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Garrett Metal Detectors

## Back to Basics: Use the Right Tools!

Anyone who has read one of my treasure hunting books knows that I like to preach the basics:

- Start at home and *learn how* your detector operates;
- Use your ears to *determine where* people lost or hid treasures;
- *Careful research* helps uncover productive treasure hot spots;
- *Be patient yet persistent* in your treasure hunting; and
- *Recover treasures professionally* with the best techniques and tools.

Regarding this last point, I founded Garrett Metal Detectors in 1964 to build a better metal detector than what I was able to buy on the market. To this day, my engineers and I are continually striving to make the sport of treasure hunting more productive and thereby more enjoyable.

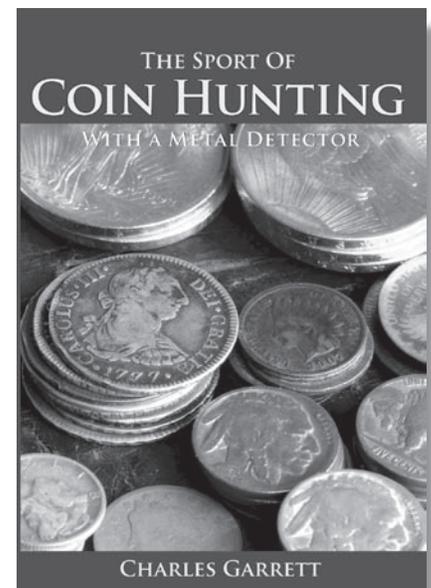
I am therefore proud to announce a new product in the Garrett hobby detectors family—

the all-new *PRO-POINTER™* hand-held pinpointing metal detector.

The beauty of this new product is in the work it will save you after you have started to recover a nice target. If you could not quickly find your treasure after digging or removing a plug, the next step was to swing your detector back over the plug and recovery area to find whether you had removed the target or not. This is often awkward with a full-size metal detector when you are kneeling down to recover.

My new *PRO-POINTER* is designed to speed your search and recovery efforts by eliminating the need to again swing the larger searchcoil. This unique pinpointer includes audible and vibrating alarms that increase proportionally as the *PRO-POINTER* is moved in closer proximity to a metallic target. It's almost like moving closer to an angry rattlesnake!

I also often mention that research is an important process of



*The fourth book in a popular series of treasure hunting field guides from Charles Garrett, The Sport of Coin Hunting, is now available.*

successful treasure hunters. Coin hunters young and young at heart should enjoy my latest pocket-sized field guide, *The Sport of Coin Hunting*. This compact book even includes an identification guide for the most commonly discovered U.S. coins.

From your time studying to your time digging, spend it wisely and you will be more productive!

I'll see you in the field!

*Charles Garrett*



*Charles Garrett's PRO-POINTER—the professional's pinpointer—was designed to speed treasure recovery with precise pinpointing.*

## New Yorker Rings in Success With His GTI

Chris from New York more than paid for his new *GTI 2500* this year with just two of his best discoveries. The first was a 14k gold ring that bears his same initials.

"I was out hunting a local sports complex when I got a nice clear signal of 5.5, size B, with a probable depth of 3 inches using my *GTI 2500*," said Chris. "I dug out the pictured ring but my initial reaction was disappointment. The ring had a sizer installed and the finish on it was peeling away. When I finally got the sizer off and rinsed it in a nearby puddle I saw 14k big as day. I gave it another rinse and got a real surprise when I saw the initials were CW same as mine! It even fits me (if I wear it on my thumb as pictured!)."

Chris calculates the odds of finding a ring with his own initials to be so high that "I better go buy some lottery tickets. I am so pleased I chose



*Using his GTI 2500, Chris W. found this 1909 Indian Head Quarter Eagle gold coin mounted in a 14k gold bezel (above) as well as a 14k gold ring (right) with his own initials.*



Garrett when I replaced a broken detector of a different make last year. First with a great *ACE 250*, and shortly after that with my extraordinary *GTI 2500*."

His luck with finding valuable gold rings paid off again this summer while hunting an old baseball field. Chris picked up a size C signal at 4 inches depth and quickly retrieved a 14k ring in which a 1909 quarter eagle gold coin had been mounted.

Chris said he "fell to my knees, pumped my fists into the air and shouted with all I could muster. I hope that feeling is with me for a long time. Pure joy!"

In his first six months of using his new *GTI 2500*, Chris has found \$1,364.76 in coins and jewelry. "Thank you for manufacturing a superior detector!" he wrote.



### Treasure Hunts Benefit Local Library

**Left:** These Garrett T-shirt-clad youth participated in an annual treasure hunt organized by Joe Frank Metcalf and Garrett dealer Keith Wills to benefit their area library in Tatum, Texas. Children of various ages were able to try their luck at finding treasure targets. Proceeds from past and present hunts are being used to build a new library for the town of Tatum.

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See inside this *Searcher* issue for more details on Garrett's new PRO-POINTER!

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GTI 2500 and GTP 1350 Coin Hunter Specials, ACE 250 Deluxe Sports Pack and Garrett PRO-POINTER introductory special offers are valid from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 2008 at participating U.S. domestic dealers only. \* Savings based on total cost of detectors and accessories if purchased separately.

# Garrett Introduces High-End Pinpointer

The latest metal detector product from Garrett is already creating a buzz. The new Garrett *PRO-POINTER* is a pinpointing detector engineered to help hobbyists find their treasure targets faster. From what we've heard from the first to use it, it does that and more.

Key features of the new *PRO-POINTER* include:

- Audible and vibrating alarms which increase in intensity based on target proximity.
- Pinpointing tip and 360° side scanning capability.
- Scraping blade for soil search.
- LED flashlight for low light conditions.
- Woven belt holster included.
- Water resistant unit can be washed in running water or used in the rain.

Don't take our word that the Garrett *PRO-POINTER* is a "must-have" recovery tool. Here are thoughts from just a few of those people who have already used this detector.

## Charlie Weaver, ID

"I've hunted for 40 years without a pinpointer and didn't think I needed one. The ones I had tried were either too bulky to be handy or were not very powerful. Now that I've used the Garrett *PRO-POINTER*, I won't hunt without it!"

## Greg M., CA

"Excellent product ready for market. What I loved: quality feel; excellent performance in the ground; gradient rise of the target signal as you approached the target; 12 kHz circuit (my favorite for target sensitivity from low to high conditions); white LED light; side scan with scraper; and 9-volt system."

## John B., Edmonton, Canada:

"The *PRO-POINTER* can be de-tuned—just like a regular



(Above) Larry S. of Texas found several rare coins—including an 1864 two-cent piece and an 1841 Matron Head large cent—during his first field testing of the *PRO-POINTER*.

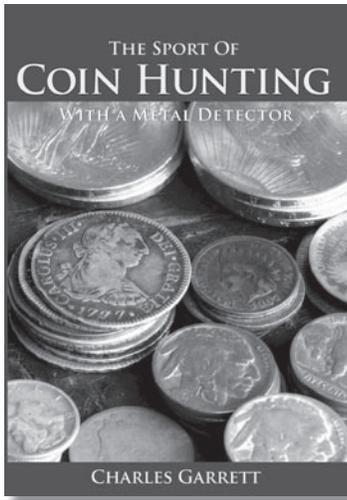
metal detector to make it less sensitive to the target—so it will only sound off when you are right beside it. No more scratching silver coins.

"Using the *PRO-POINTER* is so simple. It became an asset when hunting multiple targets, as it saved lots of time, and saving time equals more targets.

"It really is an improvement on what is available today and it's built tough! I think Garrett has bragging rights on this one."



(Left) John B. of Canada found 983 coins and seven rings in his first dozen hunts using the new *PRO-POINTER*. "I am guessing that my finds have increased about 20% since using the *PRO-POINTER*," John said.



# Coin Hunting Crossword

Your numismatic knowledge will be needed to solve this puzzle of coin-hunting words used in Charles Garrett's new field guide, *The Sport of Coin Hunting*.

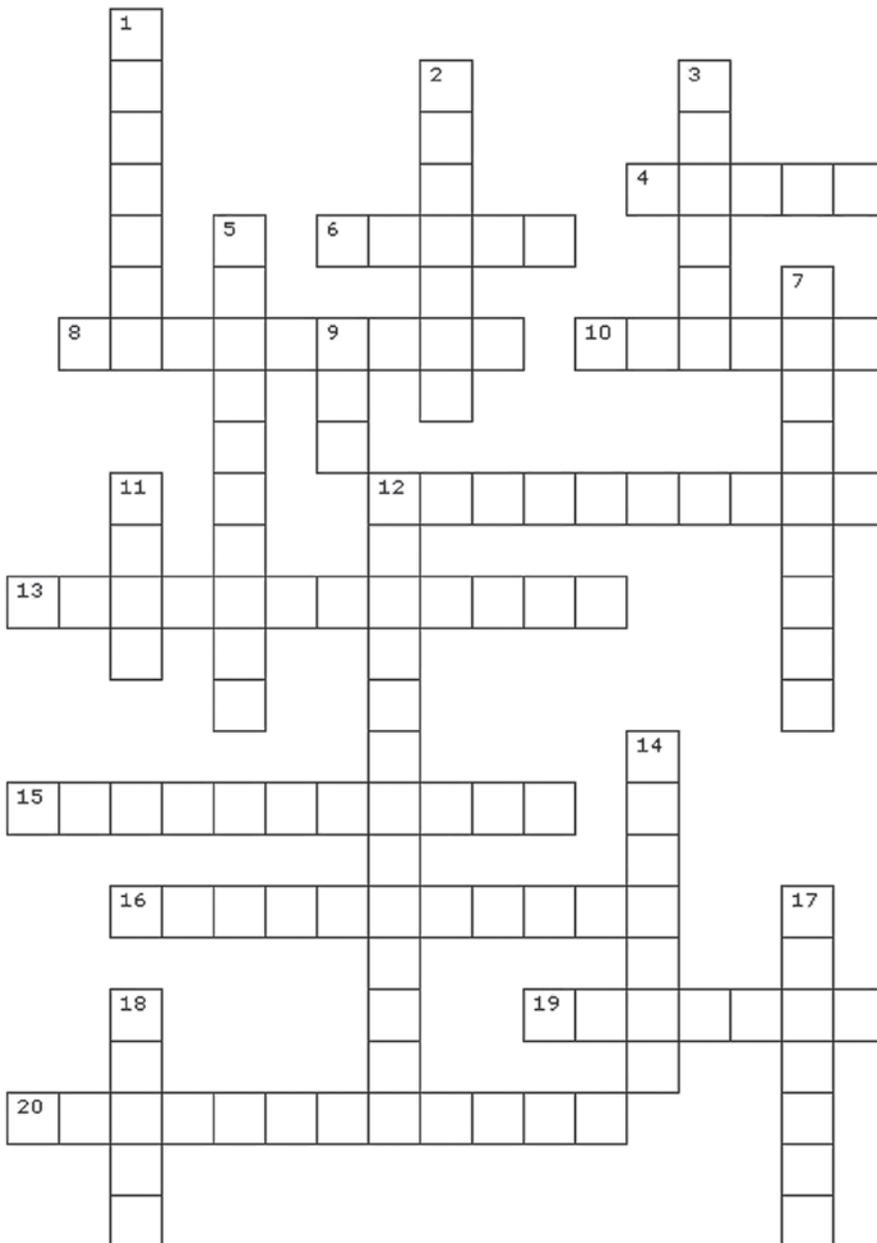
## ACROSS

- 4 Original spelling of the word "dime"
- 6 Hidden or stored money
- 8 U.S. President featured on the current dime
- 10 Early U.S. coin designer
- 12 New Garrett pinpointer
- 13 \$2.5 U.S. gold coin nickname
- 15 Coins fashioned by machines in the 1700s
- 16 \$20 U.S. gold coin nickname
- 19 Susan B. \_\_\_\_\_ dollar
- 20 Motto on most U.S. coins

## DOWN

- 1 Also known as "Indian Head" nickel
- 2 U.S. President featured on the current penny
- 3 Super \_\_\_\_\_ searchcoil
- 5 U.S. President featured on the current quarter
- 7 U.S. President featured on the current nickel
- 9 Very low frequency
- 11 Copper/nickel composition of U.S. coins since 1965
- 12 Early, divisible Spanish dollar
- 14 Lady \_\_\_\_\_ (freedom icon)
- 17 U.S. President featured on the current half dollar
- 18 \$10 U.S. gold coin

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## Fabulous Finds

### Garrett Owners' Success Stories



*(Above and right) Roger W. of Indiana unearthed this 12-pound cannonball in 2008 after discovering it with an ACE 250.*

### Treasure Tales from a Garrett Veteran

"It's the fun of the finds more than it is the value." That's the mindset of veteran treasure hunter Mike Hardin, who visited the Garrett offices when he was recently traveling through Dallas.

Mike, however, has made some impressive finds in his nearly 20 years of treasure hunting, including about 300 rings and countless thousands of coins. He purchased a Garrett *Gold Stinger* that literally paid for itself in no time. "In my first year with the detector, I actually rolled up and deposited \$1,000 in spendable coins," Mike said.

He now spends time traveling in his 40-foot trailer home and selling Garrett detectors to



*Mike Hardin (above) stopped by Garrett's office to show some of the numerous coins (right), rings (below) and jewelry he has found with his ACE 250 and GTI 2500.*



people at his many stops. After trading his *Gold Stinger* for a *GTI 2500*, Mike now alternates hunting with the 2500 and an *ACE 250*. "I've been around people with \$3,500 detectors and I can find anything they can find with my less expensive Garretts," he stated.

During a stay in one campground, a couple purchased an *ACE 250* from him. "On their second day in camp they found a silver ring. They couldn't put the detector down after that," Mike related. "And what a good way to pass the day!"





## GTI 2500 Owner Shares Treasure Techniques

*Editor's note: The following article was contributed by Roger Rose Jr., who claims to be "an avid reader" of the Searcher and "proud owner of the GTI 2500." Roger metal detects with his buddy Jim Doan in rural Pennsylvania.*

In the rolling hills of Pennsylvania near the New York border there lies a small-populated town called Lawrenceville. Near this town, there are many other small towns that have populations around 700. My very good friend Jim Doan and I hunt the rolling hills, metal detecting for lost treasures. The history that lies beneath the ground is something that may blow your mind. Anyone with a metal detector and a full tank of gas can drive to these locations to find coins and trinkets from the past.

If you can imagine 100 years ago—when there were no computers or cell phones—children of all ages would play outside and climb trees for fun. Fathers and mothers would be outside doing chores. Coins, toys, jewelry and much more was lost as all this was occurring. When Jim and I decided to do research on a nearby town we hit the libraries and take out a few books. In a matter of days, our research pays off. We find dozens of artifacts where those children played and those families did their chores. Usually



*Roger, author of this article, is an archeologist who loves to teach his trade to Pennsylvania area children. (Above) In addition to metal detectors, Roger's team uses conventional excavation to recover historic artifacts. (Right) Recent recoveries include an 1840s circa railroad spike, a Civil War cavalry bell, Civil War button, old keys and other artifacts.*

in a period of a month of going back and forth to the same location, we uncover between 20 and 100 relics.

Last year Jim found a beautiful Civil War buckle in the middle of a local town where an old camp used to be. I recently found several Civil War buttons located in my hometown. On an average day, we spend about two hours doing what we love.

We are often asked several questions. What do you find? Where can you go? We tell them the obvious without revealing our secret locations. Sure, there is a cost to purchase the detectors and to fill the gas tanks but overall it is well worth it. All



*Coins recovered from one of Roger's hunts include a 1902 U.S. dime, an 1820 Canadian dime, a Canadian half cent and an 1830s U.S. large cent.*



you need is a little imagination and you are on your way.

After we do our research, we get permission from the landowner to get his okay before we start to metal detect. As we find the treasures that lay beneath the surface, we fill in the holes to the best of our ability. Any trash that we uncover we take with us to throw away.

If you, the reader, would love to find ancient treasures—and you would love to get in shape—then metal detecting is for you. I wish you the best in your upcoming hunts, and do remember one thing...respect the land owner no matter where you go.

## International Treasures

### Garrett Owners' Success Stories



#### Well Done, Ian!

Ian M. of England purchased a Garrett *GTI 2500* detector this year and has already put it to the test. In July he was out using his 12.5" searchcoil when he made his "best find yet. It was well down, 10 inches plus."

He dug a 6.5" long x 2" wide Bronze Age axe head which dates back to about 1500 B.C. "The axe is now in Durham Cathedral," Ian explained. "The archaeologists are pleased to see it and have dated it."



Ian sent in the above photo of some early currency from about the same era which were also found with his *GTI 2500* in Durham County, England. "Well done, Garrett," he wrote. "Great detector."



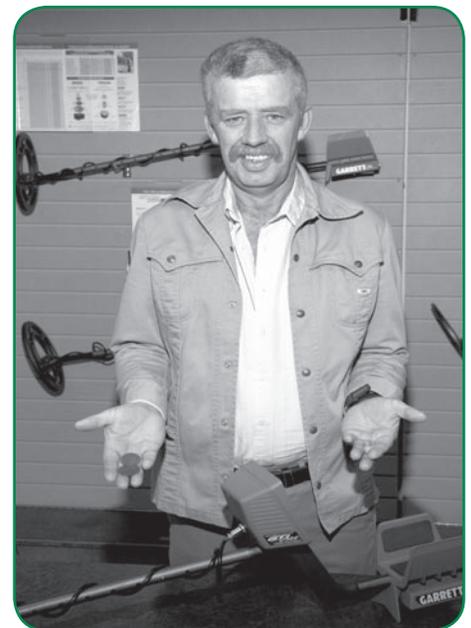
#### Found in Canada, Part I

Rod M. of Alberta sent these photos of his latest finds with his Garrett detector, including an 1896 Morgan silver dollar.



#### Found in Canada, Part II

Barry C. of Canada (*right photo*) visited the Garrett Museum and brought some of his own treasures along. He has been able to dig buttons from the late 1700s (*see above photo*) up to 14" deep with his *GTI 2500*. In his hunts along the Nova Scotia coastline, Barry has also unearthed a number of musket balls and old coins. "If I run the 2500 in the All-Metal Mode, I can dig coins



out of places where people say there are no more coins," he said. "Some signals are just a whisper." Sometimes the good treasures are just a whisper!

## Early Trade Goods Found With Infinium

An avid Garrett *Infinium* LS metal detectorist stopped by the Garrett office recently to show off his most recent finds. Since late 2007, he and his hunting partner have unearthed hundreds of artifacts which date back prior to 1870, found in an area of the northwestern United States.

The site, hunted with permission on private property, appears to be an old Native American camp or rendezvous site. The many iron and copper relics include arrowheads, knives, fish hooks, square nails, whisker tweezers, brass brace-



This collection box shows an assortment of 19th century trade goods found with a Garrett *Infinium* LS. The conical-shaped relics in the upper center of the photo are the "tin tinklers" described in the article. The relic hunter who found these items was using a 10" x 14" mono coil on his *Infinium*, finding many of these relics at 12-inch depths.



lets, rings, flat buttons, iron keys, and flintlocks from early muskets. This relic hunter explained of these discoveries: "Most of these items we found are what are called trade goods. Early Anglo explorers would trade copper and iron tools, jewelry and rifles to acquire

what they wanted from the Native Americans."

"We found many of what I call 'tin tinklers,'" he related. "The Indians rolled up little pieces of copper and hung them from their dresses, so that they made tinkling noises when they danced."



(Left, top) Detail view of one of the ornamental buttons.

(Left, center) One of these early rings even included a colorful gemstone.

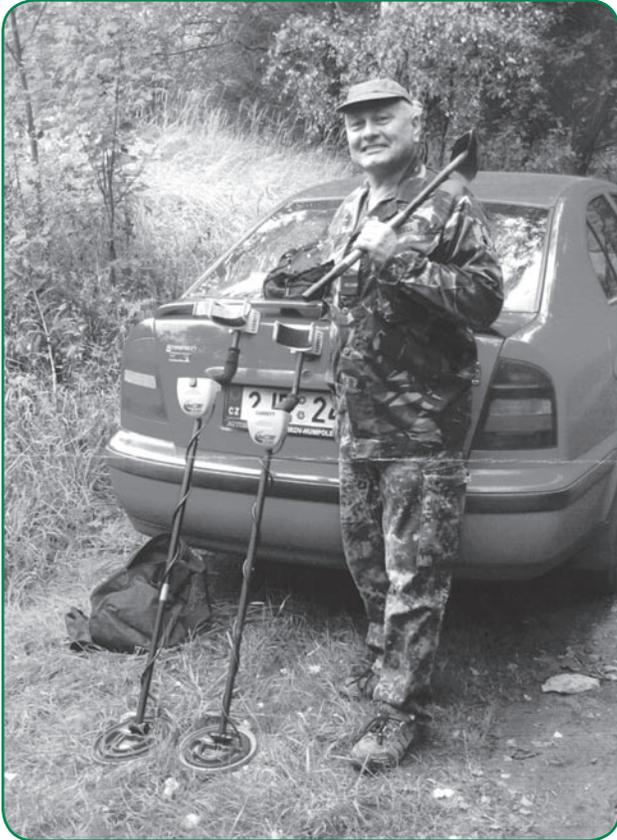


(Left, lower) Native Americans used these early tweezers to pluck their facial hairs.

(Right) Charles Garrett closely studies one of the artifacts from the case of relics.



## Photos and Finds



### Greetings From the Czech Republic

(Above) Jan S. from the Czech Republic wrote to say that he found his first Garrett ACE 150 to be a great detector to help him acquire proper detecting techniques. Jan has since purchased a Garrett GTAx 550 in his quest for historic relics. "Thank you for your perfect product," he wrote.

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### Colonial Coins

(Above) Tom F. of Virginia found 13 early vintage coins with his Garrett Grand Master Hunter, including this one from 1787.



### ACE Unearths Australian Gold

Wal E., a self-described "passionate gold prospector and coin hunter for almost thirty years here in Australia," started his prospecting hobby with a Garrett *Groundhog*. Wal recently acquired an ACE 250 from Garrett distributor Phil Sternes.

"Suddenly the easy fun was back in my prospecting day!" Wal wrote. He says the ACE 250 "will find small gold effectively on extremely hot ground if used aggressively." Proof of this is shown in the small gold nugget (above) Wal found with the ACE, as well as old Chinese coins lost during an Australian gold rush.

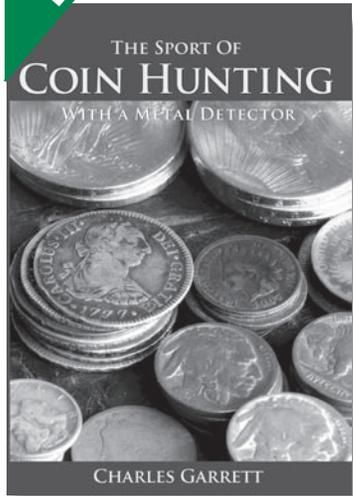


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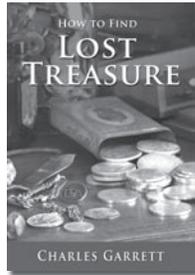
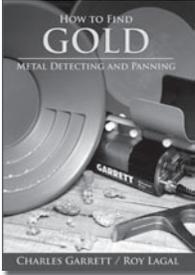
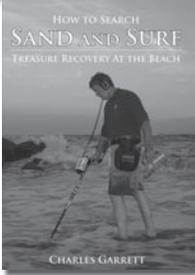
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