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Mark Sweberg of Ashburn, Virginia, believes metal detecting is a combination of both skill and luck. If so, he must have a lucky rabbit's foot or other charm.

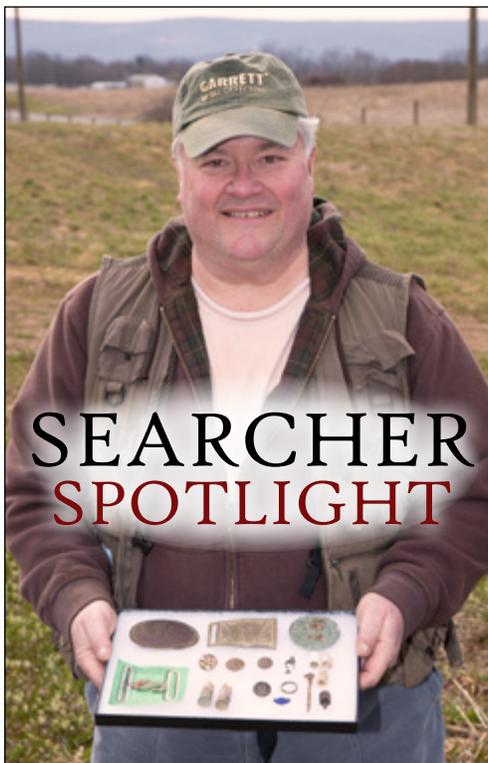
Mark has been detecting for more than 25 years. In that time, he has amassed a healthy collection of coins, Civil War relics and colonial artifacts. He loves finding buttons and buckles from the 1860s, but his favorite thing to find is coins.

"Pre-1900 American coins were works of art," Mark says. "I get excited every time I pull a coin with a date that starts with 18 or 17."

Our Garrett team was pleased to dig with Mark while we were in Virginia this past spring. He brought along a few of his favorite finds for us to photograph, and he was very informative when I asked his advice for people who are getting into coin and relic hunting.

"What works best for me is to sweep at a moderate speed with the coil as close to the ground as I can," he said. "I listen for those signals that include the signature *sweet* tone that Garrett machines produce. When I get that sweet tone, even if it is not consistent, I dig the target and it is usually something other than trash.

"Every time I go in to a new area—new for me—I dig everything initially so



SEARCHER SPOTLIGHT

Mark Sweberg

In our *Searcher Spotlight* features, Garrett editor Steve Moore visits 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.

I get a good idea what signals go with the targets. After a while, I am able to recognize what to dig and what to pass. I realize this might cause me to not dig something good, but my percentage of good finds over trash goes up, so I can live with it.

"The *AT Pro* is my primary detector. My preferred mode is Zero Discrim in Pro mode. I like this setting because it allows me to hear all the metal signals; I can always cut out the iron up to 40 manually if I need to.

"My advice for anyone getting into relic and coin hunting is to get a decent detector and find someone with experience to take them in hand and teach them the basics. When asked, I advise any newcomer to the hobby to get a Garrett *ACE 250* or *350* and spend a year or two using it and learning the hobby. I believe these are the best entry- and mid-level detectors on the market and they will not break the wallet."

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(Above) Obverse and reverse of an 1808 copper half cent found by Mark with his *AT Pro*.

(Below) Three of Mark's Civil War plate finds.



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Mark believes that an experienced user can help teach the newcomer how to be patient. He says you must learn to accept finding lots of trash between finding “good stuff”. “Someone experienced can help them learn the correct behavior for the hobby, like refilling holes and asking permission to get on a property. I advise them to move up to the *AT Pro* or the *AT Gold* after they develop proficiency with the *250* or *350* they start with.”

Mark retired from the U.S. Army in 1994. His civilian career then involved considerable overseas work. He spent a lot of his free time metal detecting in the Sinai Peninsula, where he found some spectacular coins. “I was able to find the remains of two small Roman outposts that had never been explored by archaeologists,” he said. “They were too insignificant, but for me they were great places to find coins.”

Mark also spent some time detecting in Bulgaria with a friend during 2001, and he found a dozen silver and bronze Roman coins.

These days, Mark and his friends work to develop friendships with the Virginia landowners who allow them to hunt their properties. They often create display boxes of a portion of their finds and present them to the property owners to express their appreciation.

He has attended organized relic hunts in his area in the past but he much prefers private hunts with the owner’s permission.

He has never sold any of his relics. “I have given some of my recoveries away to friends and family who I know will respect the relics and to school children when I teach classes on the Civil War yearly.

“This hobby is not about money,” he says. “It’s about recovering history.”



SPOTLIGHT GALLERY: Shown are some of Mark’s favorite coin and relic finds. (Above) Two Roman bronze coins, circa 100 BC, found in the Middle East. (Above, right) Silver Roman coins from the same time period.

(Right) Mark’s oldest coin is this silver Greek coin from 540 BC. One side depicts Athena and the other side an owl, her symbol.

(Extreme right) Silver Roman coin Mark found in Bulgaria.



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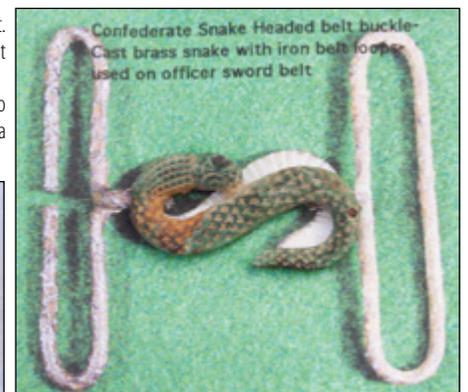
(Left to right) Well preserved Union cavalry button found in sandy soil; a Virginia Civil War button also in great condition; and a Civil War era 2-cent coin.



(Below) An 1834 large cent and a 1790 Spanish 8-reale silver coin, both found in Virginia farm fields.

(Above) Obverse, reverse of a gold Roman coin he dug in the Middle East. (Below, left) Mark found this 1792 silver 2-reale in a Virginia field. Just 100 yards away, he found a cut quarter of the same type coin.

(Below, right) This is a dug Civil War bullet that a soldier had carved into a chess piece. (Far right) Mark displays this Confederate buckle above a photo that shows an intact version.



Coin Finds



Finder: Jeremy O., Brookhaven, MS
Using: ACE 250
Find: His first war nickel and first Mercury dime, both from 1944.



Finder: David M., Nanty Glo, PA
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1914 D Barber dime and gold-colored thimble.



Finder: Ryan C., Winchester, VA
Using: AT Pro
Find: Ryan picked through modern trash and old square nails that littered a hillside using his AT Pro one day in February. Among the two coins, Civil War lead, ten buttons and colonial relics he dug were two of his best-ever finds. Seen above are a 1775 King George coin and a pewter 8th U.S. Regiment button (ca. 1798-1802).



Finder: Brian G., Woburn, MA
Using: ACE 350
Find: Brian was hunting Revere Beach after a storm when he found this unusual coin. It is an 1800s-era hammered silver rupee from India.



Finder: Thomas P., Glen Falls, NY
Using: GTA 1000
Find: Thomas had his best silver day ever in November 2012 after 37 years of searching. He found these four old silver coins while searching a park with his granddaughter.



Finder: Paulo S., Matosinhos, Portugal
Using: EuroACE
Find: Ancient gold Roman coin from the period of Emperor Honorius (394-423 AD).

Caribbean Sea Coin Hunting



Special thanks to Steven B. of Dubin, NH for sharing his vacation photos. He took his AT Pro along to Aruba to hunt the sand and sea. (Below) Among the coins he found are these of Dutch, English, U.S. and Aruba origin.



Finder: Aleksandr B., Kraskovo, Russia
Using: AT Pro Intl.
Find: Aleksandr's friends had to run for their cars when heavy rain set in, but he continued hunting with his waterproof AT Pro International. He dug this silver Mikhail Fedorovich coin from the 1600s (seen on his fingertip). Within 10 meters of this coin, he dug four more of the little fishscale size silver coins.





Historic Hoard Recovered



Gary Smith of England (*above*) is all smiles as he poses in April 2013 with a hoard of more than 200 Roman coins he found with his Garrett *EuroACE*.

He had spent the day detecting in farm fields that he had researched and then obtained permission to hunt. "As the end of the day came near, I had just a pocket full of lead bits," he said. "I was pretty well gutted in not finding a single coin." Gary headed back toward his car. As he crossed one of the fields en route, he decided to turn his detector back on.

He picked up a good signal as he was walking back. Digging down just a couple of inches, he pulled out a Roman radiate, a small bronze coin. "I was happy," he said. Gary proceeded to work his *EuroACE* slower around the area and he was rewarded with four more Roman coins.

"My *EuroACE* was on Zero Mode with the first three notches taken off for iron discrim," he related. "The coins came up the scale on about notch ten out of the twelve, giving it a lovely typical *bing-a-ling* noise."

Gary returned to the area the next day with new enthusiasm. His detector was singing as he began digging coins right and left. He marked off a square area and decided it was time to properly report his find. Gary had about 50 Roman coins when he contacted the land owner and also his local FLO (Finds Liaison Officer).

The FLO advised him not to dig any deeper than a few inches until they could inspect the site properly. Gary took off work the next day and met the FLO and an archaeologist. At the end of three days, he had recovered just over 200 Roman bronze coins, some silver plated. They ranged in date from the middle of the 2nd Century and almost to the 3rd Century.

He posed for photos of his Roman hoard. "By the looks of it, it was a vessel or bag of some kind that has been destroyed with the ploughing over the years."

The coins are now with Gary's FLO for proper evaluation and cleaning. Gary has naturally become much more excited about metal detecting, a hobby that he began only six months ago. He plans to

do some water hunting this summer, so he is now the proud owner of an *AT Pro International*.

Gary reports that he is pleased with his *AT Pro's* power at pulling out additional finds in heavily hunted areas. He added this follow-up in May: "I went back over my hoard area over the last few weeks and managed to squeeze out another 90 coins, making the total about 300 now!"



These are several of the Roman coins Gary continues to find at the hoard site with his *AT Pro International*. Many of the coins have been stuck together when he unearths them.

Tokens, Badges & Medallions



Finder: Thomas M-B., Province of Antwerp, Belgium

Using: ACE 250

Find: Thomas found this German Swastika badge while searching the site of a former World War II German artillery position.



Finder: Jorik V., Veenendaal, Netherlands

Using: ACE 150

Find: Jorik found half of this eagle swastika visor emblem during one hunt. He returned two weeks later and found the broken wing piece to complete his German relic.



Finder: Michael B., Palmer, TX

Using: AT Pro

Find: Bronze SMU medallion



Finder: Rob J., Belper, Derbyshire, England

Using: AT Pro International

Find: Rob was searching a farm field in a village near his home when he got a crackling signal with a 73 Digital Target ID. He dug down five inches and found this medallion commemorating peace at the end of the Crimean War. The obverse has Roman goddess Pax holding an olive branch with the words "On Earth Peace Good Will to Men." The reverse reads "The Treaty of Peace Between the Allies and Russia" and "Signed at Paris, March 30, 1856."

The Crimean War was fought during a three-year-period between the Russian Empire and an alliance of the French Empire, the British Empire, the Ottoman Empire, and the Kingdom of Sardinia.



Finder: Joe B., Valdosta, GA

Using: AT Pro

Find: Joe found this Georgia Peace Officers Association tag/badge while hunting in south Georgia near the Florida state line. "Having had my father retire from law enforcement in Georgia, this really touched me," he said.

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Finder: Jim C., Summerville, SC

Using: *GTA 400*

Find: After he purchased a home in Tennessee, Jim found out there had been a store on the property next door at one time. He also heard that the store owner liked to bury money from the store. (Left) Over a three-year period of time, Jim searched the property thoroughly and found an impressive haul of old coins.

This included 37 silver dollars, 15 half dollars, an 1831 large cent, and some silver quarters. According to Jim, the coin dates ranged from 1884 to 1942.



Winter Hunting New Hampshire

Finder: Steven B., Dubin, NH

Using: *AT Pro*

Finds: Winter weather does not prevent Steve from detecting on “warmer” days. During the first week of January, it warmed to 29° and he hunted a large farm field. He was rewarded with this 2.2-oz. solid silver French bell (right) that dates to the 1800s. It read 85 to 90 on his Digital Target ID and 10+ inches deep.

Steve scored another good find on March 2 while hunting a boat launch near his home. He dug a 14k gold ring with a purple stone and a European hallmark.



Spring Special extended, Pro Pack updated

Due to popular demand, Garrett's "All Terrain Adventure Pack" spring specials have been extended until August 31. See page 6 for details.

Garrett has also upgraded the *GTI 2500 Pro Package* with no additional cost. The Supreme GTI Case previously used for this package has been replaced by the new Universal Detector Tactical Soft Case. This 46" case allows you to store your detector without removing the search coil, and provides plenty of extra pockets for all of your digging gear.

The *GTI 2500 Pro Pack* continues to include four other accessory items: the 12.5" Imaging searchcoil, the GTI Environmental Cover, and a treasure hunting field guide. Consult your dealer for pricing.





Relics, Rarities and All Kinds of Finds



Finder: Colin C., Harker Heights, TX

Using: *Ultra GTA-350*

Find: Colin sent this photo of some of his favorite relic finds. Some are artifacts from a battle site in Arizona between U.S. Cavalry and Apache forces. The Mexican musketball was dug while he was in San Antonio visiting his daughter.



Finder: Peter T., Adelaide, Australia

Using: *ACE 350*

Find: Peter found this World War I era fuse cone from a shrapnel mortar. He was hunting on the site of an old demolished house. He contacted the Army weapons ordnance division and was told that it was inert. Peter's research showed that the fuse probably came from an 18-pound artillery gun that was fired during Army field gun exercises.



Finder: Mitchell S., Eaton Rapids, MI

Using: *GTA 1000*

Find: Mitchell has found a number of old coins and interesting relics while hunting along the banks of the Grand River. He found this Egyptian style buckle in an old church campground that was established in 1885.



Finder: Travis C., Gaffney, SC

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Travis and his wife were hunting land near the Cowpens battlefield when they recovered a U.S. box plate and a breastplate about three feet from each other.



Finder: Gary N., Dallas, TX

Using: *GTI 2500*

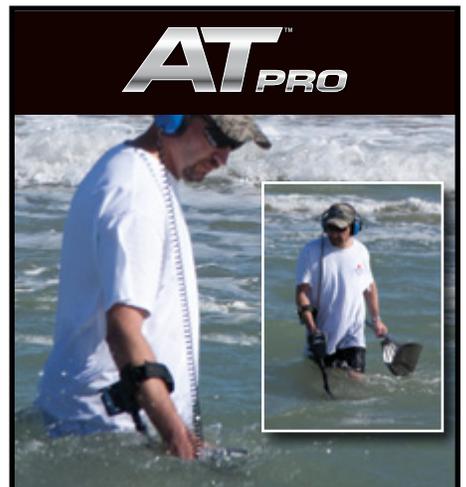
Find: Gary was searching for a coin cache near an old log cabin in East Texas. He found this Coleman white gas-powered iron (ca. 1908–1932) at 11 inches depth, where it had been well preserved by the sandy soil.



Finder: Kyle S., Manteca, CA

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Engraved sterling silver napkin holder found at a 1920s home.



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Coin Finds



Finder: Kerwin I., Speedwell, TN
Using: *GTAx 1000*
Find: 1842 Seated Liberty dime

Finder: Daren F., Paris, TX
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 1943 Walking Liberty silver half dollar



Finder: George S., Plainville, CT
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: 1909 Indian Head penny and a Seated Liberty dime.



Finder: Gary P., Freeport, OH
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Garty found these 14 large cents, dating 1838 to 1851, in a field.

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Finder: Tim H., Wadesville, IN
Using: *GTP 1350*
Find: Tim elected to go with a *GTP 1350* when he decided it was time for a new detector, and he couldn't be more pleased. The picture above is his coin haul from an eight-hour hunt in the field. He also scratched out four silvers (*below*): a 1945 Mercury dime, a 1962 Rosie dime, and two pieces of silver jewelry.



Finder: Jim B., Riegelsville, PA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1794 Liberty Cap large cent

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Finder: Nick C., Stafford, VA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Two firsts for him: a French triangle-base Civil War minié ball and a Spanish 4 reale dated 1777.



Finder: Andrew B., Belfast, Ireland
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: When his new detector finally arrived, Andrew put it together and went out to hunt in his girlfriend's back yard. "Within five minutes, I had my first coin," he said. To my amazement, it was not a coin from my country. It was an American 1960 five cents. 'How the hell was that in the garden?' I asked myself. Well, I hope it brings me a lot of luck when I go out."

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Jewelry and Ring Finds



Finder: Cody F., Denton, TX

Using: ACE 350/ACE 250

Find: Cody and his brother were hunting in March when they were approached by a man who needed their help. He had lost his wedding band 37 years ago behind a nearby business.

“When we got to the site, we quickly realized that the search was not going to be easy,” Cody related. “The place where he lost the ring was an old stoneyard where monuments and gravestones had been carved, shaped and stored since the mid-1950s.” The entire area was littered with chunks of granite and various scrap metal.

The brothers narrowed the discrim settings on their ACEs and hunted for two hours without luck. Then, Cody’s brother finally yelled, “Bingo!”



(Above left) Cody’s brother holds the gold wedding band moments after digging it. (Above) Jack, the ring owner, is holding a photo from his wedding album as he tries on the ring that he had lost 37 years earlier.

He had dug a 14k gold wedding band! They presented the ring to the man the following day. “His face lit up,” said Cody. “For decades, he had gone without it. He told us that he had never gotten a replacement band because he didn’t want to wear a ring that wasn’t the one he had been married with.”

The man’s 40th anniversary was approaching, so the return of his wedding band was very timely. As he walked Cody and his brother to the door, he told them he was heading to his wife’s work place to surprise her.



Finder: Mark S., Wisconsin

Using: AT Pro

Find: This bracelet Mark found in late 2012 has 50 small diamonds.



Finder: Marcus S., Meitingen, Germany

Using: ACE 150

Find: Decorative lapel pin

ACE User’s Beach Jewelry Collection

Finder: Mark C., Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Using: ACE 250

Find: Marks says the ACE 250 and a good low tide after an evening wind storm makes a good combination. He uses a Pro-Pointer and a rugged sand scoop to recover his targets quicker. Seen below are some of his ring recoveries.




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Finder: Christopher S., Poland, OH
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Diamond wedding band



Finder: Hunter G., Kingston, MA
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 10k gold, 1957 class ring



Finder: Jamie S., Kennebunk, ME
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Grandma's silver ring that she had lost decades before.



Finder: Pedro R., San Juan, TX
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: 10k gold ring with diamonds

Finder: Steve A., Amite, LA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Brooch found at a rodeo arena built on an old World War II military base site.



Finder: Mark W., Springwater, NY
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: In January, Mark was able to find his father's 1967 class ring—which had been lost 46 years before!



Finder: Adrian S., Traralgon, Victoria, Australia
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: Adrian sent in this photo of his daughter with a 9ct gold wedding band she found on a playground.



Finder: Adrian G., Dobre, Poland
Using: *ACE 150*
Find: 1950s Russian gold watch, found underneath the floor boards of an old house.



Finder: John K., Marshall, MO
Using: *GTAx 550*
Find: John found this brass Native American ring on a site that has produced many arrowhead finds for him in the past. Missourian Indians, according to John, lived near the field he was hunting from the 1600s until the 1830s.



Finder: Justin I., Alum Bank, PA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Justin dug his first gold ring while hunting near an old cellar hole in the forest. It read 58-67 on his *AT Pro*, with a bouncy mid-tone signal. It has a large red glass stone in the center. His jeweler tested it to be 14k gold, and he found from the maker's mark that it is 90 to 120 years old.



Finder: Paulo S., Matosinhos, Portugal
Using: *EuroACE*
Find: Roman gold signet ring, found while hunting a mountain top in a remote area.



International Discoveries



Finder: Miran K. in Europe

Using: ACE 250

Find: Roman silver republic coin (obverse and reverse shown) from the period of 82–83 BC and a silver coin from 1555 AD.



Finder: Tobie S., Brisbane, Australia

Using: ACE 250

Find: Two weeks after buying his new ACE 250, 15-year-old Tobie found this 1904 Great Britain gold sovereign in soil excavated from a pool site.



Finder: Nick B., Hereford, UK

Using: EuroACE

Find: Three of Nick's early 2013 coin finds. (Above) Roman bronze coin; (upper right) James I silver six pence; and (lower right) John "Short Cross" silver half groat, ca. 1199–1216 AD.



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Finder: Rob T., Devon, England

Using: ACE 250

Find: Thirty years ago, Rob received a metal detector for his birthday. He recently decided that he would enjoy detecting again and that he would buy a new model. After much research, he selected an ACE 250.

Rob went to his garden to test his new machine and right away he began digging coins (seen above), including an old halfpenny. "What excitement, and this is only day one!" he wrote.

Finder: John W., Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, UK

Using: EuroACE

Find: Victoria 1891 half-sovereign gold coin. John said when he busted up the clump of soil containing the coin, he saw it drop to the ground. "It was there gleaming like it had not been in the ground for an hour," he said. "Not a mark on it. I knew straight away it was gold."



Relic Roundup



Finder: John S., Bullard, TX

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: John found this 1880s style railroad pocket watch while hunting his family's East Texas farm property. He believes it might have belonged to his great-great grandfather.



Finder: Will L., Jackson, TN

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: These are Will's finds from a relic hunt in the Hatchie River bottoms. The little cuff button sounded strong at an 8-inch depth. "This machine is a BEAST," Will wrote.

Finder: Joe D.,
Baltimore, MD

Using: *AT Gold*

Find: Joe sent in this photo of his finds from the recent Diggin' in Virginia (DIV) XXIII hunt. He was using the *AT Gold* for these finds in the hot red dirt of Culpeper, Virginia. His favorites are the carved bullet and the Schenkl artillery shell fuse.



FOUND IN GERMANY

Finder: Brent K., Great Falls, MT

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Brent is a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was most recently deployed in Germany, where he spent much of his off duty time relic hunting. Brent stopped by the Garrett offices and showed us some of his interesting relics and coins.

Brent says that applying for a metal detecting permit with local archaeologists was very easy. He was granted ten areas of hunting for specific periods of time.



(Above) Obverse and reverse of a 5 reichspfennig Third Reich coin from 1937.

(Below) Jewelry and various relics Brent found while hunting near foxholes in the German forest. He found rings, religious tokens and military insignia from both U.S. and German soldiers.



"Death's head" SS hat pin



Among his silver coin finds are an 11th-12th century denar (top image) and a French gros tournois coin (lower image) from the 1285-1314 AD era.

Valentine's Day Terapin Hunt



Gerhard and Leon with, in Gerhard's words, "one of his beloved (and stinky) crocodile turtles." (Inset) The recovered custom ring.

Finder: Gerhard J., Potchefstroom, South Africa

Using: *ACE 250*

Story: "Two days before Valentine's Day Leon—a zoology researcher at the Potchefstroom University that does research on the African Marsh Terrapin, also known as a Crocodile Turtle—was setting traps at a remote waterhole in the Vredefort dome (the oldest known meteor crater in the world). Because he has been married for only a few months, he was very careful to remove his custom-made whitegold and elephant hair wedding band and keep it in his shirt pocket.

"The watering hole is surrounded by reeds and grass and the traps are set in about 8 inches of muddy brown water. After returning from setting several traps, he realized his new wedding band had fallen out of his pocket.

"A day later a friend of mine, who is a fellow researcher with Leon, phoned me and told me of the newlywed's Valentine's dilemma. How could I not help?

"So, off into the bush we went with my trusty Garrett *ACE 250*. When we reached the site, I noticed

that at some stage the watering hole had been fenced in and a lot of that old wire was still lying around. I first searched the bank of the watering hole and realized just how much old wire there was. Then we started searching the water in the areas that the traps were set.

"I was faced with a thick mat of water grass with thigh deep mud underneath. After several hits that turned out to be old wire, I turned up the sensitivity one bar and eliminated just the first notch on the *ACE 250*. At the second trap site there was a good signal. We fished amongst the grass and retrieved: a length of wire! But this signal was different, so I rescanned the area. When I got a clear signal again, I pinpointed it and we started slowly pulling out grass and feeling through the mud.

"After about a minute we struck gold. Leon's look of disbelief, the size of his smile when he realized that against the odds he had his ring back as a Valentine's day bonus, and the cold beer afterwards in the hot African bush, made this a real *ACE* day."



Finder: Larry B., Manitoba, Canada

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: U.S. eagle button, 1900 and 1913 Canadian pennies, and other relics dug in his grandma's garden.

Finder: Mark B., Columbia, MD

Using: *GTI 2500*

Find: Mark was

hunting in the field of his old junior high school when he found this silver ring. He found a 1905 Barber quarter the same day. He now wears the ring and he gave the silver coin to his daughter.



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March winners

Lecat R. of France found this gold Louis the Pious besant coin with his *EuroACE*. This coin dates to the period 778–840 AD. Lecat detects on the weekends and digs everything.



(Right) Vaughan's March Find of the Month in the U.S. went to Brian K. of Jonesborough, TN. He used his *ACE 250* to search for his father's 1962 class ring that had been lost somewhere on their family farm. He searched for four hours and finally located it. His father passed away five months later and Brian now treasures the ring that was left to him. "Thank you for giving me that memory," he wrote.



April winners



(Left) John and Reagan M. of Pawtucket, RI were hunting with their *AT Pro* near an old colonial ferry landing. They were astounded to find this large piece of gold, which they assume to have been lost by an early tradesman who used the ferry. "We had it tested and it was 93% gold, and the rest silver, platinum, and copper," they said.



(Above) Oliver D. of Romania was the International winner with his *ACE 250* find of two Bronze Era battle axe heads. They now rest in a regional museum and have been estimated to be from the period of 3500–2200 BC.

May winners

Vaughan picked two U.S. Pro-Pointer winners for May. The first went to Wayne E. of Fredericksburg, MD for his find of a 19th century lightning rod finial (lower right).

The second winner in the U.S. was Garren K. of Fort Worth, TX. He dug this locket (below) on an old home site. One of the photos inside was still well preserved.



Gary S. of Bournemouth, Dorset in England was Vaughan's international winner for May. Read more about Gary's Roman hoard recovery on page 4.

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Sand, Surf and Swimmin' Holes



Finder: James S., Howard City, MI
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: James (*seen above*) found the *AT Pro* to be the perfect detector for hunting a northern Michigan beach. He explains: "There had been wooden piers and a sawmill there in the 1880s and the water was literally carpeted with square nails, sheet metal and spikes. I bought a 5x8" DD coil for my *AT Pro* after reading great reviews from other *AT Pro* users who were using this coil to get in between the trash and score targets."

"After getting used to the small coil in a local park I set back out to the debris-laden swimming beach. I am not exaggerating when I say it was like night and day from the last visit! I still heard all of the iron growling but now in between the

low tones I got sweet silver high tones and those lovely mid tones that are sometimes gold!

"I ended up finding all the items in the in the picture (*below*) in a couple days, topped off with a Victorian era 18k gold band in the center of the photo. The Garrett *AT Pro* with the 5x8 coil was the key to making it work here and I'm sure I will find other places just like it."

James now owns two *AT Pro*'s.



Finder: Melanie W., Indianapolis, IN

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Melanie has been working the shore and shallow waters of a riverside park in her area that dates to the early 1900s. Her finds include stamped tags, a gold pin, vintage copper jewelry, Indian Head pennies, Barber dimes, buffalo nickels, and an 1868 shield nickel. She has also spotted a bone awl and two Indian arrow points while metal detecting.



Finder: Frank C., Franklin Lakes, NJ

Using: *ACE 350*

Find: Frank found this 18k gold ring with 1-carat diamond while hunting a New Jersey beach.



Finder: John B., Parkertown, NJ

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: John had his first two-ring day (*seen above*) while hunting a local beach with his son.



Coin Finds



Finder: Brennan B., Alpine, UT
Using: *ACE 150*
Find: Brennan sent in this photo of his first real treasure find—a 1934 Buffalo nickel. Congrats, Brennan!



Finder: Tim M., Trinity, AL
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Eleven quarters in one hole

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Finders: Travis and Harry C., Gaffney, SC
Using: *ACE 150 and GTA 350*
Find: Travis and his father Harry had their best detecting day during a visit to Kentucky. Travis started it off by digging 1908 and 1911 V-nickels with his *ACE 150*. His father followed with a two-pound slug of silver and later in the day he pulled a badly worn gold piece. Travis also found an old pocket knife and then a small, rounded box. In it were a silver ring, two Indian head pennies and a 1918 foreign large penny. Travis' father has since passed away, so he will treasure the memory of their last great day of detecting.



Finder: Barrett H., Red Lion, PA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1760 British halfpenny



Finder: James B., Hertford, NC
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: "During a recent hunt in Chowan County, NC, I had my best relic hunting adventure ever," wrote James. His finds included ten colonial flat buttons, a silver spoon, a thimble, and his oldest coin find to date, a 1749 half pence (seen above).

Finder: John T., Lake Isabella, CA
Using: *GTP 1350*
Find: John received a new 9x12" coil for Christmas from his wife Debra. Since January, his coin finds have been increasing. At left is a very fine condition 1901 Canadian dime that he found with his *GTP*.



Finder: William S., Chaska, MN
Using: *ACE 350*
Find: William and his sons, Jake and Joe, have enjoyed their time digging together. "As you can see by the photo, we have unearthed many terrific items and have enjoyed doing it together," he wrote.



Finder: David T., Coventry, RI
Using: *AT Pro*

Find: David found this two-sided porcelain Gargoyle Mobiloil sign while hunting along a brook. "I got a very high reading of 90 on the meter and was curious to see what it could be," he said. "I saw what appeared to be a flange to a large piece of metal. At first, I wasn't going to dig it up. I quickly cleaned it off with water from the brook and placed it next to a stump, beaming from ear to ear at my latest discovery with my *AT Pro*. A quick check on Ebay revealed a similar sign measuring 18" x 24" was listed for \$595. Oh well, oil's well that ends well!"



Finder: David J.
Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Six silver and gold rings so far, plus some of David's favorite coins.



Mystery Solved!

Last year, the *Garrett Searcher* had two readers, one from Virginia and one from Tennessee, send in relics that were very similar (see Fall 2012 and Spring 2012 issues). Unable to identify these "plaques," the *Searcher* editor passed the photos to Butch Holcombe and Charlie Harris of *American Digger* magazine for help.

One of their readers helped determine that this interesting artifact is actually a kitchen clock pendulum that was likely made in the late 1800s to early 1900s.

Mystery solved!

Finder: John C.
Using: *AT Pro*

Find: "I bought my *AT Pro* four weeks ago," John wrote in March. "Since then, I've gone out as often as I can. My first major find after only two weeks with my Garrett was a 1939 silver quarter. The next week, I found an old silver ring with an onyx stone. Last week, I found two silver rings (*below*) in the same hole right among loads of iron trash from an old home site. This machine rocks!"



Finder: Robert R., Duncanville, TX

Using: *ACE 250*

Find: Robert has been detecting for 32 years now and says it has been a blast. "It gives me a good feeling rescuing items from the ground before concrete is poured over them," he said. "My best recent trip to one of my favorite detecting sites here in the Freedman's area of Dallas became my largest glory hole since detecting."

Robert was finding Indian Head pennies and Chinese coins, and then found where bulldozers had struck through an old well. He found loud signals everywhere. Using his trenching tool, he uncovered bottles, forks, spoons, clay marbles, ink wells, a large skeleton key, a rare token, a 1928 California chauffeur badge, bullets, and much more.



Finder: Chris T., Shelbyville, TN

Using: *AT Pro*

Find: Chris says this one ring find has paid for his *AT Pro*.



International Discoveries

Treasure Hunter Finds Love



Raven L. from Surprise, AZ, recently told Vaughan Garrett about his find of a lifetime. "I was in France on vacation and I was using my Garrett metal detector near the city of Valence. As I was searching an empty lot, a woman came up to me and asked me what I was doing. 'Hunting for Treasure,' I said. Much to my surprise (and thanks to Garrett), I found it. This woman, Sabine, became my wife and we are now happily married. You never know what 'treasure' you will find." Raven and Sabine met April 3, 2006, and were married July 1, 2006 in Valence, France. Congratulations!



Finder: Kenny S., Dundee, Tayside, UK
Using: ACE 250
Find: Some of Kenny's favorite coin finds, including Roman bronze coins.



Finder: Petr R., Czech Republic
Using: EuroACE
Find: Bronze Age earring and silver coin from the period of 1310-1346, during the reign of Parvus John of Luxembourg.



Finder: Dragan R.
Using: ACE 350
Find: Total 19 hammered medieval silver coins: 13 Hungarian 3-groschens (ca. 1530-1610), four silver dinars, and two Ottoman silver coins.



Finder: Criss I., Romania
Using: GTI 2500
Find: Criss and his friend Robert dug these early artifacts. Seen are two Gothic bronze fibula dating to about 300 AD and a temple ring from about 100 BC.



Finder: Peter D., Adelaide, Australia
Using: ACE 350
Find: In one year with his ACE 350, Peter has found \$250 in coins (below) and a nice collection of jewelry (see above). One of his proudest moments was when he found his mother's lost ring.



Finder: Dalibor B., Czech Republic
Using: ACE 250
Find: 1870s crossed guns cavalry badge used by Austro-Hungarian Army.



Garrett was apparently well represented at a recent seeded hunt of the Treasure Hunters Association of Pasadena, Texas. Thanks to Jane Odom for sharing this photo!



Rob J. (left) of Belper, Derbyshire in England sent in this photo (right) of some of his favorite finds with his AT Pro International. Shown clockwise from top around the AT patch are: King George II coin (ca. 1727–1760); a 1916 King George V silver sixpence; Essex Regiment cap badge; World War I tanks corps button; Northamptonshire Militia Regiment buckle (1763–1860); and an 1850s Queen Victoria silver sixpence.



(Left) Damien L. of Cheilly les Maranges, Bourgogne in France found these six Roman coins while hunting with his son. They were searching with an ACE 250 in fields on the land of Damien's grandfather.



Relic Roundup



Finder: Eddie M., Santa Teresa, NM
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: Civil War relics found on a hunt in private land in Virginia.

Finder: Paolo S., Burbank, CA
Using: *ACE 250*

Find: 1935 tax token issued by the state of Washington during the Great Depression.



Finder: Thomas S., Philadelphia, PA
Using: *GTI 2500*
Find: This martingale plate, a piece of decorative horse tack, is shown on a page of a history book with others that were found near a 1700s fort. Thomas had tossed it into his junk finds pile at first!

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Finder: Ray P., Orange, VA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Virginia state Civil War button. Ray says it's his first Confederate button and his "find of a life time."



Finder: Bryant P., Palmerton, PA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Masonic pin found 10" deep near an old shack in northeast PA.



Finder: Robert M., Russellville, AK
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Robert's first find with his new *AT Pro* was a good one: a Roy Rogers good luck token!



Finder: Matt D., Opelika, AL
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: President Van Buren token



Finder: Ron G., State Line, PA
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Ron found this Civil War eagle breast plate in great condition with both hooks intact on the back side. His research took him to a wooded area in South Central Pennsylvania. "My first find of the morning was a mule shoe," he said. "I knew this was going to be a productive Civil War site. My very next signal was in the high 70s and very strong. After recovering the plate, I was on cloud nine."



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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD



Mark Sweberg, our featured digger from page 1, is seen with a group of relic hunters in Virginia. Left to right are: Mark, Michael Bennett, Curt Hollifield, Pete McClain and his son, Steve Moore, and Rich Brown.



Edson V. of São Paulo, Brasil submitted this photo of his club's first meeting in April. Edson says they enjoy the exercise, and "no matter the findings, the friendship is something that is priceless."