

**PRESIDENTS CORNER:**

Hello from your President. No, not Kevin. No, not Jerry. I'm Kent. Remember me? Well, I am back as President and I am happy to serve our club as President until this coming fall. I think Kevin would have made a great President and I think Jerry did a fantastic job filling in until a replacement (me) was finalized. So what do we have in store for 2010? For starters, our Metal Detecting Legislation bill will be going in front of committee soon and hopefully it will become a law. Have you contacted your Legislator to ask him/her support this bill? If yes, thank you for your support. If not, what are you waiting for? Seriously, what are you waiting for? You have a chance to change the Wisconsin Law to support our hobby and you have decided to do nothing. This is not a time for metal detecting couch potatoes. This is a time for concerned, active hobbyists that want to change the DNR's policies so we can get our Metal Detecting rights back!

Is that the only thing we have in store for 2010? Not even close. Did you know we will not be able to have our annual Metal Detecting Hunt at the River's Edge Campground this year? That is right; we will have to use a new spot for this year's metal detecting hunt. Yes, we will be discussing this at our January meeting as well.

There is no doubt that 2010 will be a very busy year for us. But if we all do our part, I know we will be up to the task and this can be our finest year ever.

Kent, Karen, and Skye

**Next Meeting January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 7PM**

**Meeting location:** Meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at Shooter's Bar & Restaurant, located at the intersection of Hwy 39 and 54 next to the Shell gas station.

**Business this month:****1. 2010 Dues are due First chance**

Single membership @ \$20 and a family membership for 2 adults living in the same household @ \$25 with an additional \$5 for anyone else living full time in the home under the age of 18. The main reason for this increase is to pay for FMDAC membership and also will put all members on the roster and that roster will be used at outings, club hunts and dinners.

This worked really well for keeping track of people at the Christmas Party.

**Make sure your dues are paid by February 30 or you will be deleted from the club roster.**

**Send to:**

Larry Stamp  
N11250 Hwy 73  
Greenwood, WI 54437

**2. Scavenger Hunt and Returned Items Drawings**

This will be discussed at January meeting.

**To New members:**

*Returned Items:* If you find an item while metal detecting or are called by a person to find a lost item and you return that item to the owner, you are put into a drawing at the end of the year.

Also a letter of appreciation from the person you returned the item to is nice but not required.

*Scavenger Hunt:* The Club has a scavenger hunt list that they hand out every year to all club members. On this list are specific items that you find and bring to the meetings throughout the year to get checked off the master list

3. **The Annual Club Hunt: Date July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunt, July 24, 25, 2010 Location has changed but hunt will go on as normal. Hunt fliers will be mailed out shortly after the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. It will have literature for the new location with directions, and will have hotel listing from the closest town. We are pretty sure of this location, as we have permission from owner and everything looks to be a good as we can get.

A group of us went to the Deer Trail Park Campground near Nekoosa this afternoon. Although the ground is snow covered, the location looks very good for our annual hunt. There is a large open area that would serve as our hunt fields. There are plenty of camp sites available at the campground including many camp sites right next to the hunt fields.

This is about 8 miles from west side of Wisconsin Rapids so there are plenty of Hotels also.

Hope to see everyone there it should be just as good as always.

Any questions email me at [stmill@uniontel.net](mailto:stmill@uniontel.net)

Thanks Steve

**January Raffle Items:** 1858 Flying Eagle, 1852 three cent silver, 1875 seated liberty dime, 1869 three cent nickel, 1869 two cent piece, 1923 dime, 1932 Quarter ( first yrs issue), 1946 half dollar, 1964 gold plated silver (JFK), 1967 mint set, 1966 mint set.

Of course there will be many other nice miscellaneous items

The donations for Dec. raffle: Doug's Treasure Den, Deerfield Detectors, Peggy Gremler, Ann Stamp, Doug Sassy, Jerry Stanczyk, and a thank you for those that I missed.

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## **The Minutes of the Midstate Metal Detector Club**

**Date:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

1. Short meeting started at 6:00pm with 29 members present.
2. Kent Kehus accepted the nomination for President and everybody approved with a show of hands.

**Door prize Drawing:** No drawing

**Membership drawing:** No drawing - (Next month it will be \$100.00)

**Food Drive Drawing: Larry Vanderhoef, got a beautiful 1oz Silver Round**

(You receive a ticket for every non-perishable food item that you bring in at the club meeting)

### **Old Business:**

- 1) The Scavenger hunt and Returned items drawings will be held at the January meeting.
- 2) Make sure you bring nonperishable items for food drive.

### **New Business**

1) We need to find a place to have a club hunt in spring. Think about it and bring it up at the meetings.

2) New member and club information sheets. We need to print out information sheets for new members and people interested in what Midstate Metal Detecting Club is all about.

**Finds of the Month: Not held because of Christmas party.**  
**Best Finds of the Month: Not held because of Christmas party.**

At 6:30pm the meeting was adjourned and on with the party!

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**Things of interest:**

**Returned Items:**

- ✦ Diamond Ring: Kent Kehus
- ✦ Credit Card: Rick Gremler

**January Birthdays:**

- ✦ January 2<sup>nd</sup> LaVerne Challoner
- ✦ January 2<sup>nd</sup> Richard Szymanski
- ✦ January 14<sup>th</sup> Doug Maeder
- ✦ January 16<sup>th</sup> Scott Gremler
- ✦ January 24<sup>th</sup> Kevin Pudroski

**January Anniversaries:**

- ✦ January 17<sup>th</sup> Art and Marsha Albright

**\*\*NOTE:** If you don't see your name listed during the month of your birthday or anniversary, let me know, and I will get it logged in for the future. Thank You

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Web site <http://www.mytreasurespot.com/main/list.php?16>

Web site <http://www.ricksbucketlist.com/midstate/> This site has useful items like old newsletters, membership forms, scavenger hunt forms, hunt fliers, and some pictures and links. More to be added in the future. Rick

If you have any suggestions on club related content you would like to see on this site, e-mail me or let me know at the club. e-mail: [rgremler@charter.net](mailto:rgremler@charter.net)

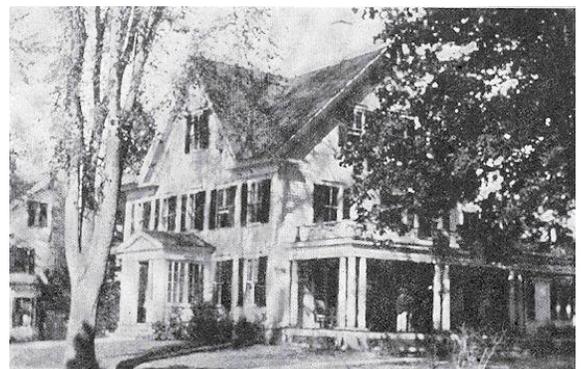
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Article: "[Something to think about on these cold nights](#)"

If your metal detecting goal is to load your goody bag with coins, jewelry and other valuable and historic items, you can start right in your own town, your own neighborhood, and maybe even in your own backyard.

Following the eight tips outlined in this article, you can increase your finds around older homes, abandoned or occupied.

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Before we get to the eight strategies for successful metal detecting at old houses, there are a few ground rules to follow before you start scouting out locations.

Most important, get permission before you start your quest for finding treasure under somebody's lush green lawn (or even if the lawn is nothing but bare dirt). Many homeowners will agree to let you hunt, but some would rather not have *anyone* digging in their yards, no matter how careful you are about not damaging their greenery.

In the spring or summer, it's probably best to pass up the well kept lawns and stick to abandoned homes or yards where the landscaping is not an issue with the owner. In all cases, of course, always do your best to leave the ground the way you found it.

To avoid any unnecessary digging, use the least invasive tool possible. Often, a simple screwdriver with a wide, flat head or a hunting-style knife will do the job. You can also use the screwdriver as a probe to help pinpoint your find before you actually dig it up, and a knife can be used to cut out a flap of sod, which can then easily be fitted back into place like a puzzle piece, with most of the root system intact. Make sure you cover up any holes and leave as little evidence as possible of your treasure hunting endeavor.

With all the preliminary caveats in place, let's look at eight simple tips for increasing your finds around old homes.

1. Look for the bulldozers. Any place you see a bulldozer demolishing an old house is a great possible metal detecting location. This is an effective strategy that gives you two distinct advantages: (1) the owner isn't worried about the lawn and (2) the bulldozer has already done part of your work by scraping away the top layers of earth and exposing the more deeply buried, older, and often more valuable, items for you to find.
2. Turn down the discrimination. If you discriminate out the foil and pull tabs, you might also eliminate gold rings. No matter how expensive or high-tech your metal detector, gold, nickel and foil are still in the same, or near the same, conductivity range.
3. Establish a search pattern. Whether in your mind or by using strings and stakes, develop a method to systematically cover the entire search area. Keep your metal detector's search coil level and close to the ground and sweep in overlapping strokes from side to side instead of erratically swinging your detector in an arc.
4. Concentrate on the clothes line. Before electric clothes dryers, everybody hung their clothes outside to dry, and nearly every home had a pair of clothesline poles in the back yard with their wash hung on lines strung between them to dry. If you can locate the old clothesline, you are almost ensured of finding coins that fell out of wet pockets.
5. Go where the occupants would have gone. Check for signs of outdoor buildings, large trees where children played, mailboxes, concrete slabs where a water pump may have once stood and evidence of water wells where people were active. Investigate the paths that would have led to these areas, focus directly around structures, and pay special attention to the areas directly under any trees that may have been around in times gone by.
6. Cover the areas immediately around and just under (if possible) any porches to find coins and jewelry that may have tumbled or rolled off the porch and fallen out of sight.
7. Check out sidewalks and walkways, being sure to use a thorough search pattern, and pay attention to the edges where the concrete, brick or rock meets the grass.
8. Dig the deeper, weaker signals. Take some extra time to check out those weak signals that many treasure hunters may ignore because they're too much trouble. Your best find may be a small gold ring or old silver coin buried several inches underground by time and the elements.

Following these simple steps, metal detecting around old homes in your area can reveal a treasure trove of coins, artifacts and jewelry.

### **Related Club Meetings:**

**Wausau Prospectors** - GPAA Chapter, Held 1st Saturday of the month, at 11am at Cedar Mall in the Communications Room. Contact Mike McKee at 715-423-4281  
Email address is [mike52@wctc.net](mailto:mike52@wctc.net)

**Titletown Treasure Seekers** – Depere, WI. Meeting first Tuesday at 6:30 PM  
Contact Mark at (920) 391-1515

### **Greenbush Chapter of GPAA**

At the Fellowship Hall at New Hope UMC at 3 PM, 2nd Saturday of the month  
W7797 Center Street Greenbush, WI  
Contact Ron Smith at (920) 207-4092 or [ausmithgold@verizon.net](mailto:ausmithgold@verizon.net)

### **Tomah Chapter of GPAA**

Held at the boys and girls club on the 3rd Saturday of the month, 11 AM  
105 W. Milwaukee, Tomah, WI [mwink12@excite.com](mailto:mwink12@excite.com) or contact Mike Flint at (608) 372-0694  
<http://huntforgems.com/gpaatomahwi/>

### **Dealers:**

#### **Deerfield Detectors:**

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#### **Ground View Detectors:**

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#### **Pro Sticker**

Steve Livernash Phone 715-325-2595 e-mail [artistic@wctc.net](mailto:artistic@wctc.net)

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### **For Sale:**

Tesoro Compadre - New in Box. Lists for \$189.95.  
Prices on the internet are \$169.00, \$165.00, or \$151.20.  
My price is \$125.00.  
This would be great as a backup or spare detector.  
Talk to Kent Kehus at the meeting for more details  
Else e-mail [pinelivn@charter.net](mailto:pinelivn@charter.net)

If you have any items you want to list for sale, please contact Rick Gremler  
at e-mail: [rgremler@charter.net](mailto:rgremler@charter.net)

Please type up a description, price and your contact information.

## Coming Events

**Klondike Days:** February 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, Eagle River, WI

**2010 Gold and Treasure Show:** March 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

**14th Annual Midstate Metal Detecting Club Hunt:** July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, (Hunt fliers coming soon)

**Wisconsin Gold Rush Days:** August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Central Wis. Fairgrounds, Marshfield, WI.

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