

# THE FOOTPRINT

## Newsletter of Great Lakes Metal Detecting

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

#### "Group Hunts"

GLMD forum has grown to over "300" members. We have people posting from all over the country and certainly around Michigan. With the summer weather approaching, several of us are finally getting back out hunting. Our forum is a great place to hook up with other fellow detectorists. Members post if and where they are heading out. Feel free to join in the hunts. This is what GLMD and this hobby is all about, "Good Friends" getting together.

Have you left **Your Footprints** behind lately?



### In the News

#### Time Searchers Presents..Day 5 "The Unpacking Of The Hansbrough Ridge Coin Purse"

Links to videos (must see):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RPuvtaalMZo>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMBC0tJzPkA&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMBC0tJzPkA&feature=player_embedded)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNy8mtDGb6c&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpYN1q4NBE8&feature=related>



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

Another large coin found, this time by Doug G. (1907 Barber half)



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## Latest Detector or Accessory Released Whites Spectra V<sup>3</sup> (Vision)

High end unit. New "Color Display". Info Link:

<http://whiteselectronics.com/v3.html>

Spectra V<sup>3</sup> Owners Guide:

<http://greatlakesmetaldetecting.com/pdfs/v3-owners-guide.pdf>



## Recommended Website to Check Out

"TreasureSecrets.com"

<http://www.treasuresecrets.com/>

This site is authored by **E. Earl Webb, Author/Reporter**

Lots of good reading material. I have enjoyed reading his stories from Longview, WA. To see a list of them check out the site map.

<http://www.treasuresecrets.com/id99.htm>



## Tips from the Pros

### What digging tools should I use?

**Here is a typical example of this question asked.**

"Hello I would like to know what most of you use for digging tools like what you use at the parks and schools and what would you use in relic type hunting lands. And what do you use at the beach type hunting.

Thanks,  
Inquirer"

This is a great question and one that shouldn't be taken lightly. Every location requires the proper tool. Electricians have wire cutters and tape, plumbers have pipe wrenches and torches.

We have digging shovels and scoops.

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

They say "the grass isn't always greener on the other side of the hill". When it comes to metal detecting, who cares. Get out there and explore what this state has to offer. Here is a tip:

**Old Boy Scout camps and RV trailer parks.**



Check out this link of old Boy Scout postcards.

<http://www.boyscoutmuseum.com/Michigan.shtml>

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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.

Doug, Debbie, Jason, Larry, Steve, Dennis and Ross hit Eliza Howell park Sunday 4-5-09

"Eliza is fast becoming my favorite park . After hunting for 3-4 hours I only had some clad and not even a Wheat pennie yet. As I got close to Dennis I could see his pockets overflowing with silver and watching him dig out yet another one as he made a funny at me. I went into the woods near where he was hunting. I was sweeping my coil at the base of a large old tree when I got just the faint hit of a silver sound and my depth scale just a little line all the way at the bottom. As I pulled out the top layer of soil and sweep my coil back over the target got stronger, a good sign on the Minelab. I had to dig through some tree roots and I put my probe down it the hole and could hear a good strong target. I kept going deeper and all I was thinking is this is going to be a tin can or piece of metal. Then I got sight of the edge of a silver coin. I pulled out the 1907 Barber Half."

... **Digging Tools**, continued from page 2.

A lot depends on the area you are detecting in as to what type of digging tool should be used. Obviously you don't want to use a full size shovel in some ones front yard or a manicured public park. The following would be more appropriate.



In farm fields or wooded areas, larger trench shovels and spades can be used where you don't have to be as neat digging holes.

Larger shovels are great when it comes to digging deep and cutting through roots. You have to be careful not to scratch the item you are retrieving. **Lesche** standard digging tool is one of the more popular. It can be used just about anywhere.



For water detecting, a large stainless steel or aluminum scoop with holes is the preferred tool. You can cover a lot of area where pin pointing isn't as critical. For beach hunting, a smaller version works well.



More info on this topic can be found on the GLMDing forum. [\(Click Here\)](#)

... **Old Boy Scout camps and RV trailer parks**, continued from page 2.

Michigan has many old boy scout camps. One of the oldest in the country (**Owasippe Scout Reservation**) is located right in Twin Lake, Michigan. Info link: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Owasippe\\_Scout\\_Reservation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Owasippe_Scout_Reservation) Do a Google search on "Michigan Boy Scout Camps" to find others like this one.

As an avid water detectorists, I like looking for RV or KOA camps with swimming holes. Sometimes it is hard getting permission to detect them. But if you do, they can pay off big time. Here is a link to Michigan camp listings: <http://www.gocampingamerica.com/Michigan/search.html>

## Letters to the Editor:

### New Contest at goldenmirages.com !!!!

hey gang,

We have a new CONTEST!!!! and we are looking for a few good finds...Post your finds in the " new finds " section and if you have the most votes. You will win a cooolll \$100.The contest will run till June 6th and have 3 categories

BEST GOLD !!! BEST SILVER !!! BEST RELIC !!!

The prize for the TOP VOTED entry will be \$100 for each category !!!! CASH.....

So post your finds and let the games begin !!!!!!!

Here are the links for each category

GOLD FINDS

<http://www.goldenmirages.com/index.php?topic=883.0>

SILVER FINDS

<http://www.goldenmirages.com/index.php?topic=884.0>

RELIC FINDS

<http://www.goldenmirages.com/index.php?topic=885.0>

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**Special notice from Webmaster:** Be sure and read next month's newsletter. There will be a story of a "Find of a Lifetime" by Sharon Standish. Too late to put in this newsletter. So if you can't wait, see postings on our forum.

## Links to our website

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

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