



# TREASURE HUNTER'S GAZETTE

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Treasure Hunters treasure enjoy the History they find. Treasures are buried inches beneath our feet. It hides under fence posts, & behind bricks, nestled among the weeds of abandoned churches, schools, dormant Civil War training grounds and in the sand at the beach.

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## Notice!

For Treasure Hunter's Gazette readers, Professional Treasure Hunters, Best O' New England & North East Metal Detecting Forum members & guests.

BONE 16 events in 2009, made \$250 in profits for St Jude Children's Research Hospital. With additional donations from friends, members & the PTHHS, our 2009 donation is now over \$500.

There were prizes left over from the BONE 16 events & we will use some for prizes at the St Jude cookout & the rest will be use at BONE 17 April 23, 24 & 25th, 2010

### ALL INVITED

**St. Jude Hospital Fund cookout & metal detector hunts on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 12, 2009 @ Post 24 Legion, Rte 101, Marlborough, NH**

NOTE!! Must have 25 register before Oct. 1, 2009, for the event to be a go.

There is a cover charges for hunts & the cookout is free for members & guests. \$25 donation cover charge for both hunts for members & if not a member, the hunts are \$20 each. Profits benefit our St Jude Hospital Fund.

### Schedule

**10:am to 2:pm** Minelab & Garrett metal detector booths & maybe some workshops in Legion Hall

**Each hunt is limited to just 25 hunters, so register early**

**10:am - 11am**, 1st Treasure Hunt. All metal detector hunters must wear headphones, use a spreadsheet to put dirt on, and fill in all holes neatly.

**Noon!** Cookout is hot dogs & hamburgers, chips & cold soda. Salads, hot or cold dishes & desserts donations appreciated.

**2:pm to 3:pm**, 2nd Treasure Hunt. One hunters per metal detector, & all hunters must wear headphones, use a spreadsheet to put dirt on, and fill in all holes neatly.

The Treasure Hunter's St Jude Hospital Fund Cookout, & planted hunt's profits to benefit the PTHHS St Jude Children's Research Hospital Fund

Any questions or to volunteer to help, contact George Streeter 603/876-4443, email [gstreeter@ne.rr.com](mailto:gstreeter@ne.rr.com) or write care of 307 Main St., Marlborough, NH 03455

Brian Thomas, Peterborough, NH will be hunt master & he will need help.

### Volunteers needed

to help bury coin & tokens for hunt, to do 3 workshops in Legion Help with the Minelab & Garrett booths. help for the gold panning & Best Finds Contest .

## Discover Cultural Treasures On Both Coasts

(NAPSI)-This May, it's easier than ever to enjoy our country's cherished masterpieces during "National Museum Month" thanks to Bank of America's Museums on Us™ program.

For the first time in the program's 10-year history, Museums on Us will be available on the West Coast in addition to nine participating states in the Northeast. Now, 86 museums from coast to coast, such as the world-famous Museum of Modern Art in New York and San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, will open their doors free of charge for Bank of America and MBNA cardholders. Participating institutions will provide free admission for two to all holders of Bank of America ATM, check or credit cards or MBNA credit cards.

Sixty-one cultural institutions in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island are participating in Museums on Us. In California, 25 institutions in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange County and Inland Empire are participating.

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## Tips From Florida

by Jim Warnke

For several years, when talking to people about my hobby, I have always called myself a detectorist rather than the term "Treasure Hunter." Why? because just as soon as folks hear the words treasure hunter they almost always automatically think of you as a dreamer, as being anti-archaeology, as a sunken ship plunderer, as a park hole digger, or some kind of a nut. They just don't understand us. Also, for years I have been trying to get the archaeologist and government officials to let us cooperate with them by recovering artifacts for the museums, etc. And I always ran into a stone wall. Others have been more lucky in some states and the prime example is the use of detectorists at the Custer Battlefield site. So far as Florida is concerned, there has been no recorded instance of any treasure ever being found by the college boys. All of the gold and silver in the state museums has been found by detectorists!

In November, 1998 there was an article on the *Associated Press* headlined, "World's Courts Wrestle Question of Who Owns Gold at the Sea Bottom." The writer goes on to say that, "Who are the rightful owners of the wrecks? Who has the power to decide, particularly when the wreck lies in intentional waters far from the jurisdiction of any country?" Another article in the same month by the *New York Times* stated "Cuba Allows Search for Sunken Treasure." (guess who is going to end up with that gold!) For the past thirty years local, federal and state courts and attorneys have been trying to get treasure away from those who found it. Just look at all of the terrible trouble Mel Fisher went through for years before he could keep any of the treasure from the *Atocha*. And the list goes on and on and on. Every state has different laws regarding treasure and especially the use of metal detectors. And those laws seem to change almost daily like the recent battle over the use of detectors in the parks of New York. All of these laws, rules and regulations have driven some hunters to "boot leg" sites without permission and that hurts all of us when they get caught. There are thousands of detectorists out there who are helping the police, returning valuables to the owners, etc., but just one instance of breaking a law is the one that gets the publicity to the detriments of all of honest hunters. It makes me sick sometimes!

The best advice for any of us who happen to find real treasure was given by the late Karl von Mueller (Dean Miller) in his famous treasure hunting manuals, KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT! He even advocated a special accessory for the detectorist which was a mouth gag. He also wrote, "As a general rule you can depend on at least one person attempting to claim anything you find if you tell about it."

So I never tell folks that I am a treasure hunter. I tell them I just go to beaches and try to find coins because it is interesting and I get my exercise. If someone asks me what I am finding I say, "Just a few pennies but I'm having fun!" I may have found a \$5000 ring (don't I wish!) but no one will ever know about it except perhaps my wife and I'm not too sure about her!

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## Reflections on BONE 14

By Ron Trudelle Harrisville, NH

I have been to five BONE shows in the past, but this is the first year I have participated in one. George had asked me last year if I would do a display table or talk and I said I was too self conscious to do either one and somehow I felt I let him down. If it wasn't for George, I probably wouldn't have started metal detecting in the first place.

Again, this year he asked me to do a seminar and display table and I hesitated but thought this one over for a few days. I agreed to do both if I could have a friend help me and of course, George agreed. I asked my good friend and hunting partner, Julio if he would help me with the talk and put some things together for a display. I never could have done it alone, thank you compadre.

From my observation, I thought the BONE show went well this year. For once, the weather was perfect all three days and all the outside hunts went as planned. Saturday morning there was a good crowd and a steady line of people filing past the booths, looking at finds and asking questions. I was amazed at the different people from all walks of life who share this passion (some call it an addiction) for the hobby of metal detecting. All around me was, as the name implies, the Best of New England in both finds and people who find the finds. The BONE shows are really unique for our area. I posted a few pictures on the different Forums I log on to and lots of people said they wish they had something like these shows in their area.

I left our display table and took a walk around to stretch my legs. Minelab and White's detectors had a display booth, I saw Detector Pro with their line of Grey Ghost headphones (my next pair...the Deep Woods model), there were two or three detector clubs, displays of some great finds from MA., CT and NH, a spokesman from WWATS, Gordon Osborne was there. This is an organization to preserve, promote and protect the hobby. There was a display on gold panning and hunting, metal detectors aren't just for coin and artifacts. I checked out the Chinese Auction and dropped some tickets in, got a hot dog from the lunch wagon and went back to the booth.

All too soon, it was time for our seminar on detecting cellar holes. We know we can walk the walk (with detectors), now it was time to talk the talk. Up to Room 22 we went and when I entered, I was a little surprised to see about 40 people waiting, that was about 30 more than I thought would show up. A public speaker I am not and I haven't spoke to that large a group since doing book reports in Middle School. Luckily, Julio took the lead and after a while, things got easier, people were asking questions and I even saw someone taking notes. I started out by saying we weren't experts by any means, but we have hunted more than a few cellar holes and were happy to pass on some of our knowledge in hunting these sometimes frustrating spots. George said the feedback was positive and we would be happy to come back next year with a little more experience under our hunting belts.

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## Hunting Backwards

By Bob Krupicka (RelicHunter Bob), Brookline, NH

It all started in March 2008. I was attending DIV IX in Culpeper, Virginia. For those not familiar, Diggin' In Virginia (DIV) is an invitational hunt dedicated to the ideals of friendship, fun and the proper recovery/identification of historical artifacts. They are held on private property under contract with the land owners. On this hunt there were about 300 of us on a 1,200 acre farm where there had been documented Civil War activity. I had been on several of these hunts over the last two years. They are three days long starting on a Friday held each year in the Spring and Fall. They start with a Thursday night pre-hunt meeting where we get to hear the rules and where we will be the next morning. There are usually several tables set up where vendors offer some metal detecting related items. At one such table this time, for display only, was this new Whites Pulse Induction (PI) machine. I had read about this rumored new machine for several months. Here it was. Big Bobby, one of White's long time distributors, had a prototype that he was going to be testing at DIV IX.

This part of Virginia has highly mineralized red soil. It makes it very tough to detect in until you become experienced detecting in it. At my first hunt, DIV VII, I was in a corn field on a 3,400 acre estate with about 250 other people. I was using my DFX in Relic mode as had been suggested by many. Hunt in all metal mode and dig every signal they had said. In my first 15 minutes I got a strong signal that was showing about 5" deep. I cut out a plug and got a signal in the plug. I broke it in half and a signal in the half I was holding. I broke it in half again. I had two soft ball size clumps of red soil. I took a guess and laid one down. Bingo, the signal was in the clump I had. I slowly took it apart not wanting to damage a potential brass button. Nothing, I scanned the crumpled dirt and nothing. However the other clump showed a signal. I repeated this process with it and then the other half. I checked the hole with my DFX and pin pointer and no more signals. A newly made friend from Pa., who had hunted here several times, explained to me that I had just had my first experience with the red mineralized soil. I went on hunting and over the three days I found my first Civil war relics. Brass finds: eagle button, kepi buckle, rifle sling buckle, J hook and rivet. Iron finds: various belt and pack buckles, watering bit for a horse, horse and mule shoes and lots farm parts and nails. Many, many nails! Also found a musket ball and several types and calibers of two and three ring mini balls.

Lunch is put out around 11:30 each day. Some grab a lunch and head out and others sit, eat and chat about the mornings hunting. It was on this first day that we started hearing how Big Bobby was doing with the TDI. He was finding tons of bullets and buttons. Many in areas others had just hunted. He would even follow a short distance behind some of his friends to show them what they had missed. At the Sunday BBQ you are encouraged to display your finds. Bobby had a large case full of brass items he had found. The most interesting fact was that after 2 1/2 days of hunting he had only dug several nails.

The rest of us were digging several nails an hour! It was at this point that I decided I wanted one of these new White's TDI's for relic hunting in the Virginia mineralized soil.

I got back to NH and contacted Streeter to find out about getting one of these new machines. George said you want a what? Seems White's hadn't officially announced the machine so their dealer weren't aware of them. George, a long time White's dealer, called one of the White's Distributors & directly placed an order for one. It was going to take a few weeks as they weren't in production yet and were being handmade.

Sooner than I thought, I got my TDI and started learning how to use it. For those not familiar with this model, it has no display. You just hear high and low tones. With the TDI you have the option of hearing both tones or just one.

My wife Wendy & I were selected for Div. X with about 350 other people. The estate, we were to hunt was about 2,000 acres. I couldn't wait to try the TDI out in Virginia. Two days into the hunt and I had only found one button, my mail target. I spoke on Saturday night with friend Doc Rodney who also had recently got a TDI. Doc is an ER doctor by trade. He is an avid relic hunter in his free time and a walking encyclopedia on the Civil War and relics. He told me of a hill that had been named button hill there were some many buttons found there. He said there was part of it that had tall grass and hadn't been hunted much. He said hunt in low conductivity mode in the grass area if you want to find buttons. I knew where the area was and headed there first thing Sunday morning. The tall grass was about waist high. Now I knew why it hadn't been really hunted. The area I was looking at was about 50 by 90 feet. How do you swing a 12" coil in heavy tall grass. The answer is you hunt backwards! It is easier to pull than push through the grass. Furthermore, as you walk backwards you are flattening out the grass. I checked out the area and there were no holes, rocks or branches to worry about tripping over. On my first pass I found an eagle button. After a few passes I had a wide enough area to do a good size swing on each subsequent pass. I ended up finding one ball and 12 eagle buttons, two brass rivets and an iron gun tool. The gun tool although only 4" deep hadn't registered in the low conductivity mode. I found it with my pin pointer while looking for a button. This was all found in the bottom half of the tall grass area. Two others were trying to hunt the rest in the traditional manner with little success. Best find was a gold gild Eagle I button.

So next time you see an area not being hunted because it is over grown, consider hunting it backwards. It worked for me.

**Note; walking backwards in weed infested fresh water lakes & ponds, mows down the weeds so you can detect better.**

### Caret Gold content

24k =.97, 22k =.89, 18k= .72,  
14k = .55, 10k = .39

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea, does that mean that 1 enjoys it?

## Hooked & hooked hard

By NH Bob, a reprint from # 144 June 2007

Lets see if we can figure this out. The first time you walk into Streeters shop to look around you were automatically overwhelmed with all the metal detectors and accessories hanging on the walls. You gather yourself together and look up and there sit's the dealer with a smirk on his face, cause he knows full well you don't know squat and he wants to start all over for the Millionth, explaining the how's and whys on the hobby. Then try to put you into a detector that will make you happy. In other words, you both are on even ground.

Once the ice is broken, the conversation gets easier for everyone involved and the (Hook is tied to the line). As things progress and the Dealer has made the match, you can't wait to try your new toy.

You take it home and show it to your better half and she shows no particular interest. Other than uttering a few words barely audible under her breath. Something to the affect of, "Don't let that thing get in the way of family matters" Of course we never really can remember exactly what those words were.

You finally get a chance to give that new toy a try. So you take it in the back yard. (Hook is

now baited) You turn it on and do what the Dealer said and try it in the preset coin mode. You start swinging the coil like the Book said, in a nice level easy swing and all Hell breaks loose. "What in Sam Hill is all that noise??" Maybe I made a mistake. Maybe I should never have tried this thing. OMG I'll never figure this out. Just then a sweet tone and you look down and it says Dime. (Baited Hook is now dangling in the general area) You dig a hole that you could bury your cat in and out pops a Rosie Dime. (Hook is now very close to the lip area) You turn toward the house to show your better half what you found you look up and she is walking toward you. The look on her face could stop a Train. Before you can show her the Dime she asks you what in Hell are you doing to the lawn? (Bait is now falling off the Hook)

Saturday finally comes and you have the entire morning to do what ever you want. You grab your new toy and head out the door. (Hook is now freshly baited) You head to a section of town far enough away from home that the wife is not going to interrupt you. You turn on the new toy and start the hunt that you've been reading all about for a week now. About a half hour into the hunt you start wondering all over again if you made a mistake when all of a sudden that nice sweet tone comes ringing through. (Baited Hook is now very close to the lip area again). You dig down and you can't find the target. You run the detector over the hole and it's still there. You start getting excited and dig some more. (Hook is touching the lip) Finally you see something shiny. OMG it's a Walker Half YAAA BABY !!!

Wait till the old lady sees this. Oh Man it's Beautiful. What a great Machine this is.

HOOK IS NOW SET. SET & SET HARD. DON'T YA JUST LOVE IT?

## Pet Tip Rental Homes & Pets;

How many more millions of dogs and cats would have homes if more rental properties allowed them? The fact is, about half of all renters have pets. Landlords can have fewer vacancies if they allow furry tenants. To encourage pet-friendly landlords, the Humane Society of the United States has launched www.rentwithpets.org. Landlords can use the Web site to find sample leases and pet policies, as well as tips on identifying responsible pet owners. For pet owners, the Humane Society suggests developing a "pet resume," complete with references from a former landlord and your veterinarian.

## Reflections on BONE 14

By Ron Trudelle Harrisville, NH

After the talk, there was only two hours left of the show and it seemed like the day went way too fast. There was still a good amount of people coming in, looking, buying tickets and hanging around for the Chinese Auction. At 3 PM, the winners of the auction were announced, starting at the end of a long line of tables and ending with four donated detectors, one of which I was lucky enough to win.

Sunday was the silver hunt, which I entered a few years ago. It was nice pulling up silver after silver on this hallowed ground. If only it could be that easy all the time.

As most of you know, the BONE shows benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. The kids there don't have it easy. Chemo, radiation and experimental drugs are part of their daily regime. As with most hospitals, some people can't afford to pay, some people don't have insurance so St. Jude relies on donations to help defray the cost of running this amazing hospital. I sure hope these BONE shows continue, if only for that aspect. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes, more than I know about. These shows couldn't go on without the dedication of George Streeter, Barbara and Bill Barker, Jean Wrisley (sp?),

Bob Lewis had a big hand in this year's show and many others helped out. I don't know some of you, but you know who you are.

You know, the sad part is that most of the general public doesn't know what goes on at these shows and in the many detecting clubs around the country. Most people only hear about the bad things that a handful of detectorists do. They don't hear about the lost rings that are returned, the items donated to Historical Societies and the money donated to charities. They don't know or care that most of us are interested in the history of things we find, not just the face value. This hobby really does have a good group of people and it should continue for years to come.

Thank you, George, for asking me to be a part of BONE this year. Ron Trudelle, Harrisville, NH

## Jobs For People Hardest Hit By The Economy

(NAPSI)-According to the Department of Labor, the unemployment rate of people with disabilities is 14.3 percent-compared with 9.5 percent for people without disabilities. Fortunately, with the help of employment tools, people with disabilities are increasingly able to join the workforce.

Kessler Foundation offers the following tips for people with disabilities and their families:

- Informational interviewing. Arrange to visit someone in a job in which you are interested at his or her workplace. You can learn about the day-to-day tasks, opportunities for advancement and the training or education required. While there, you may also hear about possible job openings.

- Unpaid internships. Accept an unpaid internship as a way of demonstrating skills, gaining experience and potentially receiving a job offer.

- Local organizations. Each state has an office that handles vocational rehabilitation. These offices work to help people with disabilities find employment and provide access to training, career development and assistive technology.
- The Internet. Certain Web sites specialize in employment for people with disabilities, such as [www.accessibleemployment.org](http://www.accessibleemployment.org), a national job board that was created through a Kessler Foundation grant.

In addition, Kessler's "Transition to Work" initiative has awarded more than \$12 million in grants to promote employment opportunities to programs that train, locate jobs for and provide other employment services to people with disabilities.

To learn more, call (973) 324- 8362 or visit the Web site at [www.kesslerfoundation.org](http://www.kesslerfoundation.org).

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## Preserving our Hobby

We should all set good examples by leaving an area cleaner than it was before we got there...Never hunt posted land without permission...Be as neat as possible when digging in Parks and lawns...And always fill your holes etc...., that's just to name a few ... We all know what's right and wrong

## Eagle Times

For 12 years the Eagle Times in Claremont, NH printed the Gazette. However they went out of business in July. Getting this issue #148, printed has been difficult. Printing will cost more & the new printers want us to use more expensive hardware.

We may increase the membership & subscription fee. Presently a 1st years membership is \$25 for a year & a renewal is \$25 for 18 months.

## North East Metal Detecting Forum

The North East Metal Detecting Forum encourage all electronic prospectors to abide by a treasure hunters Code of Ethics.

We are a forum for New England style detectorists to share all kinds of treasure hunting and prospecting information and photos. This site is brought to you by Streeter Electronics of Marlborough, NH, with support & help from the Professional Treasure Hunter's Historical Society, the Treasure Hunter's Gazette newspaper, the Best O' North East (BONE) Treasure Hunter's Weekends (held 3rd weekend in April. #17 is April 23 -25, 2010). BONE weekends in or near Keene, NH are a treasure hunting natural hunt, a treasure hunting & prospector's get together supper, a Saturday hobby show with a St Jude Children's Hospital Chinese Auction fund raiser, a Best Finds & Gold panning contest, & workshops. A Sat. night Treasure Hunter's Awards Banquet with it's Hall of Fame, & on Sun., a national metal detector hunt.

From the beginning Robert, (NH Bob) Lewis of Harrisville, NH & Forrest Manannah of Dahlonaga, GA were instrumental in making this forum a reality. NH Bob & Woody are two of the website's administrators & advisors. The success of this site, attests to the excellent job, they have been doing.

Please help us make the North East Metal Detecting Forum #1 in New England. [www.northeastmetaldetectingforum.com](http://www.northeastmetaldetectingforum.com)  
Your friend, George Streeter

Post from Jason Sevene

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### My Minelab Safari

Thanks to George,(and NH Bob), once again for the excellent advice and for selling me this awesome detector! I'm certainly not an expert and definitely have not been doing this for a very long time but this is without a doubt the BEST detector that I've ever used! Just found another large cent,(1802 draped bust, on edge at 11") ,this makes # 5 for me in a very short time. It was kind of an intermittent signal in a trashy area but the +38 kept popping up which has been consistent for me as a quarter/large cent/silver half signal. The pistol probe works great as well. Love the depth, ease of use and quality of this Safari!. Feels like a tank in my hands! Just stopped in yesterday and picked up the FBS 800 coil from the shop as I think this will be a bit better in the old cellar holes than the stock 11" DD coil. I conducted an air test and the #s appear to be the same as the stock coil. Not sure how anybody can go wrong with purchasing one of these if they want to have a high quality/general purpose land detector. I'm definitely a VERY satisfied customer! If there are any doubts about this new unit from Minelab. I can certainly put them to rest! Jason Sevene, Swanzey, NH

Post from Bernie

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### Hampton Beach was Very Good to me

By Bernie Lewis

Left the house at 5:00 AM so we could be there for low tide. There were lots of people out swinging and nobody was allowed in the water. I talked to two guys who came out with Excals and they had some nice rings. I hit the area between the steep slope and the dark wet sand. There was a guy ahead of me who was working the same area but seaward of me. I started getting hits on clads, some of which looked a little bit like gold, but were just clad that had been there awhile. I got a great signal in a trough but couldn't find it as the

water coming off the beach kept filling in the hole. It was solid in the nickel range but would go up to the silver. Anyway, the signal finally moved from the hole off to the side and I figured that it has to be there somewhere. When I lost the signal it had to be in the scoop, and it was. This is my first and only gold coin. The reverse has a big gouge in it, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. It is going in the safe deposit box with my other good finds. Finding it probably used up all my positive detecting karma and I will dig pull tabs the rest of my life. BAM and Cindy were there and they saw my wife, but they were working south of me and I didn't see them. Hopefully they will do well this evening.

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### Metal Detecting at Cape Cod

I live about 60% of the time on Cape Cod. Towns there use the money collected at the beaches from the tourists to offset the property taxes of the residents. They are raising the Beach Fees every year to the point of absurdity. The Town Dennis is by far the worst. They charge \$20 Fri, Sat & Sun. & \$15 on weekdays. Beaches are locked down at night and guards collect fees from 8 AM to 5 pm.

I was warned in Harwich at the end of a road.....not a parking lot that I did not have a Harwich resident sticker....the roaming guard actually came out to the water to get me @ 9 AM.

The practice of gating the beaches in the evening and morning really frosts me. It is PUBLIC PROPERTY! It is just another form of MA Taxation. The Political Class will keep gouging everyone until there is an other Tax Revolt. Express your feelings to the Town Boards of Cape Cod that are milking the tourists. Tell them you won't return !

Post from NH Bob at

[www.Northeastmetaldetectingforum.com](http://www.Northeastmetaldetectingforum.com)

### Iron Masking by Thomas J. Dankowski

Let's get technical! Several years ago, I had a 'seemingly' insignificant, yet unforgettable experience with my Fisher CZ-6a metal detector. My knowledge and learning curve of the detector was virtually complete at that point in time, as I had about 200 hours of operation with the detector.

At a local school in Titusville, Florida I detected a weak, yet consistently repeatable coin signal from my detector. Before recovering the target, I thought this very deep coin signal would be a perfect opportunity to test every possible control panel set-up configuration of the detector. My learning curve was complete, finally! No adjustments to the control settings improved the signal to any greater extent. I then recovered the target. At less than 3" deep, I recovered a 1952 silver dime, face down. I was absolutely stunned on how weak the signal was. I instantly (and incorrectly) lost confidence in the detectors abilities. I placed the dime back into the 3" deep hole and passed the standard 8" coil over the silver dime. The detector nearly gave me an overload signal. That's more like it, I thought! I then put the grass plug back into the hole, covering the dime. Now the signal nearly disappeared again. Confused, I removed the grass plug and passed it over the coil. No signal. The plug was clean. Disappointed, I pocketed the dime, covered the hole and moved on. Less than one minute later, I received another identically weak signal. At 9.5" I recovered a worn 1928 mercury dime. It was less than 4 feet away from the first dime in the same type of low mineral soil conditions. Wow! What is this inconsistency?

Two years pass, never forgetting this incident.

In my feudal attempt to gain more knowledge about better detecting techniques - I discovered the answer, with startling results.

In a professional test garden, I buried a tiny staple (slightly rusted) from a standard household stapler. This nearly weightless staple could be detected to a depth of 1.5". ((It is important to understand that the United States dime has become the national test standard for testing and comparing most general purpose detectors)). Now, having the knowledge of the detector's capabilities on this small staple, I decided to bury the staple 1" deep and directly over the top of a dime that was buried at 8.5" deep. (Keep in mind that Florida soil conditions are virtually mineral-free. Other States may have slightly varying results). As expected, the detector signaled 'iron'. The dime was 'masked' from detection, due to the staple. Removing the staple (leaving the dime), the detector then signaled "coin" with a fairly strong and consistent signal, even with the coil as high as 6" above the ground. Then I re-buried the staple 3" deep, over the same dime. Here is where the startling results begin. The detector was silent! The staple was too deep to give an audio response and the dime was completely masked (hidden) because of the staple. A case of "SILENT" masking. Then I buried the staple at 4", then 5", and then 6" deep (over the dime) and achieved identical results. Moving the staple away (off-center) from the dime by 4.5" I could then pick up the dime, but the detector would read the coin as a pull-tab and only signal in one direction. Passing the coil over the staple first, the detector remained silent. (Silent masking again). Replacing the ferrous staple with a non-ferrous lead BB from a BB air-rifle also produced identical results. Even when the detector was placed in the all-metal mode, the detector would give only a very slight chatter that just sounded like ground minerals. Is this a fault of the detector? Absolutely not! My White's 6000 Di Pro and Minelab Excalibur 800 equally failed.

Here is what's happening: The electromagnetic energy from the coil punches into the ground and hits the staple producing an electromagnetic "halo" around the staple. The signal strength is dramatically reduced, and IF any energy does manage to make it down to the dime (very doubtful) - that signal must then return back to the coil - but will fail on the return path when it hits the staple "halo" again. (Metal detector coils operate under the principle of inductive coupling).

When you discriminate iron with any detector (Minelab calls it "iron mask" you have achieved nearly nothing. (Simply, there will be no audio response reported in the headphones). The detectors electromagnetic signal is still disrupted by the iron. It does not matter if you transmit one frequency, two frequencies or 17 frequencies into the ground - electromagnetic energy is electromagnetic energy, and iron will always disrupt this energy. This is not a fault of any detector, only an indication of where technology is at today. There is not a detector on the market today that can "see through" iron. And I think I could safely say that less than 20% of the coins in the schoolyards and parks have been recovered because of masking, silent masking and deep depths.

If a 8" coil can 'see' a one gallon volume of dirt and the 11" coil (not 10.5" can 'see' 7 gallons of dirt at any given time, it is a fact that you are 7 times more likely to 'mask' a object with the larger coil, especially in trashy areas. It is so easy to get into trouble with the larger coil AND NEVER KNOW IT!

A true 'Double D' coil is a leap in technology and can separate targets better than the standard concentric coils; however, there are drawbacks. An 8" Double D coil will generate a signal (hypothetically) 8" long by 1" wide giving incredible adjacent target separation. As long as there is about an inch of distance between objects laterally, a true Double D coil

will signal each target individually. Minelabs discontinued "CoinSearch" coil is a perfect example of a true Double D coil. The drawback is a decrease in overall detection depth. It is physically difficult to condense the electromagnetic energy into a narrow knife-like beam (directional field intensity) and achieve the same depth that a concentric coil attains. Still, no coil design can see through one metal object and reach the deeper target, then signal only on the deeper target. Why would the detector want to report the deeper, weaker target? When electromagnetic energy is used to locate metallic objects, masking is characteristically, an inherent flaw. This is where we stand today with our technological limitations.

To further validate these characteristics of physics for the purpose of statistical analysis, I conducted one more experiment. I was honored when ##### fulfilled my request to borrow \$5000 in equipment for a experiment. ##### allowed me to borrow a Minelab SD2200d detector and 3 coils, one of which was the huge 18" coil. I utilized this equipment extensively for 5 months.

#### Testing

At an abandoned baseball diamond, I COMPLETELY sanitized the soil of all metal objects using my Fisher detector in the all-metal mode, and from 3 different directions. A fair amount of trash and 9 nice coins were found. Now, this baseball diamond was completely sanitized by the Fisher. The Excalibur also verified this status.

Now it's time for the SD2200d to shine. Please understand that the SD is a pulse induction (PI) machine and is specifically designed for gold nugget (including tiny pinhead size) prospecting. It has extreme sensitivity and depth capabilities, however, inherent to pulse induction machines, discrimination is very poor.

After 11 days of effort and a spinal column needing traction, I recovered an ADDITIONAL 1151 items. Regaining my sanity, I feel compelled to share this knowledge. Bear in mind, this is NOT my normal hunting habits. I found 4 tiny earrings, 2 gold rings, one silver ring, 2 silver pendants, 39 coins and over 1100 pieces of trash, all within the confines of the interior of a baseball diamond! Most of the trash consisted of steel and lead shot from shotgun shells - much smaller than the BB's used in a BB gun. Boot tacks, broken pieces of staples and tiny flakes of chewing gum foil were also common.

Lessons learned; masking is unsuspectingly more prevalent than ever expected. Of the 39 additional coins recovered, most of them were well within (detectable) reach of the Fisher, but were masked. A few of the coins were deeper than the Fisher's capabilities. The SD2200d with its pulse induction will find many objects that would normally mask and silently mask other objects. By a large margin, the SD is the most powerful detector I have ever used; however, it is NOT designed for coin shooting. I strongly recommend against using this machine in an environment where discrimination is critical (most areas!).

#### A thought to ponder

Nine (9) coins were found with the CZ. Thirty-nine (39) ADDITIONAL coins were (unmasked) found with special equipment. Forty-eight (48) coins in total. Looking at the ratio a bit differently; 9 of the 48 coins were detectable by a top-line coin detector. Thirty-nine additional coins--- that's over 500% more coins,,,,, were masked! Yes, unsuspectingly, this is THE norm!

Are there remaining items (including coins) in the baseball diamond that all three detectors missed? ABSOLUTELY! Awaiting future technology!

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Post from Sea Hunter

[www.Northeastmetaldetectingforum.com](http://www.Northeastmetaldetectingforum.com)

## Returned from Guadeloupe

Gold finds in Guadeloupe are drying up, however this Streeter adventure group was very happy with what we found. This time, we did poorly and only found 241.7 grams of gold worth \$5,440.

### 18k gold found

Billy Mitchell 79.8 grams & 35 pieces scrap value of \$1,796.00

George Streeter 49.8 grams & 18 pieces scrap value of \$1,121.00

Charlie Anderson 38.1 grams & 15 pieces scrap value of \$857.53

Chad Novacek 37.4 grams & 18 pieces scrap value of \$841.77

Don Foster 36.6 grams & 10 pieces scrap value of \$823.76

Post from Don Tyler

[www.Northeastmetaldetectingforum.com](http://www.Northeastmetaldetectingforum.com)

## Mexico

### HI From CoCo (Don Tyler),

I just got back Sat from Mexico. NO I DID NOT GET SICK!!!!

But first and foremost I heard everyone had a great time at the BONE show. Plus some of you won some nice prizes. I would like to thank Boston Bob for helping out due to my absents. I have followed Boston Bob over the years with his other treasure hunters on the web and they always posted interesting finds.

I traveled with my Wife to Mexico for a week. She stayed at the pool most of the time while I searched the water for some goodies.

It seemed that the resort that we stayed at had been hit pretty hard by other hunters due to the fact there was nothing on the surface plus the places have had less tourist over the past few months. But I stuck to the way I hunt slow and steady but adjusting my sensitivity and threshold till I got the greatest depth on my Excal. I seems I never have a perfect spot to set the Excal, I due it buy the conditions I am in. But that's just me, what ever it takes to find gold is the setting I use Plus I used an Aquasearch pulse machine. Its A custom made pulse machine made in England. I had to work for the gold but did find 7 gold rings, two of the rings had diamonds the rest were 10k 14 k 18 k plus an arrow head pendant 18k plus a titanium ring with 18k plus a number of silver rings. most of the finds were very deep. but I needed the work out. Having trouble putting pictures in I will ask George if he can attach pictures or my finds. Hope to see some of you on the beach sometime CoCo

## Tips for Traveling Abroad

### If traveling abroad here are 10 tips to make your trip easier:

Make sure you have a signed, valid passport and visas, if required. Also, before you go, fill in the emergency information page of your passport!

Read the Consular Information Sheets (and Public Announcements or Travel Warnings, if applicable) for the countries you plan to visit.

Familiarize yourself with local laws and customs of the countries to which you are traveling. Remember, the U.S. Constitution does not follow you! While in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws.

Make 2 copies of your passport identification page. This will facilitate replacement if your passport is lost or stolen. Leave one copy at home with friends or relatives. Carry the other with you in a separate place from your

passport.

Leave a copy of your itinerary with family or friends at home so that you can be contacted in case of an emergency.

Do not leave your luggage unattended in public areas. Do not accept packages from strangers.

Prior to your departure, you should register with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate through the State Department's [travel registration website](http://travelregistration.gov). Registration will make your presence and whereabouts known in case it is necessary to contact you in an emergency. In accordance with the Privacy Act, information on your welfare and whereabouts may not be released without your express authorization. Remember to leave a detailed itinerary and the numbers or copies of your passport or other citizenship documents with a friend or relative in the United States.

To avoid being a target of crime, try not to wear conspicuous clothing and expensive jewelry and do not carry excessive amounts of money or unnecessary credit cards.

In order to avoid violating local laws, deal only with authorized agents when you exchange money or purchase art or antiques.

If you get into trouble, contact the nearest U.S. embassy.

## Island Tips

### Waterproof Your Gear

Balmy island breezes can carry moisture into every crack and crevice. To keep sensitive gear such as **cameras or portable stereos** dry and rust free, wrap two tablespoons of **uncooked rice** with cheesecloth. Place the rice wrap in plastic bags and use those bags to store your moisture sensitive items

### Aloe Aids

Plagued by bug bites and over-burned shoulders? On many warm climate islands there is a profusion of **Aloe Vera** Plants. This cactus like plant offers a host of medicinal cures. Cut a leaf open and use the gel for **cuts, burns, and skin irritation**. Many Caribbean islanders even mix the gel with juice for upset stomachs.

### Better Sunscreen

Don't just count on sunscreen to protect your skin. Use **antioxidants** such as vitamins A, C, and E to help prevent skin damage. Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables if tanning.

### Road Rules

Driving in the islands can be an unsettling experience if you do not know the rules. For example, in the U S Virgin Islands you **drive on the left** side of the road. To remind you, tape a hand-drawn **arrow** on the dashboard pointing left.

## Flying Security Tips

"While traveling, I always leave my television set on in the motel room, from the time I arrive until the time I check out, except while I am sleeping. This way, it sounds like someone is in the room watching television. I also have noticed that people have started using timers on television sets to turn them on and off. Some televisions will not turn themselves back on once the electricity has been disconnected and then reappplied."

"1. Pack your laptop so you can easily remove it and send it through the X-ray machine in its own plastic tray. Don't forget to label your laptop computer. These are one of the most frequently forgotten items at screening checkpoints.

2. Store all undeveloped film and cameras containing film in your carry-on baggage. Ask for a hand inspection if you want to ensure that your film is not damaged by the X-ray machine.

3. Avoid over-packing to prevent personal articles from spilling out of your bag if it is opened for inspection. Think carefully about the personal items you place in your carry-on baggage as screeners may have to examine its contents. Consider stowing personal

belongings in clear plastic bags to reduce the chance that a TSA screener will have to handle them.

4. If you are bringing a gift to friends or relatives, wrap it after you arrive at your destination. Otherwise, you might have to unwrap it to get through security -- even if it is in checked luggage.

5. Don't bring prohibited items, such as pocket knives, scissors or other sharp objects, with you or pack them in your carry-on luggage.

6. Avoid carrying bottles of liquid through the screening checkpoint. Plan to purchase any food items you may wish to carry onboard the aircraft after you have completed the screening process.

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8. As you head toward the security area, take a deep breath and remain calm. Check and be sure you have your boarding pass and a government-issued photo identification card ready for security personnel. Take your time unpacking and repacking your belongings -- too many people rush through this process only to find they have left their laptop, keys or wallet behind.

9. Place metal items in your carry-on bag. This includes loose change, keys, watches, mobile phones, pagers and PDAs.

10. Take off your coat (outer coat and sports coat) as you approach the security screening area -- you will need to place them in a plastic tray for safe passage through the X-ray equipment. Suit jackets and blazers do not have to be removed, unless requested by the screener.

Be prepared to remove your shoes; you'd be surprised how many shoes contain small pieces of metal. If you wear a belt with a large metal buckle, suspenders with metal clasps or metal jewelry, be aware that they could trigger the alarm and prompt a check by hand.

## Little Island = 2 Countries

Usually on a first Streeter metal detecting beach vacation trip, inexperienced water hunters do not usually find much gold. Bill Syvertsen (semi-retired & a town Selectman) found this to be true. Bill used a Tesoro Stingray II underwater metal detector until it leaked and then used a Fisher CZ-20 with a 10.5" search coil. Bill found all sorts of things and plenty of Dutch, French, & U.S. coins, but no gold. This was Bill's first beach metal detecting vacation and he soon discovered he wasn't addicted to the hobby like the others in the group.. He spent several days detecting and several days shopping in Dutch Phillipsburg and French Marigot, and he visited the famous Orient beach. At the far right of Orient Beach is a special section where clothes and bathing suits are optional. Here many men & women of all ages & sizes play, sunbathe & do everything in the nude. However, we discovered they still lost coins & jewelry in the sea.

Going on this St Martin metal detecting adventure were; electricians Dave & Marcia of Bernardston, MA, trucker, Ken Stoddard of Greenfield, MA, Ship navigator Stephane Beaudoin of Sherbrooke, Quebec, caterer Jeannie Wisley of Shelburne, MA & treasure hunter George Streeter. We found over 80 pieces of gold jewelry in the waters of the 2 St. Martin countries.

Most finds were made at Dutch side beaches and at Anse Marcells in the French sector. Note! Someone important had to be staying here when we were detecting here, because we were constantly under the surveillance of several security people. Even though the beach & ocean on all Islands belong to the people, we were not allowed to enter the sea from the resort. When leaving, we counted 5 security men keeping an eye on us. Some seem agitated & one

asked us if we could speak French? Ken said the only French word he knew "goodbye" and gave a goodbye salute. They understood, but still escorted us to our van.

Most found gold items were 14K & 18K & included heavy gold chain necklaces, bracelets ear rings, wedding bands, rings & pendants with gemstones. I found a Great Britain gold Sovereign & a 22K gold ring with an 1908, U.S. \$2 1/2 gold coin in setting, (ring weighed 22.5 grams). The group also found many pieces of silver jewelry, Dutch, French & U.S. coins.

Our villa at Green Cay Villas was top class & a bargain. I recommend Green Cay Villas to all looking for a beautiful and luxurious place to stay.

Our villa overlooked Orient Beach and a walk to beach took only 5 minutes. We stayed 2 weeks for \$3,690. This was \$37.65 each, a night. Our air conditioned Villa had 2 kitchens with all appliances, 2 large dining areas, 2 sun decks, our own private swimming pool.

Instead of renting 2 cars and separating the group, we rented an 8 passenger Van..

Even though the Dutch beaches had rougher wave action, this was where we found the most gold.

On the dutch side of the ISLAND, were CASINOS. Here we turned in our dirty money for clean money.

## Don't Be Fuelish, Save Gas Money

(NAPSI)-With gas prices soaring, drivers and their gas dollars aren't going nearly as far as they used to. However, there are a number of things you can do to help improve your car's fuel efficiency. Here are six tips to maximize your car's performance.

1. Check your tire pressure. Improperly inflated tires can greatly reduce your fuel economy, so make sure your tires are inflated to the manufacturer's recommended pressure level. The right tire pressure will provide you with a safer ride and help reduce wear on the tires.

2. Maintain your vehicle. Replacing a dirty, clogged air filter will go a long way in improving your car's fuel efficiency. According to the federal government, your car's gas mileage could improve by as much as 10 percent with a clean air filter. In addition to the fuel savings, the new filter will help protect your engine as well.

3. Clean your fuel system. Carbon and resin buildup in your car's fuel system stifles your engine's ability to breathe and reduces fuel efficiency. Flush out your fuel system, including the fuel injector, intake valve and combustion chamber, with a specialized tank additive, such as 3M Fuel System Cleaner. Have your fuel system professionally cleaned by shops that use the complete 3M Fuel Injector Cleaning System. By keeping your fuel system clean, you'll improve your vehicle's fuel economy.

4. Take it easy and slow down. Driving your car at high speed, "jackrabbit starts" and aggressive driving in traffic can greatly reduce fuel efficiency. The U.S. Department of Energy says, "As a rule of thumb, you can assume that each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.20 per gallon for gas." And every time you "hit the gas," you get closer to your next refill.

5. Remove excessive weight. Remove any unnecessary objects in your vehicle, especially heavy items. An extra 100 pounds in your vehicle could reduce fuel efficiency by as much as 2 percent. Lighten up and your mileage will go up.

6. Use your air-conditioning sparingly. Don't just run your air conditioner out of habit in the summer. If it's not too hot out, try using the fan setting alone. This will help you get more miles to the gallon.

For additional information, visit [www.3Mcarcare.com](http://www.3Mcarcare.com).

Keeping your fuel system clean will put you on the road to better gas economy.



**Coming Events  
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**September 12-13, 2009, Vista, California  
Vista Gem & Mineral Society Gem & Mineral Show.** At the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Ave, Vista, CA 92083. Hours: Sat 10am - 5pm; Sun 10am - 4pm. Free show, free parking.

13 vendors, demonstrations, country store, gem identification, food and more. Complimentary copies of ICMJ's Prospecting and Mining Journal will be available.

**Phone:** Fred (760)433-8446; Cherie (760)941-7073

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**Phone:** (208) 556-1621

**http://www.thesilversummit.com**

**Email:** [inquiries@thesilversummit.com](mailto:inquiries@thesilversummit.com)

**September 26-27, 2009, Monterey, CA  
50th Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Show** at the Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Rd., Monterey, CA 93940.

Saturday 10am to 6pm & Sunday 10am to 5pm. Admission: \$3.50/ children with an adult are FREE. **Phone:** Sky Paxton (831)262-2492. **Website:** <http://www.cvgms.org>

**Email:** [sky@familystones.net](mailto:sky@familystones.net)

**October 16-18, 2009, Olathe, Kansas  
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**Phone:** Duane (724)439-1380 or Jill (330)364-1608

**Website:** <http://www.fmdac.org>

**October 23-25, 2009, Indianapolis, Indiana  
8th Annual Indiana State Museum Fossil, Gem and Mineral Show**

at Indiana State Museum, 650 W Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. Friday & Saturday 9am to 5pm, Sunday 11am to 4pm

Admission: \$7 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors, \$4 for children.

**Phone:** Peggy Fisherkeller (317)232-7172

**Website:** <http://www.indianamuseum.org>

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**Northwest Mining Association Annual Convention & Tradeshow** at John Ascuaga's Nugget

**Website:** <http://www.nwma.org>

**Wild Ammonoosuc River,  
SWIFTWATER, NH**

This is a productive river for gold, fishing, swimming and fun. The river parallels Route 112 from the corner of Route 302. There is placer gold to be found anywhere in the first five miles of the river. The gold here comes in any size from flour to nuggets of pennyweight size. If you cannot find gold here, you are

doing something wrong. During the spring thaw this river carries the run off from a wide area of the western range of the White Mountains and it runs very wild. Water levels can be ten feet above the summer levels. This means mosing is good far from the summer water levels. The river offers many curves and bedrock ledges as well as boulders to trap gold. The gorge called Little Eddy is full of obstructions. The waterfall area by the bridge is not a good spot to work.

Tools needed will depend on your plans, the river has so many panning environments. Hardpan clay is under the gravel in many places, with gold sitting on the hardpan. Try digging in the water to hardpan and after panning it off I using diving goggles to examine the bottom for gold. Some areas are in the White Mountains Park and restrictions apply to prospecting. Hand tools are allowed at this time. Other areas are near private homes where permission is needed.

**Note ! In New Hampshire, Permission is needed from land owner & a permit from the State is required for dredging, however a permit is not needed to sluice or pan.**

**HISTORY OF GOLD  
IN NEW ENGLAND**

New England has no mother lode similar to California. Rather, the gold in New England is found associated with quartz intrusions into country rock, often with the sulfide minerals of pyrite, chalcopyrite and galena. The gold was moved to the surface when metal bearing silica intrusions were forced up and into existing country rock. The material cooled into quartz, pyrite and other minerals. Much of the gold, with its lower melting point, was driven out of the cooling material into the nearby country rock. Recovery of the gold required the removal and processing of the quartz vein and country rock to a depth of several feet from the vein. Specimens of gold in quartz are very rare from New England but there are several specimens in museum and private collections. Another source of gold in the streams is from glacial deposits.

The mining was done by blasting with strong explosives which caused the loss of much of the flour and fine gold. Some of the gold that we find in streams today has worked its way into the streams from those operations. Mercury amalgamation was used in the early days to recover fine gold. Amalgamation occurs when the gold and mercury are mixed physically but not chemically. Gold will adhere and mix with mercury to form a milky white blob of paste called amalgam. The two metals attract each other and mercury will "catch" any clean gold that touches it. The gold was separated out of the amalgam with heat. Mercury vaporizes to a deadly gas at 605 degrees and gold melts at 1954 degrees F. Vaporizing the mercury leaves a spongy mass of gold that can be melted into an ingot. Mercury rejects gold that is not clean. Much fine gold released by blasting has bits of pyrite and other minerals attached, as well as soil.

These rejected pieces are also finding their way into streams, where the adhering material gets broken off by stream action.

I have recovered gold with pyrite attached and gold coated with mercury in the Wild Ammonoosuc River in New Hampshire. The mercury is a real danger to the ecology and finding it in our New England streams is upsetting. Anyone using mercury in a stream today is in violation of federal and state environmental protection laws. They are also risking their lives by exposure to mercury vapors.

The history of placer gold mining in New England goes back only to the early Nineteenth Century. In 1826 a 6.5 ounce nugget was found in the West River at Newfane, Vermont. The West and Rock Rivers in Newfane still produce gold for the recreational prospector. A true but small gold

rush did occur in Vermont in 1855. Matthew Kennedy was a California 49er who returned home in the 1850's. While fishing in Buffalo Brook in Plymouth his eye caught a familiar glitter in the brook. It was a small gold nugget. Town records show that in one day in 1858 one of the claims produced \$2,800 in gold from Buffalo Brook. By 1885 the search for new gold deposits was reaching its end. Two mining operations were started in that year in the little town north of Plymouth called Bridgewater. They were on Raymond Hill and Freetop Hill. Both mines were unprofitable and the gold rush was effectively over in Vermont. Today Buffalo Brook still produces gold for the recreational prospector. One of the gold mine sites, the Fox mine, is still there, next to the brook. All that is left is a trench cut into the hillside and a lot of milky quartz lying around. The mine had a 300 foot tunnel at its peak. It is on the left side of the brook going up stream just past the forth ford over the brook. I once acted as guide for a club trip to this spot by the old mine, with first time prospectors, and all had a successful and enjoyable trip. It is easy to get to and is in a beautiful setting. Many productive placer gold streams are in the north country of New Hampshire, along the western sections of the White Mountains and to the Canadian border. The area along route 302 from Bath to Littleton and north to the Gardner Range of small mountains produced several gold mines that were profitable during the second half of the Nineteenth Century. The gold was high quality, over 950 fine, with traces of silver. Yet silver is rare in New Hampshire. Today, the final five miles of the Wild Ammonoosuc River along route 112 in Swiftwater, New Hampshire, just up river from the confluence with the Ammonoosuc River, is a favorite of the recreational prospector. This roaring river moves gold during the spring thaw each year and each summer produces a new area for the prospector.

The river is so wild and turbulent during the spring thaw that large boulders are rolled over and can be heard to thud against each other. Another popular river is the Baker River along route 118 in Warren, New Hampshire. The picnic area on route 118 just north of Warren, between the road and the river, is at a bend in the river that offers many likely areas for gold. It is a scenic spot with all the beauty of the White Mountains.

The areas of Maine north and east of Rumford are the most visited areas for gold prospecting. The area around the Rangeley Mountains is not yet well explored but there are proven streams in the area. Maine has had a gold rush too, but a very short one in an unusual area. It happened along the sea coast, about half way between Portsmouth and Kennebunkport, in Perkins Cove at Ogunquit. It occurred during this century while engineers were dredging and pumping gravel to fill a parking lot when placer gold in small amounts came up through the dredge. The completed parking lot was the end of the gold rush of Maine, much to the sorrow of the recreational collectors in the area. The East Branch of the Swift River at Byron is an exceptionally productive stream that is currently getting state support as a recreational prospecting area.

Rhode Island has no placer gold deposits that I am aware of. A publication by the University Of Rhode Island, written by Clarence E Miller, reports that gold has been found at several places in the state and that there are still abandoned mine dumps available to the collector (as of 1972). The glaciers that dumped debris in the area scooped up that debris in Maine, New Hampshire and Canada. It seems only likely that the glaciers dropped placer gold somewhere in Rhode Island. Please let me know where.

Until recently Massachusetts had been listed as one of the states with no reported placer gold. There are now three streams that

I have worked and found gold. Two of them are within a few miles of the Vermont border in an area of Vermont where Professor Hitchcock of Yale University reported placer gold in a state survey publication about a hundred years ago. They are close to Route 5 just before it crosses the Vermont border.

The third of these Massachusetts brooks is roughly north of Litchfield County, Connecticut. This area of Massachusetts may be the source of the gold in the most reliable Connecticut gold bearing stream. Leadmine Brook in Harwinton, Connecticut, has placer gold and it is believed that some of it moved into the watershed during the big floods following two hurricanes that stalled in New England in the early 1950's. Placer gold has been reported in several streams in Litchfield County. Gold in Connecticut is rare and finding it requires a combination of skill and luck. There recently has been a report by a geology professor and his students of finding gold in a quartz sulfide vein in Cobalt on a field trip in Connecticut. But do not get excited, the gold is found in thin section specimens using an electron microscope at very high magnification.

**Equipment FOR SALE**

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**Miffek's One Liners**

Sex is not the answer. Sex is the question. "Yes" is the answer. We live in a society where pizza gets to your house before the police. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad. Children: You spend the first 2 years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 years telling them to sit down and shut-up. If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends? My mind is like a steel trap - rusty and illegal in 37 states.

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### Coconut Meringue Pie

makes two pies

#### Filling:

5 cups of half and half  
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine  
1 cup granulated sugar  
3 extra-large eggs  
1/4 cup cornstarch  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 cup miniature marshmallows  
1 1/4 cups flaked coconut  
1 baked 9-inch pie shells

#### Meringue:

1 1/4 cups egg whites (from 8 - 9 extra-large eggs)  
1 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar

#### For the filling:

In a large saucepan, combine the half and half and butter.

bring just to a boil over medium heat.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the sugar, eggs, cornstarch, vanilla, and salt until the cornstarch is completely dissolved and mixture is well-blended. gradually add to the mixture in the saucepan, stirring constantly with a wire whisk.

Cook, stirring constantly, about 1 minute of until thickened.

Add the marshmallows and 3/4 cup of the coconut.

Cook and stir until the marshmallows melt and the mixture is well-blended.

Pour into pie shells (2).

refrigerate at least two ours.

heat the oven to 350 degrees F.

#### For the meringue:

In a large bowl, beat the egg whites and cream

of tartar until soft peaks form.

Add the sugar, a small amount at a time, beating

constantly until stiff peaks form.

Spread half the meringue over each pie to the edge of the crust.

Sprinkle each with 1/4 cup of the remaining coconut.

Bake 12-15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Makes two nine-inch pies.

### Langouste al ajillo

fried lobster in garlic sauce)

Serves: four to twenty, depending on use

**Preparation time: Under thirty minutes**

#### Ingredients:

(A) The meat from one large lobster or about two pounds of lobster meat.

Always at their best when fresh. If frozen, thaw quickly under running tap water. In all cases, rinse in tap water and set on paper towel to drain excess moisture.

Dice into bite size pieces.

(B) 1/2 cup white wine

1 teaspoonful ground garlic

1 teaspoonful of parsley flakes

1/3 teaspoonful ground oregano

1/3 teaspoonful ground Italian Red Pepper

2 tablespoonfuls melted butter

#### Preparation:

Blend all the ingredients in B together. If possible, use the same dish for cooking and serving, to preserve the light gravy.

Baste the lobster meat thoroughly in the mixture.

If you have time to spare, allow the lobster to marinate in the mixture for at least two hours,

covered, in your refrigerator.

Mari nation works wonders for this dish.

Microwave for about 4 minutes on HIGH or cook in the range over medium to medium high heat for about eight minutes. Stir at least once throughout the cooking process.

The lobster is ready to eat when its color is paper white. Do not overcook. Since the cooking time is so short, you are well advised to watch them continuously to learn the best cooking time in your circumstances. Most probably, you'll be asked to repeat this recipe many times!

For finicky diners, hold the Italian Red Pepper and add at the table.

Serve as a fitting appetizer for almost any occasion!

Or convert to a full dish by adding the lobster to a bowl of spaghetti. Enjoy!

### Budin de pan (Bread pudding)

Ingredients:

(A) 1/2 pound of bread, after removing the outside rind This can be French bread, Puerto Rican pan criollo, sandwich bread, etc.

Bread can be fresh or preferably one or two days old.

4 cups whole milk, warm

4 large eggs at room temperature

4 tablespoonfuls butter, melted

(B) 2/3 cup raisins

teaspoonful ground cinnamon

1 cup sugar or suitable substitute like Equal or Splenda

1 teaspoonful vanilla

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/3 teaspoon salt

#### Procedure:

Mix together the ingredients included in (B) and set aside.

Shred the bread into small pieces. Add 4 cups warmed milk and whisk until the bread soaks up the milk. If necessary, let stand 15 minutes for the bread to soak up all the milk.

Beat 4 large eggs. Add slowly to the bread and milk mix, whisking the eggs into the mix.

Add the melted butter and whisk in.

Add the ingredients included in (B) which you had previously mixed together. Blend in thoroughly.

Pour all ingredients into a buttered baking dish.

Place the baking dish into a much larger dish.

After placing the baking dish into the larger dish, add enough water to the larger dish to fill it nearly three-quarters full.

Bake in a pre-heated oven at 350 degrees. It will take approximately one hour for the pudding to reach the desired consistency. Add water to the larger dish if necessary.

Alternately, you may use a "Baño de María" or double boiler to cook the pudding on the range over medium heat. Add water to the bottom section of the double boiler as necessary.

Try not to overcook. The pudding should be removed from heat as soon as it shows consistency (a couple of minutes earlier than you would normally remove a cake).

Some people like to eat it warm. For best results, though, refrigerate before serving. It will last two to three days, well covered, in the refrigerator. Enjoy.

### Quick Caribbean Chicken

1/4 tsp salt

12 oz chicken tenderloin strips

1/8 to 1/4 tsp ground red pepper

1 tsp oil

1 med sweet potato, peeled halved and thinly sliced

1 small banana pepper, peeled seeded and chopped

3/4 cup unsweetened pineapple juice

1 tsp cornstarch

2 unripe bananas, diced in 3/4 in cubes

cooked brown rice

Season chicken with salt and red pepper.

Heat oil in a large

nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add

chicken and cook for 3-4 min.

Add sweet potato and banana pepper, cook and stir for 5-6 min. In a

small bowl stir together pineapple juice and cornstarch. Add to skillet, cook, stirring gently til bubbly. Add bananas, cook & stir 2 min more and serve over rice. 4 servings.

### LEMON MERINGUE PIE RECIPE

I wouldn't go so far as to claim that **Lemon Meringue Pie** is a South African invention. However, it is a South African favorite.

Any restaurant offering morning and afternoon tea/coffee and cake that doesn't have a Lemon Meringue Pie on the menu is looking to lose customers.

Also, through the ages, South African cooks have added their own improvements to the basic Lemon Meringue Pie Recipe.

In this sense the *Lemon Meringue Pie Recipe* given here may, at a stretch, be considered a truly traditional and authentic South African recipe.

For the pie you obviously need a pie shell, for this I use a rich, sweet short crust pastry.

Rich, because the Lemon Meringue itself is rich and sweet to compliment the sweet meringue and contrast with the tart sweetness of the lemon pie filling.

### SHORTCRUST PASTRY PIE

#### SHELL:-

Note, this Short crust Pastry recipe will make 4 pie shells. Presumably, you won't be making 4 Lemon Meringue Pies at the same time, so you can either halve the quantities or wrap the pastry in waxed paper and chill until needed. Will last for a week in the refrigerator. DO NOT FREEZE.

500g cake flour (1 lb 1 1/2 oz)

350g shortening (12 1/2 oz) (butter, a combination of 50% butter and 50% lard, or margarine)

125ml iced water (1/2 cup)

40 g sugar (granulated) (1 1/2 oz)

25 ml lemon juice. Preferably freshly

squeezed. (2 tbsp)

5ml Salt (1 tsp)

1 Egg

Double sift the dry ingredients (flour, sugar & salt) together into a mixing bowl.

Cut the shortening into the dry mixture and rub until the mixture takes on the appearance of coarse crumbs.

Sprinkle the water and lemon juice onto the crumb mixture and press together lightly to form a solid mass.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not knead the pastry and avoid over working.

Wrap in waxed paper and chill until required.

As an added taste I often add 10 ml (2 teaspoons) of lemon zest (the finely grated outside either yellow or green of a lemon) to the dry ingredients when I know that I am going to be using the pastry for Lemon Meringue Pies.

When ready for use, line pie tins with the pastry and bake at 190°C (375°F) for 15 minutes

### LEMON MERINGUE PIE

#### FILLING

250g (sweetened condensed milk (9 oz)

65ml castor sugar (6 tbsp)

3 medium sized lemons

3 eggs

Juice the lemons and using a rasp grate the outside of the lemons to obtain the zest. Be careful to only grate the outer colored skin of the lemons and not the white pith. Separate the eggs.

In a mixing bowl beat together the egg yolks, lemon zest and lemon juice until the mixture becomes thick and creamy.

Beat in the condensed milk and pour the resulting mixture into a baked pastry shell.

Using a clean bowl beat together the egg whites and castor sugar until the mixture forms stiff peaks, be careful not to beat so much that the meringue mixture becomes dry.

Spoon the meringue mixture over the lemon pie filling. Do not smooth the top.

Bake in a pre-heated oven at 180°C (350°F)

for 25 minutes.

Remove and allow to cool.

Serve the Lemon Meringue Pie cold; some people prefer to chill Lemon Meringues in a refrigerator before serving.

### HERTZOG COOKIES

**Hertzog Cookies, or Hertzoggies, a delicious blend of coconut and apricot jam, are uniquely South African cookies**

#### The Cookie Pastry:

· 1 lb self-raising flour

· 4 Tbsp sugar

· 2 Tbsp margarine

· 3 egg yolks

· milk or water (as required)

· 1 tsp vanilla essence

· 1/4 tsp salt

Beat the margarine and sugar together in a bowl to a light and creamy consistency

Stir in the egg yolks and vanilla essence, taking care to blend well.

Sift the flour and the salt into the mixture, ensuring that it is thoroughly mixed.

Stir in enough milk or water so that a fairly stiff dough is formed.

Place the dough on a floured surface and roll out to a 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into rounds with a cookie cutter.

Line a greased patty tin with the rounds of dough.

#### The Cookie filling:

· 3 egg whites, stiffly beaten

· 2 cups desiccated coconut

· 1 cup sugar

· apricot jam

Gradually add the sugar to the beaten egg whites, beating well to blend.

Fold the coconut into the mixture and mix well.

Place a little apricot jam in the center of the rounds in the patties and spoon some of the coconut mixture over the jam.

Bake in the oven at 400° F for approximately 15 minutes. The pastry should be a light golden color.

Leave to cool slightly in the patty tin and then place on a rack and let the cookies cool completely.

Makes approximately 60 cookies. These may be stored in an airtight container for 2 weeks.

### Cuban Turkey Sandwich Recipe

#### ELENA RUZ SANDWICH

This is a strange combination, but believe me, it is very good! The story goes that Elena Ruz, a society young debutante for which the sandwich is named, would stop at this little all-night restaurant in Havana after leaving a dance with her group of friends. She asked the waiter if they would fix her this sandwich to her orders.....after checking with the kitchen, the waiter said ok. From then on, she would always ask for her Elena Ruz Sandwich and that is how it is now known.

2 slices of toasted sandwich bread

Cream Cheese

Strawberry Jam or preserves

Fresh Roasted Turkey slices (or leftover turkey will do)

Spread 1 slice of toasted white bread generously with the cream cheese Spread the other slice with the strawberry preserves.

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## Suzy's JOKES

Little Johnny and Jenny are only 10 years old, but they

just know that they are in love. One day they decide that they want to get married, so Johnny goes to Jenny's father to ask him for her hand.

Johnny bravely walks up to him and says "Mr. Smith, me and Jenny are in love and I want to ask you for her hand in marriage."

Thinking that this was just the cutest thing, Mr. Smith replies, "Well Johnny, you are only 10. Where will you two live?"

Without even taking a moment to think about it, Johnny replies "In Jenny's room. It's bigger than mine and we can both fit there nicely."

Still thinking this is just adorable, Mr. Smith says with a huge grin, "Okay then how will you live? You're not old enough to get a job. You'll need to support Jenny."

Again, Johnny instantly replies, "Our allowance.. Jenny makes 5 bucks a week and I make 10 bucks a week. That's about 60 bucks a month and that should do us just fine."

By this time Mr. Smith is a little shocked that Johnny has put so much thought into this. He thinks for a moment trying to come up with something that Johnny won't have an answer to. After a second, Mr. Smith says, "Well Johnny, it seems like you have got everything all figured out. I just have one more question for you .What will you do if the two of you should have little ones of your own?"

Johnny just shrugs his shoulders and says "Well, we've been lucky so far..."

Mr. Smith doesn't think the little shit is adorable anymore!

**Saturday morning I got up early**, dressed quietly, made my lunch, grabbed the dog, slipped quietly into the garage to hook the boat up to the truck, and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph. I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad throughout the day. I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. There I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, 'The weather out there is terrible.' My loving wife of 20 years replied, 'Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that shit?' I still don't know to this day if she was joking, but I've stopped fishing.

**She married and had 13 children.** Her husband died. She married again and had 7 more children. Again, her husband died. But, she remarried and this time had 5 more children. She finally died after having 25 children. Standing before her coffin, the preacher prayed for her. He thanked the Lord for this very loving woman and said, 'Lord, they're finally together.' One mourner leaned over and quietly asked her friend, ' Do you think he means her first, second or third husband?' The friend replied, ' I think he means her legs.'

**Country Funeral Story**, As a young minister in Kentucky, I was asked by a funeral director to hold a grave-side service for a homeless man, who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a new cemetery way back in the country, and this man would be the first to be buried there. I was not familiar with the backwoods area, and I soon became lost. Being a typical man, I did not stop to ask for directions. I finally arrived an hour late.

I saw the backhoe and the open grave, but the hearse was nowhere in sight. The digging crew was eating lunch. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness, and I stepped to the side of the open grave. There I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long, as I told them that this was the proper thing to do.

The workers gathered around the grave and stood silently, as I began to pour out my heart and soul. As I preached about 'looking forward to a brighter tomorrow' and 'the glory that is to come,' the workers began to say 'Amen,' 'Praise the Lord,' and 'Glory!' The fervor of these men truly inspired me. So, I preached and I preached like I had never preached before, all the way from Genesis to Revelations.

I finally closed the lengthy service with a prayer, thanked the men, and walked to my car. As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I heard one of the workers say to another, '**I ain't NEVER seen nothing' like that before, and I've been putting' in septic tanks for thirty years!**

**An Irish daughter had not been home for over five years.** Upon her return, her father cursed her. 'Where have ye been all this time? Why did ye not write to us, not even a line? Why didn't ye call, girl? Can ye not understand what ye put yer old mother thru?' The daughter, crying, replied, 'Sniff, sniff ... Dad, I became a prostitute.' 'Ye what!?! Out of here, ye shameless harlot! Sinner! You're a disgrace to this Catholic family.' 'Okay, Dad. As ye wish. I just came back to give mum this luxurious fur coat, title deed to a ten bedroom mansion plus a five million dollar savings certificate. For me little brother, this gold Rolex. And for ye, Daddy, the sparkling new Mercedes limited edition convertible that's parked outside plus a membership to the country club.' She took a breath and continued, 'And an invitation for ye all to spend New Years Eve on board my new yacht in the Riviera and ...' 'Now what was it ye said ye had become?,' asked Dad. The daughter, crying again, said, 'Sniff, sniff ... a prostitute, Daddy! Sniff, sniff.'

'Oh! Be Jesus! Ye scared me half to death, girl! I thought ye said a Protestant. Come here and give yer old dad a hug.'

**A married couple was on holiday in Jamaica . They were touring** around the marketplace looking at the goods and such when they passed this small sandal shop. From inside they heard the shopkeeper with a Jamaican accent say, "You foreigners! Come in. Come into my humble shop!" So they walked in, and the Jamaican said, "I have some special sandals I think you would be interested in... Dey make you wild at sex. "The wife got really interested in buying the sandals, but the husband felt he really didn't need them, being the sex god he was. The husband asked the shopkeeper, "How could sandals make you into a sex freak?" "The Jamaican replied, "Just try dem on, Mon. You doan haff to do nutting cept try dem on. "So the husband, after some badgering from his wife, finally gave in, & tried them on. As soon as he slipped them onto his feet, he got this wild look in his eyes, something his wife hadn't seen in many years! In the blink of an eye, the husband grabbed the Jamaican, bent him violently over a table, yanked down his pants, ripped down his own pants, and grabbed a firm hold of the Jamaican's hips. The Jamaican then began screaming, "*You got dem on da wrong feet! Mon, you got dem on da wrong feet!*"...

**A little old lady was walking down the street dragging two large plastic garbage bags behind her.** One of the bags ripped, and every once in a while, a \$20 bill fell out onto the sidewalk. Noticing this, a policeman stopped her, and said, 'Ma'am, there are \$20 bills falling out of your bag.' 'Oh, really? Darn it!' said the little old lady. 'I'd better go back, and see if I can find them. Thanks for telling me.' 'Well, now, not so fast,' said the cop. 'Where did you get all that money? You didn't steal it, did you?' 'Oh, no, no', said the old lady. 'You see, my back yard is right next to the football stadium& parking lot. On game days, a lot of fans come and pee through a knot hole in the fence, right into my flower garden. It used to really tick me off. Kills the flowers, you know. Then I thought, 'why not

make the best of it?' So, now, on game days, I stand behind the fence by the knot hole, real quiet, with my garden pruners. Every time some guy sticks his pecker through my fence, I surprise him, and say, 'O.K., buddy! Give me \$20, or off it comes.' ' Well, that seems only fair, ' said the cop, laughing. 'OK. Good luck! Oh, by the way, what's in the other bag?' 'Well, you know', said the little old lady, 'not everybody pays.'

**A Florida couple, both well into their 80s, go to a sex therapist's office.** The doctor asks, 'What can I do for you?' The man says, 'Will you watch us have sexual intercourse?' The doctor raises both eyebrows, but he is so amazed that such an elderly couple is asking for sexual advice that he agrees. When the couple finishes, the doctor says, 'There's absolutely nothing wrong with the way you have intercourse.' He thanks them for coming, he wishes them good luck, he charges them \$50 and he says good bye. The next week, the same couple returns & asks the sex therapist to watch again. The sex therapist is a bit puzzled, but agrees. This happens several weeks in a row. The couple makes an appointment, has intercourse with no problems, pays the doctor, then leave. After 3 months of this routine, the doctor says, 'I'm sorry, but I have to ask. Just what are you trying to find out?' The man says, 'We're not trying to find out anything. She's married; so we can't go to her house. I'm married; and we can't go to my house. The Holiday Inn charges \$98. The Hilton charges \$139. We do it here for \$50, & Medicare pays \$43 of it, leaving my net cost of \$7.

**A man wakes up in the hospital bandaged from head to foot.**

The doctor comes in and says, "Ah, I see you've regained consciousness". Now you probably won't remember, but you were in a huge pile-up on the freeway. You're going to be ok, you'll walk again and everything, but.....your penis was severed in the accident and we couldn't find it. The man groans, but the doctor goes on, "You've got \$9000 in insurance compensation coming and we now have the technology to build a new penis." They work great but they don't come cheap. It's \$1000 an inch. The man perks up. "So," the doctor says, "you must decide how many inches you want." But this is something you should discuss with your wife. If you had a five incher before and get a nine incher now she might be a bit put out. If you had a nine incher before and you decide to only invest in a five incher now, she might be disappointed. It's important that she plays a role in helping you make a decision. The man agrees to talk it over with his wife. The doctor comes back the next day, "So, have you spoken with your wife?" Yes I have," says the man. "And has she helped you make a decision?" Yes" says the man. What is your decision?" asks the doctor. We're getting granite countertops."

**Donkeys kill more people** annually than plane crashes or shark attacks.

**You burn more calories** sleeping than you do watching television.

**The liquid inside young coconuts** can be used as a substitute for blood plasma.

**Oak trees do not produce** acorns until they are fifty years of age or older.

**The King of Hearts is the only king** without a moustache.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise. (Since Venus is normally associated with women, what does this tell you!)

**Apples, not caffeine**, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

**Most dust particles in your house** are made from dead skin!

**The first owner of the Marlboro Company** died of lung cancer. So did the first 'Marlboro Man.'

The three most valuable brand names on earth are: Marlboro, Coca Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.

**It is possible to lead a cow upstairs...**

but, not downstairs.

**A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.**

Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush. (I keep my toothbrush in the living room now!)

**Richard Millhouse Nixon was the first** U.S. president whose name contains all the letters from the word 'criminal.' (who thinks up this stuff???) The second?

William Jefferson Clinton

And the best for last...Turtles can breathe through their butts. (I know some people like that, don't YOU?)

**The Rude Receptionist**

An older gentleman had an appointment to see the urologist who shared offices with several other doctors. The waiting room was filled with patients. As he approached the receptionist's desk, he noticed the receptionist was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a Sumo wrestler. He gave her his name. In a very loud voice, the receptionist said, 'YES, I HAVE YOUR NAME HERE; YOU WANT TO SEE THE DOCTOR ABOUT IMPOTENCE, RIGHT?' All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at the very embarrassed man. He recovered quickly, and in an equally loud voice replied, 'NO, I'VE COME TO INQUIRE ABOUT A SEX CHANGE OPERATION, BUT I DON'T WANT THE SAME DOCTOR THAT DID YOURS.'

**A story about Getting even**

One December day we found an old straggly cat at our door. She was a sorry sight. Starving, dirty, smelled terrible, skinny, and hair all matted down. We felt sorry for her so we put her in a carrier and took her to the vet. We didn't know what to call her so we named her 'Pussycat.' The vet decided to keep her for a day or so. He said he would let us know when we could come and get her. My husband (the complainer) said, 'OK, but don't forget to wash her, she stinks.' He reminded the vet that it was his WIFE (me) that wanted the dirty cat, not him. My husband and my Vet don't see eye to eye. The vet calls my husband 'El-Cheap-O', and my husband calls the vet 'El-Charge-O'. They love to hate each other and constantly 'snipe' at one another, with my husband getting in the last word on this particular occasion. The next day my husband had an appointment with his doctor, who is located in the same building, next door to the vet. The MD's waiting room and office was full of people waiting to see the doctor. A side door opened and the vet leaned in - he had obviously seen my husband arrive. He looked straight at my husband and in a loud voice said, 'Your wife's pussy doesn't stink any more. We washed and shaved it, and now she smells like a rose. Oh, and, by the way, I think she's pregnant. God only knows who the father is!' Then he closed the door. **Now THAT, my friends, is getting even!**

**Charlie Anderson One Liners**

Ever notice how fast Windows runs? Neither did I. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again? Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film. Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off now. He who laughs last thinks slowest. Honk if you love peace and quiet. Honk if you want to see my finger. Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your mouth is moving. Genius does what it must, talent does what it can, and you had best do what you're told. Plan to be spontaneous - tomorrow. Always try to be modest and be proud of it! If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments. Love may be blind but marriage is a real eye-opener. If a man with no arms has a gun, is he armed? If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular? When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts," and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?

Post from Doug Virgin

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## TIPS

When NH Bob asked for tips and tricks to be posted, My first thought was, with all the seasoned hunters on this forum, what can we write that we all don't know all ready.

So I am going to write this just incase someone is here and doesn't know what I thought about while out with RelicHunter Bob, who reminded me of this....surrounding the area near cellar holes, you need to look at the site and in vision what it looked like back then. The front yard and back yard and large fields around it for growing. Look for odd looking trees to be in the front and back yards....look for old apple trees, and look for large areas that have young smaller trees and growth....this just maybe a field once used to cultivate food....the trees may be tall but not very wide in girth and planted uniformly or natural....we found a nice wooded area like this and started to hit iron every where....it was obvious a field at one time, with buttons and crotal bell lost from humans and animals. I would have never thought of trying the wooded area, till RH Bob opened my eyes....and when I hear all the iron, I knew it was going to be good....

Also if you like to dig old dumps for bottles....if you find an odd looking picky bush patch around close to cellar hole....they use to plant these over the dumps so no one would go near it....problem is getting into it....I have found a pile of old NH license plates this way dating from 1914(best one, no damage) to 1919....porcelain type....and old bottles. Heavy iron patches and heavy misc. targets in an area will also give a buried dump away....just got to dig a few exploratory holes....depression in the ground will be a good give away...

Use small coils and turning down sensitivity around close proximity of the house is good to separate the iron from the good targets.

Even if the place is in the middle of the woods....try to leave it like you were never there, bury all holes and never leave dug targets scattered on top of ground, just to preserve it for another day of hunting....

## Spectra V3

by Brian Thomas, Peterborough, NH

My friends @ Streeters gave me the opportunity to test the new White's Spectra V3 metal detector. WOW !! I used the V3 at a small park, several fields, a well maintained public gathering place, and a couple of night detecting forays.

In 2 weeks, I was able to put about 15 hours of solid detecting time, behind the swing.

Several things about the swing that were of particular notice to me. First, I was surprised at the center of gravity (balance) difference from my personal detector (to remain brand-less for this writing). Second while swinging with my right arm, was the continued interference of the battery box hitting my pinpointer and digger on my belt.

After a short time the swing became familiar and easy to maneuver. I swing for extended times with both arms, and became comfortable with the balance of the V3.. However, with my pinpointer in my favorite place, I continued to hit my pinpointer on my belt when swinging with my right arm. The only way to avoid this was to ether move the items or extend my arm out away from my body further. This way caused severe fatigue. In the end I could not adjust my swing with my right arm to become comfortable. Maybe if this was my personal detector I could live with the dings that would end up on it, but it is Georges & I was very careful not to injure the detector.

The V3 has a nice rechargeable battery pack and a regular battery pack that holds 8 double A's. The battery life indicator is easy to identify. The detector uses a lot of power, and battery life is not as robust as I had

anticipated. There are some features that are power drains. One being the TX boost. I did not run the detector long enough to see the advantages of this feature. Another is the backlight. During day light detecting, there is not much use for this and thus you can save battery life by turning it down or off.

I ran the V3 at night for about three hours a couple of times. One of the really nice features of the V3 was the ability of the backlight. I would start out with it on, and after a few minutes shut it off, and the residual light from the LCD would leave a very nice amount of light. Detecting with the LCD back light on is interesting. Your swing leaves a streak of light in your swings path. This causes your eyes to constantly adjust. But, with the back light off, the glow from the LCD is just right. For those of you that detect at night, you should like this feature. My personal detector has no light at all, so I run strictly by sound, and then turn my head lamp on for VDI confirmation.

I ran the V3 in a city park on my lunch break one afternoon. This is a park in Manchester that has undoubtedly been detected many, many times. I switched the detector to high trash, and swung away. I was surprised and happy with the level of nulling. I swung the detector directly over pull tabs and bottle caps and was pleased with the response of the nulling out. This is exactly what I would hope for. Although you will bypass good finds, using this detector will allow you to hunt city parks with results. I found a silver, Ben Franklin half dollar that lunch break. I think this detector, in the hands of someone that takes the time to learn the menu's and programs will be very successful in places that have been "hunted out".

You can customize your own high trash program or any other. This is a great feature. It's easy to save your own settings and retrieve them. So when you are going between hunt sites, you can reset that program for that location.

I went to an old field that I had recently found 1700's coins and many buttons. I was able to dig a couple more buttons at 10 inches that I surely missed before. I wish I had more time at is field with the V3. I'm sure to have found some deeper targets.

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**The wireless headphone feature is awesome**, however a bit expensive at \$250.. No cord! One great feature for the wireless headphones is that more than one set of headphones can be used for a single detector. The headphones are really comfortable. But, as with most things, there is one serious drawback to these headphones. The fabric covering the foam is very thin, and the stitching is not adequate. The fabric rips easily.

After using the V3, I was impressed and pleased with the detector. Although there are lots of menu picks and selection choices. Taking the time to learn this detector will certainly reward the owner with new finds in old hunting grounds.

## Whites Spectra V3

**Info' from White's Full-Color High Definition Display**

All the target information you need now in bold, high contrast color! Bigger VDI numbers, icons and SpectraGraph. Use the ZOOM key to enlarge or reduce display info. Hunt using the preset color pallets or create your own custom color schemes for each program.

Analyze and 3 Frequency **SpectraGraph Screens**, New ways to interpret target information using ALL of the data collected from each frequency. Analyze shows a "shape" based on the strength of each frequency. 3 Frequency SpectraGraph displays a bar-graph at each frequency

**Wireless SpectraSound™** Headphones Engineered just for Spectra V3 by White's. Multiple channels to choose from to avoid picking up signals from other Spectra V3's in

the area, or set two headphones up to hear targets from one detector. A terrific tool for teaching about target sounds!

**10 All-New Turn-on-&-Go Hunting Programs**, Set up by the experts at White's. Choose from Coin, Coin & Jewelry, Salt Beach, Relic, Prospecting, Deep Silver, High Trash, Hi-Pro, Mixed Mode Pro, & Meteorite.

### 3 Optimized Hunting Frequencies

Maximize performance and target ID using the 3 optimal frequencies for the widest variety of targets - 22.5 kHz for gold, 2.5 kHz for silver, or 7.5 kHz for general use. Hunt simultaneously in all 3 for the best target ID, or use a single frequency for prospecting, relic hunting or on the beach.

### Live Controls for Real-Time Adjustments

Make on-the-fly adjusts as you hunt from the "dashboard-like" Live Controls on the bottom of your display. Live Controls are customized for each Preset Program!

**Six-Block Menu**, Popular adjustments organized for easy and fast adjustments. All the Discrimination, Sensitivity, Audio and Ground Balance tweaks are here, plus some new adjusts to enhance your performance and depth even more.

**Spectra V3-to-Spectra V3 Wireless Program Transfer**, Share programs wirelessly with other Spectra V3's! Create a custom program for your hunting and transfer to other Spectra V3's in moments with just a couple of steps.

### 10"DD Search Coil

The 10" Double D is the standard for performance and depth, especially in hard-to-hunt grounds.

### Adjustable Backlight

Twenty different intensity levels.

### Owner Registration

Embed your name and contact information with a special password.

### Selectable Ground Filters

Choose from 8 different ground filtering levels from 5 Hz Band through 12.5 Hz to suit the ground minerals and your search coil sweep preferences.

**Recovery Delay**, 200 different signal processing speeds to choose from matching sweep speed and search conditions.

**3 x 3 Target I.D. System™**, Quickly and conveniently check targets with 3 different target screens you activate with the trigger. All-new SpectraGraph, Pinpoint, and Analyze screens.

**On-the-Fly Adjusts**, Use the Live Controls at the bottom of every search screen and adjust while you hunt. Different Live Controls for every program.

**Color-Keyed Disc Pattern**, Current discrimination pattern appears across the bottom of the search screen's SpectraGraph. Red = Rejected, Green = Accepted.

**Dozens of Expert Menu Options**, Dozens of Expert Menu Options

### NIMH Rechargeable Battery System

**\$1,699 with cordless headphones at Streeters, Rte 101, (307 Main St.), Marlborough, NH 03455 Phone 603/876-4443 & website [www.streeter.org](http://www.streeter.org)**

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Most people know where there is a car or two, or maybe you know someone who knows about a car in a back yard, garage or a barn, or maybe you just want to clean up the old rust piles kicking around out back.

**Phone Scott Streeter, 603/756-3317 or 603.876.4443 & leave message**



## COMING EVENTS

"All Invited"

**Guests are invited to our monthly meetings, cookouts, pot lucks, etc. which are by advance reservation to George Streeter 1-603- 876-4443**

## Notice!

For Treasure Hunter's Gazette readers, Professional Treasure Hunters, Best O' New England & North East Metal Detecting Forum members & guests.

BONE 16 events in 2009, made \$250 in profits for St Jude Children's Research Hospital. With additional donations from friends, members & the PTHHS, our 2009 donation is now over \$500.

There were prizes left over from the BONE 16 events & we will use some for prizes at the St Jude cookout & the rest will be use at BONE 17 April 23, 24 & 25th, 2010

## ALL INVITED

**St. Jude Hospital Fund cookout & metal detector hunts**

**Monday, Columbus Day, Oct. 12, @ Post 24 Legion, Rte 101, Marlborough, NH**

NOTE!! Must have 25 register before Oct. 1, 2009, for the event to be a go.

There is a cover charges for hunts & the cookout is free for members & guests. \$25 donation cover charge for both hunts for members & if not a member, the hunts are \$20 each. **Profits benefit our St Jude Hospital Fund.**

## Schedule

**10:am to 2:pm** Minelab & Garrett metal detector booths & maybe some workshops in Legion Hall

**Each hunt is limited to 25 hunters**

**10:am - 11am**, 1st Treasure Hunt. All metal detector hunters must wear headphones, use a spreadsheet to put dirt on, and fill in all holes neatly.

**Noon!** Cookout is hot dogs & hamburgers, chips & cold soda. Salads, hot or cold dishes & desserts donations appreciated.

**2:pm to 3:pm**, 2nd Treasure Hunt. One hunters per metal detector, & all hunters must wear headphones, use a spreadsheet to put dirt on, and fill in all holes neatly.

The Treasure Hunter's St Jude Hospital Fund Cookout, & planted hunt's profits to benefit the PTHHS St Jude Children's Research Hospital Fund

Any questions or to volunteer to help, contact George Streeter 603/876-4443, email [gstreeter@ne.rr.com](mailto:gstreeter@ne.rr.com) or write care of 307 Main St., Marlborough, NH 03455

Brian Thomas, Peterborough, NH will be hunt master & he will need help.

## Volunteers needed

to help bury coin & tokens for hunt, to do 3 workshops in Legion Help with the Minelab & Garrett booths. help for the gold panning & Best Finds Contest

## Jitter Beans

**174 Main St, Marlborough NH 03455 Phone 603.876.3441** Come join us to

enjoy our organic/fair trade coffees, delicious vegetarian sandwiches and home baked goods. While visiting with us you might want to check your e-mail in one of our computers at a nominal fee or bring in your laptop to use our free wireless connection, all in a friendly and fun atmosphere. Our menu is totally vegetarian and Began friendly (more began items will be added as we grow!) We participate in the Restaurant.com dining certificate program.