

# Storm Watch



## THE NOR'EASTERS METAL DETECTING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### GTHC Hunt

A group of the Nor'easters attended the Gateway Treasure Hunters 21st Annual Open Treasure Hunt in Onset, MA on May 18th, 2013.

One of our members, Stacey Rosoff, was gracious enough to invite members who were attending to stay at her vacation home in nearby Cotuit, Cape Cod. She has a beautiful home and we all enjoyed the weekend there.



*Stacey Rosoff with her silver disc*

**THANK-YOU**  
Stacey for your generous hospitality!

The hunt consisted of three seeded hunts on Onset Beach; and while none of us was lucky enough to win one of the big prizes, Stacey won one of the "Silver Discs" that was raffled off.

After the hunt, we all headed back to Stacey's to count our loot. We each ended up with about \$80 in clad, which made up for the hunt fee.

It was a great weekend in the company of great people.

~Allyson Cohen

### Task Force update

The Task Force for Metal Detecting Rights is still working on the legal challenges in Illinois,



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OUR HOBBY**

Kentucky and New York.

A letter was drafted and mailed to NYC Parks. After some time passed with no response, the Attorney for the Task Force inquired to the parks Legal Dept. as to the status of a reply. He was told a reply was being worked on, as of this writing, the reply has yet to be received.

The Attorney for the Cook County situation in Illinois is working with the head of the club out there, drafting their own letter. Once this letter is reviewed by the Task Force and sent, a copy will be posted on their website.

The Kentucky group has been given the okay by the Task Force to seek legal representation. Once an Attorney is hired, more information will be posted to the Task Forces website.

It's a slow process, however, there is constant activity behind the scenes. The Task Force  
Thanks you for your patience.

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## 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](http://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](http://www.noreasters.net), and it won't cost you anything because

**It's Free!**

If you take pics of your finds & email them to me I will put your photo(s) in the newsletter, and it won't cost you anything because

**It's Free!**

If you submit an article related to metal detecting, I will publish it in this newsletter, and I will publish it


**For Free!**

Email to: [detectorista@gmail.com](mailto:detectorista@gmail.com)

## 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



**Dues are due!**  
Our dues are  
\$25.00/year  
If you haven't paid  
yet, what are you  
waiting for?

## FYI:

**All of the Nor'easters & Staten Island History Hunter Newsletters I've done are archived at my website [www.detectingdiva.com](http://www.detectingdiva.com) click on Newsletters and you can download or view a pdf copy.**



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



## Events

### Susquehanna Valley Metal Detecting Club

33rd Annual 2 Day Treasure Hunt

Saturday, Oct. 5th & Sunday, Oct. 6th, 2013

At the Montour Delong Fairgrounds

Route 254

1 Mile West of Washingtonville, PA

For Application go to:

<http://detectingdiva.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/SUSQUEHANNAVALLEYMETALDETECTINGCLUB.pdf>

### Black Diamond's 2013

30th Annual Treasure Hunt

August 10, 2013

Lazy Brook Park

Route 6

Tunkhannock, PA

For Application go to:

<http://bdthc.org/pdf/2013BDTHCHunt.pdf>

### International Coin Shooters Open Treasure Hunt

Sponsored by Beaver County Coinshooters

August 24th, 2013, Industry, PA

Email: [mrsilver9759@comcast.net](mailto:mrsilver9759@comcast.net)

Held at Fairview Grange Fairgrounds

6270 Tuscarawas Road, Industry, PA 15052

\$75.00 for 2-day event with lunch provided both days.

\$1000s in Silver Coins, Old Coins, Prizes, Trophies and CASH. One lucky hunter will win a new Garrett AT PRO.

Questions? Call Perry @ 724-544-9125

*Not sure why all the upcoming hunts seem to be in PA, but it is what it is.*

## "Dig Wars"

Dig Wars is a new metal detecting show on The Travel Channel.

"Dig Wars" follows three teams of America's best relic hunters, competing head-to-head to find the

most valuable artifacts at different

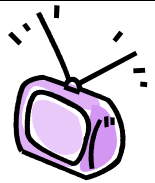
historical locations across the country. Once on

site, the teams have from sun-up to sundown to apply all of their knowledge, resources and hus-

tle to ensure a victory. At the end of the hunt, the treasures will be evaluated by a local expert

and a winner will be declared. Go to

[www.travelchannel.com](http://www.travelchannel.com) for schedule.



## Interesting Links

[www.chicagoron.com](http://www.chicagoron.com)

[www.detectingdiva.com](http://www.detectingdiva.com)

[www.detecting.us](http://www.detecting.us)

[www.johnwinter.net](http://www.johnwinter.net)

[www.lostmystuff.net](http://www.lostmystuff.net)

[www.mdhtalk.org](http://www.mdhtalk.org)

[www.stoutstandards.wordpress.com](http://www.stoutstandards.wordpress.com)

[www.upyerkiltmagazine.co.uk](http://www.upyerkiltmagazine.co.uk)

## Check This Out



### Weekly Broadcast

Cape May, New Jersey

The Detecting Lifestyle Radio Network

Phone: 609-961-1842

<http://www.thedetectinglifestyle.net>

Event Description: The Detecting Lifestyle Radio Network broadcasts 3 days a week about metal detecting, bottle hunting, detector evaluations, gold prospecting and much more. Open mike every night for call-in during the broadcast. Listeners can ask any co-host questions that they may have.



## Matt and Tony's Good Deed



People who lose jewelry, or other metal items often contact their local metal detecting club for help. Recently the Nor'easters received such a request, and members Matt & Tony were quick to help out.

Below is a letter and photos from Bradley Geist, who was in need of some help locating a very sentimental lost ring, and was very thankful to Matt & Tony for finding it.

Great work guys!

Dear Nor'easters,

On the Friday evening high tide of June 28th, I was heading out to take paddle on Greenwich Cove, when my 18 carat gold signet ring slipped off my finger and into the water. I was unable to retrieve it then and there and feared the worst. I have had this ring for 30 years; it was given to me by my father on my 18th birthday and is my most prized possession. Needless to say, I was a bit shattered.

Believing that I might have a chance of finding it at low tide, I quickly made note of my location in the water and hoped that Saturday morning might bring me some luck. At the same time, my wife went online and came across your website and was able to arrange for Matt and Tony to come on Sunday morning. While luck did not smile on me Saturday, the following day brought great joy when your two stellar members successfully located what I truly thought had been lost forever. What a great day!

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to your organization and specifically to Matt and Tony. I have also attached two pictures: one of myself surrounded by these two fine gentlemen and one of a close up of the bounty.

Many Thanks,

Bradley B. Geist, Jr.



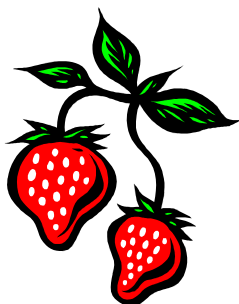
## Tales of the hunt: Finding Treasure

By Bill Cameron

I have a vivid memory of a funeral and burial of a dime store cast metal soldier who literally lost his head in battle. I was seven or eight and the burial was conducted in my side yard with all the proper respect. Using one of my mother's soup spoons as a shovel, I struck something metallic. It was a coin; a British penny of King George dated 1757. I was hooked! For my birthday I requested a pirate costume. Pirates find Treasure and I wanted to be one. I still do.



What is Treasure? Is it that Mythical mason jar of gold coins or a huge 10 karat diamond ring or perhaps that bronze Viking plaque proving a pre Colombian settlement in Stamford, Connecticut? Or could it be something else?



Could you ever eat Treasure? Ages ago my young cousin and I went fishing at a Town Reservoir that is now off limits to fishing. The lake has an earthen dam at least 100 feet high above the valley floor below. Access to the top was up a steep set of steps made from railroad ties. Halfway up the hill I noticed something. Alongside the steps on the grassy slope was a six foot square patch of ripe wild strawberries each about the size of a nickel. Fishing was forgotten. 50 years later I can still taste the sweetness of those berries with the morning dew still on their leaves. Years after I looked for them at the same place but I never found them again. That was treasure.

There is treasure for the eyes and heart, too. On a bottle hunt along a deep woods trail in Westchester County, New York, I came upon the only blooming Lady Slipper orchid I have ever seen. It was breathtaking! I left it untouched hoping it would reproduce. That was treasure.

There are treasures that just seem to put a smile on your face. Late one night I was driving the back roads to the Danbury Yard where I worked Metro North's third shift. I stopped to watch a scene. I saw a young red fox, a kit, not much bigger than a squirrel. The fox had a dead bird in its mouth; it was probably its very first kill. That fox was so proud of its trophy that I swear it strutted alongside the road hoping the world would see. That is a treasure.



My father known as "Wolfie" smoked a pipe for the better part of his 75 years. Every Christmas his grandchildren honor his memory by hanging one of his pipes on the Christmas tree. The room seems to fill with the smell of pine and "Prince Albert" tobacco. That is treasure.

So what is a Treasure? I say it is whatever you find that makes you happy and created a lasting bit of joy in your heart. Don't get me wrong, a Twenty dollar Double Eagle gold piece would be very nice, too!

## Amazing Silver Half Dollar Days

We each lit up a cigarette as we scoped out the site. The site had been rearranged by a bulldozer. Being mainly a relic hunter I smiled in anticipation of detecting cool colonial relics. The colonial relics were not to be found but we still left the site smiling. I think anyone would be if he and his detecting partner uncovered 40 silver half dollars 6 silver quarter and 4 silver dimes with most of the coins from the 1940's and 1950's in one day after detecting less than three hours.

The Lucky Silver Days all started while we were just looking around. A silver 1961 quarter just lying on the ground stopped me in my tracks. My detecting partner Mike C was thrilled with my first find of the day. "Man, you are lucky ", he said as I pointed to a silver quarter.

Mike C decided to take his DFX to an undisturbed area but the disturbed area called me to action. Within a few minutes I uncovered two half dollars and immediately suspected a coin spill. I called Mike C over and suggested he join me checking out the 30 foot by 20 foot area. He agreed and soon he had a big grin on his face as he recovered his first Walking Liberty half dollar. Shortly after we both had another silver half dollar each.

I don't think the grin left Mike C's face the whole time we detected the first day. By the end of the hunt he has detected his first Walking Liberty Half, his first Franklin Half and his first silver Kennedy Half.

Even though we were having a magical time, our detecting adventure was limited by the heat and humidity of the middle of July in Connecticut. We made plans to return the next day in hopes of finding 5 more half apiece. As we drove home we could not believe our luck: 40 silver half dollars 6 silver quarter and 4 silver dimes most from the 1940's and 1950's in one day after detecting less than three hours. Wow!

I felt good that we had both detected about an



equal amount of coins but still a little disappointed we didn't find any relics. I guess some people are never completely satisfied but by the end of our second Lucky Silver Days the lack of relics detected didn't matter much.

Detecting Day Two could not come soon enough for us; we were anxious to see what awaited us. As we drove to the site we congratulated ourselves on our good fortune the previous day and our conversation rambled on about the possibilities of the day. Our attitude vacillated between the extreme negative to the extreme positive: maybe we hit the area so hard that nothing would be found or maybe we will find the source with hundreds of half dollars awaiting us. But we did agree to share equally any finds from Day Two.

After ten minutes of detecting and still no silver half dollars, pessimism started to set in. Maybe we could find a few more but nothing like the day before.

Soon after, Mike C detected a Walking Liberty Half Dollar and I uncovered a Franklin Half. Mike C found two more near a pile of rocks. He decided to probe under the rocks and to his surprise he pulled out two more halves that had been sitting on top of each other. While he probed for more, I expanded the visual searching



## Amazing Silver (cont'd)

of the site. The glint of silver caught my eyes as I looked down and focusing in I spotted a Walking Liberty Half Dollar sitting next to a Mercury Dime in plain view, no detector needed. I called Mike C over to see this rare situation. We each smiled and wowed but things got better.

The half and dime were laying on what looked like a half a sheet of plywood. Next to the half, a beat up 12 inch by 12 inch pillow was deteriorating. I lifted the pillow and we both became bug eyed; seven more half dollars now in plain view. We laughed out loud in response to our unbelievable luck.

After we detected a few more half dollars in that area, Mike C went back to probing underneath the rock pile. At this point I retrieved the video camera I had tucked behind the passenger seat in the car and recorded as Mike C repeatedly recovered silver coins from under the rock pile. The probed hole ended up being two foot in length and two feet wide and maybe a foot deep after about two hours of probe detecting. The total results of this effort were 28 silver half dollars, a few quarters, a few dimes and an 1863 Indian Head Penny.

The July high heat and humidity forced us to stop but what a day! Day two of our Lucky Silver Days Surpassed Day One by 25 half dollars. Day Two we recovered a total of 65 silver half dollars plus some quarters and dimes.

On any given detecting day we would be happy to find just one silver half dollar. But two detectorist's recovering 105 silver half dollars seems like something that you read about in the Treasure magazines and you dream that some day it may happen to you. We know that a great find is possible. Maybe that's what keeps us going on days that finds are scarce.

Attached are pictures of Day Two finds. If we had pictures of Day One finds they would be similar but less 25 silver half dollars.



We are going back to try to find some relics when the weather gets cooler. Happy Hunting.

Bob E.

## And How Cool is This?

### COLONIAL CAMP

#### Wilton, CT Historical Society Colonial Camp:

Campers will learn about Colonial America on our five building campus which includes historic homes, a working blacksmith shop, and two barns. Each day campers will explore different aspects of Colonial life through activities, crafts, games, and more. Snacks will be provided daily.



**There are still a few spaces left in session 1.  
Sign up your child or grandchild today!**

**Call: 203-762-7257**

**Session 1: July 8th through 12th**

**Session 2: July 15-19**

**9am to 12:30pm each day**



## Member Finds



**Todd Hiltz brought this nice collection to the club meeting**



**Check out Todd's George Washington. It's a great find and the photo does not do it justice!**



**A Closer view of the buckles**



**Cuff link found by Tony Gagliardi**



**Hibernia found by Pat D'arinzo**



**Gun found by Bill Cameron**



**Coins found by Dan Godleski. This is just a small part of his collection.**



**Candle snuffer/cutter found by Allyson Cohen**





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