



# TREASURED TIMES

MIDSTATE METAL DETECTOR CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## **PRESIDENTS CORNER:**

Cold weather is coming and it's time to start thinking about getting your metal detecting gear cleaned up and ready for next year. First of all, if you don't have time to do this the least you should do is remove the batteries and dispose of properly (preferably at a recycling center), there is nothing worse than to find out in spring that your batteries died and the acid inside of them leaked in to your detector destroying it. Also after cleaning the whole detector, inspect it from top to bottom for any worn or damaged parts. Now would be a good time to send your detector in for any repairs or upgrades it may need, that way you will get it back in plenty time for next year's season. The long cold winter days/nights are a good time to do research on places you thought of this year and maybe find some new places to hunt in 2011, there are a lot of books on places to detect and if you have internet you can do a lot of your research online and even find maps and aerial photos. So don't think the detecting season is over, your club President Larry Vanderhoef.

## **Next Meeting November 17th, 2010 – 7:00PM**

**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.

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

### **Business this month:**

1. Talk about Christmas party and explain to new members the agenda:

- a) Short meeting
- b) Meal
- c) Game played / gifts
- d) Socializing

2. Update from Doug and Betty on meeting with owner of Deer Trail Park Campground and 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunt status.

**November Raffle Items:** Great coins and proof sets, household items, men things, and much more!

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

**Date:** October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
2. There were 27 members, 0 guest and 1 new member - Perry Paegelow - "Welcome Perry".
3. Minutes from last meeting were read and approved.
4. Treasurers' report was read and approved.

**Donations to Raffle:** Marsha Albright, Ann Stamp, and Peggy Gremler

**Door prize Drawing:** Steve Livernash - Mercury Dime

**Membership Drawing:** Jerome Steffes , not at meeting so next meeting will be \$20.00

**Attendance Drawing:** John Reynolds didn't have name tag on or club shirt so no prize awarded.  
( This is a random drawing to encourage members to wear name tags or club shirts to meetings)

**Food Drive Drawing:** Marsha Albright - 1939 Walker half dollar

(You receive 1 ticket for every non-perishable food item that you bring in at the club meeting)

**Thank you's:** None

**First Finds:** none

**Returned Items:**

Larry Stamp - Leatherman tool

Dean Wisniewski - wallet

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Rick Gremler - Wedding Ring

**Old Business:** Discuss Christmas Party at November meeting.  
Update information about 2011 Annual Hunt and campground.

**New Business:**

Larry Vanderhoef brought up an idea about joining the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation which could help in the way of support to our club in legislation and lobbying. A motion was made and seconded that the members of our club join and was approved by a show of hands.

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation website: <http://www.wiwf.org/join/JoinWWF.php>

New member and club information sheets. (on web site: <http://midstatemdc.com/> )

**Finds of the Month:**

- |                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) PENNY       | 1885 Rick Gremler               |
| 2) NICKEL      | 1890 Rick Gremler               |
| 3) DIME        | 1917 Rick Gremler               |
| 4) QUARTER     | 1894 Rick Gremler               |
| 5) HALF DOLLAR | None                            |
| 6) DOLLAR      | None                            |
| 7) FOREIGN     | 1910 Canadian dime Rick Gremler |
| 8) Misc. Coin  | none                            |

**Best Finds of the Month:**

- |                   |                                    |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1) Jewelry Gold   | Rick Gremler                       |
| 2) Jewelry Other  | none                               |
| 3) Ring Gold      | Rick Gremler                       |
| 4) Ring Other     | Rick Gremler - Silver Ring         |
| 5) MOST UNUSUAL   | Rick Gremler - Small Tootsie car ? |
| 6) TOKEN -        | Jerry Stanczyk                     |
| 7) NON-DETECTABLE | Rick Gremler - Clay Marble         |

*Come 'on members get out there and do some metal detect 'in, and bring your finds to the meetings.*

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**Things of interest:**

**November Birthdays:**

- ☀ 23<sup>rd</sup> Frank Beda
- ☀ 27<sup>th</sup> Steve Miller
- ☀ 29<sup>th</sup> Larry Stamp

**November Anniversaries:**

- ☀ 1<sup>st</sup> Dean & Kathy Montgomery
- ☀ **\*\*NOTE:** If you don't see your name listed during the month of your birthday or anniversary, let me 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	Steve Miller	715-572-1845
Secretary	Sharon O'Connor	715-343-8284
Co- Secretary	Tammy Hanson	715-421-1894
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
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ausmithgold@verizon.net) Web: [www.greenbushgpaa.com/](http://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](mailto:mgfait@charter.net) or Phone 715-384-9265

## 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](http://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.

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

## Dealers:

### **Deerfield Detectors:**

Steve Miller, Cell 715-572-1845, E-mail [smill@uniontel.net](mailto:smill@uniontel.net)

Web site: <https://deerfelddetectors.com/>

### **Doug's Treasure Den:**

Doug Maeder, Phone 715-423-2287, E-mail [thers@wctc.net](mailto:thers@wctc.net)

### **Ground View Detectors:**

Kevin Clark, Phone 715-659-5592, E-mail [groundview@verizon.net](mailto:groundview@verizon.net)

### **Pro Sticker**

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

### **Token Collector / Buyer**

Gary Kruesel, Phone 1-507-282-0147, E-mail [Kruesel@us.ibm.com](mailto:Kruesel@us.ibm.com)

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# After the House Comes Down, the Treasure Hunters Come Knocking

By Patrick Michels, Dallas Observer, Mar. 3, 2010

Yesterday, we had planned to offer a sort of follow-up on the still-occupied house demolished on city's orders at Greenville Avenue and Vickery Boulevard in late January. Of course, Wednesday had much bigger news in store for that stretch of Lower Greenville. But over the weekend what caught our eye was the pair of guys strolling across the empty lot with headphones and metal detectors, hunting for buried treasure.

The two, Dave Totzke and Floyd Caldwell, are part of a group of hobbyists around North Texas who see good weather and, instead of heading out to the lake or going for a drive, daydream about waving a wand over a dirt patch and digging up coins.

In a coastal town, they might have been Jimmy Buffett-looking beach-combers in flip flops, but in North Texas they look to fresh demolition sites for unexplored dirt -- a pack of stubborn optimists drawn into the wake of destruction.

Notwithstanding the rough times that have befallen that Greenville Avenue block, Totzke says that since the economy tanked, it's been tougher to find good treasure-hunting spots around Dallas. Fewer lots are being cleared out for new construction.

"This lot here on Greenville, everybody'll hit this," Totzke told us Saturday. In fact, after recounting his take from the day so far, he guessed that maybe everyone already had.

"Two wheatie pennies," he said, were about the only notable old relics he'd found by mid-afternoon. "In Dallas, 'old' is relative because it's just not that old of a city. We're still lucky to find an 1800 coin."

With his son asleep in the back seat of his pickup, and three empty kitty litter buckets in the truck bed waiting for treasure, Totzke kept working the lot. Sweeping the metal detector coil just over the ground, he stopped every few steps to turn over some dirt with the trowel in his other hand.

Totzke was a kid himself when he first got into metal detecting, and after years away from the hobby, rekindled his interest about ten years ago. His best find so far?

"My wife, I'm supposed to say" -- the two met at a treasure hunters meeting -- "but otherwise, some coins and jewelry," he said. It's really not about the street value of whatever he finds, though -- it's all about the moment of discovery. "Once you find something good, you're ready to go onto the next one," Totzke said. "It's kind of an obsession."

After years listening to the sound of buried metal through his headphones, Totzke can read the dirt like a fly fisherman watching the water's surface, recognizing the familiar short beep of a coin as easily as he can pick out the long, irregular signature of a twisted soda can.

Caldwell recalled searching through a dump and finding a stash of World War II-era carnival toys, discarded en masse from the State Fair of Texas because they were marked "Made in Japan."

Like other treasure hunters, Caldwell and Totzke said they both keep their best finds on display around the house, and bring their newest finds in for meetings of local clubs like the Irving-based [Lone Star Treasure Hunter's Club](#), but the biggest day of the year for grown-up show-and-tell is March 13, when the annual [Texas Treasure Show](#) opens in Longview.

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