

THE GARRETT SEARCHER™



Fall 2010 Edition

Garrett Metal Detectors

New Products for All Types of Hunting

News from Charles Garrett

The right searchcoil can make a big difference to your success in treasure hunting. I make a habit out of carrying extra coils with me when I travel into the field.

In addition to the standard searchcoil that is available with any given detector, many manufacturers offer both larger and smaller specialty coils. Smaller sniper coils are particularly effective for hunting in very trashy areas to allow you to distinguish between good targets and bad targets.

Mineralized soil is another big challenge that many of us face in our searches. In such areas, a DD (or Double-D) searchcoil goes a long way to help. The DD configuration, by the orientation of the transmit and receive coils, is designed specifically to reduce ground interference and raise the performance lost by a concentric coil over mineralized ground.

I'm therefore happy to announce a new Double-D searchcoil designed to work with our best-selling ACE detector line. And—even more exciting—I'm thrilled to announce the release of a brand-new detector in the ACE series that comes

standard with this amazing new 8.5" x 11" DD searchcoil.

In North America, this new metal detector will be marketed as the ACE 350. For our friends overseas in Europe, a modified version of this machine will be unleashed as the EuroACE. The software on the North American version will be tweaked to help coin shooters continue to clean up in the fields, as coin denominations will be specifically addressed on the ACE 350's Target ID legend.

The software for the EuroACE is optimized for the hunting

conditions experienced in the UK and across the European continent. Its Target ID legend is modified and does not include the coin denominations of those items so frequently sought in North America.

Garrett customers who have fallen in love with the ACE 250 over the past few years will be thrilled to learn that they can improve their detection depth and discrimination resolution with these two new detectors.

Beginning in October, the new 8.5"x11" DD searchcoil will also be sold separately for existing owners of ACE, GTI, GTP, and GTAx detectors.

I am also excited to announce the release of another new Garrett metal detector, the AT Pro. This multi-purpose machine is ideal for relic hunting, coin shooting, prospecting, cache hunting, searching in the water, and so much more!

The AT Pro is a high frequency detector that can be fully submerged to a *maximum* depth of 10 feet. Its "all terrain" capability and professional search mode features result in a



This powerful new 8.5"x11" Double-D PROformance searchcoil will improve detection depth and greatly enhance your detector's performance in adverse ground conditions. It is standard with two new Garrett detectors releasing this fall!

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New Products (Cont. from pg. 1)



**NEW detector
available in November!**

Sporting a sleek, black color, the AT Pro includes an 8.5"x11" DD PROformance coil.



The control housing for the new AT Pro. Available in November! Ask your dealer for more details.

versatile detector that is sure to please many hunters.

The AT Pro offers both standard and professional hunting modes. The "Pro" modes include *Tone Roll Audio™* and Proportional Audio features which allow the user to hear characteristics of a target as they would in a True All-Metal Mode. The AT Pro's Iron Audio™ feature allows the user to hear discriminated iron and to alter the detector's mid-tone range.

This detector also features a Digital Target ID (0 to 99 scale), fast recovery speed and 40 points of High-Res Iron Discrimination™ leading to an unequalled ability to detect good targets amongst iron trash. The AT Pro also has automatic and manually adjustable ground balance and operates at a 15 kHz frequency which offers improved detection on small targets, gold nuggets and jewelry. The AT Pro includes premium land headphones. Waterproof headphones for shallow water hunting are optional.

I know that both seasoned and new detectorists will find reasons to appreciate the new ACE 350 (MSRP \$349.95) and the AT Pro (MSRP \$699.95) detectors.

Our marketing team is in the process of revamping the entire Garrett website this fall. Until it is fully launched, I encourage you to find out more about these products via these links:

www.garrett.com/ace350/
www.garrett.com/atpro/

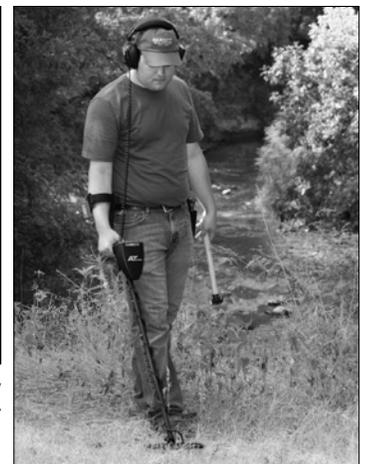
Ask your dealer for a copy of the new Garrett Buyer's Guide that is available this fall. Until then, I wish you happy hunting!



The AT Pro can be immersed to a 10-foot depth (maximum) to search in and along shorelines, rivers, piers, docks or old swimming holes.



This group of Civil War relics was recovered in May 2010 while testing the new ACE 350 and its 8.5"x11" DD searchcoil.



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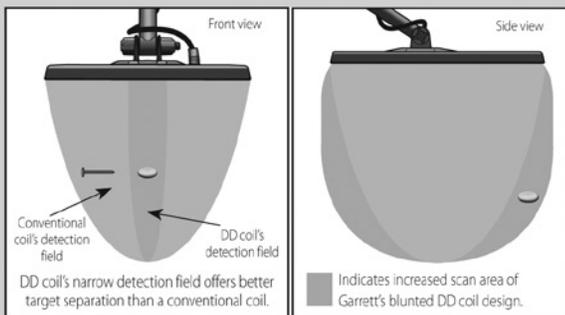


Key Features:

- **Powerful, large 8.5" x 11" PROformance Double-D search coil** (see details to left)
- **Enhanced Iron Resolution™**—allows more precise control over how much iron discrimination to apply. Use to separate good treasure targets from adjacent iron trash.
- **Higher Frequency***—Offers improved ability to detect low to mid-conductivity targets (such as small gold nuggets).
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- **Volume-control headphones**—Garrett's *ClearSound Easy Stow* headphones are included with the ACE 350.



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Minnesota

Avid Garrett Coin Hunter Piles up the Coins

"As a kid I had an eye for things on the ground," says Scott B. of Lakeville, Minnesota. "I could spot a four-leaf clover while running from my two-story farm house to the barn. I would go for walks with my grandfather in the city (Minneapolis) and find coins along the sidewalks.

"Then one summer I happened to find a round object in our garden. It was a 1905 Indian Head penny! I had seen people metal detecting before at various parks and now I had to have one. I was maybe 12 at the time when I talked my parents into helping me purchase my first Garrett *Sportsmans One*. That year I found many Wheat pennies, WWII metals, old locks, and various farm equipment pieces."

Scott's love of metal detecting has continued to grow and today he admits to have kept "nearly every coin I found metal detecting."



Scott poses with his Garrett Master Hunter detector and the numerous coins he has found thus far.

Scott and his detecting buddy do not let snow or ice slow their coinshooting in the Minnesota wintertime. "After finding hundreds of clad coins, we became more focused on finding older coins," he wrote. "I had many first finds last year. My first Barber quarter was found in a high-traffic area by a school that had surely been hunted many times before. My favorite find of the year was something I had only dreamed of finding. At an old farm house, only three blocks from my house, I

was just so lucky to find an 1891 Seated Liberty dime! In all last year I found 37 silver dimes (9 Mercury, 3 Barber, 1 Seated Liberty), 8 silver quarters (3 Barber), 12 Indian Head Pennies (1864 in great condition), 12 Buffalo Nickels, 2 War-time

Nickels, 183 Wheat Pennies, an 1859 Austrian coin, a 100 year old Chinese coin, a copper arrowhead (found 9" deep), a 5 cent bar token, and just over \$187 in regular change."

With two young boys who are now enjoying detecting, Scott spends more of his time digging their targets these days. "Digging their treasure is rewarding enough," he says. "The experiences and smiles metal detecting has brought me and now my boys, will be in my memories forever."

North Carolina

Another Master Hunter Continues to Produce on 1800s Military School Site

Bradley D. of Mebane, North Carolina, says he "can't wait for the ACE 350 to come out because I am going to own one." In the interim, he has not been remiss in metal detecting for Civil War era relics.

He uses his grandfather's 1990s model Garrett *Master Hunter CXIII* to search in his area. Most recently, Bradley has found a productive area at the site of The Bingham School, which operated in Mebane from 1865–1891.



Bradley's 19th century finds on the site of the Bingham School have been outstanding. At upper left is a belt plate from the military academy. In the center are a Bingham School uniform button and a copper large cent. At bottom is a Springfield hammer lock plate for a Civil War musket. To right is a U.S. bayonette sheath clip, which still had a small piece of leather attached to its back side upon recovery.

Garrett Users Win *PRO-POINTERS* in Vaughan Garrett's Favorite Find of the Month

Here are some of the recent winners. Visit www.garrett.com to submit your story. You could be the next winner!

MARCH 2010

March's winner was James B. from Sunrise, Florida. While hunting a Fort Lauderdale beach with his *ACE 250*, he found this 14k yellow, red and white gold Russian wedding band in the sand.



This 3-ring Russian wedding band found by James is composed of 14k gold.

JUNE 2010

Steve S. of California won for June with his silver 1859-S Liberty Seated dime. Expert analysis documents that 60,000 pieces were originally minted, yet only 41 examples of this coin are certified in population.



Steve S. found this rare 1859-S Liberty dime in southern California.

APRIL 2010

This Confederate Civil War breast plate was Vaughan's Favorite Find for April. It was recovered in Franklin, TN by *GTA 350* user Al W. "Research revealed it had been sand cast in a foundry in Memphis, TN between 1861 and 1864," Al explained. "The 'CS' stood for Confederate States and the eleven stars represented the eleven Confederate States."



This 11-star Confederate buckle is a very rare Civil War artifact.

JULY 2010

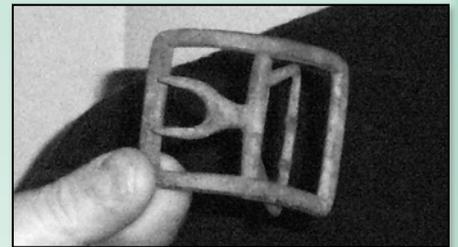
ACE 250 user Joe K. from Iowa recovered an engraved bracelet and tracked down the owner. The owner's wife had her husband's name engraved on it, but lost the bracelet before giving it to him. Thanks to Joe, it was returned to the couple some 55 years later!



Congrats to Joe K. on a great find, a great story and a great deed.

MAY 2010

Robert S. of New York took the *Pro-Pointer* for May with his Revolutionary War buckle recovery, made with an *ACE 250*. Research and persistent searching led him to a site where George Washington's troops had camped in early 1783. He dug this rare buckle near a large tree that has been standing for more than 300 years.



Revolutionary War buckles such as this one found by Robert S. are special finds.

AUGUST 2010

Tony S. from Mebane, North Carolina was the August winner with his find of a 1927 United Confederate Veterans reunion delegates medal. Tony dug the medal on his own farm, which was once owned by Confederate veteran Capt. Sam H. Webb.



Tony S. found this rare Civil War veteran's medal on his own farm.

Keep submitting your stories! There are more **PRO-POINTERS** to give away.

Gallery of Garrett Finds

Mississippi

Old Path Was the Key



David's 1842 Seated Liberty Dime

Some sites just can't be worked out. David H. of Natchez, MS has a favorite place that just keeps producing. On New Year's Day, he found an 1848 Large Cent with his ACE 250 in a field across from an old Antebellum home that was built in the 1800s.

In January, he happened to spot a particular path that he had never seen before. "The grass had all died here in Mississippi for the winter, but here looking up at me sat a perfect path leading out into the middle of the field and right to the front door of the Antebellum home," he related. "The grass was dead but the clover was growing in just enough to be able to make out the path. I stood in the middle of it and it went as far as the eye could see. I shook my head and couldn't believe I hadn't noticed this all along."

David followed his newly-discovered path and his ACE 250 did not disappoint. A short way down the path, he dug a 1906 Barber quarter. "As I started to get closer to the house, I had

another dime signal," he wrote. Sure enough, it was a dime and it was a good one.

"I took the dime out and saw a seated lady sitting there staring back at me," said David. "I let out a yell you could have heard a mile away. I drove home and washed my dime off. To my amazement, it was a beautiful 1842 Seated Liberty Dime. My oldest coin I've ever dug! The ACE 250 is the top detector."

Texas



Second Day, First Gold

Tim O. of Alvarado, Texas, admits that he is "hooked for life" on metal detecting. After purchasing an ACE 250, he and his 10-year-old son managed to pull several dollars worth of change from a local park on their first day of searching.

"The next morning we both wanted to get out and try this metal detecting thing again," Tim wrote. "It's addicting you know. After about ten minutes of finding pennies, I got a hit on a nickel. I was somewhat excited it wasn't another penny and just right under the surface was a 14k gold ring! Second day out with the detector and we struck gold!"

Kentucky



Toy Soldier Returned

Brian H. of Flemingsburg took his new ACE 250 to his father-in-law's property to hunt. "He is in his 70s and has lived in the house since he was 2 years old," Brian related.

He agreed to help search for his father-in-law's lost knife but found another treasure in the process. To both of their surprises, he dug a metal toy soldier his father-in-law had played with as a child. "It was a thrill to find it and hear his stories about playing with it," said Brian. "The find brought back good childhood memories for him and made a memory for me."

Illinois

15,000 and Counting

Mike J. of Machesney Park, Illinois has been at it longer than some and his efforts show. Using Garrett detectors since 1977, he has recovered 85 silver and gold rings in addition to more than 15,000 coins.

Missouri

As Advertised

More than five years after losing his wedding ring in his own yard during a snowball fight, Dwight B. of Pacific, Missouri purchased a Garrett ACE 250 metal detector.

Dwight tested his new ACE in his yard and found several pennies. "Then I got a signal that was not a coin," he recalled. "I dug about an inch and a half and could not believe it: there was my wedding ring. I took it inside and showed my wife and she cried for 20 minutes.

"My ACE 250 is now priceless to me," says Dwight. "Thank you for a quality product that, as you advertise, can be used right out of the box."

In his first weeks of using his ACE, Dwight has recovered several interesting relics and coins, including wheat pennies, three Mercury dimes, a 1928 Standing Liberty quarter and a 1905 "V" nickel.



Dwight was thrilled with the ease in which he was able to recover his lost wedding ring with his ACE 250.

North Dakota

Favorite Finds



Doug S. bought a Garrett Master Hunter metal detector 32 years ago and he still uses it today. His favorite finds—so far—are seen above: an 1880 Morgan silver dollar, a 1904 token depicting the launching of the battleship USS Virginia and a 1917 Standing Liberty quarter.

Ohio

A Good Deed, Part I

Dennis M. of Bluffton, Ohio was only too happy to help locate a ring lost in a snow drift outside a local restaurant. The driver of a tour bus lost his wedding ring while preventing a tourist from falling beside his bus. "It took me a grand total of ten minutes to find the wedding ring with my trusty Garrett ACE 250," said Dennis. "I told him to return the wedding ring to the driver, no charge. That was my good deed for the month."



Dennis holds the driver's ring he found in the snow in ten minutes with his ACE 250.

North Carolina

A Good Deed, Part II

Another Garrett user recently had the chance to locate a college student's 10k gold ring. Curt H. was called in to search the deep ivy landscape bed where the ring had been lost. Curt made a grid of the ivy bed and within minutes had successfully retrieved the college ring using his GTI 2500 and Pro-Pointer. "I was just glad to have been a help," says Curt, who also refused to accept a reward for his efforts.



Curt H. (right) hands over the college ring he has just recovered with his GTI 2500 from this thick ivy bed.



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Michigan



Jerry J. of Muskegon, MI found this 10k gold ring, his first key and a 1964 Sierra Leone half cent from Africa with his GTP 1350 in a field that once hosted a carnival.

More Finds

California



Oscar J. of Anaheim, CA struck gold on his first day of hunting with his ACE 250 in the form of this 14k gold bracelet (inset).

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Ohio



This diamond and sapphire ring was found in a campground by GTP 1350 user and RV traveler Chuck S. of Geneva, Ohio.

Kentucky



Mark H., his friend Joyce and her diamond ring that he was able to recover from her flower bed using his ACE 250.

Ohio



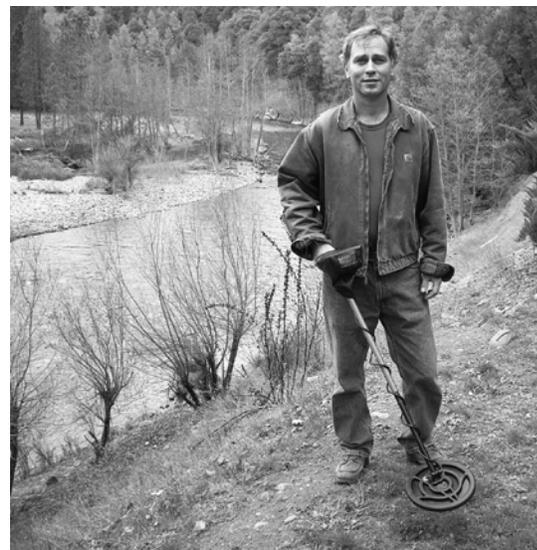
Anthony M.'s niece holds up her daughter's favorite ring, one that Anthony was able to recover from a playground with his ACE 250.

North Carolina



Michael G. of Hillsborough, NC found more than 100 coins and some nice jewelry, including a 14k yellow gold class ring, in three hours of hunting with his Infinium LS this January.

California



David O. of Douglas City, California found these old Chinese coins and an old Chinese spring barb lock near mining tailings in Trinity County, CA with his new GTI 2500.

A Family Tradition

Last November, James S. of Ottawa, Illinois, found in his basement the Garrett ADS Deepseeker detector that his father had given him some time before. "I immediately started reading the instruction manual and the book *Successful Coin Hunting*," James recalled.

After bench testing his Deepseeker, James spent the next ten days hunting several hours per day. "I found 173 coins and a 14k gold ring," he said. "Not bad for a 30-year-old detector. I was so impressed I called my father to tell him of my finds. He shared some of his treasure hunting stories with me. Through this experience, my father and I became much closer. That in itself was the greatest treasure of all before he passed away" in January 2010.

James admits that he is now hooked on metal detecting and is "teaching my son, Nicholas, 11 years old, the next generation, how to treasure hunt."



James H. with his father's 30-year-old Garrett ADS Deepseeker.

Civil War Finds

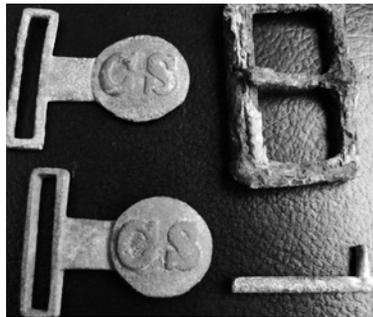
Quality research led Gene B. and his brother-in-law Mike to a hotspot along the Confederate retreat from the battle of Gettysburg. In a forested area miles from the battle, they dug a large number of Confederate bullets and other relics, including canteen parts, a pewter spoon a friction primer and two CS belt tongues.



(Above) One of Gene's relic cases, filled with his 2009 GTI 2500 finds from hunts near Gettysburg.

(Left) CS belt tongues, iron buckle and a friction primer found by Mike with his GTAx 550.

(Lower image) This case contains more than 100 pieces of Confederate shot recovered by Mike.



Cleaning Up in Kentucky

Dave and Linda Edwards of Kentucky recently allowed Garrett employees Steve Moore and Brian McKenzie to join them for field testing new equipment near a Civil War battle area. The Edwards were well pleased with the performance of their GTI detectors, as evidenced by these images.



(Right) Dave is all smiles as he displays a handful of minie balls found with his GTI 2500.

(Left) GTI 1500 user Linda hold a piece of grape shot, two rifle balls and a minie ball.



International Discoveries

Denmark



ACE 250 user Jesper A. from Albertslund, Denmark found this rare 1816 Belgian silver medallion.

England



Andrew R. of Wakefield, West Yorkshire found this 18k gold wedding band (hallmark dated to 1896) while using his ACE 250 in pasture-land.

Slovenia



Joze P. sent these photos of one month's finds with his ACE 250 in Slovenia. Among his favorites were these two rings and cross of wood and copper.



United Kingdom

No Ordinary Rock

ACE 250 user Dan H. from Kendal, Cumbria found a remarkable piece of silver that at first eluded him. He relates, "Whilst out detecting by a river I got my first ever true silver signal. I moved some rocks to dig, and the signal disappeared.

"Because of the water I researched and the signal was now under the rocks again. Not to be deterred, I moved the rocks again—same story...the signal moved again. I started to move the rocks one at a time this time and noticed that one of the rocks had a stamp embossed into it.

"I tested the rock and it turned out to be an aluminum ingot, in the shape of a rock, weighing in at just over 14 ounces (400 grams). It appears that the ingot has been lying around since the late 1800s. How many people stood on, or kicked, the rock not realizing it was a big lump of aluminum?"



Dan's large aluminum ingot, which first appeared to be silver, is stamped with some sort of serial number.



Dan has thus far been unsuccessful in his efforts to have this metal rock identified. "It rates in my book as one of the most intriguing finds around," he adds. For now, the rock is "a paperweight on my desk with a damn good story, as I will not rest until I find its purpose in life."

Canada



John B. of Edmonton recovered this gold pocket watch from an old dump site using his GTI 2500. It has a brass base with a gold fill.

Australia



This man's gold and diamond ring was found by Gary D. of Craigmores, South Australia on a local beach with his Sea Hunter Mark II detector.

Kentucky

Stone Springhouse Produces Quality Coin

Dave E. from Nicholasville, KY recently hunted a cattle farm near Lexington which contained the remnants of an old stone springhouse. Using his *GTI 2500* and *Pro-Pointer*, he was thrilled to recover an 1877 Seated Liberty half dollar in excellent condition (EF 40+). Among various relics he recovered on the property was a 1920s-era Morehead State Teachers college belt buckle, dug 15 inches deep.



(Above) Dave's 1877 Seated Liberty half dollar, which he says is valued at \$185.00.

(Below) Near the remnants of this old stone springhouse, Dave found evidence of several homes which had once used this as their water source.



Mexican Coin Cache

Tatnai P. of Hidalgo, Mexico, sent this photo of his recent find with his *Garrett Master Hunter CX Plus*. This old pot was filled with early Mexican coins. Tatnai says he plans to "continue this wonderful hobby."

Michigan



Ancient Tool

This old copper, honed-edge celt was dug 18 inches deep by Ryan B. of Gladstone, Michigan. He was using his *GTAx 550* when he made this discovery of the ancient tool. "Dating from 3000-5000 years ago, it is from the old copper complex in Michigan's Upper Peninsula," Ryan described. "It is the best find of my life and it is now in a museum."

Florida

Coastal Artillery Pin



Eric S. from Cantonment, Florida, recovered this 1903-1905 era officer's artillery badge with his *ACE 250*.



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New Jersey

Meteorite No. 2?



This 89-gram meteorite was recovered near Pennsville, New Jersey by Robert C. with his *Master Hunter ADS III* detector. "I was very excited," he said. "I found a place in Delaware to examine it and they said it was without a doubt not terrestrial. After doing some research, I found out that there has only been one identified meteorite in New Jersey."

New York

Prospector Returns State Champion Ring

Hoping to find a nice gold nugget with his *GTI 2500* while in Alaska, Robert J. was hopeful when he received a "good, solid signal" on the bank of a creek. He instead dug a shiny competitive swimmers State Championship ring which had the swimmer's name inscribed.

Robert used the Internet to track down the swimmer's parents in order to return the lost ring. The young man's mother explained that her son had lost his state championship ring while gold panning in



Alaska three years before. Robert says that returning the ring "was the most satisfying feeling I have had as a treasure hunter."

Nevada

14k Gold, Five-Diamond Ring

Tom C. of Reno recently dug this 14k gold ring (*right*), which includes five diamonds. He was hunting an old garden site with his *ACE 250*. Tom related, "I took it to a jeweler friend of mine, and as soon as he touched it, he said, 'Nice find.' He looked it over and said that it was worth between \$1,200 and \$1,500."



Iowa

A Pair of Barbers

Kenyon O. from Clive, Iowa has found more than 1,400 coins using an *ACE 250* since May 2009. While searching an 1896 farm in the spring of 2010, he found both an 1898 Barber dime and an 1894 Barber half dollar in the same recovery hole. "I've been searching for a Barber for over a year and WOW! I found two in the same hole," he said.



California



This 10k gold Masonic ring was found in Sacramento, California by Nick M. using an ACE 250. The sides of the ring include classic Mason icons of a trowel, a square and a ruler.

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Every time a personal treasure hunting story is submitted, I become excited for the treasure hunter who made it happen. Each story has elements of excitement, expertise, effort, emotion, and sometimes just plain ol' good fortune. Well, in an effort to highlight my favorite discovery, I have created a monthly column simply called, "Vaughan Garrett's Favorite Find of the Month."

Vaughan Garrett's Favorite Find of the Month is selected from all entries received during the previous calendar month.

Each month I will select MY favorite find, selected from the testimonials which are sent in by Garrett treasure hunters world-wide. My criteria will be based on what excites ME the most. It may be a great find, a great story, a great photograph, a great history lesson, or maybe just great heart-felt emotion.

The winner of "Vaughan Garrett's Favorite Find of the Month" will receive a free Garrett PRO-POINTER! This is my way of saying thanks to the person or persons who took the time to get out there, discover that treasure and submit their story to Garrett. Each month my column will be presented on the www.garrett.com website and also in *The Garrett Searcher*. Happy hunting and good fortune!

Vaughan Garrett
VP, Garrett Metal Detectors

How Do I Submit a Story?

To have a chance to share with us, and the world, your treasure discoveries there are three ways to submit your favorite Garrett success stories:

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OR

Email your story in plain text format to testimonials@garrett.com with photo attachments. Please indicate your name and a daytime phone number.

PHOTOS:
Images need to be at least **3 to 4 MB** and in **sharp focus**

Thanks in advance for sharing your success stories with other Garrett fans.

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Testimonial Thank-You Gifts for Everyone!



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!



Canada GTI Artillery Finds

Jocelyn and his son Anthonin (*right*) pose with one of the artillery shells they have found near the St. Lawrence River between Quebec and Lévis using a *GTI 2500*. Joceyln also submitted this picture (*left*) of an empty nine-pound British 1863 Armstrong muzzle-loading rifled cannon shell and a 24-pound cannon ball he found.



Detectorists Clean Up at Dallas Zoo

Members of the Dallas area Lone Star Treasure Hunters Club had the unique chance to metal detect in a safari area on April 25, 2010, to help remove trash metal. This safari was actually part of a brand-new exhibit in the Dallas Zoo that was weeks away from opening.

Mike Lacy worked with zoo officials to allow members of the Lone Star Club to use their detectors to dig trash metal from the thousands of tons of new fill dirt that had been brought in to create a new sanctuary for elephants, zebras, lions and other creatures native to the African plains.

Those taking part in the clean-up efforts were Paul Wilson, Roy Harston, Mike Lacy, Tina Penney, Andy Mesaros, Jessy Bodecker, Chuck Howell, Ellen Jackson, and Robert Jordan. Garrett's Brian McKenzie was on hand to capture the event with his cameras.

Each of the Dallas detectorists was given thank-you gifts for donating his or her time to help remove junk metal from the animals' new habitat. The exhibit has since opened to the public and has become a popular zoo attraction.



(Left) This group of detectorists helped clean up a new safari exhibit for the Dallas Zoo.

(Below, left) Robert Jordan searches the savannah with his Garrett GTI 1500.

(Below, right) A zoo official studies a piece of junk unearthed from the new savannah area.



(Left) Some of the iron bars and other scrap metal that was removed to protect the animals.



(Right) Mike Lacy searches with the downtown Dallas skyline behind him.

ACE User Finds His Late Father's Lucky Coin from World War II

Indiana native Jim M. had been interested in metal detectors for a long time before he finally bought himself an ACE 250 this year. "I thought I would enjoy the hobby but I had no idea how addicting it is," he related.

He recently used his ACE to search around the clothes line poles in the back yard of the home where had been raised. Jim found an old coin with a hole through its center. After cleaning the coin,

he found that it was from Tunisia and he called his mother to inquire about how it could have ended up beneath the laundry poles in their yard.

"She called me that night and said according to the family Bible that my dad had served in North Africa during World War II. My dad died when I was a kid so I can't be 100% sure, but I feel I found a lucky coin that he carried after coming home from the war

that fell from his pocket hanging on the line. But I do know that I have a new lucky coin now."



Shown above are both sides of the 1938 Tunisian coin Jim found. His father had apparently acquired it during World War II while serving in North Africa.

Use the Science and Mother Nature

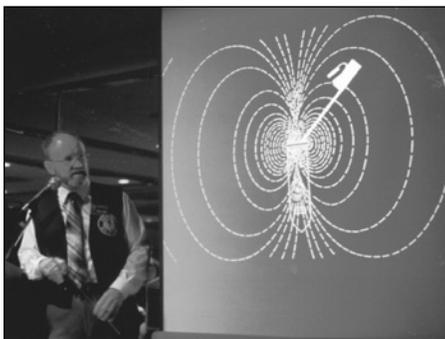
A UK-based guest writer and treasure hunter reckons that getting top performance from any Garrett machine sometimes requires a helping hand...

By John Howland

The Garrett brand energizes professional and experienced amateur treasure hunters alike, the attraction being raw, unvarnished, technical know-how, funded by a closely-guarded R&D budget. Yet, despite Garrett's unrivalled leading-edge status in treasure hunting electronics, some amateur hobbyists remain under-achievers. To get the answer we need to get back to basics and to Charles Garrett himself.

He once wrote that, "Your detector will never lie to you." However, the less perceptive operators, along with the less successful members of the T'Her community seem to call Charles Garrett's words into question; unable apparently to interpret what their machines are telling them. But more likely, I suspect, they are not as incompetent as they think, but are searching treasure-free areas. Let me explain.

The men-in-white-coats in Garland are honing the finest metal



The man who gives us the science—Charles Garrett at the 1987 FMDAC Convention in Atlantic City.



Washed-up slipper limpet shells. Rings are never far away.

detectors (for pro's, hobbyists, and the military) to perfection. The hobbyist's *GTI 2500* is a point in case. The amount of target information it provides the user is eye-watering. About the only thing this phenomenal metal detector doesn't do is name the person who lost the target!

Further down the scale is the international best-seller *ACE 250* that provided newcomer David Booth with a fabulous hoard of ancient gold in a field near Stirling, in Scotland. The user-friendly *ACE 250* proved unfailing, underscoring the crucial truism that your Garrett never lies. Put another way, use your Garrett detector where valuable targets are **likely to show**, then let the science (it comes free with every Garrett machine!) off the leash to do the analysis.

For others, especially those who hunt the tide lines of the world's shores (and I am one), then rummaging around the treasure-bear-

ing parts of the tide line and beach is paramount. Experienced hand at the game John B. of Edmonton, Canada is phenomenally successful, evidenced by his finds rate of over 100,000 coins and other assorted goodies. (Check out the Garrett website for a sample of his finds).

Quite clearly then, John B. has a partial answer to the \$64,000 Question of where do all of the millions of coins and items of jewelry lost on the world's beaches migrate to? Like the birds in winter, they head south, but unlike our feathered friends, coins and rings find their way deep down into the bowels of the beach, coming to rest at a place far beyond the reach of any metal detector. Yet, any beachcombing T'Her with a modicum of the grey matter recognises the signs that rich pickings are in the offing. Let's take an example.

In early 2009, a local authority close to where I live on the south coast of England, carried out extensive beach improvement and erosion prevention work to existing groynes, all of which required several weeks of major civil engineering. Massive mechanical excavators removed hundreds of tons of sand from thirty feet down in one of the most popular local tourist beaches. This excavated sand saw the light of day for the first time in more than one hundred years, bringing up with it coins and jewelry from as far back as the 1890s and beyond. Tons and tons of it scattered along the tide line washed, sifted and was sorted by the prevailing tidal Longshore Drift (LD). If you don't know what LD is, avail yourself of a copy of
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Science and Nature (cont.)

Steve Moore's latest groundbreaking book from RAM Publishing, *European Metal Detecting Guide*, and inwardly digest.

Irrespective of your machine's performance, five things will magically enhance its performance:

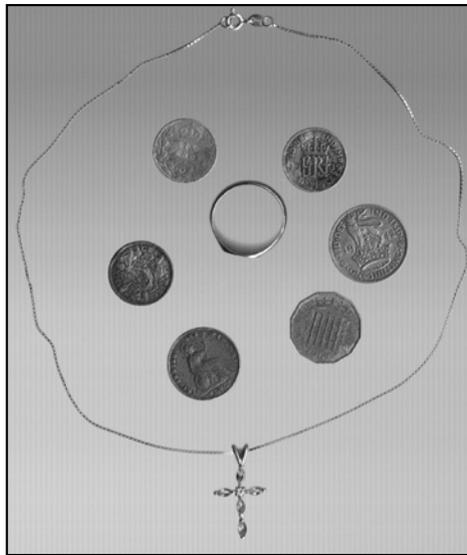
1. Your grasp of local tidal conditions;
2. Your knowledge of the effect winds have on your local beach;
3. Knowing the direction of the localized Longshore Drift;
4. Your proficiency with your particular Garrett machine;

And finally,

5. The size of the bucket on the construction company's excavator.

When you hear of engineering work on your beach—especially if that work involves deep excavations—get down there pronto! Watch what's happening, take photos, and make notes. Discover where they dump the excavated sand.

As was the case local to me, once the excavation work finished, the tideline became fair game, and amazingly, **was ignored by the majority** of local beach hunters. The pickings were rich and varied, and with my hunting partner, Jack Dey, our *ACE 250s* fitted with the



Old coins always sign-post the way to other more valuable items.

larger coils really sang for their suppers.

Within minutes of our first site visit, a place known to us rich in spendable modern coinage, Jack found an 1880 copper Halfpenny of Queen Victoria and a heap of modern coinage. Along the wet tide line (with Sensitivity backed off to Segment "2") I located: a Queen Victoria 1899 silver sixpence, a King George VI 1942 silver shilling, a King George VI 1939 silver sixpence, a King George V 1928 silver sixpence and a Queen Elizabeth II 1962 Three-penny piece.

Later visits were more fruitful! Silver coins and rings coming up from down deep usually emerge blinking into the daylight tarnished with a black coating, making them very difficult to discern with the naked eye against a background of dark sand and mud. (Use the *Pro-Pointer* for the final stages of recovery). Gold however, usually emerges pristine.

Be aware to the fact that when older coins from a particular section of beach begin to appear, then likely as not you have stumbled across a section of beach eroded by tidal and storm action that is seeing the light of day for the first time in many years.

I cannot stress enough the importance of recognizing the significance of finding older coins from a given area, and by 'older', I mean 50 years, minimum. Likely as not, the jackpot is possibly close by.

As a final tip, if after a storm, millions of seashells are thrown up along the tide line, usually slipperlimpets, this is another good sign. This is nature's way of signposting, "*Rings! Search Here!*" In my experience, there is a direct correlation between washed-up shells and rings. They go together like scotch and soda. Good hunting!

Why Do You Need a *Pro-Pointer*?

John Howland answers that very question in this quick follow-up to his above story.

"If proof were needed, look at the tiny piece of solid silver jewellery perched on top of the *Pro-Pointer* (see photo). The item is a handcrafted 'spacer,' from the much sought-after Pandora range of superbly crafted amulets, of Danish design created in gold or silver,

and much in vogue—worn as traditional 'charm' bracelets. The illustrated 'Sunrise spacer', retails here in the UK at £25 (\$38 US approx.). Other charms in the range run to several hundred dollars.

"Items this small are the devil to locate, especially in dry, fine, sand, as was this one. When initially located with an *ACE 250* and large



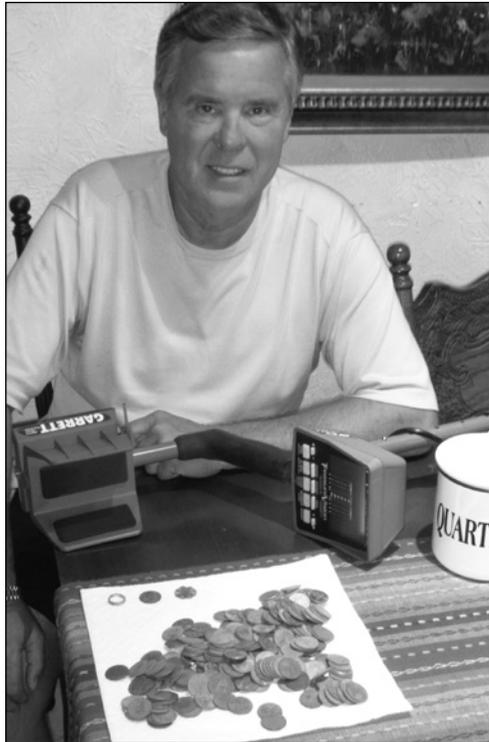
coil, the signal was clear and loud. But when the 'signal' was shovelled into my sand scoop, it repeatedly passed through the perforations and dropped back into the sand; the only option of location, being my *Pro-Pointer*."

Texas

The Pink Quarter Hunt

Mike I. of Carrollton, Texas, recently found what he calls a "glory hole" of quarters near a church. On his first to the field near the church, he found three dozen quarters with his *GTI 2500*. His second visit to the productive field netted Mike another 38 quarters and by his fourth trip he was up to 124.

"I was puzzled as to why I was only finding quarters until I found a clue on my last visit there," he wrote. "Among those I found that day was a quarter that had been painted pink. I pictured a special afternoon in the past where quarters had been scattered in the grass by parents for their children to



Mike poses with the pile of quarters and a gold ring he has dug near a Texas church.

hunt and the pink one won the grand prize.

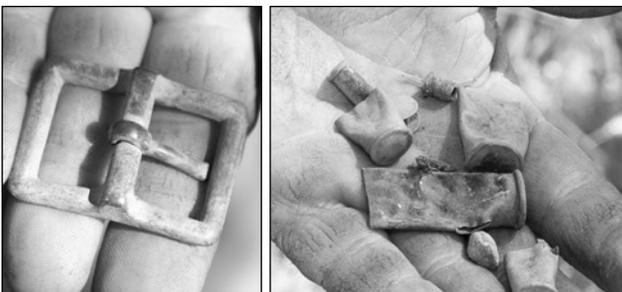
"On my first trip there, another man was using a different brand of detector and he had found a few coins, too. I was pleased to follow behind him and find the large number he had missed. I demonstrated my *2500* to him and he was sold right then and there on its ability to find coins he had missed. He was my first convert!"

Mike's latest count at this field is two dimes, six pennies, a gold wedding ring band and 233 quarters. He noted, "This has given me as big a thrill as Mr. Garrett's find of 254 coins in the abandoned drive-in theater (I read it in one of his books)."



Searching an 1870s Buffalo Hunters' Camp

Garrett dealer and veteran relic hunter Jerry Eckhart and his friend Vance Gwinn recently helped to field test the new Garrett *ACE 350* at an historic campsite. Shortly after the Civil War, many frontiersmen made their living hunting the great buffalo herds. Steve Moore and Brian McKenzie from Garrett joined Jerry and Vance for this hunt on private property. Some of the group's finds can be seen in these photos.



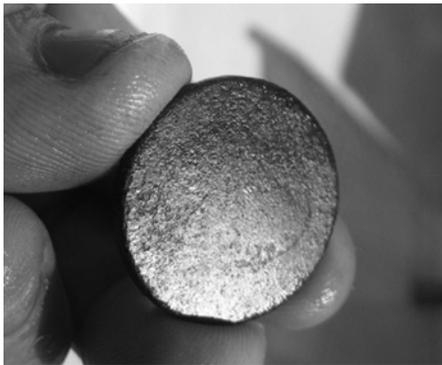
(Top) Jerry, Vance and Steve work the 1870s campsite. (Above, left) Vance found this buckle early in the day. (Above, right) Vance also displays some of his other buffalo hunter relics. (Left) Jerry holds a Spencer cartridge he has recovered using the new ACE 350.



*(Above) Jerry recovers another relic with his *GTI 2500*. (Left) Steve's finds this day include button clasps, cartridges, a harmonica reed, mushroomed rifle shot, and half of a powder canister top.*

Maryland

Rare Colonial Coin



Richard M. of Easton, MD dug a 1793 Chain Cent AMERI S-1 variety coin this summer while hunting with his *GTI 2500*. This early American copper coin had a mintage of 36,000 and perhaps fewer than 2,000 are known to exist. Richard found this coin at about an 8-inch depth on an old school yard. He considers his 1793 Chain Cent to be “the Holy Grail of American coppers” and his best colonial find to date.

Texas

World War I Dog Tag



Camp Logan, a World War I era U.S. Army training camp, was once located in what is now Memorial Park in Houston, Texas. Richard B. of Texas City was hunting this park over the summer with his *GTI 2500* when he dug this Army dog tag at the edge of a treeline. Army regulations of 1913 made such identification discs mandatory and by 1917 all U.S. soldiers were wearing such “dog tags.”

Suffolk, UK

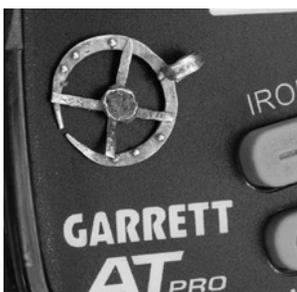
700-Year-Old Penny



Mike D. of Suffolk took up metal detecting this May and purchased an *ACE 250*. “On my second trip across a nearby field, I got a beep that sounded distinctly different to the iron signals that I had picked up so far,” he wrote. “I knelt down and pried up a clod of earth and there poking out of the dark soil was a tiny coin. It turned out to be a Henry III silver penny in wonderful condition.”

AT Pro Field Testers Show Early Finds

Garrett’s exciting new *AT Pro* metal detector will be available in November. The select group of Garrett field testers—both in North America and in Europe—who have worked with it have given the *AT Pro* glowing reviews. These photos represent just a few of their finds while in the field with the *AT Pro*.



(Left) A small ancient gold ring—resting on the control panel—dug by a Dutch field tester.

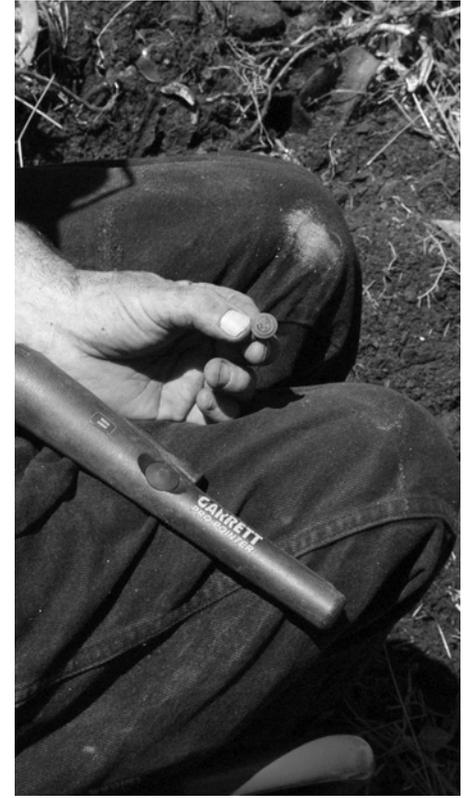
(Right) One of Garrett’s Belgian field testers with his finds.



(Above) Civil War rifle balls, buckle and minie balls found with *AT Pro*. (Below) European artifacts, including two Roman bronze coins, recovered with *AT Pro*.



Determined Button Hunter Fulfills His Quest



Bobby DePalo (*above*) of Rhode Island is not your average relic hunter. Although he is a newcomer to the hobby, he has an inner drive for success that will not let any potential roadblock stand in his way.

"Being a paraplegic sometimes presents obstacles," he admitted. An avid historian and big game hunter, Bobby was not about to let his own wheelchair distract him from his new desire to take up metal detecting.

"My dream was to find a military button," he said. So, he began researching an old dump site that dates back to the 1870s with connections to the military. He made arrangements to go out with relic hunter David Thatcher, who lives in his area.

After arriving at the site, David pushed Bobby in his wheelchair along a grassy pathway "bordered by trees on one side and a thicket of bramble, brush and briars on the other." David cleared off a hunting area and began detecting while Bobby leaned over from his chair to alternately detect with his Garrett *Pro-Pointer* and dig with his trowel. Less than five minutes later, Bobby was calling out to David, "Look what I found!"

Bobby had dug a brass World War II Medical Corps button (*seen in above left photo and at right*) from the dump site. His dream of finding a military button was fulfilled on his first hunt but he feels that his relic hunting is only just beginning.

"That independent feeling that I get is something that I just can't describe," Bobby said. "My head becomes clear, the workout feels great and I don't think about my disability."

Bobby has since dug other interesting relics and he is continuing to pursue his newly-found passion.



Bobby's medical corps button find.



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