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Editorial Corner:

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Why Should I Join or Start a Metal Detecting Club?

By: Lee Wiese

You may be recently retired and looking for a new hobby or you may be a long time detectorist. In either case you may want to consider joining a metal detecting club. Metal detecting is a hobby that can be enjoyed without being involved with other detectorist, however, much can be gained by being an active part of the detecting community. The new hobbyist may want to learn about the hobby while the long time detectorist can bring his detecting skill and knowledge to a club.

What are the reasons for joining or starting a club?

1) Meet Other Detectorist. Getting involved with a club provides the opportunity to meet others in the hobby. A club represents a place where one can develop new relationships and enjoy fellowship. people that have a common interest which is metal detecting.

2) Learn the Necessary Skills. If you are a newbie, joining a club can provide many opportunities to develop your metal detecting skill. Most clubs have training programs on how to pin point, recover targets and the proper methods and equipment to use for detecting different terrains. You may also be able to learn the skills needed to detect different types of targets such as: relics, gold, coins, jewelry, and how to detect fresh and salt water beaches.

If you are an old timer at detecting but have never joined a club, your contribution to the club could be in transferring your skill and knowledge to others. This can be done by providing talks on different aspects of metal detecting. There can be a great sense of self-satisfaction in helping others achieve their goals by sharing one's knowledge.

3) Learn the Rules, Regulations and Ethics. Most clubs have an excellent knowledge base on the rules and regulations governing metal detecting for their locality, the state and on national lands. This knowledge can be very helpful to any detectorist; thereby keeping the detectorist lawful while in the field. One will also be introduced to the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics and how it plays a part in daily detecting activities.

4) Being a Member. Clubs can be a key component of the metal detecting community by ensuring that the hobby is not made illegal in their community and that detecting remains a recreational hobby available to all who want to participate. The larger the membership, the greater the voice in promoting the hobby and the more creditability the club can generate in the community.

5) Participate in Club Meeting. Club meetings provide an opportunity once a month to get together with fellow detectorist to review finds, visit with friends, enjoy some refreshments and win some great coin prizes from the club raffle. Most all clubs have family memberships, thus the whole family can be part of the metal detecting adventure.

6) Participate in Club Activities. Activities within any club will usually be centered around the hobby. These activities take the form of competition hunts (annual and monthly). In these detecting events there will be many great prizes and large numbers of coin targets for the detectorist to find. Other activities in the club may be centered around guest speakers or a club member presenting a specific topic.

7) Community Citizenship. Many clubs are also involved in activities that are directed toward helping the community (i.e.: metal detecting camp for disabled children and supporting families in need).

- a. Clubs also support many local and national historical archaeological digs which help in defining a communities past.
- b. A club may have developed the capability to help others locate lost valuables or to help law enforcement on crime scene searches.

8) Volunteer Your Skills. Clubs provide an avenue to volunteer your skills either directly or indirectly. As a detectorist you may have strong interest in being part of the club's executive board (officer or committee volunteer chairperson). Or you may have website maintenance skills, writing skills, computer based knowledge, effective communication skill, or knowledge about other related hobbies that would be of great benefit to the club's membership.

9) Keep up to Date on Changes in the Hobby. Attending the club meeting is one way to keep abreast of the hobby. There is usually information available on new metal detector releases, new detector accessories (pin-pointers, recovery tools, headphones, etc) . Club meetings are also the catalyst for learning about other club events in the surrounding area and other states. The rules and regulation governing the hobby are constantly changing and being part of club will provide information on the latest challenges for the hobby.

10) Have Fun. Finally, joining a club, participating in their events, developing new relationships, being part of the club's meetings and learning more about the hobby can be a great avenue for having more fun.
Club Meetings are Fun, Club Social Activities are Fun, Club Projects are Fun, Being of Service to the Club is Fun.

What to Look for in a Club. Any club under consideration should have many of the following attributes as part of their club's charter and activities. The more of these attributes that a club has the more interesting your experience will be as a member.

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| 1) Tax Exempt Status | 11) Family Involvement |
| 2) Monthly Meetings (Meeting Agenda's) | 12) Club Officers |
| 3) Guest Speakers | 13) Annual Election Process |
| 4) Newsletter | 14) Club Bylaws |
| 5) Website | 15) Lost Items and Recovery Team |
| 6) Annual Competition Hunt | 16) Member Recognition |
| 7) Monthly or Quarterly Hunts | 17) Club Member Reports |
| 8) Training Programs | 18) Club Outings and Special Events |
| 9) Finds Show and Tell | 19) Community Involvement Liaisons or Projects |
| 10) Monthly Coin Raffles | 20) A Large Club Member Volunteer Staff |

In Summary. Metal detecting is an adventure each time you go into the field. Being with others that are experts can make your detecting adventure even more rewarding not just for the finds but also with the enhanced fellowship and bonding. Metal detecting is a very exciting hobby and the next target may be the find of a life time.

This area of newsletter is for editorial thoughts from club members, you can e-mail or snail mail your editorial thoughts to: rgremier@charter.net or the return address on this newsletter. Thank you

Next Meeting January 18th, 2012 – 7:00PM at Shooter's

Midstate Metal Detector Club is an informal club and guests are always welcome to the meetings.

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

The club would like to thank Shooter's for the free use of their facility for are meetings. Everyone attending the meetings are asked to purchase at a minimum, a beverage, this can be a soda, coffee, or drink from the bar. They have a buffet and a full menu for every taste and budget! (Remember to tip the waitress and bar maids)

Club Website: <http://midstatemdc.com/>

Business this month: Membership Dues must be paid!!!

1). DUES need to be paid: 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 29 or you will be deleted from the club roster.

Send to: Larry Stamp

N11250 Hwy 73

Greenwood, WI 54437

2). Returned Items Drawing this meeting:

1st Place: 1 year membership, 2nd Place: Silver half dollar.

Minutes of the Midstate Metal Detector Club

Date: December 21st, 2011. Christmas Party - No Meeting

1. Party started at 6:00pm.
2. There were 24 members, 0 guest, 0 new member: "Everyone, Welcome".

Donations to Last Month's Raffle: ?

Door Prize Drawing: none

Membership Drawing: none next month will be \$40.00

Attendance Drawing: none

Food Donation Drawing: none

50/50 Drawing: none

Thank You's: none

Returned Items for 2011:

Steve Miller - 3 class rings (using Facebook, this is a very good way to find people)

Ann Challoner - machinery parts

Laverne Challoner - machinery parts

Rick Gremler - Mans wedding band

Rick Gremler - Found a stamped envelope on ground while detecting and put in mail box to return.

New Business: none

Old Business:

1. 1. Doug Maeder brought up possibly helping newbie's with settings on their detectors at the end of the meetings. Newbie's bring your detectors to the meetings and time permitting ask a dealer or member for help with your settings.
2. Kent Kehus and Steve Miller talked about having a spring hunt and planning something different for the outing, more on this at a later date.
3. Larry Vanderhoef brought up that the big green banner should be put up in hunt field near road to inform people passing by of what's happening the week end of the hunt, all agree.
4. The club discussed what items should be purchased for hunt next year:
 - a) Larger score board for State Competition and add Pro Division.
 - b) Screw in anchors and bungee cords for all 4 canopies 16 total.
 - c) First Aid Kit to put in trailer. "Done will get just before hunt"
 - d) New water cups for watering stations. "Done will get just before hunt"

Finds of the Month

Oldest Coins of the Month:

- ☀ Penny: none
- ☀ Nickel: none
- ☀ Dime: none
- ☀ Quarter: none
- ☀ Half Dollar: none
- ☀ Dollar: none
- ☀ Foreign: none
- ☀ Misc.: none

Best Finds of the Month:

- ☀ Gold Jewelry: none
- ☀ Other Jewelry: none
- ☀ Gold Ring: none
- ☀ Other Ring: none
- ☀ Most Unusual: none
- ☀ Token: none
- ☀ Non-Detectable: none
- ☀ What is it?? none

Bring in an item you found and don't know what it is, and maybe someone at the meeting will know??

Things of interest:

January Birthdays

- ☀ 2nd Laverne Challoner
- ☀ 2nd Richard Szymanski
- ☀ 14th Doug Maeder
- ☀ 16th Scott Gremler
- ☀ 24th Kevin Pudroski
- ☀ 24th Robert Tomaszewski

January Anniversary

- ☀ 17th Art & Marcia Albright

****NOTE:** If you don't see your name listed during the month of your birthday or anniversary, let Rick Gremler know, and he will get it logged in for the future newsletters.

Midstate Club Officers and Volunteers:

President	Larry Vanderhoef	715-366-2453
Vice President	Perry Paegelow	715-572-1845
Secretary	Sharon O'Connor	715-343-8284
Treasurer	Larry Stamp	715-267-6744
Trustee	Larry O'Connor	715-343-8284
Trustee	Kent Kehus	715-325-1727
Huntmaster	Steve Miller	715-572-1845
Newsletter Editor	Rick Gremler	715-675-7909
Website Editor	Rick Gremler	E/mail rgremler@charter.net

Club Forum <http://www.mytreasurespot.com/main/list.php?16>

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

Related Club Meetings:

Three Seasons Treasure Hunters LLC:

Meeting first Thursday at 7:00pm at the Ojibwa Golf and Bowl 8140 136th St. Chippewa Falls, WI
Contact Kenneth W Briggs 1010 Front St. Chippewa Falls, WI. 54729 - Phone 715-577-0235
Web: <http://www.threeseasonstreasurehunters.com/>

Titletown Treasure Seekers

Depere, WI. Meeting first Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Contact Mark at (920) 391-1515 Email: dukesgold@new.rr.com
Website: <http://www.zrocketman.com/TT/tthome.htm>

Four Lakes Metal Detecting Club

Meeting 4th Wednesday of each month at the Traux-Longmire VFW Club, 5737 County Road CV, north of the Dane Co. Regional Airport, at 7pm.
Contact Email: jorgyj@sbcglobal.net Website: <http://www.flmdc.com/>

Wausau Prospectors

GPAA Chapter, Held 1st Saturday of the month, at 11am at Cedar Mall in the Communications Room. Contact Kurt Bublitz at 715-340-2831
Email address is lizzy101@charter.net Web: <http://wausauprospectors.com/>

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 Web: www.greenbushgpaa.com/

Tomah Chapter of GPAA

Held at Town of LaGrange Town Hall at 1 PM, 3rd Saturday of the month, 22731 Flint Ave, Tomah, WI. Location: Hwy 21, 1.8 miles west of Hwy 12 intersection, Tomah, WI.
Contact Mike Fait at E-mail mgfait@charter.net or Phone 715-384-9265

Upcoming Events

- 🚩 **July 28th-29th, 2012 - Midstate Metal Detector Club**
16th Annual Midstate Metal Detector Club Hunt
Hunt Flier and contact information will be posted asap.

Web Links:

This website has a lot of useful information for beginners to expert metal detectorist.

Metal Detecting Hobby Talk "MDHTALK" Website: - <http://www.mdhtalk.org/index.html>

I also put this link on the Midstate Club website and the MDHTALK November News Brief newsletter which mentions Midstate Metal Detecting Club in it.

There is also a link to an interesting article about club organizational structure, it's called Club Volunteer Organizations by Lee Wiese, this may be helpful to our club.

Please check this out at the your clubs website at <http://midstatemdc.com/>.

Another good website is WWATS.ORG (World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers) this site has a lot of information about the legal aspects of metal detecting and gold prospecting and some very interesting articles about our hobby.

Here is another great website designed for the metal detecting hobby with a lot of interesting articles from a person you may recognize. Dick Stout <http://www.stoutstandards.com/>

Check out these websites and tell others about them. Thanks, Rick

Dealers:

Deerfield Detectors:

Steve Miller, Cell 715-572-1845, E-mail stmill@uniontel.net
Web site: <https://deerfelddetectors.com/>

Doug's Treasure Den:

Doug Maeder, Phone 715-423-2287, E-mail thers@wctc.net

Ground View Detectors:

Kevin Clark, Phone 715-659-5592, E-mail groundview@verizon.net

Pro Sticker

Steve Livernash, Phone 715-325-2595, E-mail artistic@wctc.net

Token Collector / Buyer

Gary Kruesel, Phone 1-507-282-0147, E-mail Kruesel@us.ibm.com

For Sale:

Minelab Safari new in the box.

I won this at the Cedar Valley Hunt in Hampton ILL, June of 2011.

MSRP \$1195.00 Dealers are getting \$999.00. Asking \$850.00. I will pay the shipping. Continental USA only.

Richard Hamann Phone 715 223-4139

For Sale:

Large Civil War Brass Oval US Cartridge Box Plate.

In very good shape: \$150.00 obo

Will consider trade.

Phone: 920-229-8319 Kevin Boeck

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