

# THE FOOTPRINT

## Newsletter of Great Lakes Metal Detecting

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### What's new on GLMD or Point of Interest "Good Deeds"

On this page are pictures highlighting some of our members that have found and returned items to owners. You can click on each picture to be redirected to the story behind the picture. I started this 5 years ago to promote the hobby. Since then, many other websites have followed suit. Giving back to the community is just one great aspect of this hobby. Please contact me if you have a good deeds story that you would like to share. We would love to hear from you.

[http://greatlakesmetaldetecting.com/good\\_deeds.php](http://greatlakesmetaldetecting.com/good_deeds.php)



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### In the News

#### Lots of New Coins being Released this Year

Here are links of interest:

- [The United States \(press room image library\)](#)
- [CoinNews.net](#)
- [You Tube \(History of the Lincoln Penny\)](#)



Lincoln Penny, celebration of it in 2009

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

Ross (Webmaster) found these 2 Large Cents in Rouge Park. 1819 & 1824



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## Latest Detector or Accessory Released Minelab Safari

Higher price range unit. Info Link:

<http://www.minelab.com/consumer/page.php?section=272&pId=26&pNm=Safari&x=y>

Manual Link:

<http://greatlakesmetaldetecting.com/pdfs/safari.pdf>



## Recommended Website to Check Out

### "MetalDetectingWorld.com"

Lots of great info on this site. Topics covered from the US and across the pond in the UK.

Site hosted by Sergei. See his stories from:

. in USA: New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Florida, Indiana, North Carolina

. in UK: Wyltshire

. in Chile (South America): El Quisco on the Pacific Ocean coast line

. in Russia: St. Petersburg (Leningrad) Region, Pskov Region, The Ural Mountains Region, Irkutsk Region in South-Eastern Siberia

Link:

<http://metaldetectingworld.com/index.shtml>

Also see Cleaning and Preservation of Coins - A Complete Guide: [Click Here](#)

## Tips from the Pros

### What detector should I buy?

Here is a typical example of this question asked.

"Hi Folks!

I'm totally new to this and know NOTHING about detecting other than you hope to "find" stuff underground! What's a good inexpensive (or is there such a thing) metal detector for a beginner?? I don't want to spend a lot in case I don't like the hobby, can I get a decent detector that won't lead me on a lot of wasted digging for say \$200.00?? I saw one at (you're gonna laugh) Wally World for \$198.00. They had a cheaper one for \$98.00 and a more expensive one for \$298.00 I figured I'd get an inexpensive one to start out but I don't want one that would frustrate me into not liking the hobby either!! What features do I look for??

Any brands to stay away from??

And of course which brands do you recommend??

Thanks,  
Inquirer"

See answer on page 3...

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

See "Friends of Belle Isle" Link:

<http://www.fobi.org/>

Things to see:

- Athletic Complex:
- Aquarium:
- Belle Isle Nature Zoo:
- Beach:
- Carillon Tower:
- Casino:
- Coast Guard Station:
- Conservatory:

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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)**

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

Rouge Park is a popular spot to metal detect especially if you like hunting in the woods and don't mind walking up and down steep hills. Plenty of open flat land to detect as well. Recommend working in groups of at least 2 or more. Excuse the pun, but you don't want to be spotted by some of the locals with your pants down. On this particular day, a group of 6 (including Greg) were detecting an area where a Canadian LC (see last newsletter) was found. First thing of interest to pop out of the ground was a very thin 1833 LC by Greg. Soon after, he pulled an 1864 Indianhead penny. Things were looking up, Doug had already pulled 3 silver dimes and I got 1 silver rosie. The coils were hot today. My next signal was about 4 inches down right next to a root. Thinking maybe a silver quarter but turned out to be an 1819 large cent. Only my 2<sup>nd</sup> one found in 10 years of detecting. Can't believe I didn't scratch it chopping at the root. Well we all called it a day happy with our finds. Most of us decided to return the next day.

Round 2 at Rouge. Chuck started us off with a 1/2 Reale Charles IV Silver Spanish Milled Coin made from 1788 to 1808. Wow! Then I found another rosie. Next lightning struck twice for me, I pulled a 2<sup>nd</sup> LC (1824) in two days. Couldn't believe we all missed it the day before. It was only just below the frost line, maybe 2 inches down. Now to top the day off, Doug hits a silver coin spill. 8 silver coins in all. Sure were a great couple of days of detecting. Turned out to be our last, as old man winter arrived.

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... What detector should I buy?, continued from page 2.

**Answer from Webmaster:** "The old saying "you get what you pay for".

First off, if you unsure what to buy, join a club. Get to know some of the members, perhaps they will let you try their spare detector to try out. (try before you buy) You may decide you don't like this hobby. (I doubt it)

2nd, If you buy a unit under \$300, you soon will find out that you wish you bought the better unit. Now you go out and buy your 2nd unit at \$500-800. Combined, you now have spent \$800-1100 to which you could have almost bought top of the line in the first place. See what I am getting at. Save up & buy an \$800 unit in the first place. You won't go wrong.

A word of warning, brand new units are like cars. Once you drive off the lot, they depreciate to half their cost. Which brings up the next idea. Buy a used top of the line unit from a good dealer.

See more responses to this question here:

<http://greatlakesmetaldetecting.com/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=69&t=6472>

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... Belle Isle, continued from page 2

- Detroit Boat Club:
- Detroit Yacht Club:
- Dossin Museum:
- Fishing Piers:
- Flynn Pavilion:
- Golf Course and Driving Range:
- Livingstone Memorial Lighthouse:
- Scott Fountain:

Belle Isle is still one of my favorite places to detect. Some say it is hunted out or that the "old lady" doesn't like to give up her treasures. This may be true but if you do find something here chances are it will be very old. See my composite picture of Belle Isle on next page. It shows old Belle Isle overlaid on map of new Belle Isle. One of my best finds was discovered here. It was a change purse (see picture next page). Found in 2002 with my White's XLT. It's a day I will never forget, a find of a lifetime.

I have personally walked about 90 % of this park. Do to summer activities, I recommend detecting early spring or late fall. Some nice old bottles along with silver coins have been found in the wooded areas. But nice items can be found just about anywhere on the island. You will have to work for these treasures. Average depth of coins is about 6 to 8 inches. By all means, pack a lunch and make a whole day of detecting when you go.



Remains of Purse

- 1. 1891-o Morgan Dollar
- 2. 1901 Barber Quarter
- 3. ???? Dime (worn flat)
- 4. 1899 Barber Dime
- 5. 1900 Barber Dime
- 6. 1906 Barber Dime
- 7. 1902 V Nickel
- 8. 1905 V Nickel



Front

Morgan

Back

Found 4" down under a rock.  
At Belle Isle in Detroit, Michigan

## **Letters to the Editor:**

**This suggestion came from several posts of our forum.**

"Ross, I think that would be a great idea to have a group hunt somewhere once a month!!!"

I would like to see a once a month hunt. We have almost 300 members on our site that certainly could provide with some interesting detecting spots. However, scheduling such events would best be done on our forum. I always suggest to people that would like to join groups detecting, to watch the forum to see who is going. Someone is always posting that they are going detecting, they usually post when and where. If you see one of these posts, just ask if you can tag along. Don't wait to be asked. There is a catch to this though. It can't always be the same one or two people suggesting a location. Everyone has to take a turn.

Like Joe suggested, these group hunts don't have to be planned "Token Hunts". Just pick a location and see if anyone will show up.

If someone would like to schedule a token hunt, please give me at least one month notice. Then I can add it in the next newsletter.

## **Links to our website**

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

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