

# THE GARRETT SEARCHER™



Spring 2010 Edition

Garrett Metal Detectors

## My Three “Be’s” of Treasure Hunting

Ask veteran treasure hunters for their keys to successful hunting and you are bound to hear all sorts of advice—some sound and some not so sound.

Lord knows I’ve imparted as much wisdom over the years as I could to help my fellow coin shooters and relic hunters find more of what they were seeking. If I was asked to boil down all of my treasure hunting advice into three key bullet points, I would have to simplify it as:

- Be prepared.
- Be persistent.
- Be patient.

I must admit that this sounds almost ridiculously simple but part of being successful in the field is preparing yourself before you set out. It means doing the right research to find those good places to hunt. It also means learning your detector thoroughly, using your headphones to hear those deep targets and carrying the right recovery tools.

Persistence and patience are equally necessary ingredients to success. For example, some of the old homesteads and historic areas you work may require you

to dig a certain amount of useless items to find those cherished artifacts.

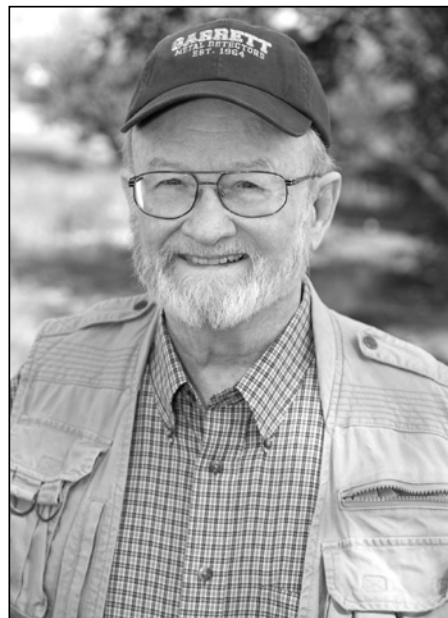
For decades, I have gone out prospecting and relic hunting with a special recovery tool that I have grown quite fond of. It has a sturdy digging blade for chopping through soil, clay and even small tree roots. Opposite from the blade is a rake head for sifting through sand and loose soil to find smaller treasure targets. The base end of the wood handle contains a magnet to clear ferrous junk metal from my

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I’ve enjoyed this recovery tool for so long that I finally decided to offer it to my customers. This new Garrett *Retriever* Digging Tool even includes a belt holster to keep it right by your side while you are searching.

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Don’t miss our other Spring Specials advertised in this *Garrett Searcher*. The price of gold continues to be at record high levels, making the Garrett *Scorpion Gold Stinger* package a smart buy. Also offered is an exceptional price on a kit that includes the ACE 250 metal detector, the Garrett PRO-



*Charles Garrett, master treasure hunter and author, offers basics for beginners.*

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POINTER, our new *ClearSound Easy Stow* headphones and the Garrett Detectorist's Backpack.

Your good treasure hunting preparation might include the new tips you learn from reading

one of our field guides. It might also include using a better recovery tool. It may be the peace of mind of knowing your new backpack contains everything you will need in the field.

Be prepared. Be persistent. Be patient. But don't be surprised when these "be's" help lead you to exciting new treasure!

*Charles Garrett*

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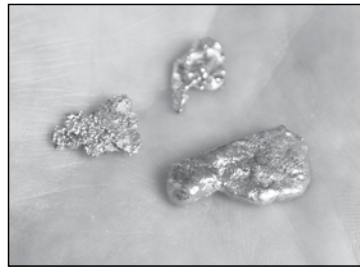
# Is There Gold in Arkansas? Believe it

Gold fever is powerful stuff. Just ask any prospector who has recovered a nice nugget—you become hooked on the hobby.

Such is the case with Bill F. of Arkansas, who has recently made some remarkable gold nugget recoveries in his home state. The first nugget he found in November was the largest, weighing in at 8.2 grams.

“People are amazed when they hear that I found gold in Arkansas,” Bill admits. “The Ouachita Mountains in Arkansas have been known to hold gold and silver but it’s just never been considered profitable to mine.” Gold rushes in the 1800s did not last long in Arkansas, a state better known today for other gemstones that can be found.

Bill took his gold nugget in to a gold specialist who tested it. “His acid tests showed that it



Bill F. recently visited the Garrett Museum to show the three gold nuggets he has found so far in Arkansas with his ACE 250.

was 18-plus karat gold.” Excited by the prospects, Bill purchased a set of Garrett Gravity Trap gold pans to add prospecting to his hobbies.

During December, he found two more gold nuggets of 1.3 and 1.5 grams with his ACE 250 within ten feet of his first nugget recovery. “They were actually not very deep because they were laying on a shale outcropping below the soil,” he

explained.

Bill bought his first detector in 1970 and has enjoyed searching for relics and coins as often as his spare time would allow. He is a Vietnam veteran, a helicopter pilot with 32 years of experience and a teacher. Ironically, recent heart troubles forced him to take a

leave from work and it has been during this spare time that he has been finding his gold.

“The ACE 250 is an excellent all-around machine,” says Bill. “I’ve used it for competition hunts and it is superb for pinpointing. I tell my friends that the ACE will achieve the same results as many high-end metal detectors.”

## Rare UK Treasures Found with ACE 250

The most important Iron Age find from Scotland in more than a century was made this fall by David Booth, who had purchased his new ACE 250 less than one week prior. The five gold “torc” necklaces— hoarded in the earth some 2,000 years ago—are expected to fetch David a very handsome finder’s fee from the National Museum of Scotland. (You can read more about David’s remarkable recovery in our new RAM book *European Metal Detecting Guide*. See page 7 of this *Searcher* for more details.)

David Booth and his rare Scottish treasures.



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## Garrett Users Win *PRO-POINTERS* in Vaughan Garrett's Favorite Find of the Month

Here are some of the recent winners. Visit [www.garrett.com](http://www.garrett.com) to submit your story. You could be the next winner!



### NOVEMBER 2009

Joseph P. of Waterbury, CT's find was Vaughan's winner for November. He cited the rarity, history, research, condition and difficult search conditions involved in Joseph's recovery of this 1926 brass badge.

"The badge I found is just a small piece of history of a once-mighty industrial city known for nearly 200 years as the 'Brass City,'" wrote Joseph. His research showed that the badge was created by one of Waterbury's great brass makers to celebrate a meeting between the chambers of commerce of two industrial cities.

"Many of the buttons people find with their Garrett detectors were made in Waterbury since the early 1800s by one of the great brass makers such as Scovill's and the Waterbury Button Co.," Joseph related.

### DECEMBER 2009

December's winner was Joseph D. from Raleigh, NC. While visiting his great uncle in southwestern Pennsylvania, Joseph asked to do some metal detecting on his old farm. "The property is a farm where he and his brothers were born and grew up," he related. "The farm dates back to the mid-1800s. The house where they were born is boarded up and overgrown but still standing."

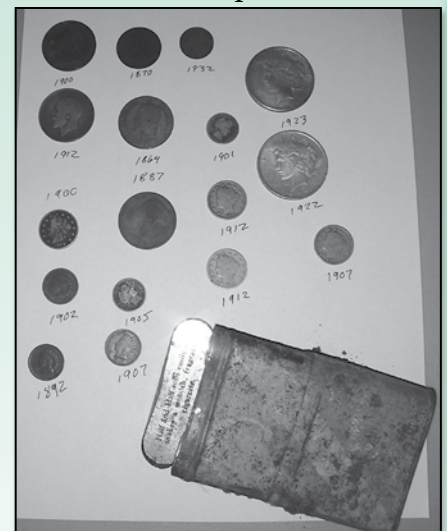
Joseph's great uncle related a story of how one of his brothers had a coin collection as a kid and they buried it like pirate treasure near their home. Many decades had passed since Joseph's relative had thought about this old coin cache.

Joseph spent hours searching all around the old homestead with an *ACE 150*. While most of his targets proved to be junk, he did find some coins in the front yard, including a few wheat cents and a 1932 Canada cent.

"That story of the buried coin collection kept me going," he admitted. At the back corner of the house, he picked up a strong signal six inches deep. After digging past a big piece of roofing slate and several roots, he hit something that sounded like tin. "I dug the hole wider and then pried out the object. My uncle, standing right on my heels looking over my shoulder, yelled, 'You found it!'"

"It looked to me like a rusted junk tin can. What I had found was an old Half & Half tobacco tin. It obviously had something inside of it because it had some weight to it."

The dates ranged from 1864 to 1923 and the coins included: two silver Peace dollars, two Barber dimes, four V nickels, three Indian Head pennies and some foreign coins including three French Napoleon coins.



*Joseph D. recovered this cache of coins, ranging from 1864 to 1923, that his great-uncles buried decades earlier.*

"It was my first cache. Looking at those coins and remembering burying them with his brother brought some tears to my uncle's eyes," wrote Joseph. "I told him I was happy to find them for him and he told me that they were now mine. He said it with a big smile on his face. Finder's keepers!"

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Keep submitting your stories! There are more **PRO-POINTERS** to give away.

# Gallery of Garrett Finds

Hawaii

## Infinium Cleans up on Underwater Rings

Kenneth D. of Hawaii shared these photos of some of the many rings he recovered in 2009 with his *Infinium LS* detector along Hawaii's coastlines. On two occasions, he found nine rings each day. Kenneth is wearing



his gold and silver rings shown in two of the photos above.

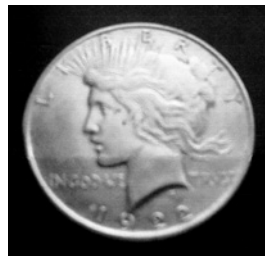
South Carolina



## Gold and Silver Jewelry

Janice P. of Anderson, SC is amassing quite a collection of fine jewelry with her *ACE 250*. Among her recoveries seen in this photo are a 20" Italian 925 silver chain and an 18k gold horseshoe-shaped ring.

Wisconsin

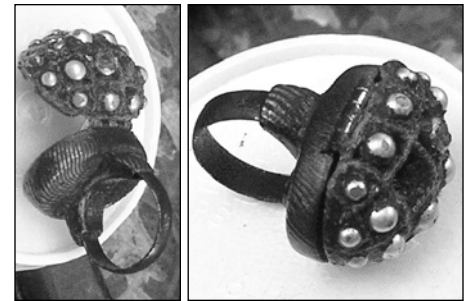


## 1922 Peace Dollar

Congratulations to 14-year-old Brandon S. of Arpin, Wisconsin for his recent good fortune in finding this 1922 Peace Dollar. Brandon recovered this good condition silver coin in his own yard with his *ACE 250*.

Iowa

## Rare Scent Ring



Rick H. of Cedar Rapids, IA participated in a historical dig in his home state where he used his *GTP 1350*. "I was running in the All-Metal Mode when I found this scent ring," Rick related. "This was a very nice ring because it opened up and every catch was still working. This scent ring also has other names such as snuff ring or poison ring."

## Walking Liberties



Jeff's first Walking Liberty half dollar.

Jeff O. shared this photo of his first Walking Liberty silver 50-cent piece found with his *ACE 250*. "Everyone who has unearthed a silver coin knows that feeling you get when you find one," said Jeff.

Returning to the same area two weeks later, Jeff found a 1937 Liberty half dollar about 20 feet from his first find!



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Poland



Domenico S. of Poland found this badge of the infantry regiment of general field marshal Prince Saltykov with his *GTP 1350* and sold it for 750 euros (more than \$1,000 U.S.).

# New RAM Book on European Treasure Hunting

The latest offering from Garrett's RAM Books division is a title that features the fabulous treasures of Europe which are unearthed by detectorists. Written by Garrett staffer Steve Moore, *European Metal Detecting Guide* features the tips, techniques and treasures of dozens of successful European metal detectorists.

While Garrett metal detectors have been popular in European countries for decades, this book is the first RAM title to focus exclusively on the treasures that make this hobby so popular.

Americans who plan to travel to Europe can learn about treasure laws of each country and how to participate in rallies. Chapters on hunting tips and detector and searchcoil basics are relevant

**Length: 324 pages, more than 400 color photos**

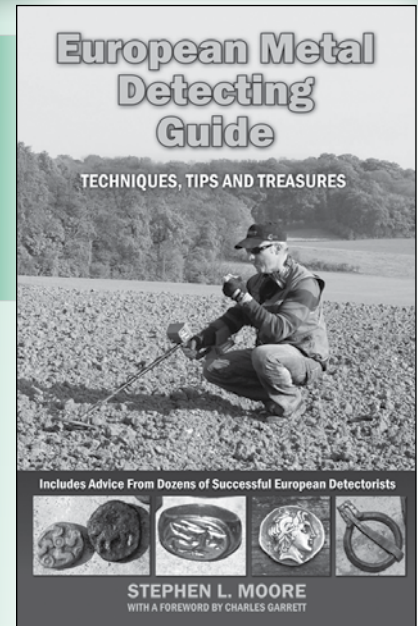
**Size: 5.5" x 8.5"**

**Price: \$18.95**

**Part No: 1562100**

for treasure hunters of any country.

The detectorists who share their techniques in this book range from Charles Garrett to David Booth—the latter a new ACE 250 detectorist who found a rare hoard of gold jewelry in Scotland in November 2009.



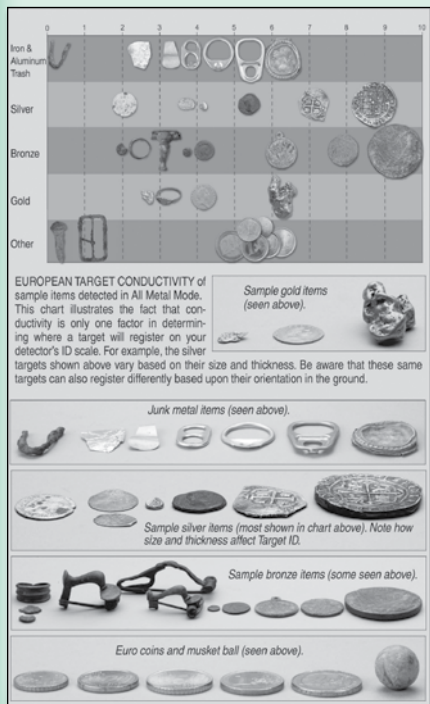
## Highlights include:

- Metal detector and searchcoil basics
- European treasure laws by country
- Hunting tips and treasure recovery techniques
- Sections on searching for coins, caches, jewelry, military artifacts and more
- More than 400 color photos of European treasures and detectorists in the field
- Detailed tips for prospecting and sand and surf detecting
- Bibliography
- Information on European rallies and detecting clubs
- Metal detectors and archaeology
- Cleaning and preservation of coins and artifacts



(Above) Scottish detectorist David Booth found these rare 2,000-year-old gold necklaces with his ACE 250 on his first hunt. Early estimates are that the Scottish government may compensate David as much as \$1.5 million for the value of his important discovery!

(Left) This sample page from *European Metal Detecting Guide* discusses target conductivity. It illustrates how items made of the same material (i.e. gold, silver or bronze) can register differently on a detector's Target ID scale based upon their size, thickness and ground orientation.



## Missouri

Garry H. from Republic, MO, sent this photo of his finds during his first 70 days with a new Garrett ACE 150 metal detector.



Roger L. found this box of ten sterling silver medallions in the wall of an old cabin.

## Idaho

**Cabin Cache**

Roger L. of Chubbuck, Idaho advises others to check out all good "hits" that register on your detector. He recently hunted with his *GTI 2500* in the mountains along the Idaho/Wyoming state lines and came upon an old, dilapidated cabin.

"I started checking the walls that were left and after about

ten minutes, I got a good hit," he related. "I took off a few boards and found a wood box, all sealed up and nailed shut."

Inside the wooden box, Roger found a smaller Masonic box with ten sterling silver medallions, proofs of the 11th through 20th years of the International Fraternal Commemorative Society, No. 2228."

## Delaware

## Faithful Steward Half Penny



John C. of Pittsville, MD is proof that persistence pays off. Since purchasing his *ACE 250*, he has had great luck along the Atlantic Coast so he decided to test it at a well-worked beach.

The passenger ship *Faithful Steward* was bound from Ireland to Philadelphia in 1785, when it was wrecked in a storm along the coast near Indian River Inlet, Delaware. Among the

ship's cargo were 400 barrels of English half pennies and gold rose guineas.

"I had recently become very interested in finding shipwreck items," John related. "As we all have heard of 'Coin Beach' in Delaware, I had been going there with little to no luck. So, after speaking to a few of the locals who are into treasure hunting they almost had me convinced that the beach was hunted out."

Undeterred, John visited Coin Beach with his *ACE 250* and a 9x12" searchcoil to try his luck. "As soon as I hit the beach I was shocked to find an Indian head penny and a few

fishing sinkers. Then, to my amazement, I had a very solid hit. After two scoops with my sand scoop, there it was—an English half penny dated 1775 from the wreck of the *Faithful Steward*.

"I couldn't contain myself! The sea cliff that was cut into the beach made the beach only about three to four feet wide and another person with a different brand detector had just gone over this area five minutes before. Thank you for putting the effort into making a great machine. I am looking forward to getting a *Sea Hunter* so I can start working the surf looking for more wreck treasure."



New Zealand



Not all of us are as fortunate as Des from New Zealand to have such beautiful scenery where we treasure hunt (left). Des, who owns a Garrett GTI 1500 detector, recommends using Internet forums for advice and knowledge from seasoned detectorists. (Above) Naval buckle and coins found by Des in New Zealand.

Maryland



**Key Date Coin Found**

This rare 1877 Indian Head penny was found by Richard M. of Easton, MD using an ACE 250. "The feeling you get when you pull a key date coin is amazing," Richard wrote shortly after his September 2009 recovery. "I'm still shaking and it's been days." His 1877 Indian Head Cent—the second lowest mintage date in the series—was resting on a tree root only about two inches under the surface.

Mississippi



These two World War I brass relics were found by David H. of Natchez, MS using an ACE 250. At left is a Mississippi National Guard collar button and at right is a World War I General Service button.

Belgium

**Bronze Age Axes**

Dejardin D. from Belgium made a discovery in July which is regarded as an archaeological treasure in his country. Using his ACE 250, he found five Bronze Age votive axes which are estimated to be as old as 2000 BC.



Illinois



**Good Luck Charm Found**

Sixteen years after losing his good luck charm, a 1976 bicentennial quarter, Andy O. from Silvis, IL found it again with an ACE 250.

"I was so happy," Andy said. "I attached it to a lighter I have that I carry with me at all times on a chain. I feel like I got my luck back. To some it might just be a quarter but to me it's much more. I am hooked on Garrett detectors for life."

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Ohio



### “My Pride and Joy”

Justin G. often brings along his ACE 250 on the weekends when he visits his parents in Galloway, Ohio. He enjoys metal detecting with his dad John, a 15-year hunting veteran.

His best find to date came during one of his 2009 outings with his father on a farm field near their home. After finding “rusty farm equipment and some musket balls” after hours of searching, Justin was about ready to call it quits for the day.

Then “my detector made a perfect silver sound” and he quickly retrieved an 1838 “O” Liberty Seated dime. “This coin is my pride and joy,” Justin related. “It’s the reason why I get up each morning and smile at my ACE 250. I can for sure say that I will be metal detecting for the rest of my life.”



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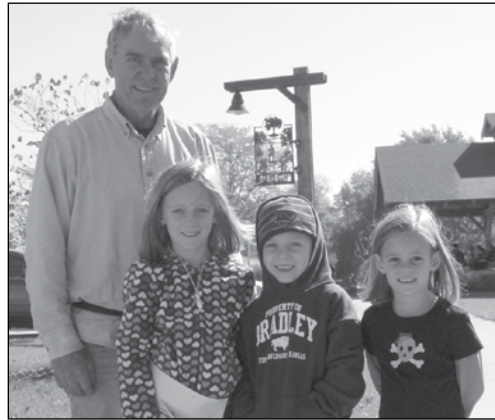
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New York

## Pro-Pointer-on-a-Stick



Lloyd D. with his granddaughters Morgan (second from left) and Hannah and their friend Evan (center).

At right, Morgan shows her improvised Pro-Pointer-on-a-stick detector.



tried to convince the oldest granddaughter to use the GTAx 550 but she thought it was too heavy.

“I had received a Garrett Pro-Pointer earlier this year and was so impressed with the power and distance that objects could be detected from that I have not hunted without it. Morgan had watched me use the Pro-Pointer and decided that she wanted it for her detector. So, with some blue painter’s masking tape and a broom handle extension I made a detector for her. It worked well, and she found more coins and tokens than her sister or their friend. I overheard adults commenting positively on the setup and on the fact that the Pro-Pointer detected so well. Except for the fact that there is no discrimination, it is a great detector! Now I may have lost my Pro-Pointer also!

“We now have four new treasure hunters enjoying the hobby and the friend wants to upgrade his detector as well, all because of Garrett detectors. Thank you!”

Lloyd D. of Lewiston, NY recently created a special metal detector for his granddaughter using a Garrett Pro-Pointer. He explains:

“My daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters are stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. I decided to incorporate the October FMDAC hunt in Olathe, KS into a visit with the family. While visiting, we had a chance to hunt on a friend’s property so I gave my son-in-law Tom a Garrett GTAx 550 to use. In the hour or so that we hunted we found a few musket balls and buttons. That got him hooked and I lost my detector to him in the process.

“I had planned on taking the two granddaughters, ages 6 and 5 to the FMDAC kid’s hunt so I had two kid’s detectors for them. They invited a neighbor boy, whose father is deployed, to go along with them but that made us one detector short. I

Canada

## Jewelry "Killer"



John Bortscher from Canada continues to rake in the jewelry with his *Scorpion Gold Stinger*. This season's best finds (above) include six gold rings, one gold bracelet, and numerous silver rings. "Don't overlook the *Scorpion Stinger*," John advises. "It's a killer with coins and jewelry."

Wyoming



## Wyoming Relics

"It was a dream come true," recalled Linda W. of Mountain View, Wyoming, when her uncle said that she and her husband could metal detect his historic ranch. "This area is noted for

the Overland Stage, the Pony Express, the Mormon Trail, the 49ers' original trail and many more people who traveled west. Many of these folks stopped here in our area to stay a day or more, getting ready for the next adventure

westward."

Linda, armed with an *ACE 250* and her new Garrett *Pro-Pointer*, is now "in digger's heaven" with all of the historic items she and her husband are recovering.



## More From Canada

For his first season of metal detecting, Ed A. from Glenavon, Saskatchewan, Canada netted 2,168 coins, two gold rings, a

(Left) A sampling of some of Ed's favorite *GTI 2500* finds from 2009.



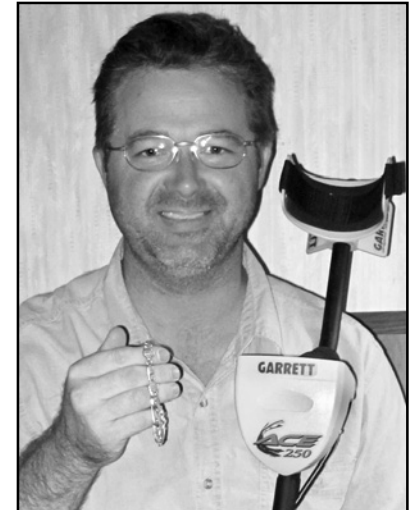
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Mississippi



Beginning treasure hunter Alan L. of Carriere, MS is all smiles after finding this .925 silver bracelet on the beach with his *ACE 250*. "I'm hooked!" Alan proclaimed.

gold man's bracelet and several silver rings among his many finds. "I absolutely love my *GTI 2500* and was so convinced of this that I became a Garrett dealer, exclusively" he related. "Other brands need not apply!"

Pennsylvania

### GTI 1500 Finds Pieces of American History



Steve A. (left) holds his Army eagle seal pin (below) found in Pennsylvania with his GTI 1500.



Steve A. from Butler, PA was excited to find two nice pieces of American history while searching with his GTI 1500 in the area where the original Bantam Company made the first U.S. Army jeeps. The first was a 1938 Dick Tracy "Air Detective" bracelet depicting an airplane in an old shield. The other was an eagle hat pin with an Army emblem.

Maryland

## 22k Gold!

James H. found this gold plaque in the yard of the oldest house in Catonsville, Maryland with a Garrett Grand Master Hunter III. He obtained permission from the president of the local historical society by returning a unique set of keys he found while hunting around a flea market site one day.



James H. found this 22k gold plaque and recently sold it for \$1,385.

The trade-off worked in his favor, for when James had this 1920 plaque evaluated, it was found to be a 22k gold, 52-gram artifact. He was able to track down the family and even

offered them the plaque. They declined and James was able to turn a nice profit with the recent upswing in gold prices: he sold the plaque for \$1,385.

Montana

### Fairground Finds



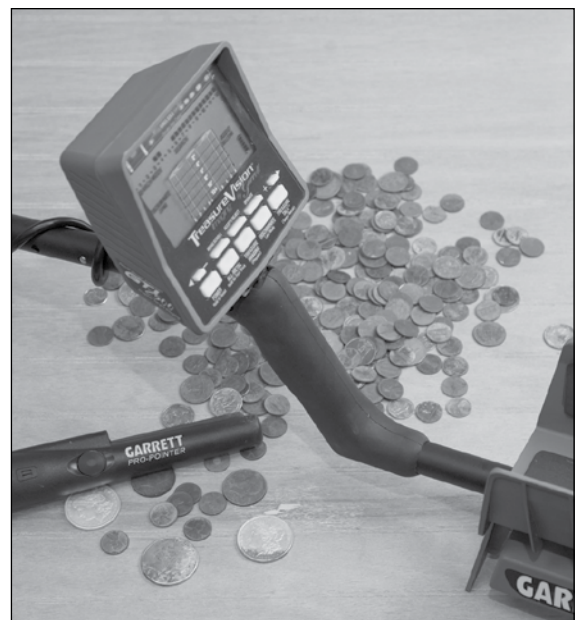
Bill Abbott shows some of the early silver coins he located at an old fairground while on vacation in Montana.



my GTI 2500's imaging to see if an object was coin-sized or not."

Among the more interesting coins Bill came away with were three silver dollars, two Kennedy half dollars, four Mercury dimes, six wheaties, one Lebanese coin and several Canadian dollar coins.

Bill Abbott decided to make the most of his downtime on a recent motor home trip. He searched around an old fairground in Haure, Montana. He went behind an old building from the 1930s and began finding silver money.

"There was quite a bit of junk metal around the old fairground," said Bill. "I went real slow over the area and used



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# TWO WAYS TO EARN FREE GARRETT GEAR

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Every time a personal treasure hunting story is submitted, I become excited for the treasure hunter who made it happen. Each story has elements of excitement, expertise, effort, emotion, and sometimes just plain ol' good fortune. Well, in an effort to highlight my favorite discovery, I have created a monthly column simply called, "Vaughan Garrett's Favorite Find of the Month."

Vaughan Garrett's Favorite Find of the Month is selected from all entries received during the previous calendar month.

Each month I will select MY favorite find, selected from the testimonials which are sent in by Garrett treasure hunters world-wide. My criteria will be based on what excites ME the most. It may be a great find, a great story, a great photograph, a great history lesson, or maybe just great heart-felt emotion.

**The winner of "Vaughan Garrett's Favorite Find of the Month" will receive a free Garrett PRO-POINTER!** This is my way of saying thanks to the person or persons who took the time to get out there, discover that treasure and submit their story to Garrett. Each month my column will be presented on the [www.garrett.com](http://www.garrett.com) website and also in *The Garrett Searcher*. Happy hunting and good fortune!

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## Testimonial Thank-You Gifts for Everyone!



Our way of saying thanks...If we choose to run your treasure photos or stories in the *Garrett Searcher*, we will send you a thank-you gift. Such items might include a Charles Garrett book, a Garrett shirt or cap, or even a new PRO-POINTER!

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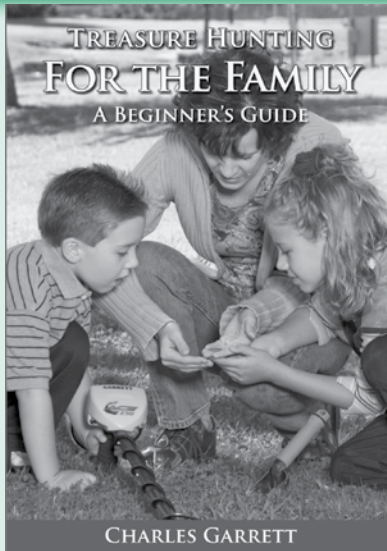
Vaughan's favorite find this month was the long-lost class ring which was returned to its original owner after 32 years in the ground. "I am proud of treasure hunter Larry G. who tracked down the owner and presented it to him in person rather than keeping it for himself," Garrett stated.

Larry stated that "finding the ring's owner was the highlight of my treasure hunting hobby!" His daughter helped track down Paul, the ring's owner through the Internet. Paul stated that the return of his ring meant the world to him. He added, "With all that's going on that's bad in the world right now, it gives me hope and faith that things are going to be OK."



Larry D. returned this 1977 class ring to its owner after finding it with his Master Hunter metal detector.

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## Garretts Carry the Torch for the Vancouver Olympics

Charles and Eleanor Garrett were recently honored by being asked to be among the first runners to help carry the Olympic torch. With Eleanor leading and then passing the flame to her husband Charles, the Garretts carried the torch more than 600 yards across Vancouver Island.

Garrett Metal Detectors was an Official Supplier of the 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver and supplied more than 900 walk-through and hand-held metal detection products. Since 1984's Los Angeles Summer Games, Garrett has supplied security products for almost every one of the Olympic Games.



*(Above) Eleanor and Charles Garrett with the Vancouver torch. (Below) Vice President Vaughan Garrett passes the flame to Bob Podhrasky, Senior Vice President and Director of Engineering.*



Missouri

## Father-Daughter Search Team Find Fun and Coins

"I have found a new love for the metal detecting hobby," wrote Steve N. of Jackson, MO. "It is not always about the big rings or old coins but the love of the time spent just enjoying it.

"My daughter Becki has C.P. and only has the use of her left arm and hand. She uses a power wheelchair and is limited where she can travel. But nothing stops her. Saturday morning if the



*Steve N. with his daughter Becki and some of the many coins found with their ACE 250.*

weather will let us, we go out with the ACE 250 and I swing and she listens. That belltone on the ACE lets her holler out at me, "DAD, that's money, digger it up."



"She has been very lucky as the pictures show. Although almost everything is clad we have found some other cool pieces and they have been bagged separately."

## Stooping and Scooping

**UK-based guest writer John Howland reports on a burgeoning trend in the world of metal detecting**

There's a refreshing wind gusting across treasure hunting's High Plains and it's blowing a new kind of enthusiast straight to Garrett's front door. These New-Kids-On-The-Block (or more correctly, Old Kids), are recently-retired, independently minded, discerning folk, who are up for some healthy outdoor exercise combined with an absorbing hobby to soak away their newly-found leisure time. Treasure hunting with a metal detector is the new *El Dorado*.

Typical of this welcome new phenomena is Jack Dey, 73, who after several years on the High Seas, finally "swallowed the anchor" and formed a successful light construction business in the English coastal town of Bournemouth, where he now resides with his wife Carol. Both are well-respected fund-raising members of the local community and Jack is a Past Master of his Masonic Lodge. Early in 2009, he bought a Garrett ACE 250. "I always had a hankering for treasure hunting after watching the locals on our beaches," he says, "I always wondered what they were finding. Now, thanks to this ACE 250 I know!"



*Beach hunting enthusiast Jack Dey points to his ACE 250's searchcoil to show feature writer John Howland his techniques.*

*In the photo above, Jack shows how he uses his searchcoil to make an imprint in the sand above his pinpointed target.*

So what's his take on Garrett's easy-to-use, "One-Touch" claims? "I spent the first few days simply reading and re-reading the handbook and following the DVD that came with the Sports Pack," he tells me. "Then, when I felt reasonably confident, I went down to my local beach and set to work. It was easier than I imagined." That first day with

his new ACE 250, he picked up two heavy silver bracelets and an amethyst/diamond chip, 9-carat gold ring (The photograph of these finds are featured on Garrett's website.)

Since this first glorious beach debut, he's matured into an ace coin shooter with spendable finds running to the equivalent of several hundred dollars and

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Essex, England

## Rally Ring



Gilan Ann W. from Basildon in Essex, England became hooked on metal detecting after her first rally in October 2009. During a January 2010 rally in Sawbridgeworth, she found an impressive ring with her Garrett ACE 150.

"Soon word got round that a female with an ACE 150 had found a really nice ring," she laughed. "Some of the members think the ring is probably silver or white gold and may even be from the 1600s or 1700s. As yet, I haven't had it examined. This has proven one thing in my eyes—you don't have to have the most expensive machine."

Texas

## 1350 User is "On Cloud 9"



More than 20 years after losing his prized 14k gold and diamond ring, Brooks H. of Dallas "finally broke down and bought a Garrett GTP 1350." He began to explore around his back yard in his spare time, hoping to find where he might have lost the expensive ring.

He was about to give up at dusk one night in January. "I had already decided to quit twice but metal detecting is like Fritos—you just can't quit once you get started," he admitted. Persistence paid off as Brooks found the ring under the dripline of some old shrubs.

Rhode Island

## Inaugural Button



*This 1789 pin was found by an ACE 250 user in January 2010.*

Terry C. from N. Kinkstown, Rhode Island wrote that he had been "chomping at the bit to get out and do some detecting." He finally took his ACE 250 out in a cold rain on January 20 to work a spot that had been productive in the past.

His second target turned out to be "a once in a lifetime find. About 5" down out pops what I thought was a large piece of copper. I carefully wiped off a little dirt to see the GW in the oval." Terry immediately knew that he had found a rare 1789 George Washington inaugural pin which he has seen on auction sites fetching high prices.

Stoopin' (cont.)

all in addition to a respectable haul of rings and thin-section gold and silver chains. Is there a particular wisdom behind his success? "Well, I look at the beach and decide where the people were most likely sitting, and that's where I hunt. It's like an angler weighing-up where the fish are lying," he explains, adding that, "I work carefully to a grid pattern. On one occasion I recovered 31, £1-coins [\$49 U.S.] in just a few minutes from such a grid."

What advice does he have for newcomers experiencing target

location problems? "Oh, it's a breeze with this [ACE 250]. I pinpoint the target, then lower the searchcoil onto the soft sand making an imprint, and the target is always there [pointing to the inner segment of the coil]. Then it's just a matter of Stoop and Scoop!"

For most of his beachcombing sorties, he opts for the larger 9"x12" coil (included with the Sports Pack). "I like the extra depth the larger coil gives me, but this brings the problems that deeper holes and increased amounts of excavated sand from those holes bring. Locating the

smaller valuable targets, such as gold earrings, takes time as these often fall through the holes in the sand scoop. And my back is getting no younger!"

So what in his estimation makes a successful treasure hunter? "Patience," he says. "And anglers coming into treasure hunting, like me, have that patience. I have to say though, that since taking up the hobby, with all the sea air and exercise, I feel much, much, fitter. I should have bought a Garrett metal detector years ago," he says with a wide grin and patting his finds pouch!



Texas / Arkansas

**Rare 1922 "Plain Cent"**



John Wammack shows his rare 1922 plain cent, a coin which was minted without the traditional initial of the mint.

"A big find turns up when you least expect it!" recounts John Wammack, a long-time detectorist. A Garrett dealer in Arkansas, John originally became a dealer in the 1960s through the company of Ray Smith, the brother of Garrett co-founder Eleanor Garrett.

While in Texas on a detecting trip, John recently found a rare 1922 "plain cent." This particular coin is sought by collectors because the usual "D" initial for the Denver mint is missing. "Not bad for a few hours detecting," says John.

Texas



Christmas 2009 came early for Glenn of San Angelo, TX when he found this 1851 gold coin with his GTP 1350 while hunting a late 1800s settlement on December 20.

North Carolina

**Old Wives' Tale?**



Curt submitted this image of his January 1, 2010 finds with his GTI 2500. He hopes the rest of this year's hunts go just as well. He adds, "Oh, and by the way, I did have black-eyed peas, collard greens, fat back, cornbread and country ham for lunch today."

"There's an old wives tale that says whatever you do on the first day of the New Year is what you'll do the most throughout the rest of the year," wrote Curt H. of Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

"Well, if that is the case I look forward to metal detecting with my good friends and finding many silver coins in 2010!"

During his first hunt of 2010 with his GTI 2500, Curt dug a ring and 16 coins which included five Wheat cents, two silver Mercury dimes, one 1964 silver Roosevelt dime and a 1966 Kennedy half dollar.

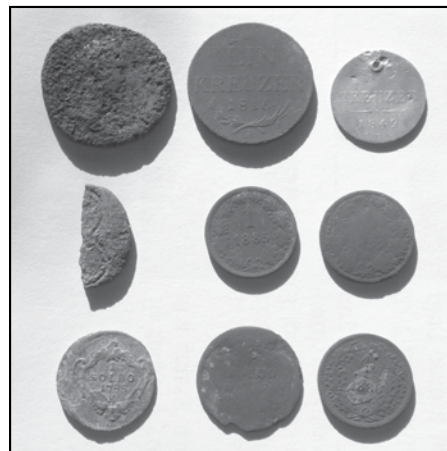
Mississippi

**Best Finds to Date**

Bobby T. of Florence, MS shared his best finds to date with his GTI 2500. They include Civil War minie balls, a heel plate, a Louisiana buckle and a Victorian lipstick tube.



Slovenia



Jose P. of Metlika, Slovenia found these coins, many from the 1700s and 1800s, with his ACE 250.

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Texas

## Two Caches are Better Than One

Story contributed by Jerry Eckhart of Cisco, Texas

At first, I thought something was wrong when Vance Gwinn laid down the *GTI 1500* I was letting him field test and just starting walking around. He didn't say a word, but motioned me over. I noticed his hand was clenched tightly and his mouth was moving but nothing came out. As I came up to him, he opened his fist to reveal a silver dollar. "I gotta get me one of these," he said.

Vance wasn't referring to the coin, but to the metal detector. He had been interested in the Garrett *GTI 1500* and I was letting him field test it over an old site. Vance was no beginner to metal detecting. He had at least 20 years of hunting with all types of metal detecting experience under his belt. Although he was familiar with most of those on the market, he knew this one was different.

We spent the rest of the afternoon comparing the *GTI 1500* to his current detector, with the result being that the *1500* gave audible signals where the other one did not. The *GTI 1500* found coins out at depths even I did not know it would reach. The end result was that he did not buy a Garrett *GTI 1500*. Instead, he bought the *GTI 2500*. Was that the end of the story? Nope! It was just the beginning.

Vance bought his new detector a few days before Christmas 2009 and went back to the same location to try it out. Hours later, the phone rang. "I just found a cache," he announced, "With my new detector by the way."



The following morning, he showed up with a big grin on his face and a can of coins in his hand. He told how he got a signal that did not react like a single coin, but neither did it act like trash. When in doubt, dig it has always been a good motto, and in this case, it proved out.

The can holding the coins was about the size of a Prince Albert tobacco can, but made of a heavier metal. It was painted olive drab and appeared to be a military item. The can was buried about ten inches deep and was inside a larger can which was almost rusted away.

I could hear the jingle of coins as Vance laid it on my counter. He popped the lid open and coins spilled all over the counter. There were 45 coins, with the majority of them being foreign. They were mostly German, Swiss and French. I was a little disappointed that they were not U.S. until I saw that three of the



Vance Gwinn (above) poses with the two caches he has recently found with his *GTI 2500*. (Below) This smaller mini cache in a lady's compact case contained seven coins from the early 20th century.



French coins were dated in the 1930s and WERE GOLD! There was also a 24-inch gold chain.

All we could figure was that someone brought back the coins after World War II, gave them to his child who then buried them. Were it not for the *2500* and its extraordinary capabilities, Vance would have ignored this signal. He said there was just something about it that prompted him to dig.

It may seem anti-climactic but each day, as Vance learns more about this amazing metal

# Local Clubs Hunt Historic Texas Ranch



Robert Jordan (left) displays his day's haul of six musket balls, a coin and an arrowhead. (Above) Robert found the arrowhead in the ground beside this ball which he dug. (Above, right) James Ford dug this 1907 Liberty Head nickel eight inches deep near an old homestead on the property.



(Above photos) Steve Moore with musketball he has just retrieved with his Garrett Pro-Pointer. (Below) Joe Wilson with his first find of the day.



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detector, his finds increase. Since his cache find, Vance has found another silver dollar, four rings and a number of other coins, all in supposedly hunted-out places. A few days after Christmas, during one of the warmer days, Vance called again. "I found a

mini cache today."

This was getting to be too much. This second mini cache was secreted inside a two inch diameter ladies compact, and held four V-nickels, a Barber dime and two Indian Head pennies. Not much, but it just goes to prove that goodies are still out there and the increased

capabilities of the Garrett GTI 2500 will not let them escape.

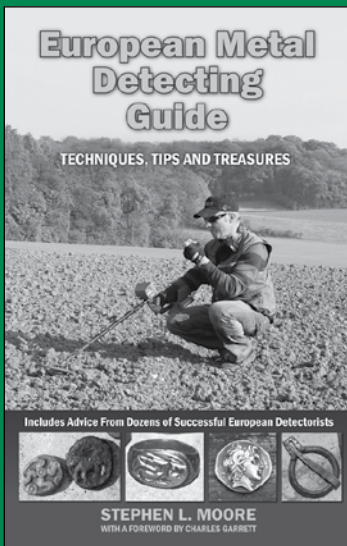
The same so-called "hunted out" areas continue to produce for the 1500 as I work along Mr. Gwinn. Although I have found buffalo nickels, Mercury dimes and bunches of Wheat pennies, the next cache has eluded me.



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