

Spring 2009 Edition

**Garrett Metal Detectors** 

### Treasure...It's Still Out There!

It's hard to believe that 45 years have passed since Eleanor and I founded Garrett Metal Detectors back in 1964. You can bet I've seen plenty of changes

in the technology of metal detectors and I continue to be excited about the future.

People often ask me, "Charles, do you really think there's much treasure left to be found?"

It's a good question but it makes me chuckle. I'm always quick to assure that person, "I firmly believe that in the past decades of metal detecting, we have probably found only about 1% of the world's lost treasures." I truly believe that.

Just think of the history of our world and how long people have hidden caches or dropped coins or fought

wars in which important relics were discarded on battlefields. And that's not even mentioning the world's oceans, which are a veritable museum of treasures just waiting to be uncovered. On that note, I must recommend our latest RAM Books publication called *The*  World's Richest Wrecks: Gold and Silver Treasures of the Seas.

In this indispensable treasure guide, Sir Robert Marx and his wife Jenifer reveal the areas



Bob Marx and Charles Garrett holding ancient Spanish cannon in the Garrett museum.

of the world in which ships of all description were lost with valuable cargos. Specifically, this text describes the loss of galleons and sailing vessels whose cargos held at least \$10 million worth of gems, coins or other precious commodities. While past Marx books have focused largely on the Caribbean and North and South American shipwrecks, *The World's Richest Wrecks* also includes data on where to find shipwrecks

> all over our globe: the Philippines, Africa, South Africa, Australia, the Indian Ocean, the Azores Islands, Europe, Spain, the Far East and the British Isles.

> I was pleased to have Bob come to the Garrett factory in November for a visit. We talked about many of his past adventures diving on shipwrecks with Garrett metal detectors and recovering Spanish gold and silver coins and fabulous jewelry. Sir Robert, incidentally, worked with my engineers years ago to improve the design of our popular Sea Hunter Mark

II underwater metal detector. While visiting in Garland, Bob also gave a treasure-hunting presentation in our auditorium to a large group of treasure enthusiasts. His new book will include details of some of the ships he has helped salvage and hundreds more treasure-laden vessels which are still waiting to be discovered.

One of the keys to finding treasure is having the desire to complete the necessary research. In addition to publishing a guide to finding the world's richest shipwrecks, RAM Books is also releasing my latest treasure-hunting field guide this spring: Understanding Treasure Signs and Symbols. This treasure symbology has long fascinated me during my many years of hunting for old caches. I have maps that contain such symbols and knowing how to

read these signs has proven invaluable over the years. I have also interpreted Native American symbology in the field which helped me and my companions locate treasures.

In addition to these two new guides to finding treasure, I would also suggest you acquire Garrett's latest treasure recovery tool—the Garrett *PRO-POINTER*. This pinpointer, with audible and vibrating alarms which increase in intensity as you move it closer to a metallic target, will help you recover your treasure targets faster. The *PRO-POINTER* will also help prevent you from missing secondary treasure targets where you are digging.

You can't go wrong with the right tools. Supply yourself with the best metal detecting equipment and improve your success by carrying out the necessary research. These steps, along with a little patience and perserverenace, will make you a better treasure hunter. I'll see you in the field!

Charles Sarrett

### **Fabulous First Find**

"I've always had an interest in coin collecting and I had wanted a metal detector for years," recalled Sherry E. of Beaver Falls, PA. Her husband and parents purchased an *ACE* 250 for Sherry's birthday and she found it to be just as exciting as she had hoped.

"After numerous bench tests and watching the DVD, I finally went out," Sherry related. "There's a park near my home with a crick (western Pennsylvania slang for creek). I followed the entire length of it. At the end, near a lower bank, the Garrett *ACE 250* was beeping and flashing between the 1 cent and the 5 cent targets on the LCD graphic screen. I started digging and the water kept filling the hole.

"I dug approximately 8 to 10 inches down and I found three coins stacked together. They were an 1828 One Cent piece, an 1867 nickel Three (III) Cent piece and an 1883 Liberty Head Nickel (V). What a great first find! The 1828 Large Cent has a value of \$275. The other two



Sherry E. found these three early American coins on her first ACE 250 hunt.

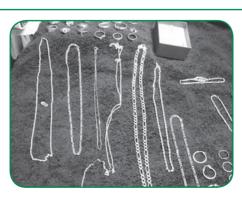
have a value of \$15 to \$20 each. My coins would actually pay for the cost of my Garrett *ACE* 250. But, I'll never part with my 'First Find'!"

made with his Garrett *Sea Hunter Mark II* metal detector. These rings and gold necklaces were found in old swimming holes and around boat ramps and canoe launches along the St. Johns River—the longest river in Florida.

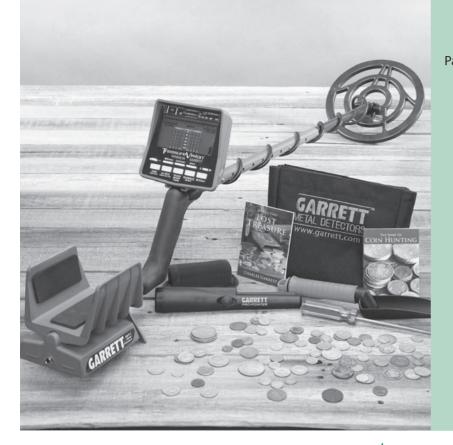
#### **Sea Hunter Recoveries**



Joseph B. of Florida sent in these photos of discoveries



# **The Best Ever Price on Our Best...**







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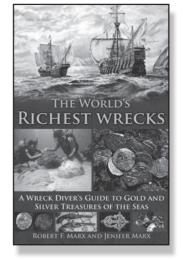
Garrett's *GTI 2500, ACE 250* and *ACE 150* Spring Specials are valid from March 1 to May 31, 2009 at participating U.S. domestic dealers only. \* Savings based on total cost of detectors and accessories if purchased separately.

### **Two Exciting New RAM Book Titles**

Treasure hunters can look forward to two brand-new titles from Garrett's RAM Books line.

The first is the fifth book in a series of pocket-size field guides written by Charles Garrett. In *Understanding Treasure Signs and Symbols*, Garrett reveals the secrets of reading old treasure maps. The book explains how and why such symbols were drawn on maps, carved into trees or painted on rocks to help reveal the location of treasures buried long ago. The book includes numerous pages of early Spanish symbols and their interpretation.

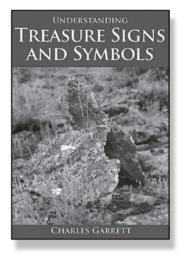
Also available in March is a new book by Sir Robert F. Marx and his wife Jenifer which is destined to be a hit. *The World's Richest Wrecks* is the culmination of a lifetime of research by Bob Marx. He has combed thousands of books and archival documents to present this volume on lost treasure ships whose cargoes



*The World's Richest Wrecks* 456 pages, 5.5" x 8.5" \$24.95 hard cover (PN 1509810) \$19.95 soft cover (PN 1509800)

are valued at more than \$10 million. In *The World's Richest Wrecks*, Marx describes the most fabulous wrecks of both the Old World and New World. While he and other wreck divers have discovered some of these treasures, hundreds of the ships described in this book remain to be found!

All of you land lubbers should take interest in this



Understanding Treasure Signs and Symbols 96 pages, 3.5" x 5" \$3.95 soft cover (PN 1546000)

book because treasure from shallow-water wrecks can be washed ashore on the beaches by storm surges.

This new shipwreck book contains historic maps and dozens of pages of full-color photos of extravagant treasures from the ocean—jewelry, coins, precious stones and incredible artifacts.

#### Bob Marx Gives Treasure Talk at Garrett Headquarters

Famed treasure diver Bob Marx visited Garrett's corporate headquarters in November to share his experiences with treasure hunters. Metal detector enthusiasts from clubs around the Dallas/Fort Worth area gathered in Garrett's



Bob Marx signs autographs for treasure hunters after his presentation at Garrett.

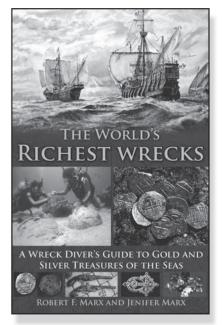
new auditorium to hear Marx recount stories of his lifetime of treasure hunting in the world's oceans.

He presented a Powerpoint slideshow and then took time to field questions from the audience. Some of the images from his slideshow will appear in Bob's upcoming book *The World's Richest Wrecks*, to be available in March from Garrett Metal Detectors or from major book sellers.

### World's Richest Wrecks Word Search

Put your sleuthing skills to the test by locating the hidden words from Robert and Jenifer Marx's new book, *The World's Richest Wrecks*. (Solution on page 7.)

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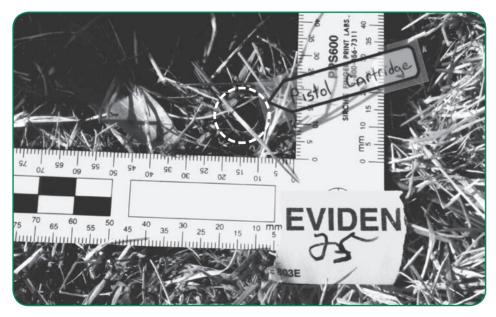
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### Police Officer Helps Solve Crime with His ACE

The following story was sent in to Garrett by Officer C.W. Moss from Virginia. Now that the case has been closed and the guilty party has been successfully prosecuted, Officer Moss' chief approved the release of these photos.

"On January 31, 2008, I was on duty at my job as a police officer in Farmville, VA. The previous night, there had been a shooting resulting in a homicide. The investigators from the department were still at the location processing the scene for evidence. The scene was an open park area around a basketball court and it was believed that two shooters were involved. Investigators had walked the area several times looking for evidence but felt they were missing something. One of the investigators knew I was an amateur relic hunter and had recently purchased a Garrett *ACE 250* metal detector. He asked me to go home, get my metal detector, and come back to the scene.

"Once I had the metal detector on scene, I searched the areas that the investigators felt there could be some 'missing' evidence, namely cartridge casings and/or bullets in the ground. I was able to successfully locate several cartridge casings that were hiding in the tall grass that would have otherwise gone undetected. With those casings, and others previously located, we were able to show that there were indeed two different



This crime scene photo shows one of the casings Moss recovered with his ACE.



Officer Moss with his ACE detector.

weapons involved and where each shooter was located.

"I never thought my hobby would come in handy at work, but you never know when a metal detector will be of good use. I live in an area that is rich in Civil War history. I'm looking forward to the spring when I can take my family out relic hunting with me. Thanks for continuing to make great products."

Thank you, Officer Moss, for sharing your testimonial. It should be noted to our *Searcher* readers that Garrett also manufactures a security ground search metal detector called the *CSI 250*. Its Graphic Target ID Legend includes discrimination settings for common crime scene metallic targets and bullet calibers.

#### GTP 1350 User Shares His Formula for Success

Raymond J. of Bridge City, TX, wrote to the *Searcher* to share the fun he is having with his Garrett *GTP* 1350.

"Like Mr. Garrett has said many times, go back to basics and use the right tools. In my years of metal detecting

Finding and Saving For the Future

Ralph C. of Puerto Rico is literally building on his future one coin at a time with his



imaging searchcoil when hunting at the beach in order to cover more area and switches to his 4.5" *Scorcher SuperSniper* searchcoil when hunting on land. In less than three months, Ralph had purchased his first \$50 savings bond with coins found with his *GTI 2500*. Since that time, he is well on his way to making enough coin recoveries to buy his next savings bond! some of my family and friends became interested in my finds and bought themselves metal detectors. Now that it is a family affair that makes it much more enjoyable and healthier for us all. In the process of helping them to be more productive with metal detectors, I took the basic methods and simplified it with four letters: PROS. To be successful at metal detecting, follow these four letters:

Patient; learn how your metal detector works

**R**esearch; do this and you will find a treasure hot spot

Only; persistence pays off

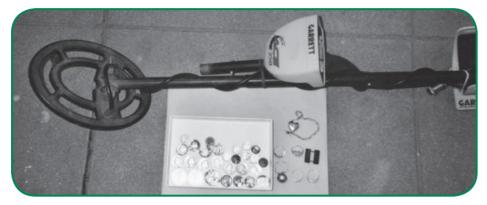
Simply; repair the area where you dig."

# Word Search Solution

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## Fabulous Finds

**Garrett Owners' Success Stories** 



#### **Old Military Base Money**

Dave L. of Salinas, CA, sent in this photo of some recent coin recoveries made with his *ACE* 250. He has had great success working over an old military base which closed in 1980.

"I have found literally hundreds of wheat cent pennies and lots of silver coins from Barber dimes to silver Roosevelt dimes," Dave wrote. "I have also found lots of military pins and silver rings, including U.S. Army class rings. I've been metal detecting for 21 years and I plan on detecting for many more years to come. Thanks for making such a fine metal detector and I will be upgrading soon to a Garrett *GTA 550* for the new year of 2009."

#### "DiMaggio-Like Streak" of Luck

Some of our Garrett *Searcher* readers claim that they just can't miss with one of our detectors. Richard T. of Manasquan, NJ, wrote in to say that he has worked the Jersey beaches for two summers. "I always come away with some sort of find," wrote Richard. "I am on a [Joe] DiMaggio-like streak: in over 80 trips to the beaches near my home I have never come home empty-handed.

"I always manage to find a coin, a ring or something. As for the coins, they always go to my four granddaughters' piggy banks. I love doing this.

"I look at it this way: some people play the lottery and they lose time after time. My gains may be small but I never lose!"





James F. of Rowlett, Texas, found this old U.S. Forest Service canteen in East Texas with his Garrett Master Hunter Deepseeker metal detector.

### Family Discovers Fun Hobby, Great Treasures

Some of the best treasures are close to home and don't always hold the greatest financial value. Just ask Randy C. of Manton, MI. He and his children have been using their *ACE 250* to dig up exciting pieces of history from a 1906 school that his mother, now deceased, once attended.

"I must point out that the old finds mean a lot," admits Randy. "It's been great for the kids and myself to see some of the things their Grandma may have seen back then or her friends dropped and lost during play outside."

The school building is long since gone with nothing but an old staircase remaining to be seen. Randy and his children have found many early coins, including "V" nickels, Barber dimes, Barber quarters, wheat cents and mercury dimes. The oldest coin they have found is an 1863 Indian head penny.

"The kids have each shared these finds at their school for show and tell and explained how a metal detector works," he stated. "The kids and I set the ACE to just knock out nails and we find that's worth digging up everything on an old site like this. You can just tell when it's really nice by the sound and how it locks on."

Randy's family has also used their *ACE 250*s to locate many interesting relics from the area's logging and farming history. These items include old silver spoons, forks, a two-man logging saw, padlocks, buttons, buckles, knives and a mason jar with its metal lid still on which was dated November 30, 1858.

The family has also cleaned up at a local mill pond which has an RV park and playground. Randy's son Sean found a ring with his *ACE 250* that has since been valued at \$1,200–\$1,400. Sean and his sister Raquel began finding gold and silver jewelry on their hunt along the water's edge.

Randy's teenage daughter and son are now hooked on the hobby. "It's the best family time together," he says. "As far as the 250 goes, it's one for everyone, I believe. We are now taking other people out who are interested in this hobby. I will be buying another one for people to use that can't afford one right now. I love seeing them get hooked!"





Randy and his family found these early U.S. coins and rings with their ACE 250. The gold ring at right containing an aquamarine center stone and eight diamonds appraised at \$1,200.



### Class Ring Returned by GTI 2500 User

Charles Smith of Smyrna, TN enjoys hunting sand volleyball courts with his *GTI 2500*. For him, it's "the closest thing to the beach" he can routinely search. Charles recently had the opportunity to make a good find and do a good deed.

His first hit of the day was a 2008 high school class ring. "Man, what a good find!" he thought. "I couldn't wait to get home to try and figure out how to find the young man who it belonged to." Charles opened his local phone book and began calling families with the last name of Carey. "On my second call, I got the owner," he said.

Charles reached Dane Carey, the father of the young man who had lost his high school ring on the volleyball court. A short time later, he was able to successfully return the lost ring. According to Mr. Carey, "When I asked Mr. Smith what I owed him for finding the ring and going to all the trouble to locate the owner, he simply replied, 'You owe me nothing. My reward will be in heaven.'"

Smith was just happy to use his *GTI* 2500 to make someone happy. "It's great to help someone and to know the



This high school class ring was returned to its owner by a GTI 2500 user.

Garrett name was there to help in it," he related.

#### GTAx 550 Recoveries

For some it's the coins, but for Woody Green it's all about the relics. Although he has owned a Garrett *GTAx 550* for about two years, "I just started hunting



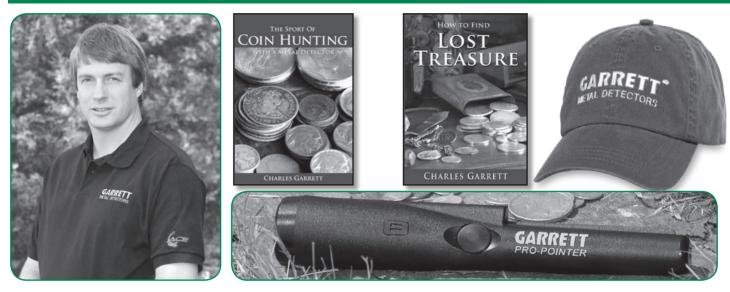
Woody Green poses with some of his favorite relics found with his GTAx 550. He has recovered many tokens, tags and buttons, including a 1917 Texas Volunteer Firefighters Convention pin.



seriously during 2008." Woody, who lives southwest of Fort Worth, TX, has concentrated on bluffs along the Trinity River. He also uses a 4.5" *Crossfire II SuperSniper* searchcoil to hunt old home lots which have been recently scraped clean. Even though he prefers relics, he has found several old Barber dimes and a 1929 Walking Liberty quarter. "I've tried other detectors, but I keep going back to my 550," he said. "I love it. I find things at six inches or deeper all the time."



### **Garrett Goodies for Searcher Success Stories**



Our way of saying thanks...If we choose to run your treasure photos or stories in the Garrett Searcher, we will send you a thank-you gift. Such items might include a Charles Garrett book, a Garrett shirt or cap, or even a new PRO-POINTER!

Garrett users have told us many times over the years how they enjoy reading the Garrett *Searcher* newsletters. They say that they particularly enjoy seeing what fellow treasure hunters have unearthed with their Garrett metal detectors.

We at Garrett equally enjoy the stories and photos that our

users submit. Unfortunately, we simply don't have room to run them all but we would like to at least acknowledge everyone that submits.

#### **Something For Everyone**

With that goal in mind, Garrett now acknowledges each and every treasure story submission with some item of appreciation. Obviously, your return address will need to be included if you would like us to mail a thank you item. This might include, but is not limited to, a Garrett shirt, cap, commemorative pin or a Charles Garrett treasure hunting book.

#### How Do I Submit a Story?

This newsletter is all about sharing the joy of metal detecting and informing Garrett fans of products, news and happenings. To have a chance to share with us and the world your treasure discoveries, there are two ways to submit your favorite Garrett success stories:

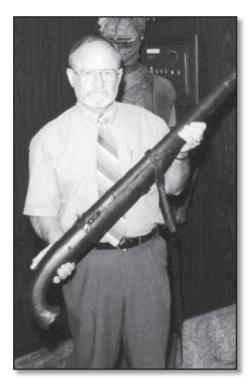
1. Mail your story or photos to: *Searcher* Newsletter, Garrett Metal Detectors at the address on the back of this *Searcher*.

2. Submit your story and photos electronically. Visit http://www.garrett.com/hobby/hbby\_story.htm

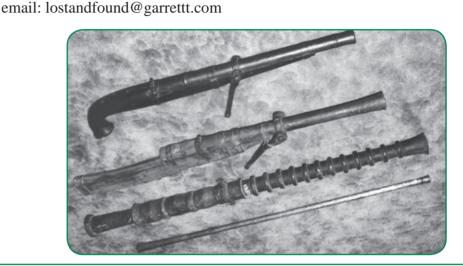


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## REWARD



There is a \$500.00 reward for information which leads to the recovery of these 300 year old Spanish cannons which belong to Charles Garrett. They are believed to have been stolen from the Garrett factory during the late 1990's or early 2000's. Contact Charles Garrett at 1881 West State Street, Garland, Texas 75042 Toll Free: 1.800.527.4011 Tel: 1.972.494.6151



ACE 250 Finds \$12k Ring



Sam's gold and diamond ring.

Sam M. of Tyler, TX, made an exciting discovery with his *ACE* 250 at an old home in nearby Lindale. Since buying his *ACE* from Garrett dealer Keith Wills last year, Sam has made

a number of great discoveries-but none with this kind of value. He dug up a custommade 1920s style lady's 14k gold and diamond cocktail ring. The center stone was a 2.05 ct. old European cut stone which is surrounded by four marguise cut diamonds. There are 24 small round single cut diamond accent stones set in the ring. A Dallas jeweler recently gave Sam's ring an appraised value of \$12,000!

Sam M. is showing his great diamond ring discovery.



#### Montana Relic Hunter's Latest Treasure

George Wyant had found his

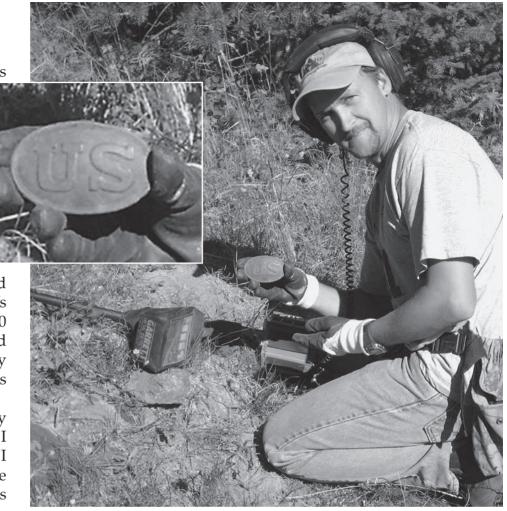
fair share of significant treasures during the past four years but he was recently thrilled to make a Civil Warera discovery in southwestern Montana with his *GTI* 2500. George swept out away from a crumbling old

rock foundation which had once supported a pioneer's cabin. As he moved about 40 yards into the adjacent field of tall grass, he suddenly picked up a solid signal on his *GTI 2500*.

"I was plowing my way through the tall grass when I got a strong hit," he says. "I popped the target out of the ground quickly because it was only a couple of inches deep. As I began wiping the dirt off, I saw the big U first and I knew exactly what it was! I had seen these Civil War-era U.S. belt buckles in books but I had never found one before. It was pretty awesome."

George excitedly called his longtime treasure hunting buddy Tim Saylor to encourage him to hurry out to the site. The two continued to work the area around the old homestead and were able to pull out two more worthy artifacts of yesteryear: a an 1897 "V" nickel and an old military button.

(To read an article about this and other impressive relic



Montana treasure hunter George Wyant holds up a Civil War era belt buckle (see inset) found with his Garrett GTI 2500 in September 2008.



recoveries made by George and Tim, check out *Treasure Depot* magazine's November/ December 2008 issue.)

*Left: Montana treasure hunters George Wyant (left) and Tim Saylor* 

*Right: This 1897 Liberty Head nickel and old military button were found at the same site as the U.S. belt buckle.* 

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has published a completely new and expanded website

on the Internet to display its

product lines. Designed to tell

the Garrett story and illustrate

its products, the new website

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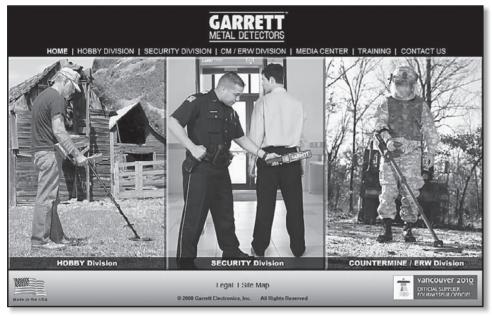
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### **New and Improved Garrett.com!**



The new Garrett website home page offers simple navigation between company divisions.

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biographies and a Founder's Message from Charles and Eleanor Garrett.

Hobby enthusiasts will find an expanded Treasure Gallery which features exciting treasure discoveries made by Garrett users in six different categories: Coins and Jewelry, Relics and Caches, Prospecting, Hall of Fame Finds, International Discoveries and Underwater Recovery. This area will continue to be updated as new success stories are submitted.

A product review section offers excerpts from past editorial reviews on Garrett hobby



Each Garrett detector page includes quick links from Key Features to Technical Specifications to suggested Accessories. Related links include quick access to hobby detector owner's manuals and product reviews.

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Product Reviews

GTP 1350 Review 1.

GTP 1350 Review 2

GTAx 550 Review 1:

GTAx 550 Review 2:

"MORE COINS, LESS TRASH"

"A NIFTY COINSHOOTER IT IS

Master Hunter CX Pluse Review 1:

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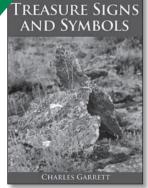
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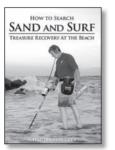
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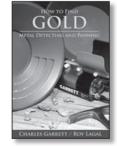
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