

# THE FOOTPRINT

## Newsletter of Great Lakes Metal Detecting

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### What's new on GLMD or Point of Interest

#### "2009 Year In Review"

Well it's been another great year here on GLMDing. Hope you enjoyed it as much as I have. We currently have 400 members registered. Over 450 silver coins, 102 silver rings and 77 gold rings have been reported found by these members. That's a lot of finds to view in one year. Besides finds, countless numbers of great articles and links to other sites have been posted. Special thanks goes out to Joe C. for keeping us entertained the whole year. With the added "Calendar", we have kept you up-to-date on up-coming events. Members of GLMD have enjoyed not one but 3 special group hunts and several mini hunts. As stated on our Home Page,

"It is our goal at **Great Lakes Metal Detecting** to provide you the best and most informative entertainment related to metal detecting & treasure hunting through this medium. To inform our viewers of the latest and up coming events through out the year. To provide a means that viewers may be able to communicate with other detectorist by way of the internet. Also, to be a news service displaying notable events related to this industry as it pertains to our form of recreation."

I think you will have to agree, these goals have been kept. Looking forward to "2010" another great year. Hope you all stick around and keep this one of the best MDing sites on the net.

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### In the News

#### Lots of Gold being found in the UK

Because of my busy schedule lately, I am just posting links to latest stories provided by Joe C.

Brits Hit Treasure Again: [Click Here](#)

A Detector, 7 Steps, Find Of A Lifetime: [Click Here](#)

Alexander The Greats Coin Hoard: [Click Here](#)

\$1.64 Million Golden Hoard: [Click Here](#) & [Here](#)

Lastly, one of the best discovery every found.

Anglo Saxon Gold Hoard: [Click Here](#), [Here](#) & [Here](#)



### Item found last Month by One of our Members

#### J.B. Hyde of New York 1853 Calendar Medal

Found by Dennis H.



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## Latest Detector or Accessory Released

### New White's Detector (Coinmaster)



Detector manual: [Click Here](#)

Coinmaster Review: [Click Here](#)

## Recommended Website to Check Out

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

<http://www.daddezio.com/society/hill/SH-MI-NDX.html>



Another great link provided by Joe C.

This site lists a directory of Historical Societies in the United States, Canada and Australia. The link above points to Societies in Michigan. Need to check out a location, find a society in that city. They will possibly have past history of that location dating back many years. A good start to your winter reasearching.

## Tips from the Pros

### Slow Down! from Webmaster

For years people have been telling me to slow down while out detecting. I am not talking about my sweep speed but rather my walking pace. Well this year I decided to take their advice and if you have been watching my finds count you would see it has been working for me. It was always my thought that covering more ground would produce more finds. But in reality all it does is produce more fatigue. Sure you get great exercise but not that much more finds. When checking out a new location, perhaps broadly check out all areas noting where you find wheaties. Now here is the tip: Go back to where you got one of those wheatie hits and spend about a hour searching a 20 - 40 square foot area around that hit.

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## Place or Event to Check Out in or around Michigan

### Construction Sites???

OK, this one is going to take a bit of research and being very observant. We all know Michigan's state flower is the yellow barrel. They are everywhere. Well these barrels can be great pointing clues to good hunting. MDOT has a website that keeps you informed of future construction in just about every major city. Here is where the research comes into play.

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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](mailto:webmaster@greatlakesmetaldetecting)**

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Here is info found on the net about the token.

[http://www.icollector.com/Unlisted-J-B-Hyde-New-York-1853-Calendar-Medal\\_i7470375](http://www.icollector.com/Unlisted-J-B-Hyde-New-York-1853-Calendar-Medal_i7470375)

"1853, Calendar Medal for the Year 1853, Struck in Brass, Issued by J.B. Hyde, New York, Very Fine. Unlisted in Rulau. This 34 mm, reeded edge Calendar Medal for 1853, was issued by J.B. Hyde at 162 Fulton Street in New York City. The obverse contains Hyde's advertising and a calendar for the first half of the year. The reverse has the calendar for the rest of the year, and an 1851 patent notice by I.B. Person. Apparently Person had these medals made for various merchants who then distributed them to advertise their own businesses. We have seen an identical 1855 medal for T.S. Sperry of New York, and other dates for J.B. Hyde."

... Tips from the Pros, continued from page 2.

Here is where your "Test Garden" practice comes into play. Slow down, pace and sweep speed. Overlap your sweep passes covering 2 inch rows on every sweep. Work in one direction and then redo area in another direction. If you have hit silver or know the area has silver, pull as much trash out as possible. Listen for those deep faint signals, dig em all. Remember, detectors after about 5 inches don't necessarily give accurate audio or video ID. Also those crappy deep signals could be a neat token or better yet gold. Once you feel that area is picked clean move onto next wheatie area. But remember the ground is constantly shifting, coins may have been on edge and you missed them. So if the area produced silver, come back to it later on in the year. People that are successful at detecting aren't necessarily covering a lot of ground but rather picking through trashy areas that no one else likes to hit.

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Check out MDOT website for any road construction going on in the city you are searching. Old streets (possibly cobble stone) are being dug up and replaced. Also check the state departments and local city web pages. Most of them have bid listings on their web pages for new building construction sites starting up in the near future. Some of these sites may be very old. Perhaps an old home from the 1800's is being torn down. Old grass parking lots or picnic groves previously inaccessible to metal detecting are now open. The possibilities are endless to those that keep an eye out. Keep a note pad in your car while driving around town. Write the address or intersection down for future reference. But don't wait too long to detect. Construction locations don't last long

## **Letters to the Editor: Digging a proper plug from Keith (Rookie)**

Hey Ross, tips from the pros suggestion, or in my case tip from a rookie.

Digging a proper plug is one of the most important things a new detectorist can learn. Even seasoned detectorists who have never paid much mind to how they leave an area looking should take heed because the future of our hobby depends on it. Parks are being closed to detecting at an alarming rate and the most important thing we as detectorists can do is to not give them any reasons to close parks.

When digging in any grassy area that is cut on a regular basis, dig a 3 sided plug. Do not dig and remove a complete plug from the ground, it will turn brown. When you leave a hinge on your plug, the root structure remains intact and will not rot.

Also, when refilling your hole and flipping your plug back down, stomp on it a couple times to displace any trapped air which will also start to affect the root structure. Do this properly and you can go back a week later and will not be able to tell where you were digging.

Here is my technique. First after pinpointing a target I cut around it on 3 sides, does not matter how large of a plug you make either. The more moisture you have in the soil, the bigger you can make a 3 sided plug . In very dry conditions it is almost impossible to make even a tiny 3 sided plug but I do still

try. Next, after flipping the plug up I determine if the target is still in the plug or in the hole. If it is in the hole I use a plastic hand shovel and put the dirt in a frisbee or on a drop cloth. When I retrieve the target it is very easy to dump the dirt back in the hole out of a frisbee or drop cloth. Then flip your "lid" or plug back down and stomp on it. No excess dirt laying around, no worries about plugs turning brown, and most importantly no worries about anyone pointing a finger at me and using me as an excuse to close a park or area to metal detecting.

Also, carry a pouch and carry out any trash you dig. If you take the time to dig it up, you may as well remove it unless you want to keep digging the same trash every yr. or causing your buddy's to dig it later (speaking from personal experience).

While we can't always be perfect, at least we can try . Our motto here "we only leave footprints behind", we should all try our best to adhere to it because the future of metal detecting as we know it depends on it.

## **Links to our website**

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

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