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RELIC ROUND UP FEATURES DICK STOUT

On December 17, 2012, Relic Roundup, a call in internet radio show for diggers and collectors of Americas Heritage, hosted by Butch Holcombe (*American Digger Magazine*), Dwayne Anderson & Jeff Lubbert, featured Dick Stout and the topic **Detectorists working together.**

Dick Stout is a long time coin and treasure hunter, a founding member of the FMDAC (Federation of Metal Detector and Archeological clubs) and he has also worked for Garrett and Whites.

The show began with Dick relating how he started out as a coin collector, saw advertisements for metal detectors and bought his first, a Coinmaster in the 1970s.

Once he started finding coins, like all of us, he pretty much became addicted.

There weren't too many detectorists out there back then, and he went on to start the Mid Jersey Metal Detecting Club. They put an ad in the classifieds and started out with about 10 people in the late 70s, and the club is still going strong.

The FMDAC was started because of criticisms toward the metal detecting community from archeologists.

When asked by Butch Holcombe, the shows host, "What do you think is the future for the pastime of metal detecting?" Dick responded that he is "optimistic because there are enough people now in metal detecting to keep it active".

He also said that we need to "stop groveling to the archaeologists", and to "promote the pastime". The clubs need to get together and spend some money to have one voice speak for us.

One of the callers, Mark, the new president of the FMDAC related how in the new year one of their goals is to get the metal detector manufacturers together to help in the fight for our rights. He also mentioned the Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights. The Task Force is still going strong, and there is a lot going on behind the scenes.

It was also mentioned that fighting for our rights is a full time job. From my personal experience with those active in the Task Force, listening to stories from detectorists around the country, who are seeking help when their rights are being taken away; fighting for our rights truly is a full time job. Unfortunately, there seems to be a shortage of funds and full time volunteers.

The message is clear— **We cannot afford to be passive about this!** More and more sites are becoming "off limits" to detectorists. Slowly our rights are being taken away, and we need work together as a community and back these organizations that fight for us. Together we can make a difference. Support the Task Force, Support the FMDAC, make a donation, write a letter, send an email, get involved. If you're reading this, chances are, it affects you.

You can hear a recording of this relic roundup, if you go to their website www.therelicroundup.blogspot.com and clic on show archives.

Relic roundup airs Monday nights at 9:00pm EST. It is a call in show, and your participation is encouraged. The number is (678)439-1863. ~by Allyson Cohen

Be sure to check out Dick Stout's website
www.stoutstandards.com



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BEST O' NORTH EAST TREASURE & PROSPECTORS WEEK # 20

APRIL 25, 26, 27 & 28, 2013

BONE 20 National Raffle 1st place prize is choice of either a Minelab E-Trac metal detector or a Minelab underwater Excalibur II metal detector

Send any fees, cover charges, raffle tickets, etc. to BONE 20, 307 Main St., Marlborough, NH 03455, if questions call Streeter's 1-603-876-4443

April 25 9:30 to 5:00pm BONE Natural Hunt at location to be announced. \$30 entry fee. Trophies for best finds & door prizes

7:00pm Chinese dine out

April 26 9:30 to 5:00pm Minelab sponsored Natural Hunt at location to be announced.. \$30 entry fee. Trophy for best finds and door prizes.

April 26 1:pm -to 4:pm Set up for Saturday hobby show, set up tables, table cover, chairs & BONE, PTHHS & Streeter booths@ Keene Rec, 312 Washington St., Keene, NH

April 26, 2013 6:pm - 7:30pm Social prior to Roast Pork dinner at Italian Club, 90 Wood St., Keene, NH
7:30pm introductions and Roast Pork Banquet \$20 each Lance Comfort will share some thoughts & door prizes, including a metal detector Jean Wrisley needs volunteer help in Kitchen at Italian club, if can help tell Streeter 603876-4443

April 27, 7:am last minute set-up for hobby show

8:30am to 4:00pm Treasure Hunters & Prospectors Hobby show at Keene Recreation Center, 312 Washington St., Keene, NH . \$5 Admittance 15 free

a Best Finds and Gold panning contest , 8-10 work shops on Minelab & Garrett, prospecting & treasure hunting

Silent Auction for St Jude Children's Research Hospital & the U.S. Wounded Warrior Project & winners drawn 3: to 4:pm

3pm to 5pm pack up, stack chairs & tables, load truck, unload tuck at Streeter's & return rental truck

April 27, Saturday night social hour & Hall of Fame Banquet at Italian Club, 90 Wood St., Keene, NH
Speakers, entertainment, awards, & door prizes including a metal detector

Jeannie Wrisley needs volunteer help in Kitchen at Italian club, if can help tell Streeter 603876-4443)

April 28, 2013 Sunday, Mark Sutcliffe Memorial Planted metal detector Hunt. 9:30 to 10:30 register at Hunt Site on Frost Hill Rd. in Marlborough, NH. Prizes are \$2,500 in coins buried along with 10 tokens worth a minimum of \$100 & following hunt a drawing for hunters for \$1,000 of treasures.

Drawing for BONE national raffle

Clean & pack up & go home

\$10 fee if any one wants to stay and hunt for left over buried coins

Monday = \$20.00 If enough are interested, a volunteer may take a group for a private property hunt

if you see a mistake contact George Streeter 1-603-876-4443

East Coast Research and Discovery Association

Presents

Four at the Shore Hunt @ Ocean City, NJ

Continue the tradition with ECRDA Hunts:

**ON THE BEACH AT
THE MUSIC PIER @ OCEAN CITY, NJ
SATURDAY & SUNDAY MAY 18TH AND 19TH, 2013**

SATURDAY MAY 18TH

**Adult Prize Hunt
Kids Hunt
Lunch Provided
Adult Prize Hunt
FREE Early Registration Gold Hunt
8:00 AM- 4:00 PM**

SUNDAY MAY 19TH

**Adult Prize Hunt
Gold & Silver Hunt
Lunch Provided
Adult Prize Hunt
8:00 AM-3:00 PM**

Early Registration fee per person – \$95 /day, 2 day Special fee \$175 if paid by December 1, 2012 (includes buffet lunch and 3 adult hunts each day) and includes GOLD Hunt on Saturday.

Regular Registration Postmarked by March 16th, 2013. \$110 Sat \$110 Sun- Both days \$200

Walk on Registration (After May 1) Per Day \$125 Sat. \$125 Sun. Kids Hunt \$4 (2-8 years old) & (9-13 years old)

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS TO E.C.R.D.A.

To receive confirmation of payment enclose a self addressed stamped envelope with your registration form and payment. 100% of all registration fees go toward hunt.

Children's hunt fee per person - \$4 (children must be accompanied by an adult registered for all metal hunt)

* Adults assisting kids will be entered in special gold raffle.

Top prizes include: Mine Lab E- Track & Whites V-3 top of the line metal detectors, silver and gold coins and special prizes for the kids hunt

View photos of last year's hunt at ECRDA.net or find us on Face Book at East Coast Research & Discovery Association (ECRDA). Questions call Joe Jorgensen @ (973) 839-8031

Mail Registration form and payment to:

Art Pearson

ECRDA 2013 Hunt

PO Box 46

Mt. Freedom, NJ 07970-0046



WHERE TO GET YOUR METAL DETECTING PERMITS

City of New York Parks & Recreation
 Arsenal North
 1234 Fifth Ave. Room 213
 New York, NY 10029
 Contact: (212)360-2778

Requires copy of your states driver license
 Fee: Free

The Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
 Taconic Region
 Staatsburg, NY 12580
 Contact: (845)889-4100
 Fee: \$10.00
 Area: Lake Taghkanic, Rudd Pond & Canopus Beach

NY State Offices of Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation
 Central Region
 6105 East Seneca Turnpike
 Jamesville NY 13078-9516
 Contact: 315-492-1756
 Fee: Unknown if any

Permit Section
 Bear Mountain, NY 10911-0427
 Contact: 845-786-2701
 Fee \$20.00
 Area: Harriman State Park - Lakes: Sebago, Welch & Tiorati

Long Island State Park Region Beaches
 Permit Office
 PO Box 247
 Babylon, NY 11702
 Contact: 631-669-1000 ext. 223
 Fee \$20.00

MEETINGS FOR 2013

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of most months at 7:00PM.
 We hold our meetings at the Catacomb room @ Saint Maurice Church, 358 Glenbrook Rd. Stamford, CT
 (For 2013 there will be no meeting in February, August, and November)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please note:
 Our membership dues are now \$25.00 per year.

You can pay at a meeting
 Or...
 You can pay by check.

If paying by check, please make payable to Jessie Thompson and mail to:



Nor'easters Metal Detecting Club
 attn: Jessie Thompson
 P.O. Box 2232
 Stamford, CT 06906-0232

NOR'EASTERS COUNTRY STORE

Don't forget the Nor'easters country store @ <http://www.cafepress.com/noreasters>. They have all sorts of cool Nor'easters logo items.



Check out this iphone case 

OVERVIEW OF THE XP DEUS, BLISS TOOL & CTX3030

The XP Deus

The XP Deus is a completely wireless detector with an LCD display remote wireless headphones and search coil which all communicate with one another. The controls can be accessed through the headset as well as the remote.

The XP Deus is an extremely lightweight (2lbs 3oz w/remote & 15oz without), extremely fast, 4 frequency, multi tone detector.

Replacing the coil in this machine is cost prohibitive, due to the fact the main circuitry is housed in the coil.



The XP Deus is like the Mercedes of detectors in price, style & design. It is made in France and retails for about \$1900.00 with a 9" round DD standard search coil.

For more information:
www.xpmetaldetectorsamericas.com

The CTX 3030

The CTX 3030 is a new machine from Minelab. One of the best features of this machine is that it is waterproof. It also has wireless audio and a full color LCD display.

Other features are GPS location, so you can go back to your detecting spots and mark locations of sites. It also has PC mapping, where you can upload detector settings and treasure locations and view on google maps.

With the new FBS version 2, the detector has better signal processing and target separation.

The CTX 3030 retails for about \$2300.00

For more information: www.minelab.com

~by Antonio Gagliardi



The Bliss Tool

The Bliss tool is an extremely deep, all terrain dual function, induction balanced machine with the addition of VLF frequency.

It is lightweight, coming in at just under 4lbs. and has the ability to run deep & stable in highly mineralized soil conditions. It is an excellent machine for open fields.

The Bliss Tool is a very manual machine, with over 13 individualized controls, allowing the detectorist to fine tune the detector to any given environment, while maintaining optimal results.

It is reported that the Bliss Tool has the ability to detect silver in the presence of iron, and is one of the things it excels at.

The Bliss Tool is made in Bulgaria and retails for about \$1100.00 with an 11" coil.

For more information:

www.blisstoolusa.com



WHATCHA' FIND?

There is no "Whatcha' find" in this issue because either no one has been hunting, or they just don't want to share, and since I am responsible for filling up this empty space, I will share.

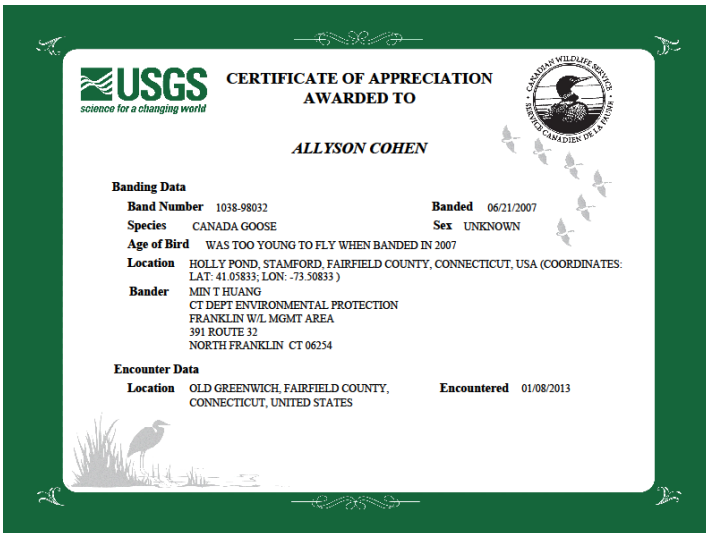
I was hunting the beach for a band, preferably one with 14 or 18k stamped on it, and I did find a band, although I'm going to have to be a little more specific with my requests to the universe in the future.

The type of band I found was a bird band. I never came across one before, and it had a number to call if found, so I called and reported the band number, date, location, etc...

A few days later I received an email from the Canadian Wildlife Service, thanking me, and containing information about the bird banding program.

I was aware birds were banded to monitor their migration habits, but was not aware of the scope of the program or the different species of birds being tracked.

To date, 60 million birds have been banded, and 4 million bands have been recovered. The data from banded birds is used to monitor populations, set hunting regulations, restore endangered species, address bird hazards at airports, etc...



They also sent me this cute little certificate with information about the bird the band was attached to. The certificate wasn't necessary, but I found it interesting to know the type of bird, the year and location banded.

The day ended with a pocket full of silver coins, including a nice 1929 Standing Liberty quarter, and while the bird band wasn't a major find, it was still important in it's own right.

You can find more information about the bird banding program at www.pwrc.usgs.gov.

~by Allyson Cohen

<https://www.facebook.com/NoreastersDetecting>



And don't forget to  us!

THE BENEFITS OF TWITTER



I know it's taken many folks a long time to accept the Facebook community into their lives. Most were pushed into it via such comments as "Are you on Facebook?" or "You're not on Facebook yet?". Some love it, some hate it. Myself, I vascilate between love & hate. Sometimes I check it out daily, and other times I don't bother for weeks. However, I have to say it is a useful tool for posting pics for my family to view or to see what's going on with friends, family, fellow Nor'easters club members, and in some cases people I don't know, but who have a shared interest, such as metal detecting.

Then along came Twitter.

I initially signed up because my son sent me an invite, but was perplexed as to its usefulness in my life. The media was sensationalizing it, and everywhere I turned the little blue bird was in my face. I began to think I must have some sort of psychological defect, as I was not interested in what Justin Bieber was doing via tweet on a daily basis.

Fast forward a year, and my opinion has changed. While I don't feel twitter is the media of choice for socializing with my friends, it can be a very useful tool if you have a hobby, such as metal detecting.

Here are a few ways twitter can benefit your detecting:

- Twitter doesn't post unless you want it to, so your detecting buddies, friends and co-workers do not know that you just planted a garden of corn in Farmville because you forgot to turn off your notifications.
- There are a limited number of characters you can type—140, so your tweets are short and to the point (as are everyone else's).
- It can help you in your site research as so many tweets include links to helpful content on the web.
- You can post pics with your tweet, or insert a url.
- You can follow people with shared interests, and they can follow you.
- You can share your finds, because lets face it, it's not such an exciting find unless you have someone to share it with.
- You can use it to extend your network of detecting buddies.
- You can promote things or a cause, i.e. The Task Force.
- You can connect to people who can appreciate your point of view. Especially if you just need to get something off your chest and muttering just won't do.
- If your not sure who to follow, just wait for #FF (follow Fridays), when tweeters tweet lists of people (usually with shared interests) that you can follow.

~by Allyson Cohen

Diggers uncovers the thrill of metal detecting for NatGeo viewers

By Mechele R. Dillard on 2012-12-31

It's the thrill of the hunt and the uncovering of history that keeps metal detector enthusiasts KG and Ringy going on this new National Geographic Channel series, but the dream of striking it big never fades.

National Geographic Channel viewers who dream of finding treasure may discover exactly what they are seeking with the new citizen science series, *Diggers*.

Diggers will premiere on the NatGeo Channel on New Year's Day, with back-to-back episodes, featuring vocational metal detector enthusiasts and amateur historians George "KG" Wyant and Tim "Ringy" Saylor.

Wyant and Saylor will travel the country on *Diggers*, scouring the U.S. for lost pieces of history, everything from bullets at historic battlegrounds to family heirloom rings and silver coins. Where there is an empty yard, field or beach approved for metal detecting, the duo sees a treasure trove, and will go the distance to uncover "the juice" or "sweet nectar" as they call it, working in close collaboration with a local archaeologist or historian at every site.



The premiere season of *Diggers* features such diverse locations and stories as:

- **West Virginia Mine Wars:** Blair Mountain is under consideration for surface coal mining and the team is eager to recover artifacts before they're gone forever. With the help of an archaeologist, the guys discover a machine gun nest used against striking miners during the Battle of Blair Mountain.
- **Hardy, Ky., Family Feud:** The team uncovers evidence of what happened the night of the infamous Hatfield raid on the McCoys.
- **Revolution at Cedar Ridge Tavern in N.J.:** A small hail of bullets found by the team point to the actual site of what's considered the last skirmish of the Revolutionary War.
- **New Orleans Gold Digger:** The discovery of an 1853 U.S. gold dollar coin in the yard of an historic New Orleans home tells a wild story.

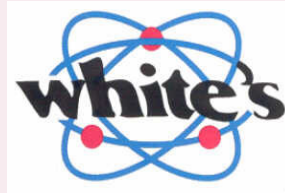
Thrill of the Hunt

While Wyant and Saylor's finds typically have little monetary value, they are just as typically rich with history. "It's the thrill of the hunt," Saylor cheerfully admits of the treasure they find. "We don't make money detecting, but rather lose it. By the time you pay for gas, food, batteries and gear for the hunt, you almost always lose money that day."

But, that doesn't mean they do not dream. They are relentless searchers, spending long days in the field and digging countless holes to find a few humble treasures, while dreaming of the rare gold coins they someday hope to stumble upon.

"*Diggers* speaks to the idea of citizen science coupled with expert analysis that is at the very heart of National Geographic Society's mission of exploration," added David Lyle, CEO of National Geographic Channels. "To produce the series, we worked hand in hand with members of the archaeology and historical community to ensure we had metal detector protocols in place so if we happened to uncover an important piece of history, its authenticity could be ensured and shared with the world."

Diggers is scheduled to premiere on National Geographic Channel on Tuesday, January 1, with back-to-back episodes at 10 and 10:30 p.m. E/P.



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