



Gateway Treasure Hunters Club

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Happy New Year!

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Gateway Treasure Hunters Club Code of Ethics

Respect the rights and property of others.
Never destroy historical or archeological artifacts.
Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local.
Aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
Leave the land and vegetation as it was.
FILL IN ALL HOLES.
Remove all trash and litter, take it with you when you leave.
Remember that all Treasure Hunters may be judged by the example YOU set. Always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration toward others.

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January 22, 2014

Be sure and make the January meeting we've got a Special Guest Speaker scheduled. Come and bring a friend meet Howard Hewitt. He's going to bring finds and display them. Some subject matter will be how to research where you plan to hunt. He will also talk Of his experiences as a treasure hunter. Howard is a true Metal Detecting enthusiast.

Save the Date

**22nd Annual GTHC Open Hunt
Saturday May 3, 2014**

As you can see from the list of Club Officers there are some changes as we enter into 2014. We have new Club officers' bringing a fresh prospective to GTH Club. At this time we would like to invite everyone to attend the January 22, 2014 monthly meeting. We invite you and a guest to come and share your ideas or just listen to your fellow members. We would like to create a club where everyone has a say on what this club can be. Each and every one of you is a valued member of GTH Club and we should all have our ideas and or opinions heard. We might not agree with everything that is said or suggested but we all are entitled to our opinions and ideas being heard. And have the members vote on any ideas or suggestion for the better of the club. So please consider coming and see for yourself if you think this club is a place where you can come once a month and share your love of metal detecting with your fellow detectorists.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

As 2013 comes to a close and our weekly group hunts are winding down, preparation for the annual spring club hunt is just over the horizon. We're making our lists and checking them twice going to find out who.... sorry, sorry, still have Christmas on the brain, as I was saying, preparation for the annual spring club hunt is in full swing. We have received permission to hold our 22nd annual hunt at Shell Point in Onset on May 3, 2014 with the registration forms being mailed out by Dec 31st. Moving forward into 2014, our future looks bright, we now have in place a new website and a new Facebook page. These resources are now providing beneficial club information regarding our upcoming and current events, as well as much-needed exposure regarding our group to potential future members who share our passion for the hunt.

To kick off the new year, we have the unique educational opportunity of having Howard Hewett as a guest speaker for our Jan 22nd meeting. Howard is a nationally known detectorist with over 30 years experience in our hobby. His knowledge, experience, and attention to detail have produced many amazing finds which he will have on display for our viewing. Howard is a perfectionist who believes in researching before searching, and will share skills that will prove invaluable to you in the field. You won't want to miss it. In the coming year, I hope you'll be as excited as I am looking forward to our future as a club.

Best Regards, Brian Rountree, President

IN THE NEWS

Rick Browne makes ABC 40 news out in Chicopee!
What a story, once in a lifetime kind of day.
Below is the story straight from Channel 40's website.

"CHICOPEE, Mass. (WGGB) – It's a story 38 years in the making. Two class rings — lost nearly 4 decades ago — were returned to their owners in Chicopee Saturday afternoon. They were found off the coast of Cape Cod, by a stranger just enjoying his hobby.

Gail St. George was swimming at Sea Street beach in Dennis in the Summer of 1975, wearing her class ring and her boyfriend's. But both were swept away by a wave.

"I mean, I never, in a million years, would have imagine they would have been found, and together, 38 years later," said St. George.

Rick Browne is the man responsible for finding those rings. He's a metal detector hobbyist living on Cape Cod, who puts in about 500 hours searching the ocean floor a year.

"These two rings evidently stayed together, and they moved out away from the shore, probably 50 to 75 feet.," said Browne of the two rings.

Browne was able to track St. George down, using the initials inscribed on the inside of the ring. He Gail's high school, and matched her initials and graduation year to her name. When Browne reached out to her, St. George mentioned she had also lost her boyfriend's ring. After answering a few questions, the two determined Browne had also found the second ring.

St. George's brother was still in touch with her one-time sweetheart, Martin Costello, and let him know the ring had been found.

"I was still kind of 'Maybe it is, maybe it isn't, but as soon as I saw the damages that were on there. It wasn't from the ocean. It was something I'd done. That's why I stopped wearing it. And here is it. It's the ring," Martin Costello said. Browne uses a wide variety of equipment to search the waters, and will wade into water as high as five feet deep in the hopes of coming across a special find. "The rings mean so much more to the people than they do to me. The instant that I find them, it's the greatest thing in the world, but you know, getting them back, it's seeing the faces and bring people together," notes Browne. "The ring, the story, that part's not that important. It was nice to see Gail again, to see that she has Mark, a great guy, and the kids," Costello said Browne says all he asks for after returning found items are thank you notes, so that he can reflect on them when he's no longer able to search the sea."



BIG KUDOS TO:

Rick Browne for doing the presentation on Electrolysis and bringing show and tell items. (handout page will be uploaded to facebook)



WHAT MEMBERS ARE FINDING



Joe Quint : Great morning 7 quarters 2 dimes 2 nickels 8 pennies had to stop only covered maybe 20 square feet back said enough and just starting to sprinkle there is So much more to cover another time — at [Tafts Playground](#).



Thomas Smith:

Had a Great Day out at Woods Hole, Stoney Beach and Taft Park with Joe Quintiliani, M.J. Harvey-Tsiakalis, Rick Browne and his Long time hunting buddy Dick, Bob St Onge, Rick Bodeau, Brian Rountree and his old friend Ali, and Myself. Rick and Dick both found Gold Rings and everyone got some coins and the usual trash. I found some coins and what is appearing to be some kind of Silver bracelet. I used my electrolysis kit I made up according to Rick Browne's instruction sheet and I was pleasantly surprised at the results. I only kept it in the solution for about a minute

and a half. Thanks to everyone who went for another great day out with the Club members.



Kent Blethen:

Went for about an hour and twenty minutes tonight a 10k 1926 Brockton ladies class ring 6.6 grams

Happy New Year and Happy Detecting

Please Contact MJ by email MTsiakalis@comcast.net if there is something you would like to see added to this news letter. I welcome all suggestions and contributions.