

THE FOOTPRINT

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What's new on GLMD or Point of Interest

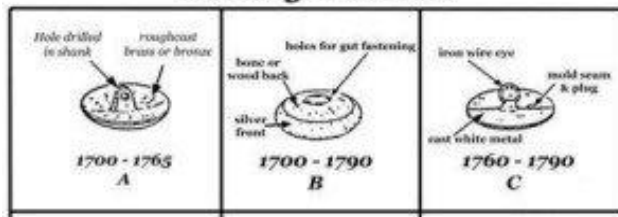
"Markings on Items You Find"

One of the most overlooked forums on our website. [Click Here](#) to visit this forum.

Joe Carey has been searching the internet high and low to find websites related to our hobby, more specifically about markings on items that we have found. This collection of links is a great asset to our website. If you have found an item and can't figure out what it is, how old it is or perhaps who made it. Then **"Markings on Items You Find"** forum is for you. I don't believe any other metal detecting site on the net comes close to having a resource like this. Even if you don't have something to look up, many of the links Joe has provided us will make for great reading material on a rainy day.

Example: "Dating Buttons"

Dating Buttons



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In the News

"Two big open hunts scheduled"

1. Great Southern Beach Shootout down in Daytona Beach. April 3, 4, 5th 2009. This is truly one of the best hunts you can attend.

Info Link: <http://www.gsbsdaytonahunt.com/>

2. 2009 DFXONLY HUNT - Tom E. Weaver Memorial sponsored by "dfxonly.com". The Tom E. Weaver Memorial hunt Will be held at Camp Owaspippe in Whitehall Michigan on April 24,25,26 2009.

Info Link:

<http://www.dfxonly.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=5996>

Item found last Month by One of our Members

1935 Venezuela Coin-Bolivar Libertador

Found by Fred K.



Fred's story continued on page 3...

Latest Detector or Accessory Released

There are several new coils on the market. Most detectors come with a standard medium size coil. However, you may be looking for a smaller coil to hunt those high trash areas. (better separation) Or a larger coils to hunt open farm fields with very little trash but able to cover more ground and greater depth.

Kellyco website has a very good list to choose from.

<http://www.kellycodetectors.com/accessories/searchcoils.htm>

I just sent my two BHID's into Whites to get their new 12 inch coils put on.



Recommended Website to Check Out

"Bluenose Detecting"

Leslie Sarkany hosts this website. Leslie has a nice flair for very descriptive tales. See some of the most beautiful country that Nova Scotia has to offer through his pictures. Feel free to join his forum and post some of your own stories.

Link: <http://www.voy.com/98887/>

From the Land of the Bluenose



Tips from the Pros

How do I clean coins that I have dug up?

Here is a typical example of this question asked.

"Hello, I didn't find them metal detecting, but I purchased 2 Michigan U.S. Civil War Merchant Storecards and one of them is a bit corroded on both sides and it's green. I don't want to hurt the coins or their value so I was wondering if the green corrosion can be cleaned off the one coin some how. I've seen alot of posts about soaking dirty and corroded coins in olive oil to clean them up. Will this work and not hurt the coin or its value?"

Thanks,
Inquirer"

See answer on page 3...

Place or Event to Check Out in or around Michigan

Metro Parks

Here is a link to listing of Metro Parks in the Detroit area:

http://www.inmetrodetroit.com/Outdoors/Metro_Parks.htm

Some parks allow metal detecting all year round in designated areas. However, water detecting is not usually allowed in swim areas between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Contact each park for their specific rules and regulations. Free metal detecting permits are required in most parks and annual entry fees apply.

Example permit (provided by Kensington park):

<http://greatlakesmetaldetecting.com/pdfs/laws/applicationforsalvage.pdf>

This is a great time of the year to get out and explore these parks before the bugs show up.

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Letters to the Editor: If you have a story or comment to add to our next newsletter, contact editor here: webmaster@greatlakesmetaldetecting

... Item found last Month by One of our Members, continued from page 1.

"Hit Rouge with Ross and Steve and Hans. My second hole was a big foreign coin from Venezuela. I didn't think it was silver because it was so gray. Later in the day I found a '42 merc about 4' from where I found the Venezuelan coin and it was the same gray color. Turned out it is a 5 Bolivar coin 90% silver. 1935"

Nice hunk of silver even if it is foreign. A keeper any day of the week.

... How do I clean coins that I have dug up?, continued from page 2.

Answer from Webmaster: "Inquirer it's said, any coin of value should be cleaned professionally. That being said, olive oil treatment works OK and you can also try using hydrogen peroxide. Boil bowl of peroxide in microwave for about 15 to 30 seconds. Drop coin in bowl, repeat if necessary. This is only good to get crud off, stains are another story. Grey to dark stain can only be removed with a silver cleaner. But coinist are totally against these cleaners."

Answer from the late Tom Weaver: "Do not, I repeat, do not put peroxide on that silver coin!! you will ruin it. I have heard of someone putting vinegar and salt rub on silver, but I wouldn't recommend that either. If you want the peroxide to work on cleaning your coin you will have to do it first. If you put it olive oil soak, the peroxide won't penetrate the oil and won't work. Dave at Redford Jewelry and coin ,told me if I want to get the green out of a good coin, and not hurt the value, soak it in distilled water. It's best to clean it over a long period of time. He said, it will break down the minerals in the green patina the safe way."

These are only a couple methods for cleaning coins. To see more methods for cleaning copper, silver or clad coins (pre 1964), please visit the GLMDing forum. ([Click Here](#))

... Metro Parks, continued from page 2.

One of the biggest events that occur every year in regards to us water hunters are the "After Labor Day" hunts in Metro Parks. Goodies have been deposited all summer long just waiting to be scooped up. Detectorists from all over the state line up at the park gates at 6:00am. It is still pitch black in the early morning hours. Some actually bring lights strapped to their heads for the event. Sometimes a thick eerie fog adds to the excitement. I still remember my first attempt at one of these events. It was at Stony Creek Metro Park over 5 years ago. You could feel the excitement waiting in our cars in line at the gates. It's like horses in their respective stalls at a race track. The anticipation of the outcome of the race really gets your heart pumping. 6:00am on the dot, the guard opens the gate and we are all dashing towards Stony's two beaches. Now grant you, it is still dark out, maybe a bit foggy and you don't realize how many people have joined you either in the water or on the beach. The excitement continued for me as I started pulling coin after coin from my water scoop. Then suddenly the morning daylight appeared and I realized how big one of these events really had become. There I was standing in the middle of the swim area along with what seemed like 50 other detectorists. Just as many on the beach. All of different ages from young to mostly old. It struck me funny, I thought I was in a community bath tub with the Geritol group. One of the best times I ever had in this hobby. BTW, I did score a nice silver chain and my fill of clad coins. Perhaps I will see you at one of these parks this year. If you go to one of these events, just look for the guy dressed up in a black Walrus suit.

Letters to the Editor:

No letters to the editor this month.

Feel free to send me your questions or a story you would like posted in next months letter.

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