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1964. That was the big year that really got things going for Garrett Metal Detectors. My father, Charles Garrett, had been tinkering with his invention in the family's Garland garage for many months. My mother, tired of the howling sounds of a dying calf coming from the garage, finally gave him an ultimatum, "Charles, either put that detector on the market and sell it or forget it!"

With that challenge, my parents agreed to move forward. The rest, as they say, is history. Garrett Metal Detectors was born deep in the heart of Texas in a simple, single-story home and today, 50 years later, the thriving international business continues to be operated right here in Garland, just outside of Dallas.

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release, the high performance *ATX* pulse induction detector, is quickly turning heads in the gold prospecting and relic hunting markets. And, you can bet that the Garrett engineers have more exciting products in the works!

I believe the "hobby" of detecting has slowly evolved into more of a "sport" that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and all walks of life. Actually, I *know* this because of all the incredible testimonials and photos our loyal fans send to me each and every day for my Favorite Find of the Month contest.

Traditionally, I give away free Garrett *Pro-Pointers* each month to the entrants whose stories and/or finds really speak to me. Of course, I don't always pick the most valuable find or the rarest find; it's just what happens to really move me that month. All of your submissions are deeply appreciated.

And, in honor of Garrett's 50th year in business, I want to show my family's true gratitude to you by upping the monthly prizes. During our anniversary celebration, I will be giving away free Garrett *AT Gold* metal detectors and commemorative Garrett gear to my Favorite Finds. Everyone who enters will receive a limited edition 50th Anniversary patch to sew on their favorite backpack, travel bag, vest, jacket, etc. I will select my first winners in early February based upon the entries that come in starting January 1, 2014.

Stayed tuned for my announcements of those first winners. In the meantime, keep on digging and finding. And THANK YOU FOR 50 INCREDIBLE YEARS SO FAR!

(Right) Charles Garrett in the 1960s with his first detector, the *Hunter*, which contained two independently operated searchcoils.



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## Garrett EuroACE Finds Record Silver Hoard



Julian E. of Valcea County in Romania will never forget Sunday, September 1, 2013. That was the day he and his Garrett *EuroACE* discovered the largest

coin hoard ever unearthed in Romania: about 48,000 silver coins from the reign of Ottoman Sultan Murad II (1421–1451 AD). Weighing in at 54.727 kilograms (more than 120 pounds), this cache is now entrusted to the National History Museum of Romania.

Julian says he began finding silver coins about a foot deep and then they



(Left) Julian spread the entire coin hoard out alongside his *EuroACE* for this photo.

(Above) In this photo, he spelled out the name of the metal detector he was using on September 1. Julian says he will "not ever sell it, even if I can get double. It's very, very lucky!" He did say, however, that he was hoping to buy an Garrett *AT Pro* in addition to his *EuroACE*.

began to appear non-stop. "My hands are still shaking," he said two days later. "I'm convinced this may only happen once in a lifetime . . . I hope not!"

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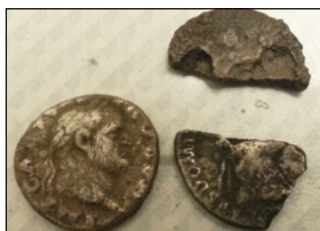
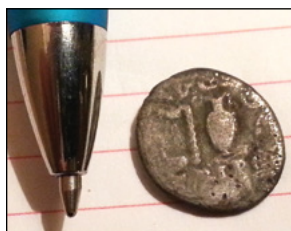


# ATX Finds From the Field

Toddy I. of Bonnybridge, Shropshire in the UK—a longtime user of several brands of pulse induction detectors—was eager to try out the new Garrett ATX in England. He reports that the “ATX is very good at finding small silver on mineralised farmland.” His best coin finds so far are: a broken silver Roman denarius of Domitian (80 AD), a full denarius of

Vespasian (69–79 AD, seen on his ATX), and a King Edward silver penny (ca. 1272–1307 AD).

Toddy’s most recent ATX find is a very rare King David I of Scotland penny (ca. 1136 AD). This tiny silver coin was the first minted in Scotland (seen by pen tip for scale).



**Finder:** Steve H.,  
Reno, NV

**Using:** ATX

**Finds:** His first four gold nuggets weighed a total of 1.36 grams, the two smallest being 0.12 gram and 0.16 gram. **Inset:** a 14k gold ring with five little diamonds Steve found in Lake Tahoe.



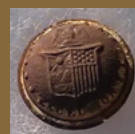
## Some of the ATX Finds Made During the November 2013 DIV Hunt



Rick H. of Cincinnati, OH shows some of his first ATX finds at the DIV hunt, including eagle buttons and a corps badge.



Culpeper, Virginia is the site of a twice-annual Civil War relic hunt in some of the hottest mineralized soil in the USA. This past November, several Garrett ATX users were on hand to try their luck. Finds from some of them are shown in this gallery. Finds seen in the center column are from (top to bottom): Rusty Curry of TX, Curt Hollifield of NC, and Sham Bonner of TN. Right column finds are from (top to bottom): Dan Frezza of VA, Steve Moore of TX, and Mike Harvey of AL.







# Caches, Hoards and Coin Spills



**Finder:** Curtis M., Lexington, MA

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** The top of an old coin purse, with eight Mercury dimes, a Barber dime and a Standing Liberty quarter.



**Finder:** David P., Big Spring, TX

**Using:** *GTA 1000, Master Hunter CXII*

**Find:** David and his wife found this spill of coins in the back yard of their home, which was built in 1947. The 27 coins are all dated prior to 1947, and include: four Buffalo nickels, 13 Wheat pennies, an Indian Head penny, a 1945 Walking Liberty half dollar, a Standing Liberty quarter, and seven Mercury dimes.



**Finder:** Ovidiu P., Brasov, Romania

**Using:** *GTI 2500*

**Find:** Ovidiu found this 75-coin hoard of silver Roman coins, dating between 350 to 384 AD.



**Finder:** Rodney W., Camanche, IA

**Using:** *ACE 350*

**Find:** Rodney found a modern cache while hunting in a park near his home. His *ACE 350* gave him a belltone signal next to a chain link fence. He continued digging and using his *Pro-Pointer* until he recovered 94 total coins. "Sad to say that after a good cleaning, there were no silver coins nor wheat backs," he said. "All were dated from 1965 to 1983." It was still an exciting find for Rodney, who has used Garrett detectors since the 1970s.



## Lowside Quarter Hoard

**Finders:** Daniel B. and Justin B., UK

**Using:** *ACE 250, EuroACE*

**Finds:** Justin received a Garrett *EuroACE* in February for his birthday and soon became friends with Daniel, who got an *ACE 250* in March. The two have since become regular hunting partners, and this past summer they made a spectacular discovery of a hoard of Roman silver coins.

They each found one silver coin the first evening in July, but returned the next day to dig another 19 Roman coins all from an area of about ten square meters. Their local FLO and the landowner have



(Above and below) Obverse and reverse views of 20 and one third of the silver Roman denarii coins found by Daniel and Justin on the hoard site.



since named the find the "Lowside Quarter Hoard" after the parish it is located in. Daniel and Justin plan to continue hunting the farm fields in search of more Roman artifacts.



Daniel and Justin pose with their Roman coins.





# Customer Finds From the Field



**Finder:** Charles A., Manahawkin, NJ  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Charles hunted a local playground and found this silver cross and chain, plus a 1748 Mexican Spanish 1-reale.



**Finder:** Jonathan H., Grand Rapids, MI  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Finds:** A chrome-plated 1929 chauffeur license badge and a silver necklace pendant.



**Finder:** Darren E., Johannesburg, South Africa  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Cannon fragment and Martini Henry bullet

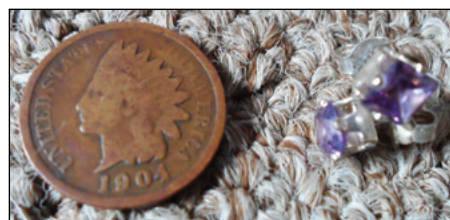


## "All Firsts for Me"

**Finder:** Brandon D., Monroe, CT  
**Using:** *AT Gold*  
**Finds:** Brandon made this recovery at an old abandoned mill site that was littered with iron signals. "After about 45 minutes of diligent searching, I got a hard-hitting signal of 83 at 6" deep," he said. He was shocked to find an 1877 Seated Liberty quarter with the coveted "CC" mint mark for Carson City. "I decided to recheck the hole," he said. "Another signal! I see silver again! Out rolls an 1892 Barber dime." Checking the hole for a third time, Brandon pulled an 1887 Indian Head penny. "Three coins in the same hole!" he said. "All firsts for me! Needless to say, I am hooked on metal detecting."



**Finder:** Lucas C., Felton, PA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Finds:** 1853 Draped Bust large cent, King George III coin, and a coat-sized flat button.



**Finder:** Wayne P., Milford, MA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1904 Indian Head penny and a pair of .925 silver earrings.

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**Finder:** Joshua B., Westport, MA  
**Using:** *Ace 250*  
**Find:** Josh decided to fulfill an old wish to buy a metal detector after his daughter went off to college. His first find was—in the first four hours of use—his own class ring he had lost in June 1990. "I will never buy any other brand of detector," he declared.





# International Coin Discoveries

## Coin Hunting is Productive in Japan



(Above) 4-mon coin, circa 1668–1768, found by Shigeki.

**Finder:** Shigeki K., Osaka, Japan

**Using:** *ACE 250*

**Find:** Shigeki lives about 400 miles west from Tokyo and he reports that metal detecting has not yet become a popular sport in his area. "Most areas are untouched and many coins are not buried deep in the ground," he said. When he purchased his *ACE 250* in 2013, he went to a nearby Buddhist temple park that has been in use for about 500 years.

"I found four old coins made from 1688 to 1922 within 30 minutes of searching, and that was my first metal detecting," said Shigeki. "Most people here in Japan have never seen metal detectors. When I was detecting, some old lady was staring at me, and asked me, 'Are you examining the radiation level around this area?'"

"It's so fun detecting here . . . if you don't mind people staring at you every time you use metal detectors!"



(Above) A 50 sen coin from 1922, found by Shigeki. (Below) An 1873 1 sen copper "dragon" coin.



**Finder:** Gaetan L., Halle, Vlaams Brabant, Belgium

**Using:** *AT Pro International*

**Find:** A very rare Roman silver coin that was struck in 36 BC.



**Finder:** Maurits V., Kapelle, Zeeland, The Netherlands

**Using:** *ACE 250*

**Find:** Silver medieval denier coin, ca. 1205–1220 AD.

**Finder:** Daniel E., Crewe, Cheshire, England

**Using:** *ACE 250*

**Find:** A Mary I 1553 silver groat, found during a Cheshire rally.



**Finder:** Allan M., Spanish, Ontario, Canada

**Using:** *ACE 250*

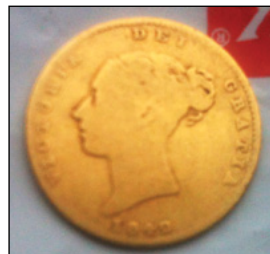
**Find:** British India "Quarter Anna" dated 1905, found on a Canadian beach. Allan, a veteran wounded in Afghanistan in 2007, took up detecting during his recovery.



**Finder:** Steve I., Middleton, South Australia

**Using:** *AT Pro*



**Find:** An 1842 gold half sovereign, found along the banks of a river where Steve had previously found a few early 1900s silver coins. This gold coin read 57 on his *AT Pro's* Digital Target ID scale.



**Finder:** John C., Dumbarton, West Dunbartonshire, Scotland

**Using:** *ACE 250*

**Find:** Two silver sixpences, found at the beach (seen after cleaning).

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# Young Guns of Metal Detecting



**Finder:** Brody T., Sulphur, LA

**Using:** ACE 350

**Find:** Seven-year-old Brody proudly displays his first coin find.



**Finder:** Bretton F., Boiling Springs, SC

**Using:** ACE 350

**Find:** World War II German/Czech bayonet scabbard, dug on a small sand beach on a river bank.



**Finder:** Ryan H., Warwick, RI

**Using:** ACE 350

**Find:** 14-year-old Ryan holds the 10k 1965 class ring (*below*) he found in his back yard.



**Finder:** Colin M., Waterdown, Ontario, Canada

**Using:** ACE 250

**Find:** Colin, 14, who has been metal detecting about two years, found his first ring (*the silver one above*) in 2013. During the summer, Colin scooped up this big ring (*below*) while hunting on the beach. "I was shaking," he said. "I was in shock."



**Finder:** Blake L., Allenton, WI

**Using:** GTP 1350

**Find:** Four silver quarters found during a day's hunt. He also found a Wheat penny and two silver dimes.



## CAMO DIGGER'S POUCH



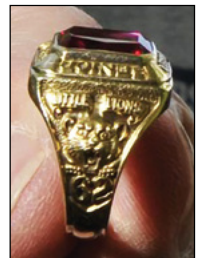
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**Finder:** Robert N., Centre Hall, PA

**Using:** AT Pro

**Find:** Robert, 19, recently found and returned a 1962 high school ring that had been lost for 50 years. The owner, Donna T., had tried in vain for 20 years to find it and had finally given up. Robert's story of returning the long-lost ring was featured in the local *Centre Daily* paper.

(*The Garrett Seracher would like to thank fellow AT Pro user Shawn G. of Centre Hall for sharing this story.*)







# Relics, Rarities and All Kinds of Finds



**Finder:** Ryan C., Winchester, VA

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Story:** Ryan used the *AT Pro* at last spring's Relic Rescue hunt held in Culpeper County, Virginia. "It did an amazing job in the mineralized soil and found some awesome Civil War relics (*above*), including this Confederate Drooped Wing of-ficer's button (*above, right*)," said Ryan. "I also found my first U.S. boxplate!"



**Finder:** Bradley D., Mebane, NC

**Using:** *AT Gold*

**Find:** These are some of the relics Bradley has found near a 1700s-era colonial cabin in North Carolina. Shown at top is a 11.8-gram silver scabbard chape, which would have slid over the tip of a knife sheath.



**Finder:** Matthew, Edwardsville, PA

**Using:** *ACE 350*

**Find:** Soon after receiving an *ACE 350* for his 15th birthday, Matthew dug this brass 1915 Leedawl compass.



**Finder:** Daniel M., Clearfield, PA

**Using:** *ACE 350*

**Find:** World War I U.S. enlisted cap badge insignia.



**Finder:** Ian H., Abingdon, MD

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** WWI artillery collar disk

## Saving a Child



**Finder:** Paul P., Aiken, SC

**Using:** *Garrett Ultra GTA 500*

**Find:** Paul was searching a playground with his 23-year-old *GTA 500*, and he dug this eight-inch kitchen knife buried in the sand with its blade facing up. He recovered the knife using gloves and took it to the police. "I did not find a treasure but at least I was able to save a treasure, a child," said Paul.



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# Coin Finds



**Finder:** Brian B., Lower Burrell, PA  
**Using:** *ACE 250*

**Find:** Brian found all of these on his first hunt on an early 1800s home site: including an 1890 Seated Liberty, 1864 and 1891 Indian Head pennies, and a Qing Dynasty Shan-Lung coin dating between 1736–1795.



**Finder:** Tony J., Asheville, NC  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1889-O Morgan dollar

**Finder:** Bill J.,  
 Carthage, NY  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1852  
 Canadian penny



**Finder:** Janet K.-C.,  
 Matagorda, TX  
**Using:** *Pro-Pointer*  
**Find:** 1862 8-reale  
 Mexican silver coin



**Finder:** Jeremiah J., Springfield, OH  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** A 1953 silver quarter, a 1927 Standing Liberty quarter, and a 1941-D Mercury dime.

**Finder:** Dylan S.,  
 Alexander City, AL  
**Using:** *ACE 150*  
**Find:** 1870 silver  
 half dime



**Finder:** Frank J., Mount Bethel, PA  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** These are three of Frank's finds from a farm that dates to the 1700s: an 1850s three-cent piece, an 1891 Seated Liberty quarter, and a 1779 Rhode Island ship medal token. Frank says he dug the pewter ship token near the site of an old outhouse. The medal was minted in England and includes Dutch words, as it was intended for distribution through the Netherlands to commemorate a victory of the British Admiral Richard Howe.

The other side of Frank's rare Rhode Island ship token.



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**Finder:** Bradley W.,  
 Mahanoy City, PA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1916-S silver  
 Barber dime



**Finder:** Jim and Val A., Tecopa, CA  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** They found this 1876 Seated Liberty quarter (with a Carson City mint mark) and a 1916 dime while hunting a ranch site on the Old Spanish Trail in Southern California.

**Finder:** Charles A.,  
 Manahawkin, NJ  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1925  
 Mercury dime







# Jewelry and Ring Finds



**Finder:** Bob H., Peterborough, Ontario, Canada  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Bob used his *ACE* to recover this blue sapphire gold ring for a friend's father.



**Finder:** Michael B., Rancho Murieta, CA  
**Using:** *AT Gold*  
**Find:** Michael, a retired law enforcement officer, found these seven rings, four of them gold, with his new *AT Gold* in five weeks.

**Finder:** Doug Y., Panama City Beach, FL  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** Bronze Victorian sea serpent pendant dug on an old home site about eight inches deep.



**Finder:** Paolo S., Italy  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Paolo spends a good deal of time hunting the Adriatic Sea beaches near his home. His best find this past summer was the 100-gram gold chain seen above.



**Finder:** Noah B., Henrietta, TX  
**Using:** *ACE 150*  
**Find:** Noah, a straight-A third grader, found this diamond ring in his own front yard.



**Finder:** Terry S., Kearney, MO  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** This .925 silver bracelet with 3.5 carats of blue sapphires with diamond accents.

## An ACE Anniversary Gift

Mark C. of Port Elizabeth, South Africa responded to a lady's request to help search for her lost wedding band. "I took along my *ACE 250* with the small coil and the invaluable *Pro-Pointer*, as the lady explained she lived in a townhouse complex with small garden beds," said Mark.



"After about a 15-minute search, a shallow, clear signal was received. I then handed the happy couple the wedding ring, which was clearly of much sentimental value as the wife related that they had recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary!"

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# Jewelry and Ring Finds



**Finder:** Ruben G., Patterson, CA  
**Using:** *AT Gold*  
**Find:** A .925 silver ring and a 10k gold snake ring with diamonds, found on the same day.



**Finder:** Mike D., Martinsville, IN  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 14k gold ring with four rubies and four diamonds. Target ID: 53.



**Finder:** Mike F., Madison, TN  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** When Mike dug this ring at a local swimming area, his wife said, "How cute. You found a child's ring." A trip to his local pawn shop, however, proved that his find was made of 16k gold and worth a nice price.



**Finder:** Jack R., the Netherlands  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Jack smiles as he holds out his first jewelry find, a silver ring.



**Finder:** Stephen A., Coventry, England  
**Using:** *ACE 150*  
**Find:** Man's gold cygnet ring.



**Finder:** Dave H., Yorkshire, England  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 8 gram gold ring



**Finder:** Andrew V., Thousand Palms, CA  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** Two 14k gold rings found in a park on the same day.

**Finder:** Joe B., Valdosta, GA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 14k gold Jesus charm

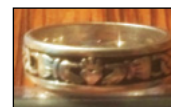


**Finder:** Kathy A., Paw Paw, IL  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** 18k gold chain with a heart and diamond pendant.



**Finder:** Curtis M., Lexington, MA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** White gold and yellow gold wedding band

**Finder:** Michael M., National Park, NJ  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Sterling silver Solvar Claddagh ring.







# International Discoveries



**Finder:** Boris D., Slovenia

**Using:** GTI 2500

**Find:** World War I belt clips (*both sides seen above and below*) found at the same site in the summer of 2013. One is a copper Russian model and the other is a brass Austro-Hungarian version.



**Finder:** James U.,  
Cheshire, England

**Using:** ACE 250

**Find:** 1800s  
religious anniversary pendant



**Finder:** Luke H., Swansea, West  
Glamorgan, UK

**Using:** AT Pro

**Find:** A gold 1734 George II guinea.  
Luke dug it about 6 inches deep along an old path through the woods. "I was so shocked I had to have a sit down," he said of his reaction to the find.

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**Finder:** Brock  
P., Woodstock,  
New Brunswick,  
Canada

**Using:** AT Pro  
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**Find:** Brock  
found this small  
gold pocket watch on a site he and  
his digging buddy first worked on  
to remove considerable trash. After  
most of the garbage was gone, he was  
able to make this great find.



**Finder:** Jonathan W., Brotherton, UK

**Using:** ACE 150

**Find:** Susannah sent in these photos  
of her husband with some of his first  
finds with his new ACE 150. *Below:*  
They include bronze Roman coins  
and a bronze fibula.



**Finder:** Adam V., Senica, Slovakia

**Using:** AT Pro International

**Find:** Austrian 15-Kreuzer silver coin  
from 1664, depicting Roman Emperor  
Leopold I.





# Relic Roundup



**Finder:** Richard D., Pearl, MS  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** Richard was hunting a lot in Jackson, Mississippi, an area that saw plenty of fighting in the Civil War. He got a big signal, dug down about two feet, and was surprised by his find. It was the base of a Confederate 6.4-inch Read shell. It measures 9 inches and weighs 45 pounds.



**Finder:** Matt S., Racine, WI  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** This ancient Copper Culture spear point, found in a plowed farm field.



**Finder:** Robert C., Loganholme, Queensland, Australia  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Robert was hunting an old U.S. Army camp near Brisbane when he dug this stainless steel box more than a foot deep. It is an ammo box for a P40 fighter plane and it was filled with many parts for the World War II plane's machine guns.



**Finder:** Jack G., Windsor, MO  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** These are two of Jack's favorite finds made at a large Civil War camp site. Seen above is an 1853 Seated Liberty quarter made into a love token with the initials MS carved into the back side. Seen below is a flat piece of camp lead that a soldier stamped an impression of a Shield Nickel into.



**Finder:** Garth C., Bangor, ME  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** 1950s solid silver Zippo lighter, found on his first hunt with his new *ACE 350*.



**Finder:** Chris T., North Shields, Tyne and Wear, England  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Chris shared some of his recent favorite finds made with his *ACE 250* and a 8.5"x11" DD coil.



(Above and below) A "cool button" that Chris has yet to identify and a 1854 Victoria six pence.



(Left) A royal artillery badge.  
 (Right) A lead token.



**Finder:** Vincent G., Hamilton, VA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Vincent used his *AT Pro* to dig plenty of cool relics around an old stone foundation's remains. His best find was a .44-caliber percussion cap revolver cylinder (see inset) that dates to about 1861.





# Metal Detectors and Archaeology



*Photos and story by Esteve Orriols*

Last December, members of the Spanish Association for the Metal-Detection Defense, together with ORCROM METALLDETECTORS' specialists, were invited to participate in archaeological work located in the necropolis of Cerro de las Cabezas in Castilla-La Mancha in order to detect archaeological features on the site where last August were found fourteen cremation tombs, a barrow and a funeral pyre of the necropolis.

During the exploration, led by a team of archaeologists and experts promoted by ANTHROPOS SL and under the direction of Luis Benitez de Lugo, it was possible to locate over 400 objects of great historical value. These were at risk because of the floods of the nearby Jabalón river and also agricultural tasks held regularly in the area.

The use of metal detectors and especially the new ATX Garrett detector with pulse technology allowed an exhaustive analysis of the land and therefore many objects of great archaeological value such as brooches, coins, weapons, projectiles and various ornaments (many of them belonging to the Iberian period) were located.

This was the first archaeological exploration with metal detectors in Castilla-La Mancha, opening a new horizon of cooperation that can be helpful for future archaeological studies. The intervention was previously authorized by the local institution.

All materials are being studied and inventoried by a team of expert archaeologists, who once complete with the analysis, will submit a report to the Ministry of Culture of the area.



*Images: Garrett metal detectors, including the new ATX high performance pulse detector, were recently used in Spain for an important collaboration with archaeologists. Coins and artifacts dating more than 2,000 years in age were recovered and will be preserved by the Spanish Ministry of Culture.*







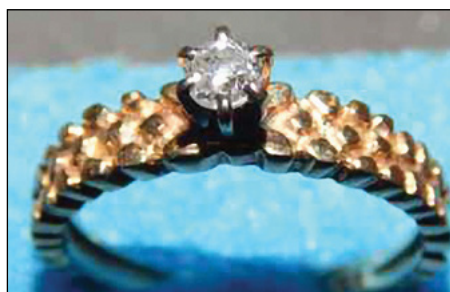
# Sand, Surf and Swimmin' Holes



**Finder:** Bill S., Cypress, CA

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Since buying an *AT Pro* this past summer, Bill has done quite well with his finds in the dry sand at the beach. Seen above are his first gold ring (14k white gold, with 40 diamonds), his first silver ring, and his first silver coin (a 1943 Mercury dime). His best jewelry find of the summer was this 18k gold Tiffany & Co. wedding band (*below*).



**Finder:** B. T., Gulfport, FL

**Using:** *ACE 350*

**Find:** 14k gold diamond ring found at the beach.



**Finder:** Marty H., Bedford, TX

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Man's 14k gold pinky ring with two small diamonds.



**Finder:** Scott N., Northport, NY

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** A 22k gold band from 1849, found on a local beach.



**Finder:** Eric G., Rising Sun, IN

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Eric found this pair of 32-lb. solid shot cannon balls while searching an old river crossing in North Carolina.

**Finder:** Patrick M., Columbus, OH

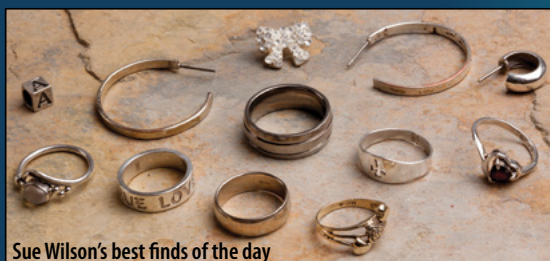
**Using:** *ACE 350*

**Find:** First gold ring find.



## Silver and Gold II: Winter Water Hunting video now online!

Severe droughts have lowered many lake levels and the cold winds of winter have chased off all the sunbathers. The result: the perfect time to hit lakefront beaches to dig deep for lost jewelry. Visit [Garrett.com](http://Garrett.com) or our YouTube channel to see our latest "From the Field" video on winter water hunting. In addition to offering some tips and techniques, the foursome seen above left competes for the most jewelry finds. It's Team Canada (Barry Cormier and his daughter Jolene) versus Team Texas (Steve Moore and Sue Wilson). Check out our latest video to see which team prevails!



Sue Wilson's best finds of the day



**Finder:** Randy T., Winston-Salem, NC

**Using:** *ACE 250*

**Find:** Randy was tossing a football with his son Zach at a vacation home on the beach when his \$1,200 college ring went into the ocean. Zach drove to Myrtle Beach, rented an *ACE 250*, and hurried back. In just a half hour, the detecting rookies had located Zach's college ring in the water!





# Tokens, Medallions, Etc.



**Finder:** Tony F., Bullard, TX

**Using:** ACE 250

**Find:** Tony found this Japanese copper dog tag from World War II at an old school site. "Wouldn't it be cool to return it to the soldier's family in Japan?" mused Tony.



**Finder:** Michael H., Oxford, PA

**Using:** ACE 350

**Find:** Michael recovered this prized Navy dive pin that his father had lost in the yard years before.



**Finder:** Daniel S., Liskeard, Cornwall, United Kingdom

**Using:** ACE 250

**Find:** Daniel found this 1911 British Copper Company rose trade token while hunting on a farm with his daughter.



**Finder:** David H., Durham, England

**Using:** ACE 250

**Find:** Lead or pewter token/coin that David is still trying to identify.



**Finder:** Gino G., Dickson, TN

**Using:** Ace 350/AT Pro

**Find:** Medicine tag (above) and a 25¢ trade token (below)



**Finder:** Kenna M., Nettle, WV

**Using:** AT Pro

**Find:** Brass badge of unknown origin



**Finder:** Andrew M,

Montgomery City, MO

**Using:** Ace 250

**Find:** Trade token for an early store



**Finder:** Jim O., St. Augustine, FL

**Using:** AT Pro

**Find:** A Franklin Mint coin from the 1970s depicting scenes from the Bible as painted by Rembrandt.



# Coin Finds



**Finder:** Craig H., Waukesha, WI  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1957 silver quarter and two Mercury dimes.

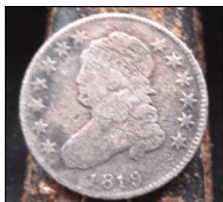


**Finder:** Cody F., Denton, TX  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1911 Barber quarter

**Finder:** Mary S., Ferndale, PA  
**Using:** *Ace 250*  
**Find:** 1857 Seated Liberty Quarter dug on an old property that was once a tavern, and a 1773 Virginia halfpenny colonial copper coin.



**Finder:** David C., Elmore City, OK  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1819 Capped Bust Barber quarter



**Finder:** Jamie P., New Hampshire  
**Using:** *Pro-Pointer*  
**Find:** 1856 three-cent piece



**Finder:** Chandra B., Kendari, Indonesia  
**Using:** *ACE 350*  
**Find:** 1945 silver Nederly Indie coin and a rooster coin.



**Finder:** Jeffrey T., Douglass, KS  
**Using:** *GTA 1000*  
**Find:** 1922 Peace dollar

**Finder:** Donald R., Torrington, CT  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** This 1901 Barber half dollar "rang a solid 90 to 91" on his *AT Pro's* Digital Target ID.



**Finder:** Stefan T., Finland  
**Using:** *AT Gold*  
**Find:** 1930 coin and three Finnish pennies from 1913, 1916, and 1898.

**Finder:** Karen B., Kent, United Kingdom  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** A 1719 King George I gold guinea she found while on a club hunt with the Medway History Finders on farm land.



**Finder:** Charles A., Manahawkin, NJ  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 1825 Large cent

**Finder:** Payton M., Parkston, SD  
**Using:** *Ace 150*  
**Find:** 1916-S Mercury dime, found by a local swimming pool at about six inch depth.







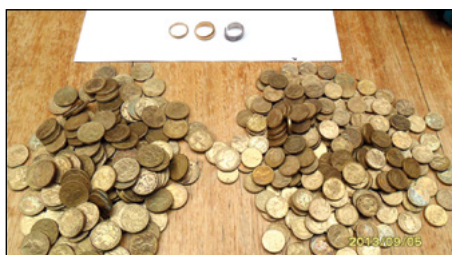
# International Discoveries



**Finder:** Pete B., Mapperley, Nottingham, United Kingdom  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Roman knee brooch from about the 1st Century AD.



**Finder:** Jamie W., Llanelli, Carmarthen, UK  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Various 19th century bullets found on a farm Jamie hunted.



**Finder:** Phil G., Melbourne, Australia  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** In his first four months of using his *AT Pro*, Phil found \$700 worth of coins and three rings, including a 22k, 11.5-gram gold ring.



**Finder:** Neil K., Yorkshire, England  
**Using:** *EuroACE*  
**Find:** Bronze Age flat axe 2250 BC-1900BC



**Finder:** Dalibor B., Czech Republic  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Roman artifacts



**Finder:** Jan J., Urk, Netherlands  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 18th-19th century coins and a silver nipple stick, used to drain a cow's diseased nipple.

**Finder:** Brent M., Cherngtalay, Thailand  
**Using:** *Sea Hunter*  
**Find:** Religious pendant



**Finder:** Bernhard K., Santiago, Chile  
**Using:** *AT Gold*  
**Find:** 1893 silver coin



**Finder:** Kim J., Ebeltoft, Denmark  
**Using:** *AT Pro International*  
**Find:** Danish coin from the period of 1286-1319 AD, King Erik Menved.



**Finder:** Carina V., Bredsten, Denmark  
**Using:** *EuroACE*  
**Find:** 6th-7th century brooch



**Finder:** Chris T., Tyne and Wear, England  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Northumberland fusiliers cap badge

**Finder:** William P., London, England  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 16th century Henry VIII silver penny







# Customer Finds From the Field



**Finder:** Gerson R., Parana, Brazil  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Gerson found an old, decorative dagger and 89 early coins while hunting in a river near an ancient bridge.



**Finder:** Poul, Berezni, Russia  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 13th-14th century sword



**Finder:** Brian H., Ormond Beach, FL  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Sterling silver tray from the mid-1800s

**Finder:** Sacha D.,  
 Te Awamutu,  
 New Zealand  
**Using:** *Infinium LS*  
**Find:** Small gold  
 nuggets



**Finder:** Rob N., State College, PA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Rob (*right*) was asked by this gentleman to help find his 1962 high school ring that was lost in this lake. As the smiles indicate, Rob's water hunt was a big success.



## First Class Service

**Finder:** Dustin J., Rochester, NY  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Finds:** Dustin works for Dan's Crafts and Things in Rochester, where they carry Garrett detectors to rent to customers who lose items. In July, one disappointed lady returned a detector after failing to find an engagement ring lost on the 4th of July.  
 Being an amateur detectorist, he offered his services and *AT Pro* to help find it in the waters of Lake Ontario. Dustin did find the 14k wedding band on his first outing, but had to return days later due to storms to complete his search for the engagement ring. The woman has since returned both rings to her friends from North Carolina. "This was a very pleasant experience," said Dustin. "I was glad to help them find their cherished treasures."



**Finder:** Bradley D., Mebane, NC  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Bradley was hunting a site in North Carolina near a stagecoach path that was supposedly traveled by George Washington and Nathaniel Greene in colonial days. In late September, he dug this 33-pound section (*see above*) of an exploded Revolutionary War cannon. Some of his friends on the relic forums believe it to be a Revolutionary War British Light Infantry 3-inch smoothbore cannon.

Weeks later, Bradley returned to continue searching the property. He dug another smaller chunk that weighed about three pounds (*see below*). "It is most certainly a chunk from the same cannon!" he said. "It was 20 feet from the hole I dug for the large chunk. I can't wait to try and find more pieces."





# Coin Finds



**Finder:** Joe B., Valdosta, GA

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Joe has dug so many pennies in his time that he admits to sometimes bypassing a VDI reading between 76 and 79. "This is one time I am glad I dug the 78 VDI," he said. The penny includes a Masonic stamp!



**Finder:** Lynn Y., Trenton, KY

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** Lynn was hunting a family home site and found this 1923 Peace dollar. "My mother-in-law said her dad gave all the kids a Peace dollar each and she still has hers," said Lynn, "so I guess I do now as well."



**Finder:** Keith M., Moreno Valley, CA

**Using:** *Ace 250*

**Find:** Chinese coin, with inset view of the same coin in better condition.



**Finder:** David M., Nanty Glo, PA

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** David found these coins in an open field near a fairly modern school. At top left is a 1918 Mercury "pop-out" silver dime with Lady Liberty's face. The technique of using a die stamp to push the face forward was actually patented in 1904.



**Finder:** Brandon S., Swanzey, NH

**Using:** *ACE 250*

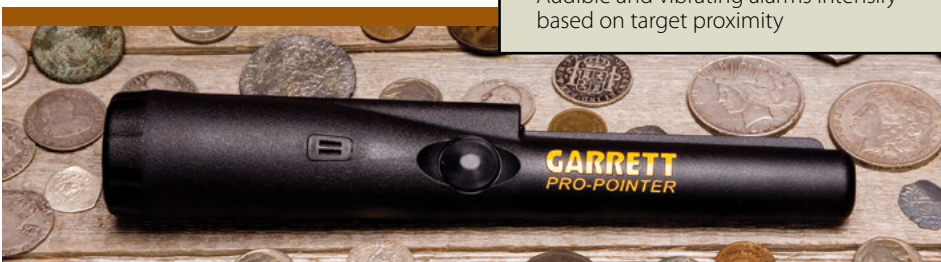
**Find:** A 1788 Massachusetts commonwealth large one-cent copper coin. Brandon says it rang up as a quarter and was dug 8 inches deep.



**Finder:** Jonathan B., Hatfield, PA

**Using:** *AT Pro*

**Find:** These are Jonathan's best finds from a site where a tiny 18th-century Mennonite meetinghouse once stood. Starting at top are: a King George III silver halfpenny, an 1804 half cent, an 1837 large cent, a 1911 Indian Head quarter eagle gold coin, and two large tombac buttons. Jonathan and his hunting buddy Scott plan on donating their relic finds from the site to the Franconia Mennonite Heritage Museum.



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# Jewelry and Ring Finds



**Finder:** Christian M., Loveland, OH  
**Using:** *Ace 250*  
**Find:** This young man is happily holding his best find after only two weeks with his *ACE 250*—a Standing Liberty quarter (*inset*).



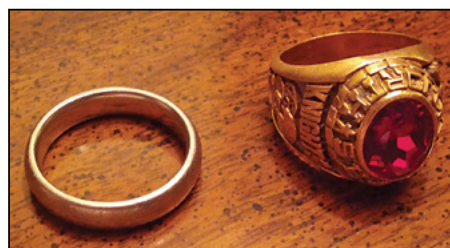
**Finder:** Bruce M., Rancho Murieta, CA  
**Using:** *AT Gold*  
**Find:** When Bruce bought a new detector, he wanted one that was not only good for gold prospecting but also great for coins, jewelry and artifacts. He chose the *AT Gold* and in a short time had found two silver necklaces (*above*), one weighing in at 20 grams, and a 7.25-gram 14k man's gold band. "*AT Gold* is truly 'gold' to me," Bruce wrote.



**Finder:** Bruce J., Springfield, OR  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** First gold ring



**Finder:** Warner H., Melbourne, FL  
**Using:** *Ace 250*  
**Find:** Warner purchased an *ACE 250* for his 8-year-old son to use to begin detecting with him. His son found this 10k gold ring with opal setting the next day. "It was awesome to see him get so excited," said Warner.



**Finder:** Jim B, East Hampton, CT  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Jim read enough stories about water hunting and all the great finds that he decided to invest in an *AT Pro* and give it a shot. "I decided on it because it sounded like it would work great on land and freshwater and also the wet/dry sand in the salt," he said.

Admittedly, his rate of recovery in the water "was terrible" at first as he tried to get each elusive target into his scoop's basket. "I definitely have a newfound respect for the water hunters who have it down."

He did find three dollars in clad, some weights, various trash, a junk ring, and the platinum wedding band seen above. Jim then moved back to the dry sand and made his best find of the day, a 14k gold man's class ring. "I can't imagine having a better first water hunt than I did with my new *AT Pro*," he said. "I love this machine."



**Finder:** Aenon J., Thomasville GA  
**Using:** *Sea Hunter*  
**Find:** 14k gold ring with ten diamonds

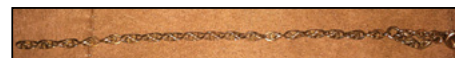


**Finder:** Jesse E., Hialeah, FL  
**Using:** *ACE 250*  
**Find:** 1.74 carat diamond ring



**Finder:** Mike D., Martinsville, IN  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Silver ring with a prominent eagle, marked 925.

**Finder:** Tim D., Barryton, MI  
**Using:** *Master Hunter CXII* and *ACE 250*  
**Find:** Gold wedding band and an 18k/platinum find.



**Finder:** Dan M., Clearfield, PA  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** 10k gold bracelet



# Recent **PRO-POINTER WINNERS** of Vaughan Garrett's Favorite Find of the Month

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## October winners

### Winner 1, U.S.

Finder: Jason R., Blaine, MN  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: 1789 George Washington Inaugural button



### Winner 2, U.S.

Finder: Eric P., Lewisburg, PA  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: 1812 Capped Bust 50-cent piece



### Winner 3, U.S.

Finder: John G., Timberlake, NC  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Well-preserved portion of a Union cavalry sword, buried in mud near a battlefield



### International Winner

Finder: Julian E., Valcea, Romania  
Using: *EuroACE*  
Find: 48,000 15th Century silver coins, the largest hoard ever found in Romania (see story on page 2).



## November winners

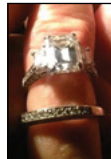
### Winner 1, U.S.

Finder: Morgan R., Crandall, GA  
Using: *AT Gold*  
Find: Two rings in a swimming hole that were returned to their original owner.



### Winner 2, U.S.

Finder: Daniel B., Vero Beach, FL  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Daniel used his detector to help a couple find the wife's lost diamond rings at the beach.



### International Winner

Finder: Dennis M., Denmark  
Using: *AT Gold*  
Find: Eight total fragments of a bronze sword dating between 1000–1500 BC. The complete sword, measuring 48cm and weighing 348 grams, has been turned over to a local museum.



**Keep submitting your stories!**  
You could be one of Vaughan's next winners.

## December winners



### Winner 1, U.S.

Finder: Daniel C., North Pole, AK  
Using: *AT Gold*  
Find: Daniel found a Korean War-era dogtag and was able to return it to the soldier's twin brother Lloyd H. (seen with his brother's tag, above left).

### Winner 2, U.S.

Finder: John M., Richmond, TX  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: World War II dogtag, found and returned to the family.



### International Winner

Finder: Dragos S., Romania  
Using: *AT Pro International*  
Find: 12th century reliquary cross, which is now on display in his local museum.



## January winners

### Winner 1, U.S.

Finder: Bradley D., Mebane, NC  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Revolutionary War cannon (see pg. 19)



### Winner 2, U.S.

Finder: Brandon H., Dalton, GA  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: U.S. belt plate



### Winner 3, U.S.

Finder: Ritchie K., Madison, ME  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: U.S. eagle breast plate



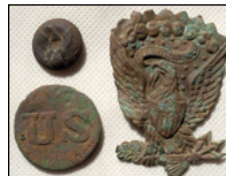
### Winner 4, U.S.

Finder: Mike L., Salem, VA  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Confederate Block "I" infantry coat button



### Winner 5, U.S.

Finder: Benton K., Great Falls, MT  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Jeff Davis hat pin, general staff button, and horse bridle rosette



### Winner 6, U.S.

Finder: James N., Baldwyn, MS  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: Civil War spoon with soldier's name on it, cut three-ringer bullets



### Winner 7, U.S.

Finder: Keith L., Daleville, AL  
Using: *ACE 250*  
Find: Confederate Southern Cross of Honor



### Winner 9, U.S.

Finder: Linwood B., Olanta, SC  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: World War II pilot's wings



### Winner 10, U.S.

Finder: Buzz W., Strathmore, CA  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: World War II aerial gunner's wings



### Winner 11, U.S.

Finder: Eric M., Lacombe, LA  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: World War II pendant dug on an old home site in Louisiana.



### International Winner

Finder: Darren B., Ganmain, NSW, Australia  
Using: *AT Pro*  
Find: 15k gold military return fob from post-WWI





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There will be one U.S. and one international winner each month. They each receive one free AT Gold metal detector, and a few 50-year anniversary collectibles of my choice.

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Visit this web page for more details on Vaughan's Favorite Find of the Month.



**Finder:** Mike N., Resaca, GA  
**Using:** AT Gold  
**Find:** U.S. baby box plate

### Look what you could find with an AT GOLD!

**Finder:** Warren  
M., Queensland,  
Australia  
**Using:** AT Gold  
**Find:** Gold  
nugget



**Finder:** Gary M., Suisun City, CA  
**Using:** AT Gold  
**Find:** A rare Rhode Island Newport Artillery button with 13 stars and the date 1741. Its backmark shows the maker to be R&W Robinson (ca. 1836-1848).



**Finder:** Ralph G., South Yorkshire, UK  
**Using:** AT Gold  
**Find:** 2500-3000-year-old Bronze Age socket headed spearhead



**Finder:** Michael B., Palmer, TX  
**Using:** AT Gold  
**Find:** Engraved 1912 18k gold ladies wedding band



**Finder:** Garret L., Mesa, AZ  
**Using:** AT Gold  
**Find:** Sterling silver ring





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*(Left)* Toddy I. of the UK sent this photo of a freshly dug Edward I silver penny (ca. 1272–1307 AD).

*(Right)* Steve Herschbach of Nevada has a handful of jewelry (eight gold and two platinum rings), all found in the saltwater off Hawaiian beaches during his vacation there with his ATX.



*(Left and right)* David O. of Northern California found 11.36 grams of gold during his first few days of using his new ATX. The largest nugget weighs 8.5 grams and was found on his second day of hunting with the ATX.



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