

# Storm Watch

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## The Metal Detecting Creed

By Jessie Thompson

We are Metal Detectorists. Venturing forth in search of relics lost to time, only to be discovered and secured for future generations.

Diligent in our endeavors to detect, we will not trespass on to posted lands and will always obtain lawful permission in advance.

Detectorists are protective of earth's creatures, nature's landscapes and tributaries. We close all gates and leave no refuse in our wake.

When requested, we will endeavor to assist in the recovery of lost items of sentimental value to the best of our ability.

History being the tie that binds us, any item recovered of a singular significant historical value will be reported to local historians.

Remember Metal Detecting is to be conducted in a respectful and courteous manner; we are the ambassadors of our hobby to all who may survey us.

## Camp Mahackeno Hunt

The Noreasters had their first Hunt of the season on June 5, 2011 at Camp Mahackeno in Westport, CT, which was a summer lodge for the Indian Chief Mahackeno and his tribe, more than 300 years ago..

The property had a popular hotel on it in the early 1900's which was removed in 1920 to make way for the YMCA, and has served as a camp since 1938.

We had a large turnout for the hunt, and a great day weatherwise as well.

As far as treasures, nothing extremely valuable was found. There were buttons, older coins and some artifacts, and a few people found silver rings. .

There were a lot of signals to keep member's busy. So many, in fact, I was thinking of changing the headline to read Camp Mahackeno, aka Camp Clad.

Just kidding, but man there was a lot of clad.

Everyone had a great time at the hunt, and we should give a big shout out to Dan Lewis for buying everyone lunch, and for getting the club permission to hunt the camp- THANK YOU DAN. And as always, Kim came through with the food and drink delivery. Kim you're the best! Now... if we could just get you into metal detecting?



Noreaster's members at the Camp Mahackeno Hunt.

(More pics on page 3)

## Nor'easters 2011 Meeting Schedule

July 13th 2011  
August **NONE** 2011  
September 14th 2011  
October **NONE** 2011  
November 9th 2011  
December **NONE** 2011

## In case you missed the last meeting:

- ♦ The club is looking into hunting the White Barn of Norwalk.
- ♦ The SUNY hunt is off.
- ♦ The club needs help finding sites to hunt. Do you know anyone with a great piece of property to hunt? If so, it doesn't hurt to ask. The worse they can say is "no".

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## Tips & Tricks



Got some metal detecting techniques, product recommendations or coin/relic cleaning tips to share?

C'mon...don't keep 'em all to yourself!

Email them to me at  
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and I'll include them here.

**Metal Detecting Tip:** Do your metal detecting in the rain or after a good hard rain. Don't be afraid of getting wet because it's good to do your treasure hunting when it is raining or right after the rain. Why? Because when the ground is wet, the detector becomes more sensitive to emit a signal due to the ground's higher conductivity. Also, the rain softens and loosens the soil, bringing those buried treasure closer to the ground surface. It also makes digging much easier. Just don't forget to get a poncho and to buy a waterproof cover for your detector.

## WORKING THOSE HILLSIDES AND EMBANKMENTS FOR EARLY COPPER COINS

When you come across a hillside or embankment that may be difficult to detect, it may be worth making the extra effort.

On flat lands, water tends to saturate the ground greatly accelerating to the corrosion of copper/bronze/nickel coins. If you are willing to work a little on the more difficult hillsides, you may be surprised how nice copper coins come out when there is no where for water to "pool up". The two coins pictured below were found recently on a steep hill near old foundations. Only a little hydrogen peroxide and a soft toothbrush were needed to clean these exceptional coins. Note the absence of green crusty corrosion. ~Carter Pennington



*2 Cent piece  
and Indian Head Penny  
Found by  
Carter Pennington*



# Camp Mahackeno Hunt





## Mahackeno Hunt Finds



Shaker  
Bottle  
found by  
Pete  
Bondi



Buttons, Wheat pennie  
and Mercury Dime  
Found by  
Camille Lahr

Silver Rings and  
Mercury Dime  
Found by  
Russ Bergenson



1876 Quarter  
found by  
Carter  
Pennington





## Beneath a Temple in Southern India, a Treasure Trove of Staggering Riches

July 4, 2011 from the NY Times

**BY VIKAS BAJAJ**

MUMBAI, India — A court-ordered search of vaults beneath a south Indian temple has unearthed gold, jewels and statues worth an estimated \$22 billion, government officials said Monday.

The treasure trove, at the 16th century Sri Padmanabhaswamy temple, is widely believed to be the largest find of its kind in [India](#), catching officials in the state of Kerala by surprise and forcing the government to send two dozen police officers to the previously unguarded shrine for round-the-clock security.

The discovery has also revived questions about who should manage the wealth, much of which is believed to have been deposited at the temple by the royal family of the princely state of Travancore, which acceded to India when the country became independent in 1947. Some of the vaults under the temple have not been opened for nearly 150 years, temple officials have said.

Temples in India often have rich endowments, mainly from donations of gold and cash by pilgrims and wealthy patrons, but the wealth discovered at Padmanabhaswamy dwarfs the known assets of every other Indian temple. Such assets are typically meant to be used by administrators to operate temples and provide services to the poor, but they have often become the subject of heated disputes and controversies.

India's Supreme Court ordered the opening of the vaults at Padmanabhaswamy to assess the wealth of the temple after a local activist, T. P. Sundararajan, filed a case accusing administrators of mismanaging and poorly guarding the temple. Descendants of the royal family still control the trust that manages the temple, which is devoted to the Hindu god Vishnu.

Searchers have found bags of gold coins, diamonds and other jewels and solid-gold statues of gods and goddesses. On Monday, searchers started to unseal "Section B" of the vaults, a large space that was expected to reveal another sizable collection, said P. T. Chacko, the spokesman for the chief minister of Kerala, Oommen Chandy.

Mr. Chacko said Kerala would not seek control of the temple or its treasure, a step that some activists have recommended. "The treasure is donated to the temple from disciples and believers; it's the property of the temple," he said. "It has nothing to do with the state."

India's Supreme Court will decide what happens to the treasure and the rest of the temple, which sits in the heart of Kerala's capital, Thiruvananthapuram, once it has established the total value of the holdings, which could take months to finish. Early estimates of the treasure have been raised several times as searchers have opened more of the vaults in recent days.

The economy of Kerala, a relatively prosperous Indian state, relies heavily on remittances from migrant workers in the Middle East and elsewhere. For many decades, it led the country in improving development indicators like literacy and [infant mortality](#).





Check out this beautiful 1781/1782  
French Regimental button

Found by  
Russ Bergenson



1787

Connecticut Copper

Found by  
Pat D'arinzo



## Hey Mister, Whatcha Find?

Recent Club Finds!

<http://www.noreasters.net>



After cleaning, the four coins (from  
left to right) are 1783 Nova cent, 1788  
CT Copper, 1866 Two Cent Piece, and  
an 1874 Indian Penny, along with two  
buckles and some buttons

found by  
Carter Pennington



Gold bracelet & Fishing Lure

Found by  
Camille Lahr

Although the bracelet was a nice find,  
Camille said "everyone seem's to like the fishing lure".





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