



Gateway Treasure Hunters Club

“THE SCOOP”

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May you get out hunting and have the luck o' the Irish!

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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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Next meeting – March 26th
Come help revise the BYLAWS!!!

** Enclosed/attached with this newsletter **

Save the Date

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

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

March is finally upon us. Last month, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and went back into his burrow, a sign of 6 more weeks of winter. Well, that was four weeks ago signaling there's now only 2 more to go, hurray, not too soon for me. Before you know it, the crocuses and the daffodils will be a blooming, signaling it's finally time to go detecting! So be sure to do your research for locations, clean the cobwebs off your gear, and don't forget a fresh set of batteries. Because soon it will be time to get out with your fellow members and have a fun season.

Best Regards,
Brian Rountree, President

FEBRUARY GUEST

SPEAKER

Tony Brogna came to GTHC's February meeting with new gear and explained some of the options. Some of the items he spoke of were: V3i, Vision, and Bullseye TRX (pinpointer).



Left: Tony speaks about the new pinpointer one of the features it has is an audible alert if left unattended for a specified length of time.

Right: Tony showing the options and settings available on the V3i. You can make it as easy or complex as you like. This is a machine that will keep you learning for years of enjoyment.



Left: Members taking a look at the display Tony brought .

IN THE NEWS

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. -

John Blue's dad taught him to use a metal detector when he was just a kid.

"You never know what you're going to find," says Blue.

Years ago, he had gotten permission to search a construction site in Fredericksburg, Va. The detector beeped and he found a small ring worn as identification during the Civil War.

"When I got it home, I cleaned it up and it had the soldier's name on it," he says. "The name of his company, his regiment."

The name on the ring was Levi Schelegel. He served in the 198th Infantry. His name is on the roster of Union soldiers.

"He was in seven or eight major engagements and, actually, was at the surrender of the Civil War," says Blue.

When Blue first found the ring in roughly 2005, he reached out to a friend who tried to help him track down descendants, but they didn't have any luck.

In early 2013, he asked her to try again.

She had called a public library in Reading, Pa., where Levi Schlegel grew up. A staffer sent her to a member of the library board named Ernest Herbein Schlegel. He says he is a first cousin four times removed. Ernest is a member of the Army National Guard and says his family has a history of public service.

"I don't know what to say. I am actually flabbergasted that after 148 years that I get contacted by someone who found a relic of a family member in the ground," says Ernest.

Blue will return the ring to the Schlegels next week. He believes it is worth hundreds and maybe thousands of dollars.

Blue says he doesn't want any money for it, but he "wouldn't mind" a new metal detector.

The manufacturer of Blue's metal detector is White's Electronics in Oregon.

~ A spokeswoman tells FOX 5 they will award Blue a new metal detector.

SCUSSETT BEACH

State Representative Susan Williams Gifford's contact information provided below. Due to discussion at February's meeting this information has been researched and provided for members to contact her in regard to hearing that Scusset Beach will be closed to detectorists'

<http://www.susangifford.com/contact.html>

2014 JOHN GOVONI MEMORIAL HUNT

April 27 @ 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Houghton's Pond, 840 Hillside Road, Milton, MA 02186

Mass Treasure's Yearly Hunt A yearly group hunt is sponsored by our club in the Spring. This is an OPEN hunt and is usually attended by detectorists' from all over New England. A great chance to meet and chat with treasure hunters from other clubs, though you need not be in a club to participate in this Annual Hunt. Prizes include new equipment; accessories, gift certificates and money prizes. Registration forms online at: www.masstreasure.com/

WHAT MEMBERS ARE FINDING



Kevin Neil

Left: Too cold for outside to hunt, So went in basement. Pocket knife about 7" down.

Right: Another cool find in basement.



Karin S. out with Mary at Shell Point to join in the fun and found a quarter a nickel and this 1944 Belgium 2 Franc coin.

FIND OF THE YEAR WINNER

Congratulations Kent!!! Kent won for his Rolex watch find. What a find!



Pictured above with Brian Rountree, President

As mentioned on page one Bylaws need to be revised come help make changes as we enter into 2014. We have new Club officers' bringing a fresh prospective to our Club. At this time we would like to invite everyone to attend the **March 26, 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 the 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. Have the members vote on ideas or suggestions for the better of the club. 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 fellow detectorists'.

In Closing Happy DETECTING

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