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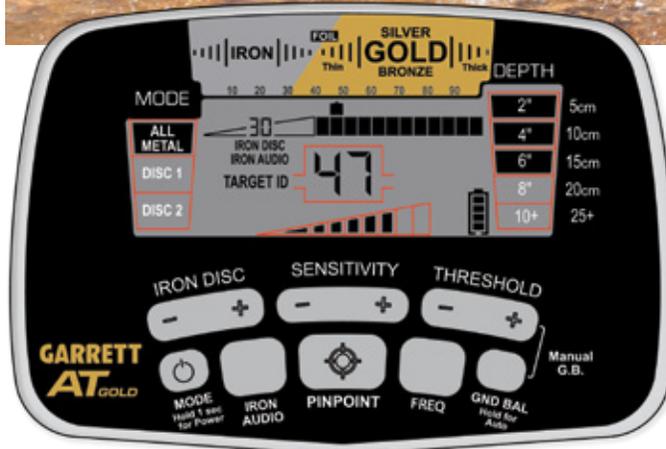
NEW! Deep-Seeking Garrett AT Gold!

The *AT Pro* has already proven itself as a first-rate metal detector for locating jewelry, coins, relics, and even gold. Those who are serious about prospecting and finding deeper targets will want to pay close attention to a brand-new introduction from Garrett Metal Detectors which will be available in October.

The Garrett *AT Gold* metal detector may, at first glance, appear to be a first cousin of the *AT Pro*. The *AT Gold* sports the same sleek black color scheme, although the trademark silver “Pro” label colorations have been replaced with a crisp, gold color scheme this time.

The *AT Gold* is also a true all-terrain hunter, capable of being submerged to depths of 10 feet in the water. Once past some of these obvious similarities, Garrett’s new detector has some powerful features designed to appeal strongly to the seasoned gold prospector.

First and foremost, the *AT Gold* includes a True All-Metal Mode to provide the greatest possible depth and sensitivity. It operates at a high frequency of 18 kHz, which is optimized for



NEW!

The *AT Gold* is capable of spot checking iron targets while in True All Metal Mode operation and has a spreadable ground balance option—features exclusive to Garrett!

gold prospecting. The prospector will also benefit from the *AT Gold*’s newly designed 5”x8” DD searchcoil. It offers excellent target separation and also more maneuverability through rocks and other tight spaces where gold so often hides.

The *AT Gold* also includes two Discrimination Modes that operate with the proportional audio characteristics that *AT Pro* users have learned. The DISC 1 Mode is a “Zero” discrimination mode ideal for relic hunting while

the DISC 2 Mode functions as an excellent coin-hunting program that is notched to exclude most iron items and some foil from detection.

The most outstanding feature of the *AT Gold* is its exclusive All Metal Iron Audio™ option. With other True All Metal Mode detectors, the deep-seeking ability comes with one distinct drawback—the lack of iron discrimination.

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The *AT Gold's* All Metal Iron Audio feature, however, allows the introduction of a Low-Tone response to audibly indicate the ferrous content of targets. This Iron Audio tool, also available in the two Discrim Modes, is unique to a True All Metal Mode detector!

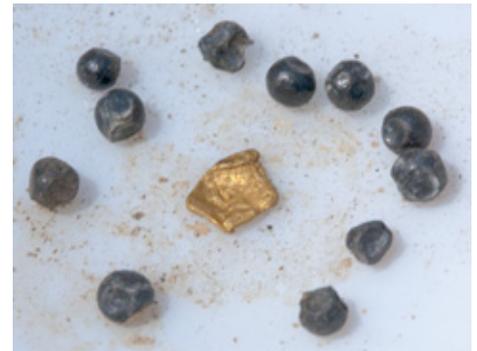
This new waterproof Garrett detector also includes Digital Target ID, 40 points of High-Res Iron Discrimination, adjustable Threshold, adjustable Sensitivity, and the ability to make minor frequency shifts.

The *AT Gold's* ground balance adjustment (with both automatic and manual options) is optimized to provide the greatest resolution in normal ground range but is not designed to address saltwater. The *AT Gold* will, however, perform well for hunting coins and jewelry on dry sand beach areas.

Another Garrett exclusive on this prospecting detector is its Ground Balance Window™ feature—which allows the user to spread the ground balance to reduce the effects of ground mineralization.

During its field testing phase, the *AT Gold* proved to be very sensitive to small pieces of gold. The detector has also shown great abilities as a relic and coin machine, particularly in areas of highly mineralized soil.

The new Garrett *AT Gold* prospecting detector will be available from dealers starting in October, with a suggested retail price of \$799.95. During its fall introduction, the *AT Gold* will ship with eight free prospecting



(Above) The *AT Gold* in use with field testers in Idaho searching dredge tailing piles and a ghost town. (Bottom right) This tiny piece of gold and the pieces of lead No. 9 birdshot were found by Gerry McMullen (upper right) while field testing the *AT Gold*. (Lower left) Travis McMullen with a recovered 38.9 gram Idaho placer specimen.



accessories (see ad in this issue of the *Searcher*).

Garrett's website includes full details of the new *AT Gold* metal detector and a collection of videos. Several *AT Gold* videos have been loaded onto the Garrett website and on Garrett's YouTube channel. In one feature, Gerry McMullen, who operates Gerry's Detectors in Idaho, offers advice on how to use the *AT Gold* for prospecting in streams, and tailing piles, as well as in overcoming difficult hot rocks.

Another "From the Field" video features Steve Moore and coinshooter Robert Jordan demonstrating how the *AT Gold's* 5"x8" DD coil and discrimination features enable them to find coins in some public areas that are heavily littered with bottle caps and other iron trash. Other videos spotlight the *AT Gold's* terrific relic hunting abilities.

Discover the power and depth of the new Garrett *AT Gold* and discover what's hidden below!



See videos of the new *AT Gold* at garrett.com!

Finding Your Own Lost Treasure is...Priceless!



Forty-five summers ago, Ricky. W. of Lexington, TN (*above*) went for a swim with his buddies in a local lake. In the process, he lost his high school ring while changing near an old oak tree on a hill. Ricky purchased an *ACE 350* in August 2011, and started thinking about that ring. After an hour of searching and digging half a dozen pull tabs, there was his long-lost ring!

"The monetary value of this find isn't much to most people, but to me it is priceless," wrote Ricky.

Pennsylvania



Patrick B. of Finleyville, PA, has proven that the learning curve is slight and the gains can be quite good with the Garrett *GTP 1350*. During his first hunt of an old park (that his uncle assured him he had hunted out), Patrick dug the two mercury dimes, a 1912 V nickel and a 1915 Barber dime (*shown above*).

Montana Garrett Users Featured on *Good Morning America*



Tim Saylor (*left*) and George Wyant, both of Montana, were featured in a treasure hunting spotlight filmed for *Good Morning America*. The segment, broadcast by CBS on July 14, spotlighted some of the friends' best coin and relic finds from the past. The *GMA* film crew also followed Tim and George out into the field to tape them making live recoveries. Hats off to our Montana friends for putting such a light-hearted and positive focus on our treasure hunting hobby!

Mexico



Armondo H. of Matahuala, Mexico, is pleased with the wide variety of coins he has found with his *GTI 2500*. During a recent visit to the Garrett home office, he brought along a representative sampling of coins he finds both with the *2500's* stock coil and caches he has found with his *Treasure-Hound* depth multiplier. In the past three years, Armondo has found more than 300 small silver coins, four large Spanish coins, and many large Mexican silver coins with his *GTI 2500*.

(*Above*) These coins, all found in Mexico, include: Spanish silver Carolus III coins from 1773 and 1804; an 1895 U.S. Indian Head penny; Mexican silver peso dollars from 1910 and 1953; 1854 and 1826 Mexican silver peso coins; and two pieces of Spanish silver, one dated 1756.

Maryland

Big Score on Rare Coin Cache

River hunting may not be a new fad to Maryland's Beau Ouimette, but his successes in 2011 with his new *AT Pro* have been more than even he had imagined. In addition to countless Civil War relics, he made a big haul during July of early period silver coins.

"I was working an area of the river about knee deep with my *AT Pro*," said Beau. "I got a good signal, fanned back the silt and small rocks, and there I could plainly see several big silver coins. I scooped them up and ran my coil over the area.

"To my excitement, the signals seemed to be everywhere in this little area. Each time I fanned away

AT Pro Finds

the silt, I could see still seven or eight more pieces of silver." This stunning river find—his best single day coin haul yet—includes not only early U.S. coins but others minted in Spain, France, Peru, Chile, Mexico and Brazil.

These coins range in date from the 1780s to 1837 and may have been a family's fortune that was lost during a wagon crossing of a river in the 1830s. Beau reports that he will likely load some video footage of this recovery to his YouTube account (search "Aquachigger") this fall.

(Right) Beau is all grins as he poses with his *AT Pro* river find of 176 silver coins. (Lower right) A closer view of some of these early coins.



Virginia

This 1839 large cent was found by Donald F. of Woodbridge, VA, with his *AT Pro*. He dug the eight-inch deep target near a giant tree where an old farm once stood.



Washington

AT Pro Shines on Gold Finds



Jeffery S. of Seattle (*right*) has made traveling to the Alaskan gold fields an annual pilgrimage in recent summers. When he made his most recent trip in June 2011, Jeffery brought his *Infinium LS* multi-frequency detector and a newer Garrett *AT Pro*. "I ran the *AT Pro* in the Pro Zero Mode with no iron discrimination set," he recalled.

Jeffery scanned old tailings piles and banks where material had been pushed. His first gold find (*see coil photo above*) was a mixed gold and quartz nugget weighing about a quarter ounce. "It was about five inches down in the pile and gave a Target ID of 52," he said.



A short time later, Jeffery scored a 3/4-oz. gold nugget. "It was about 10 inches in a bank and read 72," he recalled. Jeffery reports that he is pleased with the *AT Pro's* prospecting performance and that he hopes to make yet another journey to the Alaskan gold fields with it in the near future.

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Florida



During a week of detecting the beach at Panama City, FL, Perry F. of Louisville, KY accumulated a nice collection of finds with his *ACE 250*. Among them were two diamond rings, a 2-euro coin, one silver earring, one Sterling silver cross necklace, a silver man's ring, \$6.79 in coins, and a small purse with money which was returned to the owner.

New York



Denise S. of Albion, NY, found this 12k gold and sterling silver ring. She dug it at 12 inches in the sand on Anna Maria Island, Florida, while using her *GTAx 550*.

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Sand and Surf Finds

California



Kevin H. of Ridgecrest, CA found this .925 silver ring with center stone while working the a popular San Diego beach with his Garrett *Sea Hunter*.

India



Coins and jewelry found with a Garrett *Sea Hunter Mark II* by Brad C. in the surf during seven hours of searching Chapora Beach in Goa, India.

Mississippi

Quality Father-Daughter Time

Chad K. of Gulfport, MS, has found that metal detecting at the beach with his *AT Pro* is also great bonding time for his family. He recently recovered a 14k gold ring (*below*) that is a perfect fit for his daughter. "She keeps all my small rings," said Chad. "She just loves water hunting."



Florida

Infinium Finds Continue

Bob Spratley, featured in the past two *Searcher* issues, continues to make significant European finds in Florida with his Infinium LS. He recently sent along several photos from an August hunt with Anthony W. of the Tidewater Virginia Coin and Relic Club and Jimmy K. of the Jacksonville Florida Historical Recovery Club.

From a shipwreck site, they recovered two Spanish Maravedis coins (circa 1454-1471) and three Spanish doublet buttons. In addition, the three found two rings and a Spanish cob while water hunting.



(Above) Anthony W. and Jimmy K. from Florida with recent treasure finds. (Right) Spanish Maravedis coins and doublet buttons from their shipwreck site.



On the Beach with the *AT Pro International*

by John Howland

(John is a semi-retired freelance feature writer and a former consumer magazine Deputy Editor who is not employed by Garrett in any capacity. He took up treasure hunting in 1977, buying his first Garrett machine around 1981. Since then, he's used other makes along the way, though always favoring U.S.-made hardware, before finally settling on Garrett as his manufacturer of choice. Currently, he owns and uses a Garrett *ACE 250*, and a *Sea Hunter Mark II*, specializing in beach/water hunting, since he lives just a stone's throw from some of the finest beaches in Britain—the seven miles of Bournemouth's golden sands to the east, and the millionaire's row of the Sandbanks Peninsular to the west.)



John conducts an *AT Pro* air test on a solid silver ring (above and right).

The oldest dodge in the marketing manual is labeling something as being of 'Pro quality' when clearly it's anything but. While the commercially streetwise can spot this counterfeit claim from a country mile away, the less savvy in the ways of street-corner hustlers are stepping onto a gin-trap.

What professionals in any field want is: (a) Performance, (b) Reliability, (c) Versatility, and (d) Back Up, which means shyster-free warranties coupled to the ability to talk out problems one-to-one with a knowledgeable soul at the other end of the telephone line. Time spent in the body shop for these guys is money lost.

So, how does this latest addition to the Garrett stable, the *AT Pro International*, stack up in this arid, always demanding, and often unforgiving commercial landscape?

In non-forensic tests (carried out by me at home) the *AT Pro* punches well above its price-to-performance weight class. Staying with the boxing metaphor, it's Mohamed Ali's lightning speed with Rocky Marciano's sledgehammer right hand.

For example, targets in damp sand at 11.5 inches are pronounced with lots more "signal" lurking in reserve, although, "in air" tests (again non-forensic it has to be said), produced an astounding 16.5 inches on a heavy solid silver ring. The rule-of-thumb with "in air" tests is to knock-off one third as a rough guide to in-ground performance.

More crucially perhaps, does the *AT Pro* cut the mustard in the merciless salt-water environment of pounding surf and sufficiently enough to justify its price tag of £595? Yes, it does, and the build quality is typically Garrett. Had the *Titanic* been

built on similar watertight compartmental lines then 1912 might not have been such a tragic year.

Moreover, the *AT Pro's* a bit of a looker too, in her new, sassy, matt black livery; a brave departure from the unusual corporate Garrett "*ACE 250 Yellow*," or "*GTI Green*". She simply oozes sexy professionalism from every pore, with conceivably, just a tad of menace in the mix! A nice touch.

Performance

Whereas most motion-type detectors will operate reasonably well in a saltwater environment with the deft use of the Sensitivity control, the *AT Pro* elbows in with a host of performance-enhancing whistles and bells and a 15 kHz frequency that makes short work of small-gold items.

The *AT Pro's* exceptional Ground Balance modes (manual or automatic) effectively obliterate the depth-numbing effects of seawater, which, combined with the manually adjustable High Resolution Iron Discrimination (HRID) control, fine-tunes overall performance to concert pitch.

This super-tuning dovetails neatly into the *AT Pro's* two main operational modes of STANDARD (Binary audio modes) and PRO (proportional audio modes), and their sub-modes: *Custom*, *Coins*, and *Zero* (no discrimination).

The fundamental differences of the two are that in the binary audio mode (STD platform), targets will, irrespective of depth, give identical audio volume. Targets in the PRO audio mode give audio signals proportional to their depth; faint signals being deep targets, while shallow targets come in

like Joshua's trumpets on coin-sized objects, the target-size for which the detector's depth indicator is tuned.

With near 100% certainty, ferrous junk targets such as bottle caps, steel washers and nails, can be winkled out in the PRO audio

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(Above) John's coin finds after a 4.5-hour search of a local beach with his *AT Pro International*. He dug many of the £1 coins at depths from 6 to 10 inches. (Below) He also found a U.S. quarter and these pieces of jewelry.



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mode with the all-conquering HRID deployed with the Tone Roll Audio, giving a fast, low-high-low response tone.

Down at the sharp end of things, the 8.5"x11" *PROformance* DD-pattern coil—a proven deep-seeking configuration for increased saltwater performance—is less susceptible to false signaling, a common problem with concentric-pattern coils when used over black sand, magnetite, or saltwater beaches. Uniquely, the *AT Pro's* snub-nosed-and-tailed coil provides improved access not only in tight corners, but is also an effective design for "toe-pointing" a signal in water. It's a simple, but extremely effective configuration.

Reliability

Owing to its comparatively short time in the market-place, an accurate assessment is imprecise, though the word on the street has it that owners are well-pleased with their

AT Pro's, and problems few. With typical Garrett forethought, the *AT Pro* comes with a comprehensive manual and extensive video tips and clips, on the Garrett website.

Versatility

Oh, yes indeed, but not for the reasons you might imagine.

Firstly, every part of the beach is within a beachcomber's sphere of activity, having the ability to hunt down coins and jewelry in the dry sand above the High Water Line (HWL), then onto the wet sand below the HWL, then on into the water itself, up to a depth of ten feet, and all with the same machine.

Secondly, it's a money saver too, especially for those of us using commercial airlines where baggage-weight restrictions are stringent and pricey. This three-machines-in-one, as it were, weighs-in at 1.4kg (3.03lbs).

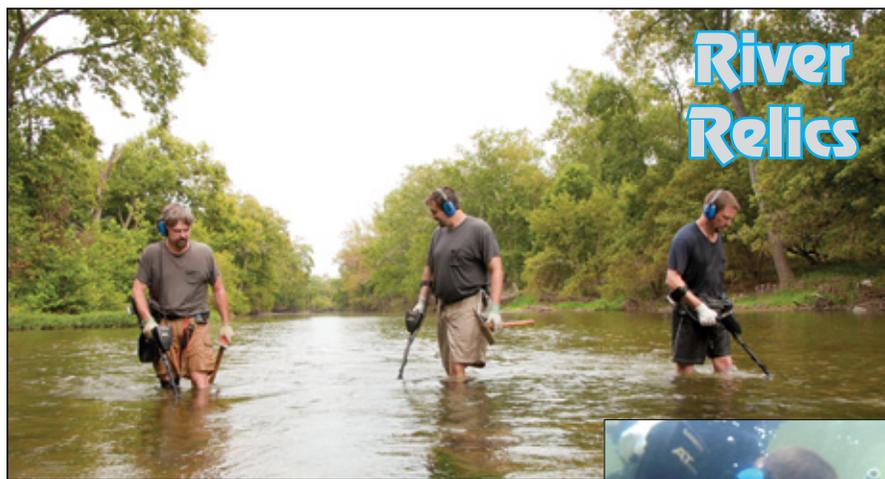
Well, call me Mr Picky...

If you sometimes hunt wearing polarised sunglasses to reduce eye fatigue caused by reflective sand glare, or to cut through the surface reflections when water hunting to see clearly what's going on down at searchcoil level, you'll find the *AT Pro's* display panel, becomes somewhat illegible; a common glitch of which Garrett does not hold the monopoly. But if you hunt primarily by "ear," it's not a problem.

Last Round-Up...

Be under no illusions whatsoever, the *AT Pro* is an awesome beach/water hunting tool requiring (in my view) a tad of previous detecting know-how to distil the best from its extraordinary capabilities.

Is it worth its £595 price tag? Absolutely!



(Above and right) Beau, Dan and Steve working the river for relics and diving for deeper targets.

(Below) Some of their finds for the day.



While testing the capabilities of the new *AT Gold* detector, Steve Moore and Brian McKenzie from Garrett joined Beau Ouimette and Dan Frezza to hunt Eastern theatre Civil War water sites. The new 5x8" DD coil proved its value in separating good targets from iron trash and in its maneuverability among the rocky river bottom.

Another key item for such river hunting is the use of special felt sole wading boots, whose soles provide extra traction on slippery surfaces. Many sporting goods retailers sell such boots. Look for a pair that includes reinforced toe protection, drain holes, pull-on straps and padded upper collars.

The Civil War river hunting proved to be productive on this trip. The group recovered numerous minié balls, camp lead, a buckle, a scabbard tip, a musket barrel, a Hotchkiss artillery shell, a Spanish real, lead sinkers made from Civil War bullets, and other items.

To see an extended web video of this hunt, visit Garrett's website or subscribe to Garrett's YouTube channel—www.youtube.com/garrettdetectors.



Colorado



Christopher L. of Albuquerque, NM, took his *AT Pro* along during a recent visit to see his parents in Colorado. In addition to coins, he dug this military insignia depicting an eagle atop two cannon. Christopher's research shows this to be a medal that was part of the Grand Army of the Republic, an association of Union Army veterans of the Civil War.

Pennsylvania



Brian H. of Phoenixville, PA, used his *ACE 350* to unearth this rare Revolutionary War military relic. It is a pewter Pennsylvania State Regiment of Foot (13th Regiment) button which has given Brian new interest in relic hunting!

California



Janice P. of Anderson, CA, dug this antique chauffeur's license. She was using her *ACE 250* on the site of an old school that stood from 1914 until 1950.

Relics, Coins

Virginia



Relic finds are even more special when there is a personal connection. Just ask Kevin J. of Christiansburg, VA. While using his *ACE 250* to hunt the farm of his great grandfather, Kevin dug this octagonal picker's token once issued by his grandfather to a laborer who worked on his farm. It dates to about the 1920s and is stamped with his ancestor's initials.



Australia



Ancient Chinese coins, gold nuggets, and an Australian shilling found by Simon B. of Melbourne, Australia, with his *ACE 350*.

England



Craig P. of Walsall, England, took his wife along to hunt on a local farm with their *ACE 250*. Her beginner's luck proved to be quite good, as she found this medieval ring!

Pennsylvania



In his first few months with an *ACE 250*, Kenneth N. of Beech Creek, PA, dug \$76.70 in clad, plus an uncounted amount of pennies. His favorite finds were (above) these silver coins and rings, gold rings, a sterling belt buckle, a V nickel, and two Indian head pennies. Kenneth recently moved up to an *AT Pro* detector, but says that his *ACE 250* will remain handy as his backup detector.

New York

This "Loyal Order of Moose" buckle, two Wheat pennies, and an 1864 Indian Head penny were dug by Bill N. of Mannsville, NY. Bill, who recently took up metal detecting as a hobby, was hunting in the Relics Mode with his new *ACE 350*.



International Finds

United Kingdom



Paul N. of the UK used his *ACE 250* to find these coins. The four larger coins on the left are Anglo Saxon Aethelred II silver pennies. These hammered coins date to the period of AD 978–1016.

Indonesia

Henry A. of North Sumatra has found five gold nuggets during his six months using an *AT Pro International* detector. While working a riverbed near an old mining area, he has also found 31 Dutch coins which date back as early as 1700.



Henry A. (above) and some of his Dutch coins (left) and one of his gold finds (right).



Philippines

Jenie O. of Puerto Princesa, Palawan, in the Philippines has found a number of interesting relics with a Garrett *Master Hunter CX Plus*. Among them are U.S. coins dating to 1907 and U.S. military buttons. Puerto Princesa once housed Allied prisoners of war during World War II being held by Japanese military forces.



United Kingdom

This gold sovereign coin and Roman Constantine coin (circa 316 AD) were found with an *AT Pro International* by Scott H. from Hednesford, England.



Germany

3,500-Year-Old Relic Recovered

Thorston S. of Munich regularly hunts an area in Germany that has produced countless World War II artifacts and, most recently, one relic that is far older. Using his *GTI 2500*, Thorston recovered a Bronze Age axe that has since been evaluated by German museum authorities who believe its age to be from the period of 1800–1500 BC.

Its style is a “flanged” edge type of bronze tool head that was mounted on a wooden handle. “This find is an absolute highlight in my search career,” he said. “When the GTI



Thorston S. holds the axe head recovered with his *GTI 2500*.

announced a non-iron object, I dug very carefully.”

It took Thorston half an hour to unearth the bronze artifact. “When I



German monument protection authorities have confirmed that this bronze axe dates to 1800–1500 BC.

finally held it in my hands, I could hardly believe I had found an item that was almost 4,000 years old. Very few European metal objects are older.”

Texas

A “Honker” of a Ring Find



(Above) Bob F.'s 49-diamond, 14k gold ring was found in a lake using his *AT Pro*.

Bob F. of Colleyville, TX, bought an *AT Pro* in February after studying his detector options. He decided it was just what he needed to improve his water hunting success.

Bob and his wife obtained permission to hunt a roped-off swimming area near a local marina, where he soon found a ring he likes to call “The Honker.” Bob relates:

“We were in the water at 9:00 a.m. I walked in toward the middle of the swimming area at about 2–3 feet and got my first target, a clad penny. I took a few more swings and got a sweet-sounding 48 on the ID. I got a scoop of sand and placed it in my basket strainer and watched it melt away around the prettiest sight I’ve ever seen.

“It was a 14K ladies ring with 49 diamonds. After the day was over, I wound up with \$3.00 in clad, an 8K man’s ring, two silver rings and a copper religious ring. I think I found a keeper in this detector.

“On a side note, this detector has been a terror on silver in all of the parks, scraped lots and school grounds I normally hunt where I haven’t found silver before.”

Jewelry Finds

Alberta, Canada



Dana W. of Edmonton Alberta, Canada, found a 10k gold ring with five diamonds (seen in the soil above) using his *GTAx 550*. It is stamped with “Edmonton Oilers, Stanley Cup 1990.”



Saskatchewan, Canada

Lost, Found, Returned (x2)



One of the two rings recently recovered by Fred V. with his *Sea Hunter Mark II* metal detector.

Cheers to Saskatchewan Canada’s Fred V. for his recent good deeds. He used his *Sea Hunter Mark II* twice in a month’s time to return lost rings to their owners. Although one woman had posted a reward for anyone who could find her wedding ring, Fred kindly turned down her money.

“It made me feel good to help someone out,” he said. “I hope that others do the ‘right thing’ by helping out those in need.”

Georgia



Joe B. of Valdosta, GA, found a 14k gold ring and a 10k gold ring in one hole while hunting with his *AT Pro*. Dug at 10 inches, the rings were attached to what appeared to be a rusty key hook that hung from a belt.

Missouri



This 1974 McKendree College ring with blue sapphire was found by Jerry T. of St. Louis with his *ACE 250* in a city park.

British Columbia, Canada



Manabu S. of Surrey in British Columbia paid for his new *ACE 250* in one trip by finding this 14k solid gold ring.

Missouri



Shortly after buying an *AT Pro*, Jack G. of Windsor, MO, happily found his own wedding band. He had lost it nearly three years before and but his previous efforts to find it had been in vain.

Wisconsin



In two days, Michael S. of Cornell, WI, dug 16 Barber dimes, one Seated dime dated 1900, and 17 Mercury dimes dating from 1917 to 1927. He was using his *GTA 1000* detector at the site of an old theater. "This is that once in a lifetime treasure we all dream of," said Michael.

Coin Finds

Iowa



Matthew S. of Davenport, IA, was more than happy to share this picture of his first silver coins. Matthew had just received his new *ACE 250* in the mail and started by searching on his own property. In his front yard, he found this 1924 Mercury dime and the 1935 Mercury just six feet apart.

New Hampshire

Time Capsule Find

Chuck G. from Kingston, NH, was intrigued recently when he dug up a 6.6-lb. metal box while searching with his *AT Pro*. The box measured about 4" x 2.25" x 2.75" and was soldered shut at the base. On its bottom side, the numerals "92" appeared to be scratched into it.

His son finally convinced him to pry open the mystery box. "I did open it, and I wasn't disappointed," Chuck said. "Inside was an Indian Head penny and a sweet Barber dime, both 1892. My only dismay was seeing a water-ruined note, which surely contained an interesting tale."



This lead box (left) dug by Chuck G. was scratched with the numerals "92." It held an 1892 Barber dime and an 1892 Indian Head penny.



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New York

"Ever see an old man doing a silver dance while on his knees? It ain't pretty!" admitted Leon L. of Westlake, LA. He could not help his excitement upon finding his first silver Morgan dollar coin. Leon was using his *ACE 250* on an empty lot where the city had just torn down an old home.



New York

Thirteen-year-old Chris L. of Bethpage, NY, was all smiles after using his *ACE 250* to find a 1939 half dollar in his grandma's yard.



Florida



This 1921 silver Morgan dollar was found by James B. of Plantation, FL, with his *ACE 250* while on his lunch break. "I am still shaking," James wrote soon afterwards.

Missouri



Jack G. of Windsor, MO, was surprised to see this *AT Pro* find: a 1971-D mint error penny where the die struck off center, resulting in the coin looking as you see above.

16 Years of Texas Lions Camp

The Texas Council of Treasure Clubs, Inc., recently celebrated its 16th year of assisting with the Texas Lions Camp for handicapped children. The Kerrville camp works with thousands of kids each year. Each spring, mentors and metal detectorists volunteer to create a memorable treasure hunting day for some of these children.

Keith Wills of East Texas Metal Detectors sent photos of the 2011 hunt, where the kids used *ACE 250s* donated by Garrett to find coins. "We only hide foreign coins from around the world, a few toy cars, and a little jewelry for the kids to find with the detectors," said Wills. "They keep what they find. The kids' excitement is indescribable."



(Above and below) Texas Council volunteer detectorists help handicapped children find treasures with Garrett *ACE* detectors.



Giving Back

An Urban Treasure Hunt



(Above) David Thatcher recently helped teach treasure hunting to these urban youngsters.

David Thatcher's career has been in law enforcement but his heart is in metal detecting and in giving back to his local community. He was recently able to tie these interests together during an "Urban Treasure Hunt" he held for the Socio-Economic Center for Southeast Asians in Providence, Rhode Island.

This childrens' summer camp program provides for students from high crime neighborhoods. After teaching a class about his work as an environmental crimes investigator, David asked the kids if they would like to try their hand at locating treasure in their own backyard.

The children were interested and Education Coordinator Kathleen Lau was supportive of the teamwork learning opportunity. Armed with Garrett *ACE 150* metal detectors and digging kits, David and fellow detectorist Beverly Cournoyer organized an urban treasure hunt for the Center's youth. Beverly provided additional trowels and digging aprons for all of the kids and researched the local area where they would search.

Using 1800s maps of the area, David and Beverly gave the kids a

crash course on metal detecting and put the search teams to work. "Before long, you could hear the excitement as they began to pick up the unfamiliar sounds of metal being detected in the ground," said David. Although the youths' first targets were mainly crushed foil and pop tops, they soon began digging up turn-of-the-century artifacts at deeper depths.

"Moments later, one young lady dug a Victorian era pendant adorned with small individual diamonds," said David. The day's best find produced much excitement among the kids, who finished their day with a group "show and tell" session.

"You can only imagine the look on teacher Kathleen Lau's face as the boys reached into their aprons and pulled out handfulls of dirt and their finds, while spreading them out over their clean desktops," David added. "But that look of concern quickly disappeared after seeing just how much they had enjoyed their field trip and the opportunity to experience one of the greatest hobbies in the world. They also had the chance to experience fresh air, exercise, and some fun learning."

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

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

July 2011 Winners

The *Pro-Pointer* winner in the U.S. was *AT Pro* user Bob F. of Colleyville, Texas. (See page 11 of this *Searcher* for more on Bob's find.)

July's international winner was *GTP 1350* user Jean-Phillipe L. of Chagny, France, who found a pure gold Justinian II coin (circa 685 to 711 AD).



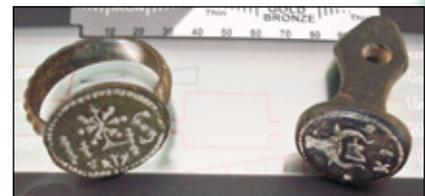
(Above) The July 2011 winning finds.

August 2011 Winners

George Z. from Bristol, CT, picked up the free *Pro-Pointer* in August for his find of a World War I Victory Lapel Pin with his *AT Pro*. This bronze pin was given to World War I servicemen after returning home.

The international winner for August was Adam V. from Seneca, Slovakia. He dug a bronze sealing ring and bronze seal just one day after purchasing a new *AT Pro International* detector. Adam's historic finds are now being evaluated by the Archeological Museum of Slovakia.

(Right) George Z.'s World War I lapel pin. (Below) Adam V.'s bronze seal and sealing ring finds from Slovakia.



September 2011 Winners

September's U.S. winner was Brian H. of Phoenixville, PA. His rare button find is shown on Page 9 of this *Searcher* issue.

Rene C. of Columbia was selected by Vaughan as the international winner for the month. Rene purchased an *ACE 250* detector to search for the wedding ring his grandmother had lost in 1956 on their farm. He was able to find it and waited to return it on their anniversary. "I will remember that day as the most magical day of my life," he recalled.



The lost and found wedding ring from 1956.

New Garrett Collector's Patches

Three new Garrett collector's patches have been added to the monthly thank-you gifts available to those who participate in Vaughan Garrett's Favorite Find of the Month.

The 3-inch wide oval patches are ideal to sew on your favorite hunting vest, backpack or detector carry bag. The first three designs are shown in the photos at right.

Those who submit their photos and testimonials online each month are welcome to specify which patch they would like (i.e. "Please send me the Garrett Search Team patch").



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

Relic Hunter Plans to Create Display Case for Landowner

Story submitted by Mark Sweberg, Ashburn, Virginia

Thanks to a set of fortuitous circumstances this past August, I was able to relic hunt a piece of historic property. The results turned out well for me and for the land owner who granted me permission to hunt.

This beautiful estate sits on 60 acres located not far from a lesser battle site of the Civil War in Northern Virginia. During early August, the weather reports indicated that we might finally see a break in the high temperatures and high humidity by the weekend. The estate property owner explained that several weddings were to be held that weekend on his property because of its beautiful setting. Nevertheless, I was told it would be all right for me and a friend to detect in the southern and western sections of the property away from the events.

My good friend Dave—with whom I have detected for over 20 years—and I arrived on the property before 7:00 a.m. We started on a recently mowed field adjacent to a narrow road which runs around the property. We knew the estate was built around 1820 and that part of this portion of the land had probably seen some Civil War skirmish action.

After about a half hour, I got a clear signal indicating a target about six inches deep. I was running my *AT Pro* in the Pro Mode. The signal was not precise because the ground was very dry but the sweet tone was there, so I dug a plug out and swept the hole with my *Pro-Pointer*. A very nice fired Gardner 2-ring Confederate bullet popped out. My day was off to a very good start.

During the course of the next two hours, I found two Enfield .577 fired bullets, also used by the Confederacy, and three 3-ring minie balls used by Union forces. Dave was also having luck, having found several bullets and some new coins as well.

Later in the morning, we moved closer to the estate as the humidity and sun began to take its toll on us. On a gentle slope, I hit a very clean signal indicating a target about 4–6 inches deep. I pulled a plug from the ground and near the center of the bottom

(Right) The World War I "Victory Volunteer" pin found on the estate by Mark Sweberg with his *AT Pro*.

(Below) Mark's better finds from his first hunt of the Virginia estate include both Confederate and Union Civil War bullets and a 1772 Spanish silver half reale.



of the hole was a quarter-sized disk of metal. At first I thought it was a large cent coin or a half cent but when I picked it up, it was clearly a pin with a large "V" emblazoned on the face along with a raised hand holding a torch. I later researched this and learned it was a World War I period pin that was given out to patriotic citizens who bought War Bonds to support their country. I have no idea what it was doing in this field but I was very happy to find it.

Shortly afterwards I found two additional Union 3-ring bullets and a flat button. It was just after 1:00 p.m. and Dave alerted me to dark clouds approaching and the distant sound of thunder. We decided to continue to detect but move in the direction of our vehicles. A short time later, we crossed the road to the field we had started in. I had walked maybe ten paces into the field when I got a faint but clear signal along with a nice short, sweet tone indicating a good target.

After digging a plug, shoveling out two more inches of dirt, and working with my *Pro-Pointer*, I found a very small and thin disk of metal that turned a silvery color as I

cleaned dirt off of it. I could not make out what it was so I put it away.

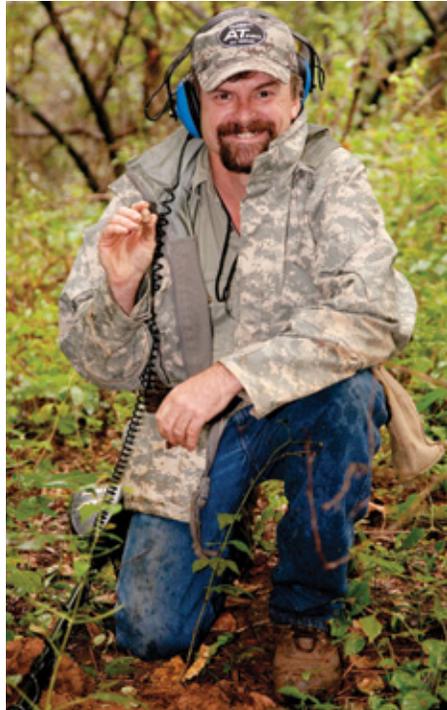
Lightning forced Dave and I to quit our hunt for the day. Back at my car, I took the silver disk out. Using water and a rag I keep for this purpose, I carefully cleaned it off and used a magnifier to inspect it. We determined it was a silver coin in pretty bad shape. Ironically, the date was still quite clear. The date was 1772 and from it and the size of the coin, Dave and I determined I'd found a Spanish half reale, and that was pretty exciting. Even though this coin is not in great shape, it was still a terrific find.

The estate owner had time to see us and our finds for the day. He was very excited. He told us that his wish was to find a nice display case for the house to put some of our finds on display, along with the descriptions of the items and our names. Both Dave and I were excited about this idea. We both have displays of finds in our home; the idea of displaying finds from this property to share with visitors appeals to both of us. We hope to make more finds on this property to create a nice display case of some of the relics for his future estate guests to enjoy.


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