

THE FOOTPRINT

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What's new on GLMD or Point of Interest

"2010 Finds Page"

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If logged in, you can view the page here:

<http://greatlakismetaldetecting.com/phpBB3/finds.php>

Members of our forum can enter their 2010 finds totals through their control panel and these totals will show up on this page. This gives an over-all view of what people are finding through-out the year. Examples: Total silver coin count, silver and gold ring counts and total clad found. Feel free to join in and post your finds.

In the News or Past Stories

Wooden chest filled with gold and silver coins.

Found this story while searching for new metal detecting web sites. It is posted on Jesse's website here:

<http://www.qi.alaska.edu/~jesse/treasure/misc/news.html>

"DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK, California (AP) -- An archaeologist's search of a cave yielded a wooden chest filled with gold and silver coins that may have been hidden 149 years ago during an ill-fated Gold Rush expedition across Death Valley. Archaeologist Jerry Freeman uncovered the treasure in November as he recreated the steps of a group known as The Lost Pioneers of 1849. He and four others retraced the entire journey in December. Story continued on page 3...

Item found last Month by One of our Members

"Spill of Asian Coins"

Found by Fred K



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Latest Detector or Accessory Released

"Garrett SuperWand Pinpointer"



Features (as displayed on [KELLYCO](#)):

- Optimum sensitivity, Detects ferrous and non ferrous metals
- Self-calibration: digital microprocessor technology eliminates the need for periodic sensitivity adjustments
- Elongated profile provides 9.5 inch scan area 360 degrees of detection coverage plus tip pinpointing for easy scanning
- Clear audible or Silent/Vibrate LED detection signal
- Easy ON/OFF battery cover, standard 9V battery included.
- Power switch and LEDs positioned for easy access and high visibility.
- Tuning; Automatic
- Warranty: 24 months, parts and labor

Recommended Website to Check Out

"Jesse's Metal Detecting Page"

<http://www.gi.alaska.edu/~jesse/treasure/detector.html>

Lots of great info on gold panning and water hunting. If you ever thought about visiting Alaska, check out this page.



Tips from the Pros

"Wet Suits / Waders"

This one comes from personal experience. I use waders in early spring and late fall to detect in water. * It is recommended to use extreme caution when using waders.* People have been known to drown when their waders filled up with water while detecting. It is easy to step off a sandbar or get stuck in muck that acts like quick sand.



DESCRIPTION:

Front zipper from upper thigh to neck for easy on-off. Adjustable Velcro wrap collar. SuperStretch sleeve and side panels add comfort. Also features wrist seals, Spine Pad, and easy on-off ankle zipper system.

Xcel Hydroflex Front Zip 3.0

SIZES:

S, M, MT, ML, L, S, L, LT, XLS, XL, 2XL, 3XL

STYLES:

MN321329 Color: Black/Cobalt Blue

CONSTRUCTION:

SEAMS: Quadruple glued and blindstitched seams with reinforced stress areas.

MATERIALS: All 3mm neoprene.



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Place or Event to Check Out in or around Michigan

"Your Own Backyard"

This one is more of a tip. We have had several posts lately about people detecting their own backyard, especially the newbie testing out their new detector. You just might be surprised what can be found. Besides silver coins, old silverware, Tootsie toys and toy soldiers have been reported found. Of course your home needs to have been built in the 50's or later. Homes from the 1800's or early 1900's are ideal. Don't be afraid to ask permission to hunt your neighbor's yard and family member's yards as well.

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.

Fred said: "Got out for about 3 hrs yesterday and 4 hrs. today. Three silver, a '35 and '42D merc and a '48 Rosie. 10 Wheats. Also got a neat sportsman button and a spill of asian coins that I found just under the grass at the bottom of a hill. There were a total of 17 of them. They are aluminum."

I personally like finding foreign coins. It is cool to think about how far they have travelled and the possibilities of how they arrived at their current location.

... **Wet Suits / Waders**, continued from page 2.

During the summer I prefer to use a wet suit. If it is still cold, a 7 mil suit is preferred otherwise 3 mil is more than sufficient. But the "name of the game" is comfort. 7 mil tend to be very restrictive. Your energy level can be worn down quickly trying to move in a thick suit. The second issue is ease of getting in and out of one. I just purchased a 3 mil suit with zippers installed. Most only have one located in the back with a pull string. The one I purchased (as shown in picture) has a main zipper in front diagonally and has zippers in the legs. Optionally I had zippers installed in sleeves. If you are a diver, the suit needs to fit snugly but for wading purposes not so much. A wet suit is very good protection against the elements like cold, sunburn, jelly fish and rubbing against weeds. A matching pair of good dive boots and gloves (if cold) is strongly recommended. I don't enter water without boots. You never know what you might step on (broken glass, metal cans, fishing lures or even sharp rocks.

... **Wooden chest filled with gold**, ... continued from page 1.

"I was just blown away," Freeman said Monday. "Nothing prepared me for this."

The chest was propped up on boulders and a board but remained hidden, and was in mint condition. The find is worth an estimated \$500,000, said Freeman, a 56-year-old semi-retired substitute high school teacher.

The National Park Service is examining the find to determine if it is authentic but has not raised any questions so far.

With the coins were well-worn baby shoes, photographs and a letter documenting the wagon train trek of '49er William Robinson, who was among some 100 men, children and women seeking the gold-laden foothills of the Sierra Nevada. The group wound up in the merciless California desert.

The letter was tucked inside a small hymnal.

"My Dear Edwin," Robinson wrote. "Knoved, now we should have gone arownd.... Ifen I don't raturb by end of fifty I wont never come."

Robinson died 26 days later on January 28, 1850. According to journals, Robinson drank too much cold water at the first spring the party came to at what is known today as Barrel Springs near Palmdale. He lay down for a nap and never awakened.

The group, well-known to historians, was originally from the Midwest. The pioneers started out from Salt Lake City in October 1849, on an ill-conceived attempt to skirt the southern end of the Sierra Nevada, and ended up crossing Death Valley.

Most of the rest made it to what is now Valencia, in Los Angeles County, some 300 miles southwest of their destination. Freeman said he believes 13 died on the trek.

The team found a manifest of the trunk's contents dated January 2, 1850, along with nearly 80 pieces of currency, including \$5 and \$10 gold pieces and a number of silver dollars. None of the money appears to have dates after 1849, Freeman said.

There was also a holstered pistol, a wooden powderhorn, a locket adorned with pearls and china bowls. A knitted shawl covered it all.

Freeman said he hopes to donate the find to a museum."

Letters to the Editor:

No letters submitted this month.

Links to our website

Home page: <http://greatlakesmetaldetecting.com>

Forum: <http://greatlakesmetaldetecting.com/phpBB3/portal.php>