

Storm Watch



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TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights has updated it's website. They continue to fight for our rights, and stand by their mission to promote and defend those rights, and challenge those that unjustly discriminate against us and our hobby.

In addition to the support the the Task force receives from Minelab, they also now have have the support of the White's, Garrett and Fisher metal detector manufacturer's.

The donations the Task Force has received are being used to hire attorneys to target the following legal challenges:

In Chicago, IL— the Cook County Forest Preserve has been closed to metal detecting.

In Louisville, KY—All parks are closed to metal detecting, and proposed bills are frozen in committee.

NYC—Several parks have been closed to metal detecting.

The Task Force has said it will keep the members informed with follow up emails as to when and where correspondence should be sent. They will need members support to call or email the appropriate people when the time comes.

Another addition to the Task Force's website is the ability to get Task Force certified.



PROTECTING OUR HOBBY

You can now complete their online training, with instruction in responsible metal detecting practices. This includes honoring local laws and property rights; reporting historically significant artifacts to the proper authorities; and maintaining respect for the environment.

By educating yourself in responsible metal detecting practices, you are showing that you follow set guidelines, while enjoying your hobby.

After completing the online training, you will be able to print out a Task Force certified ID card to carry in the field. You can also print out a full sized Task Force Certification, which can be displayed to show you support responsible metal detecting practices.

Check out the Task Force by visiting their website at www.detectingrights.com, where you can view for yourself their updates, challenges, and their new certification program.

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TALES OF THE HUNT: LIVING WITH THE IVY LEAGUE

By Bill Cameron

I have been a bottle digger and relic collector for over 40 years and have always felt that bottle diggers and metal detector people are to quote Kipling "sisters under the skin".

Speaking of "under the skin", for most of my life, man and boy, I have been at war with three nasty irritant plants that I call the "Ivy League". These are poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac. These are the common name for the species in the genus RHUS of the family ANACARDIACEAE, which are also related to cashews, mangos and pistachios.

Now that I am doing most of my dump digging at yard sales, its time I pass on some of my hard won secrets of combating the League.

Lesson #1: While digging in winter I found out that the oils of the poison ivy plant drain down into the roots where they are concentrated. One cool March afternoon, many moons ago, I dug a bottle dump under a large poison ivy patch. Wiping the perspiration from my brow with my cloth digging glove resulted in a trip to the hospital later with eyes like slits and a face like the "Walking Dead". A shot of cortisone helped as did the hot toddies for the aggravation.



Poison Sumac

Lesson #2: Beware of burning poison ivy, oak or sumac. The oil of these plants can mix with the smoke and affect any exposed skin area. If the smoke is inhaled it can lodge in the throat and lungs. Expect a sure trip to the hospital.

Lesson #3: When digging in "Ivy League" country. Always bring a small plastic soda type bottle filled with soapy water and a clean rag, Wash hands, arms and face before returning home.

Lesson #4: Treating the rash and maddening itch from a run in with any of the "Ivy League" can be a challenge. There is an ancient Indian remedy that uses the



Poison Ivy: Leaves may or may not be notched

stem juice of the Jewel weed plant. Most people rely on layers of calamine lotion. Years ago I read of a treatment that is both easy and effective. If the rash is on the hands arms or legs, simply run both hot and cold water mixed equally thru a common faucet. Place the affected areas under the running water. Then slowly very slowly reduce the cold water. There will come a moment when the hot water begins to get too hot to bear. This slight burn stops the itch for hours and can be repeated. It also helps to dry the rash.

I have been dealing with the "Ivies" for so long that I have come to think of their arrival as I would a visit from an unwelcome relative. Over the span of time, the Ivy has crept into my life even as far as my outlook on art. Whenever I see a painting or sculpture of a nude with a patch of leaves covering its modesty, I shudder when I wonder at the consequences if those leaves were dues paying members of the "Ivy League".



Poison Oak

SPRING IS COMING

That means ticks!

Don't forget to stock up on repellent. This is also a good time to make sure your tetanus vaccine is up to date. Wounds can get infected. The object that caused the wound may carry spores of tetanus-especially if the object has been exposed to the soil.



SUPPORT OUR CLUB



Check out the Nor'easters logo items from Café Press. The money the club receives from the sales pays for coffee and donuts at our meetings.
www.cafepress.com/noreasters

WHO SAYS NOTHING IN LIFE IS FREE?

If you have any detectors or detecting equipment for sale, you can email the info for inclusion in the newsletter, or post it on the clubs website www.noreasters.net, and it won't cost you anything because

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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)

REMINDER



WANTED :

If anyone in the club is interested in selling an E-trac, please contact Tony G. at niteclick@gmail.com



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

New Hampshire:

20th Annual Best O' North East (BONE)
Treasure Hunters & Prospectors Weekend
April 25, 26, 27 & 28, 2013
Keene, NH
Info: www.streeter.org

Massachusetts:

THC Treasure Hunt

Gateway Treasure Hunters Club 21st Annual
Open Hunt
If you find yourself in Massachusetts in May,
the Gateway Treasure Hunters Club invites any
and all to their annual open hunt-
May 18th 2013
Onset Beach, MA
Come visit for great raffles, three large hunt ar-
eas with thousands of coins and great treasure
for tokens.
Enjoy the fun and great New England seafood
at the local eateries.
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Roy Gouge @ (508) 759-9779

New Jersey:

*East Coast Research and Discovery Associa-
tion (ECRDA)*

Four at the Shore Hunt

Sat. & Sun., May 18th & 19th 2013
Ocean City , NJ
Info: Call Joe Jorgenson (973)839-8031

National Metal Detecting Day

Saturday, May 18th 2013
Atlantic City, NJ
www.gominelabbing.com

ANDERSON DETECTOR SHAFTS

Anderson Detector Shafts is a company based in Canada, specializing in the manufacture of various metal detector shafts. The shafts allow the weight of the stock detector to be shifted to the rear of the shaft resulting in greater balance thus reducing arm fatigue.



They also manufacture carbon fiber detector shafts. The benefit of this type of shaft is its weight to strength ratio. It is also corrosion resistant and very lightweight. They also carry a line of detector accessories to aid you in the field. Please visit them at:

www.andersondetectorshafts.com

Your Arm will thank you.

~Antonio Gagliardi

INTERESTING LINKS

www.stoutstandards.wordpress.com

www.detectingrights.com

www.detectingdiva.com

www.findmall.com

www.johnwinter.net

www.tomstreasures.com

www.treasurenet.com

SOME METAL DETECTING HUMOR

I went to the local psychic yesterday to have my "Aura" checked. The woman stared at me for a moment, then suddenly a perplexed look came over her face and she said "Honey....what's an Eddy Current"? ~Antonio Gagliardi



THE GOLD DIGGER

Metal Detectors



HOSTS

**Atlantic City
2 Day Beach Hunt**



GO MINELABBING!

**National Metal Detecting Day
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013**

- 3 Adult Adventure & Treasure Hunts
- Kids Hunt (Ages 6 – 13)

**Ever Treasure Hunt?
Come Try a Detector for the
chance to WIN a Prize!**

MAY 18 TICKET PRICING

Adult Hunters

Early Bird Registration <i>(through January 31 only)</i>	\$25
Regular Registration <i>(February 1 - April 30)</i>	\$35
Walk on Registration	\$40

Kid Hunter \$5
(Ages 6-13 & Must be accompanied by Adult)

Guest & Non-Hunters FREE

Gift Bag for Each Registered Hunter & Guests
(must be registered to qualify)



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2013

- 3 Adult Adventure & Treasure Hunts

MAY 19 TICKET PRICING

Adult Hunters

SJMDC All Day Hunter Early Bird <i>(through January 31 only)</i>	\$95
SJMDC All Day Hunter <i>(February 1 - April 30)</i>	\$110
SJMDC All Day Hunter <i>(May 1 - May 19)</i>	\$125

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Legend of the Galleons Wealth

Vain Search for a Wrecked Spanish Vessel's Stolen Gold.

From The New York Times—Published October 8, 1895



From the New-London (Conn.) Day. —

The late John R. Bolles of this city used to relate a very good story of witchcraft, digging for buried treasure, and the robbery of a Spanish galleon, all of which occurred inside the limits of New-London, within 150 years. The last two features of the story are facts in history.

As late as July 11, 1827, two men from Vermont, said to be descendants of an ante-revolutionary witch named Strickland, dug by the side of what is now Lawrence's wharf for buried gold, by the advice of some of their forefathers who dug there before them in the seventeen hundreds. The diggers were hunting for the treasure of the Spanish galleon, St. Joseph and St. Helana, which was plundered at her moorings while lying here for repairs and shelter in 1753-54. None of the diggers was successful. The first party were grandsons of the Strickland woman, who, as a witch was expelled long before from both the Connecticut and Massachusetts colonies.

The State of Vermont, however, willingly harbored all gray, lean sisters of the airy broomstick race, and this accounts for Witch Strickland's settling there.

This witch was said to have possessed a magic pebble, as clear as crystal, into which she could look and see treasure buried under land or water. It was through this happy medium that she chanced upon the missing treasure of the St. Joseph and St. Helana.



This galleon, which left so much bullion about New-London, was the occasion of a local event which was not only discreditable to the Connecticut colony, but showed that our old-time Solons were above reproach. A lively political disturbance resulted.



The St. Joseph, and St. Helana, while putting in here in distress in 1753, ran upon a reef of rocks outside the harbor. Before she could be floated it became necessary to unload her. Then she was repaired here. Her freight was put in charge of Joseph Hill, at that time Collector of the Port. The supercargo of the galleon was Don Joseph Miguel de St. Juan. His vessel was bound from Havana to Cadiz, and her cargo consisted in part of gold bars and coin.

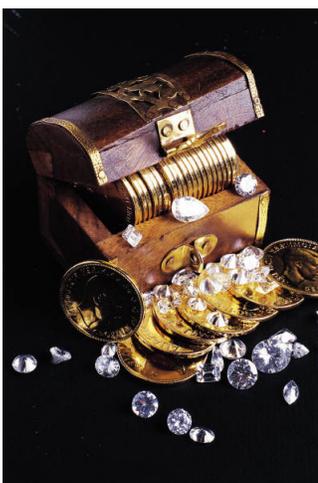
That he might proceed with his cargo early in the Spring Don Miguel chartered a smaller vessel of 200 tons, which was ready to sail the following April. But when he had shipped a part of his cargo, other parts of it were withholden from him or lost, and he was unable to recover them. The Don could obtain no relief, and finally, in the following October, he petitioned the General Assembly upon the matter.

In his petition he said that much of his cargo had been embezzled, and he prayed that he might reland that portion of his cargo which remained and secure it at their expense. The General Assembly, after much debate, decided that they did not know what the Don's losses were, and neither could they prevent them. They declared the Don's requests were too unreasonable to be granted, but "as protection was due a foreigner cast among us," the Governor was directed to grant all due relief to the Don, according to the laws of trade, nature, and nations. The Governor was also empowered to direct a full search after the missing portion of the vessel's cargo.

Legend of the Galleons Wealth (Cont'd.)

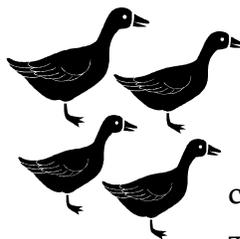
Previous to the April elections of 1754 it was known that the Spaniards had been robbed of a portion of their riches, and it occasioned a scandal and a ferment throughout the colony. It was imagined that complications with Spain might ensue, and that the colony might be plunged heavily in debt through being forced to indemnify the ship's owners. Others were moved by a sense of honor and sympathy, and were ashamed of such treatment of shipwrecked foreigners from a Christian people. All the feelings were touched. Much blame was imputed to Gov. Wolcott, and it so disaffected the voters that, notwithstanding his former popularity, he ran behind his ticket sadly that year, and Thomas Fitch was elected Governor in his stead.

Collector Hill was hotly censured. How such a quantity of treasure could be stolen with his knowledge and no search made for so long a time was held to be unaccountable. Nothing was ever found, and the colony was not put to any great expense for this shameful proceeding, which was finally lost sight of in the causes which led up to the war of the Revolution.



After this war the pioneer Vermonters, two in number, grandsons of Granny Strickland, appeared. They were sent here through the old lady's written instructions. It seems that years before, after a prolonged observation through the precious pebble she possessed, she distinctly viewed, deeply buried in the ground, many boxes of shining dollars packed edgewise. She also espied bullion as well. The locality, which was all about the moorings of the Spanish galleons was pointed out to an inch.

New-Londoners, the story goes, laughed at the efforts of the raw-boned Vermonters to recover the buried treasure. The tradition says the delvers worked only at night, in accordance with the witch's instructions, and that finally they uncovered the lids of a number of iron boxes just under the surface of the river. No sooner were these revealed than it was said a troop of snarling black dogs and a flock of green-eyed geese interposed themselves, barking, hissing, and yelling so furiously as to hold in check and finally drive them away.



They went back to Marm Strickland's home to request her presence, in the spirit at New-London, with her witch-hazel wand, to hold in check the vicious water sprites, which were so vehement in protecting the buried treasure. But it was in vain. Although the witch came to earth at their invocation, she refused to come to Connecticut to help them out, it was said, because she believed the same laws expelling witches still existed here as when she was in the flesh.

So the money diggers were compelled to give over their quest. Their descendants who came many decades later were no more successful. They worked by the side of the wharf in the hours of daylight, from a plan left by their ancestors. They used oyster tongs, clam rakes, and grapnels, and, although no ugly dogs and hissing geese hindered their movements, they were unable to find anything of value.

Was Marm Strickland a Witch? Probably not; but I get the feeling she may have been dating a pirate.

*Lawrence Wharf was later rebuilt and named Amistad Wharf. Maybe one of our treasure divers can find out if there's any truth to the legend?
~Happy Hunting!*



Member Finds



Nice ring found by Pat D'arinzo



Mercury Dime Found By Stacey Rosoff



Seal Matrix-14th to 15th Century Found in Southern France By Charles Grenon



Douzain aux crois-sants-Henri II Coin, 17th Century. Found in the roots of a tree in Southern France By Charles Grenon



Stacey R. found this Indian & Allyson C. found this Soldier not too far from each other on the beach. How cute :-)



Bill Cameron found this 18th century, deck Mounted, glass skylight from a ship in Cos Cob CT. At the last club meeting, he spoke to members about his research on it, and where he thinks it may have come from.



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