grace M., New Brighton, Wirral, UK
Using: *ACE 150*
Find: Qing Dynasty coin (circa 1736-1795)



Finder: Edward T., Portland, OR
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1944 Mercury dime



Finder: Paulo S., Matosinhos, Portugal
Using: *EuroACE*
Find: 1681 (400 Réis) silver Cruzado coin from Portugal

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Finder: Allan D., Branford, CT
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1902 V nickel found while searching the town beach area.

Garrett Finds From the Field



Finder: Mike L., Salem, VA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Mike sent these photos of his April recovery of an 1858 Flying Eagle cent, his third oldest coin find and the best condition coin he has found yet.



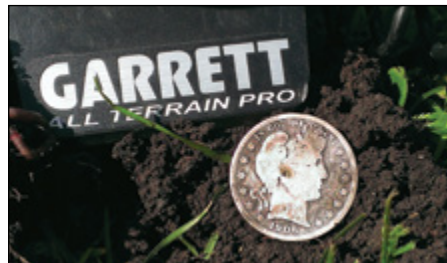
Finder: Tim S.
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1836 Capped Bust half dollar.



Finder: Otto W., Brazoria, TX
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: These are two of Otto's best finds from last spring: a billiard parlor token and an 1847 model cast brass Grimsley Dragoon stirrup.



Finder: Peter D., Stone Ridge, NY
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Massachusetts colonial copper coin.



Finder: Rodney B., Stewart, OH
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Russell dug this 1906 Barber half dollar alongside an old sidewalk. He said that because it was standing on edge about four inches down, it only presented a Target ID reading of 33.



Finder: Dave R., Louisville, OH
Using: *GTI 1500*
Find: 1853 Seated Liberty half dime



Finder: Jesus G., Jones Creek, TX
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1943 Walking Liberty silver half dollar.



Finder: Matthew P., Lakeville, MA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1808 Spanish reale



Finder: Kenny T., Rock Falls, IL
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Kenny used his detector to recover a prized 1951 Ben Franklin half dollar that his friend had lost.



Jewelry and Ring Finds

Finder: Yuriy T., Konstantinovsk, Rostov Oblast, Russia

Using: *GTI 2500*

Find: Yuriy has been treasure hunting for many years, starting with a detector he once designed by himself. As he became more skilled in his sport, he opted to purchase a Garrett *GTI 2500*.

He was born in the Lower Don in the south of Russia. He has found many coins from the 18th and 19th centuries along the banks of the Don, as well as weapons from the Napoleonic and Crimean wars. During one of his searches there, he found several pieces of old ceramic. He gave the area a thorough search with his *GTI* and soon dug a large bronze ring showing a peacock with grapes in its beak (*right*).

Yuriy found that the ring dated to the Byzantium period from the 8th or 9th century. "I remembered the role of Byzantium in the development of



the Khazar kingdom," he said. "The Byzantium emperor Constantine visited this place. Without any doubts the emperor was there on his ships." Yuriy returned the next day to detect the area further and he soon had a strong signal.

"I had to dig a big hole to take out the old rusty anchor," he said. "Before digging this hole I checked the ground by detector. The same signal continued to come out. So I dug deeper and took out a bigger anchor. I was encouraged. These two anchors were from a very big ship. The anchors' design was very old. I was happy to find such unexpected



things. After some discussions with specialists, we made a conclusion that they were from the early Middle Ages. I gave these anchors to a private collection." He considers these ancient anchors (*seen above*) to be his most valuable treasure recoveries to date.



Finder: John B., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Using: *AT Gold*

Find: John was hunting around a dried-up old creek when he got an "iffy"

signal on his *AT Gold*. "It bounced around from the 90s to the 60s," he said. "As usual, I dug it anyways. He who digs the most, gets the most. I was quite surprised to to get some sort of a brooch from the ground, about five inches deep." After getting it home and cleaning it, he found a patent number stamped behind its stem.

John did some Google search work and found it identified as: "Lily of the Valley Sterling Crown Trifari Brooch, Alfred Philippe 1944." He also found one of these broaches had recently sold at auction for \$600. "So, I discovered it was not an Aladdin's lamp of some sort,

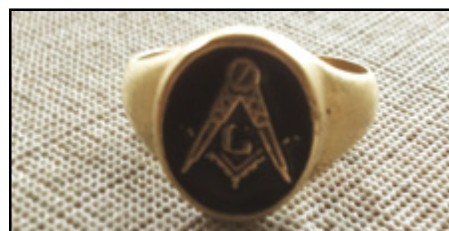
but a very beautiful piece of jewelry from the 1940s, probably worn by a lady with a wealthy husband, having a picnic back in the 1940s!"



Finder: James D., Burlington, IA

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: 14k gold amethyst ring



Finder: Jarrod W., Sturgis, KY

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Gold mason's ring



Finder: Jerry G., Baltimore, MD

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Yellow / white 14k gold ring



Tokens, Medallions, Charms



Finder: Peter S., Harford, NY

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: While hunting a cellar hole in Richford, New York, Peter discovered this Pickers' Check token—a form of regional currency that was produced by farms in and around the Anne Arundel County area of Maryland between the 1870s to 1950s. He states: "Workers could trade them in for goods at local merchants. They came in a variety of different shapes, each of which corresponded to a certain type of fruit or vegetable that was picked. According to sources, round with scalloped edges

meant strawberries, round was for peas, and octagon was for beans. Each token also included the farmer's initials and a number which corresponded to a money value or the amount of produce that was picked. Based on the shape of the one I found, I know it was paid out for the picking of beans; as for how it made its way to upstate NY, I will never know! My *AT Pro* has come through again for a unique and interesting find that I will treasure. Thanks Garrett for an awesome machine!" Peter also found an 1846 Large cent.



Finder: Dennis S., Staten Island, NY

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: U.S. Army dog tag

Finder: Aaron L., Orange, TX
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: WWII USMC eagle globe and anchor uniform lapel pin



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Finder: Tommy E., Easley, SC

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: 20¢ meal token from the 1927–1929 period.



Finder: Bob C., Pakenham, Vic, Australia

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Australian internment camp three pence token



Finder: Eric Z., Knoxville, TN

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: 1949 Veteran of Foreign Affairs token



Relic Roundup



Finder: David S., Mocanaqua, PA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Pre-Civil War button found in a corn field after David became envious of other buttons he had seen posted on an online detecting forum.



Finder: Chris S., Deepwater, MO
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1907 Barber dime and a World War I-era U.S. military button.



Finder: John C., Salem, IL
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Grenade fuse

The Garrett Searcher

"War of Buttons"



Finder: Thomas D., Überherrn, Saarland, Germany
Using: *EuroACE*
Find: Thomas shared this story: "My hobby of life is metal detecting. After my *ACE 250*, I bought my new Garrett *EuroACE*. I always go out at night for detecting. Every night my daughters and wife are wishing me good luck and hope that I find something special that they can research the day after. So I went out for search at 10 p.m.

"After 15 minutes on a field between two villages, a mountain with an old fortress and a church at the edge, I've found my best button ever. It is a French Army button given out in 1762 in Paris. Near it I found a British Zuave button (Napoleonic wars before 1840), musket balls, a lot of World War I and II bullet casings, and buttons (French, German and American). The 1762 French button is the best one. A day later, I was researching why I found that much stuff on the field. In ca. 1700–1850, there was a road. Nobody knows that road today and I know the exact route now. Every time I go there I find more good things—especially buttons. My wife calls it the 'War of the Buttons'".



Finder: Richard S., Hines, OR
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: After retiring from the Forest service, Richard acquired an *AT Pro* with the intention of hunting an old creek called Mule Pull.

Richard says the creek was used as a water source by the soldiers of Fort Harney, established in 1867 to help quell an uprising of the northern Piute Indians. As he searched the area, he found many modern brass shell casings and pull tabs.

One of his hits registered 78, and he dug it expecting to find a penny. Richard instead unearthed a center fire .50-70 caliber military casing. He did a little research and found this primerless casing was made during the late 1860s. "Wow! I had found an old casing fired by a soldier from Fort Harney!" he said. "The early casings were made of copper so it registered higher than brass casings. This casing is the oldest item by far I have found with my *AT Pro*. I learned a little history about the fort and the firearms they carried."



Finder: Aaron D., Springfield, MA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Fired artillery grape shot, now on display in the Springfield Armory museum.



Sand, Surf and Swimmin' Holes



Finder: Steve B., Dublin, NH
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: After finding about \$20 in clad coins, Steve recovered this amazing gold aquamarine ring surrounded with diamonds. He also shared some of his other finds (*below*) from the five-day hunt.



Finder: Sylvie M., Phuket, Thailand
Using: *Sea Hunter Mark II*
Find: "We live on a popular vacation island so it isn't uncommon to hear of tourists on honeymoon or holiday losing their valuables in the sea or sand. We got a call last night from a GM hotel friend that her associate had just lost her one-carat, platinum custom-made engagement ring yesterday on the beach!" After 40 minutes of searching with the Garrett *SeaHunter Mark II*, Sylvie found the ring about 8 inches in the sand already—much to the relief and joy of the happy couple!



Finder: Bob F., Colleyville, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Some of Bob's better jewelry finds from hunting fresh water lakes between mid August to mid September are shown here.



Finder: Jimmy C., Tiensestraat, België
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Gold necklace found on a beach



Finder: Christopher R., Dover, PA
Using: *Freedom Two Plus*
Find: Christopher and his brother Darin (*above*) share one detector and

take turns digging each other's targets. They spent one morning in March digging on Penny Beach and each brother found one gold item. They reached out the next day to a local museum owner to check the origin of their interesting gold charms. "He validated our finds as 10k gold with bronze, which explained the funny tone to the charms," said Christopher. "Then he dropped the big one on us. He said he looked at the markings and they were crafted under King George from the 1700s!"



Russian Ghost Town Recovery

Finder: Roman, Moscow, Russia

Using: ACE 150

Find: Roman had the chance to travel to and detect a Russian ghost town of Kostroma during the summer of 2013. He took his ACE 150 and traveled six hours by bus to reach the village, which had been abandoned 30 years prior.

Roman hunted around the ghost town all afternoon and found a variety of items, including nails, two cast iron pots, and some coins. "The most interesting finds were 40 USSR coins and ten Russian Empire coins," he said. The next morning, he began searching within one of the more prominent home structures that was still standing.

In the basement, he dug some bottle caps, forks, spoons, and several buttons. The last place to check in the basement was a wall near some little window, where he picked up a signal with his ACE 150. "I started to dig," he said, "and here was my first exciting find: a silver 10 kopeks coin. That was an imperial coin of Nikolay II. I was happy. But I heard another signal and found one more silver coin."

This coin was a Saxon ort from 1755. Roman's ACE continued to indicate signals from the hole. The next one he pulled was a gold 10-ruble coin from 1899. "I tried to calm down and passed



my detector above the hole," he said. "The detector gave a signal again. I was shocked. The total find for this hole was two silver coins of 20 kopeks, one silver ort and eleven gold coins of 10 rubles."

Roman found one more ten-kopeck coin from 1766 as he hunted his way out of the ghost town. After returning to Moscow, he was surprised by the value of his coins. He decided to sell three of them and had enough money to treat himself to a Garrett EuroACE metal detector.

Russian ghost town hoard.

Seen above are eight of the eleven gold coins Roman found, along with two of the 20-kopeck silver coins, a 10-kopeck coin, and a 1755 Saxon ort. (Below) Closer view of one of the gold 10-ruble coins.



Finder: Jutta M., Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Using: ACE 250

Find: Gold class ring with a blue stone, found on Jutta's first day of metal detecting.



Finder: Rafael T., Hirm, Austria

Using: ACE 250

Find: Two 6-Kreutzer coins



Finder: Rafal P., Krzelów, Poland

Using: ACE 250

Find: 1890-1917 Prussian button

Relics, Rarities and All Kinds of Finds



Finder: Erik S., Crestview, FL
Using: *Freedom 1*
Find: 1915-1935 perfume bottle stopper



Finder: Robert B., Fredericksburg, VA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Three-ring bullet and Civil War Eagle "R" (rifeman's) button found while hunting local yards.

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Finder: Ben F., Peshtigo, WI
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: After digging in frozen mud, Ben and his son found this antique silver German woman's evening purse and makeup case (circa 1920s).



Finder: John R., Chicago, IL
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Early two-piece U.S. Navy button, found in Lincoln Park.



Finder: Carl F., Eau Claire, WI
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Copper culture socketed spearpoint



Finder: Lori M., Massillon, OH
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Lori discovered these pocket watch pieces in an old 1700s iron works community.

Finder: Eric Z., Knoxville, TN
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Lead toy soldier found near a Civil War fort site.



Finder: Eligio P., Harlingen, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Red Cross coveralls button.

Garrett Users Share Their Stories



Finder: Steve S., Hesperia, CA

Using: *AT Gold*

Find: Gold hunter Steve S. shares his story: "I found these gold nuggets yesterday in the El Paso mountain range near Goler Gulch. I found the

SCREAMING GOLD!

first nugget 15 minutes into the day. I spent the entire day finding sub-gram pieces using my *AT Gold* with a 4.5" *Super Sniper* coil. At the end of the day I was back-filling the spot where I was detecting and had all of my gear ready to load into the truck. Something told me to detect the dirt that I knocked back into the hole. Thirty seconds later the detector was SCREAMING at me so loud I thought it was a big piece of lead. I dug the target as I always do and there it was, a 6.7 gram nugget waiting for me to pick it up! I found another nugget that weighed in at 0.8 grams and one other small nugget. Total gold weight

for the day was 8.618 grams! I've been using Garrett detectors for the last 15 years and have never been disappointed, the *AT Gold* being my favorite!"



Finder: Øystein M., Horten, Vestfold, Norway

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Øystein found this bronze horse which was used by women of the Finno Ugric culture from the Balticum in the Viking Age.



Finder: Gary D., Deltona, FL

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Gary was taking part in a club hunt at the site of an early railroad station when he dug this 1900 silver Barber half dollar.



Finder: Jerry C., Mena, AR

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Lost class ring

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Finder: Mike S., Shumway, IL

Using: *ACE 150*

Find: 1856 Seated Liberty dime



Finder: Scott H., University Place, WA

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: 1892 Barber dime

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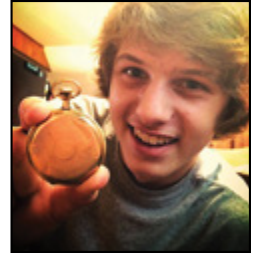


Finder: Wilma C., Berea, KY
Using: ACE 250
Find: Wilma made these three great finds while detecting with her husband in a Kentucky park. She dug a Sterling silver bracelet, a gold leaf, and the cameo ring seen above.



Finder: Miguel B., Naucalpan, Mexico
Using: ACE 250
Find: 1600s Spanish reale

Finder: Isaac P., Herndon, VA
Using: AT Pro
Find: 19th century, 14k gold pocket watch



Finder: Richard S., Le Claire, IA
Using: AT Pro
Find: Richard found this Union Navy button (*above, left*) from the Civil War while hunting with his son.



Finder: Blake K., Clarksville, PA
Using: ACE 350
Find: Blake, age 9, shared photos of his best coin finds and of himself standing before an old stone house where he made some of his recoveries.



Finder: Robert C., Elkmont, AL
Using: AT Pro
Find: Robert (*above*) shared these photos (*right*) of his best jewelry finds and an illegal gambling token from the early 1900s (*right, lower*).



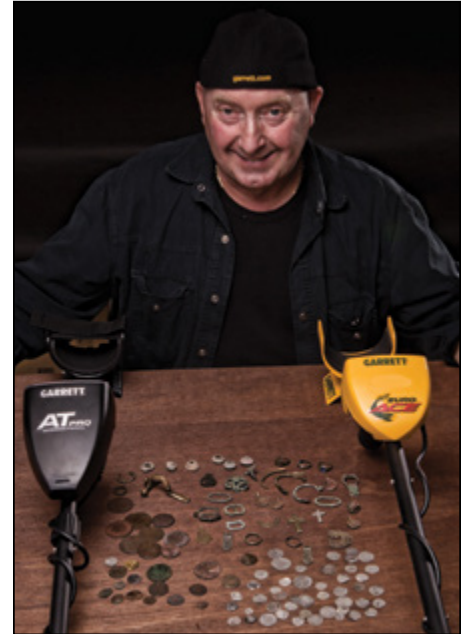


Garrett Users Share Their Stories

Finder: David K.,
Oshawa, Ontario,
Canada
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: Four British
Military Breastplate
Martingales (circa
1840-1850)



Finder: Mike R., Melrose, MN
Using: *AT Pro* and *Pro-Pointer*
Find: 1943 Mercury dime, 1900
Indian Head penny, FFA pin, and
Sterling silver Saint Michael medal



Finder: Scott S.,
Indianapolis, IN
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: 1847 large
cent



Finder: Richard R., Wyoming, MI
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1901 and 1902 dime, 1914
buffalo nickel, undated penny, and an
arrowhead.

Geoff M. from Austria made a visit to the Garrett factory recently while he was vacationing in the United States. He is an avid detectorist who has used the *EuroACE*, and more recently, the *AT Pro International* to make many impressive finds.

Geoff brought along a sampling of his finds, which range in date from Roman to Medieval to Saxon to the Austro-Hungarian empire. They include: early bronze and silver coins; big 30-kreuzer Austrian coins; the top of a Saxon dagger; lead spindle whorls; fibula brooches; bronze belt clasps, ca. 800 to 900 AD; a Roman key ring; religious pendants; and more.

Thanks for visiting, Geoff, and thanks for sharing!



Finder: Beth S., Jenison, MI
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: Sterling Silver WWII medal



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International Discoveries



Finder: Stefan S., Mladenovac, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Using: *EuroACE*

Find: Stefan found a World War II M24 rifle near an old battlefield. He also found enough dropped bullets to spell out “*EuroACE*.”



Finder: Vadim, Zuhres, Donetsk region, Ukraine

Using: *EuroACE*

Find: Copper pulo coins, circa 14th to 15th centuries.



Finder: Oliniski G., Araucaria, Parana, Brazil

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Olinski found this decorative dagger on the stoney bottom of a mountain stream near the coast. An old bridge had once crossed over the waterway, and was the principal crossing point from 1640 to 1948. He has also found coins in this river that date as far back as 1840.



Brass Chalice discovered in Romania



Finder: Georgiu D., Bistrita, Romania

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Georgiu did not know what to think when he found these religious artifacts in the same hole. “Few people can feel like Indiana Jones, but I had this feeling when I found this brass chalice and a eucharist tray from the early twentieth century. These items were delivered into custody to the Museum Bistrita - Nasaud and they will do research and efforts to find the right owner of these religious objects.

“The chalice is gold brass with floral lily form interspersed with some cruciform, presents stamps, or other identifying marks. The three components are attached with washer



common butterfly. The eucharist tray is nickel brass, with circular edges and has the writing of ‘this is my body’ in three languages (Greek, Latin and Russian), writing separated by reason of vines.”

Coin Finds



Finder: Teemu V., Eastern Finland
Using: ACE 250
Find: 1725 Peter the Great 1-Ruble silver coin



Finder: Andrew, Brantford, Canada
Using: AT Gold
Find: Canadian silver coins

Finder: Chris D., Olin, IA
Using: AT Gold
Find: 1934 German 5-Mark silver coin



Finder: Brandon S., Swanzey, NH
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1857 Flying Eagle cent and a 1759 Spanish Reale.



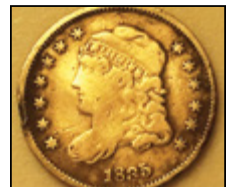
Finder: Clayton D., St. Johns, MI
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1854 bank token for one penny from the Bank of Upper Canada.



Finder: Michael K. Woolton, UK
Using: ACE 250
Find: Michael found three silver florins totalling an ounce in weight, a 1900 Victorian penny, a 1930 half penny and a 1941 3-pence wrapped in a small bag (above) and a .925 Italy I.D. bracelet (below). "My ACE 250 just loves silver! Thanks, Garrett, again for the great machines."



Finder: Darrell G., Oak Grove, MO
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1835 Capped Bust dime



Finder: Craig Y., Willenhall, West Midlands, UK
Using: ACE 250
Find: 1929 Half Crown silver coin

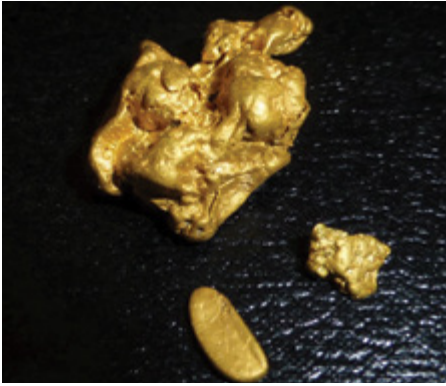
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Finds From the Field



Finder: Steve H., Reno, Nevada
Using: ATX

Find: “I was just out and hunting an area where I picked up a few nuggets with other detectors recently. I got the ATX out of the truck and wandered

down to the wash. I had barely really got the unit ground balanced up and the soil I was walking on just looked like sandy mud with grass growing on it, so I decided to walk upstream a bit for a better location. I got a whisper of ground noise as I walked and a couple steps later stopped and thought: *hmmmm...was that really a ground noise?*

“It had that little something and I was just assuming I did not have the ground balance spot on yet. I backed up and checked, and sure enough there was a soft signal in the grass. I gave a little dig and came up with a 0.7 gram nugget.

“Well okay, then. That was more like it. I started to work the immediate location and just six feet away got a largish signal, probably trash. I dug a



bit and it was still in the hole. So I gave it a vigorous scoop and up pops a mud covered nugget. A large nugget! It later weighed in at 26.3 grams or 0.85 Troy ounces.”



Finder: Warren M., Cairns, Australia
Using: ATX
Find: Two gold nuggets and a brass button found in Western Australia (left) and Civil War finds made during a visit to Tennessee (right).



Finder: Tommy D., Chicago, IL
Using: ACE 150
Find: Gold cross found on beach



Finder: John B., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Using: ATX
Find: After a nice summer of water hunting with his ATX, John sent in these photos of some of the 34 rings he found this year.



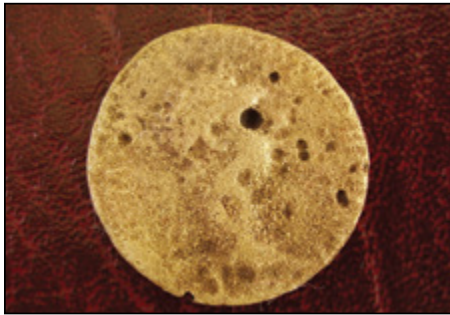
Finder: Daniele S., Livorno, Toscana, Italy
Using: ATX
Find: 1894 Republica Argentina dos centavos coin

Coin Finds

Finder: John H., Cornwall, UK

Using: *AT Pro International*

Find: John found this coin while on a beachcombing holiday. He was using a *Super Sniper* coil on his *AT*. It is a 2,000-yr old dupondius, a copper coin of Emperor Domitian (AD 81–96), found amongst an exposed reef of rocks.



Finder: Robert D., Lumberton, NJ

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: 1935 Walking Liberty silver half dollar

Finder: Gary B., Chester, England

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Gary dug a very interesting coin near Chester: a Massachusetts Colonial coin, a 1652 “Pine Tree” threepence.



Finder: David T., Providence, RI

Using: *AT Pro*

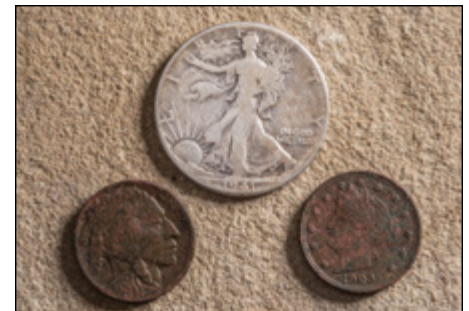
Find: 1776 Spanish reale



Finder: Andrew M., Peekskill, NY

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Seven silver coins



Finder: Rusty C., Midlothian, TX

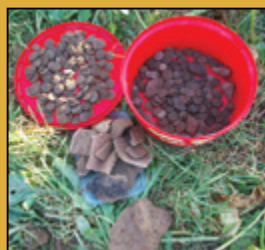
Using: *AT Pro*

Finds: 1941 Walking Liberty half dollar, 1924 Buffalo nickel, and a 1903 V-nickel.

AT Gold User Finds Another Roman Hoard



In December, Gary Smith of the UK unearthed his fourth Roman hoard in recent years. This time, he returned to a field where he had made a previous discovery. Using technology and the landowner's permission to strip a lane with a mini-excavator, he began finding Roman bronze coins in quantity (more than 500). Congrats on saving such important history, Gary!



Check out his video of this amazing discovery.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jhNkFKWfrY&app=desktop>

Jewelry and Ring Finds

Finder: Robert S.,
Cottage Hills, IL
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 18k white
gold ring with a
1/5 karat diamond.



Robert says two jewelers have estimated it to be from the 1920s and to have a value of at least \$500.



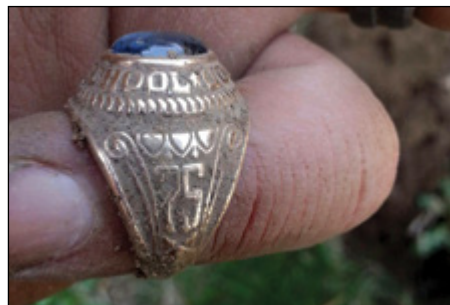
Finder: Jim M., Camp Hill, PA
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 14k gold wedding band



Finder: Kenneth H., Brownsville, TX
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Silver cross



Finder: John S., Eden, NY
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Silver Claddagh bracelet



Finder: Bill H./Leo P., Baltimore, MD
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Recovered 1975 high school ring belonging to Leo's sister.



Finder: Paul H., Fort Ripley, MN
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: A Black Hills gold mother's ring with three stones.

Finder: Scott S.,
Indianapolis, IN
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: .925 silver ring with a teardrop amethyst stone.



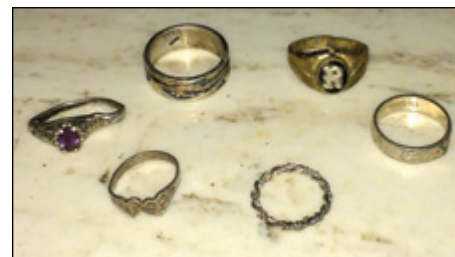
Finder: Timothy R., Fort Wayne, IN
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: While hunting one of his favorite parks with his dad, Timothy discovered this beautiful 14k gold wedding ring set. He also found an 18k white gold wedding band and a 10k gold heart shaped amethyst ring.



Finder: John R., Chicago, IL
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 14k woman's wedding band and 925 sterling silver man's ring, both found near a basketball court.



Finder: Rodney B., Stewart, OH
Using: *ACE 150*
Find: Rodney helped a neighbor out by searching for and recovering a long-lost gold family ring.



Finder: John S., Shelton, CT
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Six rings in a four-week period: four Sterling silver, one gold plate, and one gold/silver wire ring.

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October winners

Winner 1, U.S.

Finder: Thomas H. and his son C.J., Cincinnati, OH

Using: ACE 250 & ACE 150

Find: World War II U.S. Navy button and World War II German medal.



Winner 2, U.S.

Finder: John G., Anderson, SC

Using: AT Pro

Find: World War II Navy ring, found and returned.



International Winner

Finder: Joshua C., Ontario, Canada

Using: AT Pro

Find: WWII Sterling silver memorial bar



November winners

U.S. Winner

Finder: Mike M., Brookline, NH

Using: ACE 250

Find: Early 1800s Officer's Cap Plate



International Winner

Finder: Gal L., Romania

Using: ACE 350

Find: Celtic Jewelry Hoard



December winners

U.S. Winner

Finder: Heriberto C., New Haven, CT

Using: ACE 350

Find: Horseshoe plaque made by C.J. Hoag from 1880/1890 to commemorate G.A.R., the Grand Army of the Republic.



International Winner

Finder: Savvas C., Northumberland, UK

Using: EuroACE

Find: Hoard of 128 Silver Hammered Coins



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Thank you for the tremendous volume of great finds photos that you've been sending in. Because of this response to Vaughan's *AT Gold* giveaways, we simply can't publish all of the better finds in a timely manner.

But, stay tuned! We plan to include many of your finds in future issues. Thanks for your continued support of Garrett and congratulations on all the truly interesting finds!

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