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Bob Forston doesn't have as many years in the detecting hobby as some, but his great finds are enough to make even seasoned veterans envious.

A resident of Colleyville, Texas, Bob is a retired data processor who now goes out searching multiple days per week. In the warmer months, you will most likely find him at a lakeside swimming hole somewhere around North Texas.

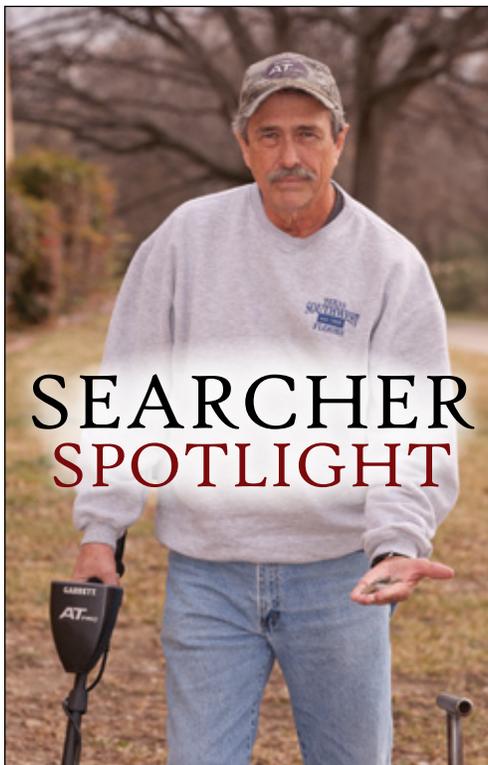
"I start hunting in the water just as soon as I can each spring," he says. "I go straight to the free swimming areas. Each season, I get the proper permits to hunt Corps of Engineers lakes and the city-owned lake parks. In the summer, I'm all water all the time. My wife Nelda goes with me and she hunts the beaches."

Bob excels at finding rings. During the summer of 2012 alone, he scooped up an impressive 127 rings, some made of gold with diamonds. He also managed to recover and return three lost rings for people during the year.

Bob recently stopped by the Garrett factory and showed us his better finds just for the month of January 2013. His ring count for the year is already at seven, including two silver rings. In addition to numerous interesting relics, tokens and countless clad coins, his digging pouch for the first month of the year has collected a dozen silver coins, an 1864 two-cent piece, and 65 wheat pennies.

For the past two years, his detector of choice has been the Garrett *AT Pro*. "I like to hunt in the Pro Zero Mode with 35 on the Iron Discrim," he says. "I'm not really hoping to find any old iron." On some of the more iron-infested areas he searches, Bob listens to the rolling tones for the better medium and high-tone targets. "I try not to pass up anything that's a good, repeatable target sound."

When he's not in the water, Bob hunts old home sites and scraped lots before



SEARCHER SPOTLIGHT

Bob Forston

In this first of a series of *Searcher Spotlight* features, Garrett editor Steve Moore will visit with different treasure hunters. In each short article, we'll tell you what makes our featured finder tick: what they hunt with, where they hunt, and their unique tricks or tips to being successful.



an area is rebuilt. "I spend a lot of time cruising around to find new hunt sites," he related. "Basically, I hunt about a 50-mile radius in and about Dallas and the surrounding towns."

A coin hunter since 2008, Bob has dug hundreds of nice silver coins and in 2012 he was voted Metal Detectorist of the Year by his local Cowtown Treasure Hunters Club. Easy-going and good-natured, he is not afraid to share a few of his preferred methods. To recover targets on house sites, he uses either a smaller hand digger or his T-handle shovel. "With my shovel, I punch a small, round divot, pull out a plug, and put it right back to keep the landscape in good shape," he explained. "I like to go out after we've had a rain. Targets come in better, and deeper, and it makes for easier retrieving."

He switches to his long-handled aluminum scoop for lake hunts. "I go as deep as I can on my tippy toes in the lakes," he

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(Below) The majority of the 167 rings Bob found with his *AT Pro* during 2012 came from extensive water hunting.

(Below, center) Some of the coins, tokens and various medallions Bob found while hunting house sites in January 2013.



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says. "You kinda have to be a daredevil to go out that deep, but that's where I get my best finds. Often, the shallows have been picked over by other hunters. I drag a floater behind me with a screen. I can just dump my basket on the screen and let it sift my finds while I hunt."

For the old lots he hunts, Bob prefers the smaller 5x8" DD coil. "With a coin target, the *AT Pro* goes *bip, bip* when I wiggle just off the toe of the little DD coil. For a coin-sized target, the depth ID is really good. Now, a large target that is six inches deep may only show one inch on the depth gauge. If I suspect it's a larger signal, then I'll start swinging my coil higher and higher above the ground. If the signal stays strong, I can pretty well tell that it's not a coin. But, if I still ain't sure, it's gonna get dug. I've dug many a crushed can just to be sure and they just go in my pouch."



Finder: Chris K., Reno, NV
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Early 1900s blasting cap



Finder: Dan F., Williamsburg, VA
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Dan started his new year by digging two of the oldest coins he has recovered in the U.S. He was hunting a colonial site that dates to the mid-1600s when he dug this early hammered six-pence silver coin and a rare Columbian colonial 1/4 reale.



Finder: Jim B., Rieglesville, PA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1836 Capped Bust half dollar, found while detecting an old cellar hole in ankle-deep mud. "It was a wet and muddy day," according to Jim, who used his 5x8-inch DD coil to work through the trash in Pro Mode.



Finder: Ryan C., Winchester, VA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1817 Large Cent and holed 1818 Large Cent

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SWEET SIXTEEN

Hunting with his *ACE 250* one evening across the street from his home, Dennis B. of Elizabeth, PA was pleasantly shocked by what he found. Fifteen minutes into his hunt, he heard the "smile-creating" belltone sound of what he assumed would be a quarter.

Dennis was correct, but he found more than he expected. From the plug of dirt, he plucked a Standing Liberty quarter. He then scanned the plug again and found four more silver quarters.

"I was in utter disbelief," he said. "I thought to myself, I'd better check the existing hole for any stragglers." Sweeping his *ACE 250* over the hole, Dennis heard the "money tone" again!

"I stayed there for almost 30 minutes, making sure I recovered all the coins that hole had to offer," he said. In the end, he had 16 quarters—one of them a Standing Liberty and the rest silver Washington quarters, dating from 1936 to 1961.

"Man, what a thrill!" he said.



Dennis' 16-silver-quarter find.

Tokens, Badges & Medallions



Finder: Curtis M., Lexington, MA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Navy Good Conduct Medal

Finder: Jeff S., Sacramento, CA
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: 1900 Barber dime, state fair medallion, and an 1881 penny.



Finder: Tim C., Charlotte, NC
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Tim made his "find of a lifetime" while hunting with some friends along one of the oldest roads in his state. What he at first assumed to be a large flat button proved upon cleaning it to be a rare George Washington button (above).



Finder: Robert F., Columbus, NE
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Notary seal for Platte County, Nebraska, dating to 1888–1891.



Finder: David C., Elmore City, OK
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: David found this rare Civil War sutler's token in January and considers it his "best find in 25 years." Sutlers were civilians appointed by the Secretary of War during the Civil War to sell goods to military units.



Finder: Danny H., Fort Wayne, IN
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: Anthony Wayne Council 1955 Scout-o-Rama badge.



Finder: Doug Y., Panama City Beach, FL
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Virgin Mary brass container, brass with silver-plated top.

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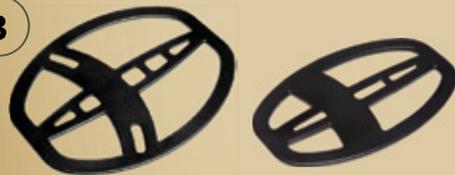
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"A Great Lady" and Her Great Finds

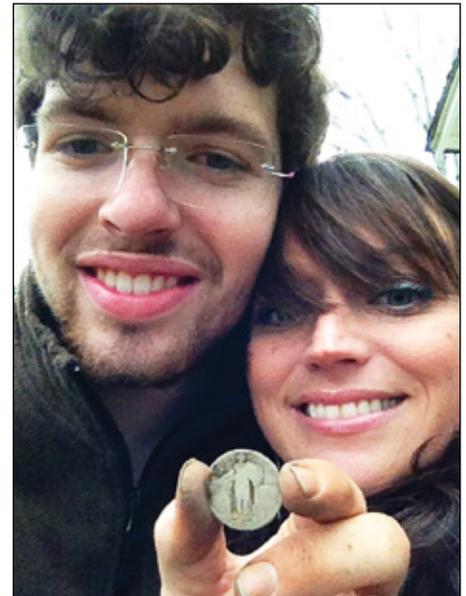
Cliff B. of Walla Walla, Washington sent in this photo of his "great lady"—a Garrett *ADS III Master Hunter*—and many of his favorite finds.

"I've had a lot of good times with this old gal, though she's now in semi-retirement," Cliff said. He recently purchased an *AT Gold* because he wanted a lighter machine due to an arm injury. As for his *Master Hunter*, Cliff says: "I still get her afield occasionally and turn her loose and she still finds them."



Finder: Christian C., Vicksburg, MS
Using: *ADS Deepseeker*
Find: Hunting during the week after Thanksgiving with a 14-inch search-coil on his *ADS Deepseeker*, Christian found Civil War artifacts at extreme depths. In the foreground above is a 6.4-lb. "Teardrop Read" Confederate shell that he detected at 3 feet, 9 inches. The cannonball was found at a two and a half foot depth. Both of the recovered artillery rounds have been treated and refurbished by Christian.

Vintage Freedom Find Inspires Couple to Enjoy Hobby Together



Finder: Grant H., Ringgold, GA
Using: *Freedom ACE*
Find: Grant started metal detecting at age 8 when his father bought him a Garrett detector from a pawn shop. At age 11, he saved up to buy a new *Freedom ACE*, which he used often over the next 13 years.

One warm day in December, he finally convinced his wife to go with him to hunt for coins. "She found 72 clad coins in about five hours," Grant said. He helped keep her interested by doing all the digging. Before the day was out, she made a terrific find—a Standing Liberty silver quarter (*seen above shortly after they found it*).

"She was so excited that we both jumped up and down!" he said. "She is hooked and purchased me the *AT Pro* for Christmas. She had never been interested in my hobby, and now we have so much to talk about."

Grant immediately made plans to buy his wife a new Garrett model so they could continue their shared love of coin hunting. "Thank you, Garrett, for all the future memories, time, and understanding with my beautiful wife," he wrote.

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Finder: Jason P., Powhatan, VA

Using: ACE 250

Find: Jason was searching an old school yard that is now baseball fields in his town. Across the street was an old Army armory building from the 1950s. One of his targets, appearing at first to be some kind of axle shaft, turned out to be live ordnance!

Carefully cleaning around the shell and rubbing off some of the dirt, Jason could read: Winchester 50mm M4. He immediately contacted the county sheriff's office, who called in the Virginia state police and bomb squad. After interviewing Jason, the bomb squad detonated the recovered shell. "Very cool find for me since I was in a mine sweeping squadron in the Navy," he related.



Finder: Bobby B., Henderson, TN

Using: AT Pro

Find: Bobby returned to a western Tennessee Civil War campsite that has been well hunted. He was impressed that his AT Pro helped him dig an 1839 silver half dime (*below*) from an area loaded with iron bits. In the same area, he dug a silver gilted cavalry bridal rosette (*above*) about the size of a silver dollar.

"It is listed as a sporting type in Crouch's Civil War relic book," he said. "And better to me was the fact it was 100% Confederate."



Finder: William C., San Angelo, TX

Using: ACE 250

Find: Favorite coin and jewelry finds



Finder: Larry C., Marion, VA

Using: AT Pro

Find: Larry spelled out the name of his detector (*above*) with some recent coin finds. During another recent hunt, he dug up six Civil War bullets (*below*) and his first silver dime, a 1917-D Mercury.



Finder: Nicholas Y., Bethel, CT

Using: ACE 250

Find: Nicholas found a hot spot while hunting a neighbor's field. In a five-foot-square target area, he dug dozens of square nails, 19th century household items, various farming implements, older one piece flat buttons, and many military buttons.

In the photo to left, Nicholas is holding some of the Civil War era buttons he found with his ACE 250. Shown are ten of the eleven New York Militia buttons he recovered. "I gave one of them to my neighbor for allowing me to hunt his property," said Nicholas. Another button is from a U.S. artillery uniform, while that in the lower left is an 1800s-era Navy button.

Coin Finds



Finder: Michael W., Cadillac, MI

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Michael found a few wheat pennies and a Mercury dime (*above*) while hunting in October near a lake. Then he picked up “a good ding” of a deep signal. At about 12 inches deep, he was “ecstatic” to dig a beautiful 1893 Morgan silver dollar.

After calling his wife on his cell phone to share his excitement, he thought to double check the hole. “I got another ding,” said Michael. Some scoops later, another Morgan silver dollar dated 1914 emerged from this hole. “This one was at a depth of 14 to 15 inches. This one was in very good shape. What an opening day in the woods! Two bucks in one hole!”



Finder: Mike D., North Portal, Saskatchewan, Canada

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Mike returned to a favorite metal detecting spot, hoping to relieve some stress. His day was made when this key date coin, a 1903-S Barber dime (worth hundreds of dollars), was found in the same hole with a 1900 V nickel. “Metal detecting is relaxing no matter what I find, but finding things like that dime make it even better!” he said.



Finder: Joe B., Valdosta, GA

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: In five hours of coin hunting an old site, Joe had this impressive collection: three Indian head pennies, three Mercury dimes, a pair of 1853 three-cent pieces, an 1837-D buffalo nickel, an 1857 Flying Eagle penny, an 1860s two-cent piece, and large cents dated 1827 and 1848.



Finder: Burdy A., Oslon, France

Using: *EuroACE*

Find: Burdy dug these 22 silver French Medieval coins and also two silver rings while hunting along a stone path.



Finder: Michael W., Cadillac, MI

Using: *ACE 350*

Find: While learning to use his new *ACE 350*, Michael decided to hunt some woods near his home. In one hole, he found the rusted-through remains of an iron box and four coins: a 1923 Liberty Peace dollar, an 1889 Barber silver dollar, a 1908 Mercury quarter, and a 1964 Elizabeth II one penny. During the same afternoon, he also dug a silver-dollar-size 1965 novelty penny. All five coins are seen above.



Finder: Jan M., Czech Republic

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Polish Zikmund III silver coin minted in 1536



Finder: Matt O., Tasmania, Australia

Using: *AT Gold*

Find: Only days after obtaining an *AT Gold*, Matt dug this 1834 British sixpence with his larger 8.5" x 11" coil.



Jewelry and Ring Finds



Finder: Terry S., Kearney, MO

Using: ACE 250

Find: Found near a soccer field, this 10k gold bracelet contains almost two carats of diamonds.



Finder: Jack G., Windsor, MO

Using: AT Pro

Find: A heavy gold woman's ruby ring as it looked when Jack dug it at a local park (*above*) and how it looked after he had it cleaned up (*below*).



Finder: Bradley D., Mebane, NC

Using: AT Gold

Find: Bradley recently went out of his way to help find an 84-year-old man's lost wedding ring. He searched a large piece of property that was littered with shards of aluminum and can scraps. Bradley's determination with his *AT Gold*, however, finally paid off. The gentleman (*below with his recovered ring*)—who had lost his wife years before—was moved to tears by the recovery of his wedding band.



Finder: Mark C., Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Using: ACE 250 and ACE 350

Find: In addition to many coins, Mark found these three rings during a morning's hunt with his detectors.



Finder: Domonique J., Covington, KY
Using: ACE 350

Find: Domonique is seen returning a 10k gold class ring he found near a group of houses. "It's moments like this that makes this hobby so great," Domonique said.

"Reward Enough"



Robert K. has not found time yet to go gold prospecting with his new Garrett *AT Gold* but he has found some gold with it. He was approached by a friend who had lost his gold wedding band (*left*) while cleaning snow from his windshield.

"I went to the site and set up the *AT Gold*," Robert said. "I started a search grid and in one minute I found the ring! Divine intervention? The man was overwhelmed with joy. He offered me a reward but I told him no. Just the joy I caused was reward enough!"



Jewelry and Ring Finds



Finder: Mike C., Ellwood City, PA
Using: ACE 250
Find: While hunting a field by an old farmhouse, Mike detected this 14k gold ring with an amethyst stone.



Finder: Darryl A., Holley, NY
Using: ACE 250
Find: 10k gold ring with an initial A, the same as Darryl's last name.



Finder: Michael B., Palmer, TX
Using: AT Pro
Find: Michael submitted this photo of his favorite 2012 finds, including several silver bracelets and a 14k gold and diamond ring.



Finder: Jason S., Vista, CA
Using: ACE 150
Finds: (Above) A Jostens 10k white gold school ring found about three inches deep near a high school football field. (Below) Jason also found this 14k gold ring with four diamonds.



Finder: Tim M., Trinity, AL
Using: AT Pro
Find: Tim is admittedly still learning his AT Pro's "language in Pro Mode," but he seems to be getting the hang of it. In the photo above, he is making his first ever ring find.



Finder: Terry B., Atoka, OK
Using: GTI 2500
Find: Terry found this high school ring in a local park in December. He then successfully tracked down its owner, who now lives in New Mexico, and returned it to him for Christmas.



Finder: Robert F., Columbus, NE
Using: AT Pro
Find: Robert (above, left) dug a 1989 class ring while searching around a picnic area that was loaded with pull tabs, bottle caps, and shredded aluminum. He went the extra mile to find the owner through research and drive two hours to return it to the happy owner (above, right). Nice work!



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Finder: John and Celese E.
Using: ACE 250, Master Hunter CXIII
Find: This couple recently started up a side venture of recovering lost rings and jewelry with their detectors. Seen below is a diamond engagement ring they found for their landlord.





International Discoveries



Finder: Keeley O., Devon, England
Using: *EuroACE*
Find: 1920 silver florin

Finder: Kenny S., Dundee, Tayside, UK
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: A silver penny of King Edward I, ca. 1272–1307



Finder: Raymond L., Aire Sur la Lys, France
Using: *EuroACE*

Find: Roman silver denarius coins from the 1st and 2nd centuries. The coin at the bottom left depicts Julia Domna, wife of Emperor Septimius Severus and the bottom right coin depicts Emperor Antoninus Pius.



Finder: Andrew G., Gowrie Junction, Queensland, Australia
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: Andrew found this handgun cached in a box that was buried alongside a railway line. After turning it over to local authorities, he felt satisfied “that there is one less illegal handgun out there.”

Finder: David N., Overton, Morecambe, UK
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Hammered Charles I silver sixpence, ca. 1638



Finder: Mark B., Logan Central, Queensland, Australia
Using: *Infinium LS*
Find: Early mining tool relics from an Australian mining camp that was last used in the 1920s.



Finder: Sergiu C., Targu Mures, Romania
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: “I am very impressed with my new Garrett *AT Gold*,” Sergiu wrote. “I have already found three silver coins in the forest in Transilvania near my city.” The oldest of these (*far right in photo above*) is from 1730.



Paolo S. of Italy sent in these photos from a winter hunt on the Adriatic Sea’s coastline. With his buddy Franco (*seen above*), they dug numerous coins and one incredible piece of jewelry. Franco found this 24k gold chain (*below*). “The chain was open, not closed, giving it a mixed iron/good sound,” Paolo related. “But Franco dug it anyway.”



Finder: Rob J., Belper, Derbyshire, UK
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Medallion of Band of Mercy, a youth organization formed in 1875 to campaign against animal cruelty.



Relic Roundup



Finder: Kenny S., Dundee, Tayside, UK
Using: ACE 250
Find: This montage of photos shows most of Kenny's finds from his work of detecting an important site over a long period of time. He reports that all of his finds are now with Treasure Trove in Edinburgh, Scotland.



Finder: Christopher E., Providence, RI
Using: AT Pro
Find: Christopher proudly displays his first recovered Civil War bullet, found with his AT Pro during the latest DIV hunt in Culpeper, Virginia. A college student who recently became interested in metal detecting, he was making his first relic hunt. "What an experience," Christopher said. "I'll never forget it. I hope to see more success in the future."



Finder: Scott C., Pawnee City, NE
Using: AT Pro
Find: Scott has spent some recent time hunting two old Nebraska ghost towns with his AT Pro. It has been time well spent, as he has dug dozens of silver coins and even this Civil War belt plate (above).



Finder: Kelley R., Portsmouth, VA
Using: AT Pro
Find: Two Virginia state seal buttons.



Finder: Nicholas H., Sicklerville, NJ
Using: ACE 250
Find: 15-year-old Nicholas dug this U.S. Civil War breastplate out of his aunt's backyard in Pennsylvania. "My aunt was so impressed that the next day she bought the same detector and gear that I was using," he said.



Finder: Morley H., Burnham on Sea, Somerset, England
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Morley's oldest find ever was made at a fall club dig for charity. It is a Bronze Age Palstave axe head, dating to about 1500–1400 BC.



Finder: Paul M., Marengo, IL
Using: ACE 350
Find: Antique toy gun and a 19th-century crotal bell stamped with the numeral "8" on its bottom side.



Finder: Todd A., Fredericksburg, VA
Using: AT Pro
Find: Near the Virginia Civil War battlefield of Wilderness, Todd dug his first Shaler .58-caliber three-stage bullet. The three pieces of this dropped bullet are shown together (above) and in their separate forms (below).





Finder: Dave L., Wisconsin
Using: *GTP 1350*
Find: Dave's case of his top coin finds for 2012 include 110 silver coins, plus four Indian Head pennies, a V-nickel and a pair of Buffalo nickels.



Finder: Pedro R., San Juan, TX
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1908 Indian Head penny tie clip, found in a vacant lot.

Finder: Tyler H., Claypool, IN
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Tyler found this 1853 three-cent piece (a silver "trime") near where an old church had once stood in his region of north central Indiana.



Finder: Thomas S., Philadelphia, PA
Using: *GTI 2500*
Find: Copper relic detected at 12" in an area where very old cobble stones had been removed.



Finder: Timothy J., Pasadena, CA
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: Hunting under the trees near a baseball field, Timothy made two great ring finds in one afternoon: a .925 silver ring and also a tri-color gold ring with eleven diamonds.



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Hoarded WWII Silver



Finder: Adrian G., Poland
Using: *ACE 150*
Find: During World War II, German troops ransacked the village in Poland where Adrian's great grandparents lived. His great grandfather was imprisoned and did not survive his internment. Before their farm was overrun by troops, Adrian's ancestors buried all of their silverware.

He returned with a friend this year to detect around the old home and the collapsed ruins of the barn. Adrian was able to find this old silver cigarette case (*above*) buried inside the barn. Inside were two silver spoons that he has identified as German, circa 1886. He is saving to buy a *EuroACE* and he plans to return to the family property to search for more of his great grandparents' hoarded silverware.



Finder: Mike N., Buckeye, AZ
Using: *ACE 150*
Find: "You would never expect to find a British 1860 half penny in the middle of the Arizona Sonora Desert, but that's just exactly what I found while detecting a river bottom just outside of Sonora," wrote Mike. Just a foot away, he also found an 1865 U.S. two-cent coin. Mike speculates that an English prospector lost them in an 1800s camp site.

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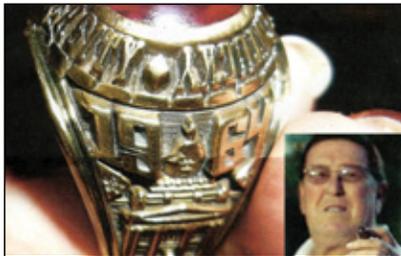
December winners



(Above) International winner Roman C. used his *EuroACE* to find a real treasure in the woods in the Wallachia Region of the Czech Republic. This copper axe has been donated to a regional Czech museum, whose archaeologist has estimated the tool to be between 4,200 and 6,500 years old!



(Above) Vaughan's second International winner of the month was John W. of Scotland. He found this 1,500-year-old blue-enameled Roman stud brooch with his *ACE 250*.



(Above) Bill F. of Hot Springs Village, AR recovered this 1964 Western Kentucky University class ring. He was hunting the lake with his *AT Pro* when he made the recovery. Since the ring included the owner's engraved initials, Bill was able to work with the university's alumni association to track down the man. Terry J., the owner (seen in inset photo), was very happy to see the college ring he had lost some 44 years ago while fishing on the lake.

January winners



(Left) This fire department brass belt buckle was the International Find of the Month winning entry. It was recovered by Andrew G. of Ontario. He had taken up metal detecting with a Garrett *EuroACE* while he was rehabilitating from back surgery. Andrew managed to find this fireman's belt buckle at the site where his father-in-law had nearly lost his life in 1994 when his fire truck crashed en route to a fire. He planned to surprise his father-in-law by wrapping up the recovered buckle as a Christmas gift.



(Above) Christopher E. of Providence, RI took the January honors in the U.S. with his *AT Pro* find of a 1792 Spanish silver real.

February winners



(Right) This 1800s-era Philadelphia watchmaker's engraving plate was found by Grant H. of Ridgefield, NJ with his *ACE 350*. Grant donated his find to the National Watch & Clock Museum in Philadelphia, and he is Vaughan's February U.S. winner of a *Pro-Pointer*.



(Right) Lubos D. of Slovakia was chosen as Vaughan's International winner of the month for his Slovak armed forces Badge of Honor find. Using an *AT Pro*, Lubos found this badge on the banks of a small creek near his village. The medal, given to Slovak soldiers who served on the Russian frontier in World War II, shows the date of Hitler's invasion of Russia.

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Sand, Surf and Swimmin' Holes



Finder: Jesse W., Swarthmore, PA
Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Shortly after Hurricane Sandy pounded the East Coast, Jesse hit the beach to search. "Amongst all the black sand and debris chatter, my *AT Pro* picked out this sweet, high-pitched PING!" he related.

"At only 5 inches down, I dug this large coin out of the sand. After briefly looking at it, I thought someone was playing a joke on me. But there it was, an authentic Spanish silver reale 8R with the date 1784 (*below*). To date, it's the oldest item I've ever found."



Finder: Dominic K., Williams, MN

Using: *Sea Hunter Mark II*

Find: Dominic braved the cold to hunt along the shorelines the day after Thanksgiving. He found this unique silver 1968 Olympics 25 pesos tribute coin.



Finder: Troy E., Ontario, Canada

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Troy considers this to be his "coolest double find yet." In the same scoop as a 14k gold man's ring was the arrowhead seen above. During the day, he also found an 18k chain.

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Finder: James S., Howard City, MI

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: While hunting a popular local swimming beach (*below*) with his *AT Pro*, James found this 15.5-gram, .925 silver necklace (*above*).



Finder: Shawn B., Clute, TX

Using: *ACE 350*

Find: Shawn dug this 1991 Belize \$1 coin on Hutchinson Island, located on the east side of Florida. The nickel and brass composition coin depicts Queen Elizabeth II on the obverse and, on the reverse, the three sailing ships of Christopher Columbus, who once sailed along the coast of Belize.





Coin Finds



Finder: Robert S., Cottagehills, IL
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1859 English silver sixpence



Finder: Curtis M., Lexington, MA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1808 Spanish silver 8 reale



Finder: Evan G., Oklahoma
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1904 half centavo coin. The U.S. mint in Philadelphia minted these coins for the Philippines at one time. Soon after digging a 1964 Kennedy half dollar, Evan was surprised when he dug the half centavo. "I won't ever forget that first feeling of seeing the eagle over the shield," he said.

Finder: Chris O., Ulster Co., NY
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: 1812-era New York Militia button found in November. Chris also found this 1772 British King George III half penny (*below*) in a recent hunt of a cornfield.



Finder: Robert O., LaGrange, IN
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: This 1917 Mercury dime, his first silver find. Congrats!



Finder: Melik K., Pennsville, NJ
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Flowing Hair 1801 copper one-cent piece, found in a field.



Finder: Ed M., Independence, KY
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Even with snow still on the ground, Ed could not wait to hunt a much-anticipated site in January. He was rewarded with this 1808 Spanish silver 2-reale.



Finder: Ted F.
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1899-O Barber dime



Finder: Darryl A., Holley, NY
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1942 Walking Liberty silver half dollar dug at a local ball park.



Finder: Cole C., Lexington, VA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Cole's best coin day: his first silver dime, five Wheat pennies, and a 1940 five-cent piece from Iceland.



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"It's Not All About the Price"

Shannon C. of Spring Hill, Tennessee recently shared his *ACE 250* success story. "Last year, my buddies wanted me to buy a metal detector and start relic hunting with them," he wrote. The trouble was, his friends had detectors he could not afford to purchase.

"So, I researched online and everyone was saying that the Garrett *ACE 250* was the best buy for the money. So, I decided to buy one. We've hunted over the last year and I have found double what they found. I put both of them to shame!

"I've found bullets, a rifle butt plate, buckles, buttons, coins, and much more. I paid around \$250 for my detector and they paid around \$1,000. One of them has even offered me to trade—ha, ha!

"I just wanted to say I love my Garrett. It's easy to use and I wouldn't take nothing for it. Maybe it's not all about the price...it's about the quality!"



Seen at right are some of Shannon's *ACE 250* Civil War relic finds in his display case.



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