

# THE GARRETT SEARCHER™



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Garrett Metal Detectors®

## GARRETT URGES CUSTOMERS TO KEEP SAFE

Garrett Metal Detectors realizes the environment is changing rapidly based on the country and even the state you live in. In the USA, many states have now restricted residents for any type of non-essential outdoor activity, and this practice is likely to be extended in the days ahead. In some states, people are free to maintain safe social distance while conducting outdoor activities such as metal detecting. But in many European countries, people are not allowed to be outdoors at all.

We recommend that everyone play it safe, follow their local regulations during this crisis, and pray that wellness will return to all nations soon. For those who are unable to go outdoors to enjoy detecting, Garrett recommends you take this time to clean and organize your treasure finds from this past year.



*Vaughan Garrett's*

### **FAVORITE FIND OF THE MONTH**

#### **SHOW US YOUR FINDS!**

The Vaughan Garrett Find of the Month competition will continue, and we believe this is a great time to submit your stories and photos. Vaughan is currently giving away *ACE 300* and *ACE 300i* metal detectors, something we hope our winners will enjoy when the current health crisis is controlled.

Click on the links below to see  
the most recent winners!

[U.S. winners](#)

[International winners](#)



# New Searcher Format

Beginning this month, the Garrett Searcher newsletter has been relaunched as a monthly format in condensed form. It will generally consist of four pages, and will include relevant news on the industry, on products, and significant events.

Since large organized gatherings such as detecting rallies are not permitted at this time, we will focus on other information for the time being. Garrett hopes in the future to be able to share news of upcoming rallies where Garrett Search Team members and associated YouTubers can be met.

For now, we will focus on showing some of the great treasure finds that have been made in the past year or two. This content is from our many customers who submit to Vaughan Garrett's monthly Favorite Finds competition. There are countless great treasure finds submitted each month, and, unfortunately, only a few can be selected as his winners. We hope you enjoy some of these other great finds that will be shared in the Searcher as we move forward.



**Finder:** Neil L., Europe  
**Using:** EuroAce  
**Find:** Medieval bronze key, circa 1100s-1400s



**Finder:** Scott J., Wisconsin  
**Using:** AT Pro  
**Find:** Scott dug a jar and inside it, he found this tissue paper wrapped around \$380 in cash.



**Finder:** Stone K., Alabama  
**Using:** AT Pro  
**Find:** Stone found a very rare Confederate Alabama sword plate while detecting near a 1920s house site.



**Finder:** Anton Z., Russia  
**Using:** ACE 250  
**Find:** Silver St. George's Cross of the 4th degree.



**Finder:** Angelo A., Panama  
**Using:** AT Pro International  
**Find:** 1904 silver Republic of Panama 25 centesimos



**Finder:** Shawn B., Texas  
**Using:** AT Pro  
**Find:** Shawn was hunting near a high school and found a class of 2016 ring. He was able to find the owner of the ring and return it.



**Finder:** Jacob T., Virginia  
**Using:** AT Pro International  
**Find:** Civil War puppy paw U.S. belt plate



**Finder:** Jeffrey P., Virginia  
**Using:** AT Pro  
**Find:** Jeffrey found this Virginia Military Institute Cadet button on an old church site.



**Finder:** Brandon W., Alabama  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Brandon (aka *Alabama Dirt Digger*) dug this 1877 Seated Liberty quarter.



**Finder:** Dave W., Massachusetts  
**Using:** *AT Max*  
**Find:** During his second outing to learn his new detector in a yard, Dave found this Civil War belt plate.



**Finder:** Chris B., Europe  
**Using:** *AT Pro International*  
**Find:** 1919 gold wedding ring



**Finder:** Harvey J., Europe  
**Using:** *ACE 300i*  
**Find:** South African silver 3 pence coin



**Finder:** Michael F., Europe  
**Using:** *ACE 300i*  
**Find:** Roman bronze fibula



**Finder:** Dick B., Wisconsin  
**Using:** *AT Pro*  
**Find:** Dick recovered this 1897 Tavern token, the only one known to exist from this early establishment.

# LIVE WWII MORTAR ROUND



Thirteen-year-old Blake D. from Lebanon, Pennsylvania, made an exciting yet startling discovery with his Garrett *ACE 400*. He was searching behind Hartman Plantation when he dug what proved to be a live World War II mortar on February 17, 2020.

The Lebanon Police Department was summoned, and they in turn called on the Tennessee Highway Patrol's bomb squad as well as experts from nearby Fort Campbell to handle the explosive. Upon determining that the mortar was still live and too unstable to move, the experts safely detonated it at the scene.

"The blast was heard from a distance, which caused alarm for many residents," Lebanon police said on social media. "We appreciate everyone's concerns and phone calls." The area was searched for more explosives before authorities cleared the scene.

## FEATURED FIND



*Blake posing with one of the news crew that reported his story about his WWII mortar discovery with his Garrett ACE 400.*

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## Garrett's Code of Detecting Ethics

Charles Garrett always urged his fellow searchers to conduct themselves as responsible treasure hunters and to leave their hunt areas in better condition than they found them. Please follow your local directives during the current health crisis, but when you are able to safely enjoy detecting, here are just a few of his keys to good conduct in the field:



- Never trespass or hunt on private property without permission.
- National and state parks/monuments, etc. are absolutely off-limits.
- Always fill in every hole that you dig.
- Do not leave litter or other discarded junk items lying around.
- Always carry out all rubbish and dug targets with you when you leave a search area.
- Use reasonable caution in digging toward any target, particularly in areas where you are uncertain of the ground conditions.
- Keep informed on and obey all local and national legislation relating to the discovery and reporting of found treasures.



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THE USA**

## PHOTO FROM THE FIELD

*Archival image. Please follow local regulations regarding your current ability to enjoy the sport of metal detecting.*



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