

THE GARRETT SEARCHER™



November 2021

Garrett Metal Detectors®

100th Issue!

This month we celebrate our 100th issue of the *Garrett Searcher*! We are happy to have such amazing customers who, time after time, submit their amazing finds that have contributed to all of the previous *Garrett Searcher* newsletters. For this issue, we would like to share some of Vaughan's Favorite Finds picks from over the years. We hope you all enjoy this special edition of the *Garrett Searcher* newsletter and thank you all for your contributions.



Finder: Adam L., North Carolina
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: U.S.A. North Carolina (NC) Volunteers Revolutionary War button

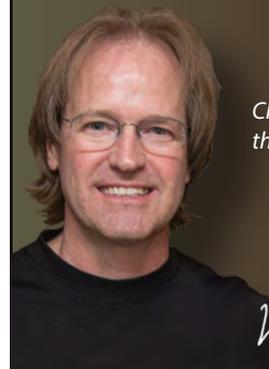


Finder: Denis P., Europe
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: 17th century pot containing 2,570 silver coins. Denis donated the find to the local city museum. "He who seeks, will find!" quotes Denis.

Vaughan Garrett's FAVORITE FIND OF THE MONTH

SHOW US YOUR FINDS!

The Vaughan Garrett Find of the Month competition will continue, and we believe this is a great time to submit your stories and photos. Vaughan has decided to give away the **NEW ACE Apex** metal detector.



Click on the links below to see the most recent winners!

U.S. winners

International winners

Vaughan Garrett



Finder: Shawn J., Nevada
Using: ACE Apex
Find: 14k gold ring with 0.15 CTW diamonds



Finder: Tony W., Ohio
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1904 Hampden Watch Co. personalized gold pocket watch gift, presented in 1915 to Louis Wolfram



Finder: Savary M., Europe
Using: ACE Apex
Find: 1729 Louis gold coin



Finder: Samo T., Europe
Using: AT Max International
Find: Roman silver ring with a stone and an engraving



Finder: Stefan W., West Virginia
Using: AT Pro
Find: Set of 6 Civil War Wisconsin State seal buttons



Finder: Chip K., Florida
Using: AT Pro
Find: 29th United States President Warren G. Harding commemorative metal plate



Finder: Emma R., Europe
Using: ACE 300i
Find: Edward III gold half noble, circa 1369-1377



Finder: Thoren P., Maine
Using: AT Max
Find: Rare 1812 New York militia belt plate



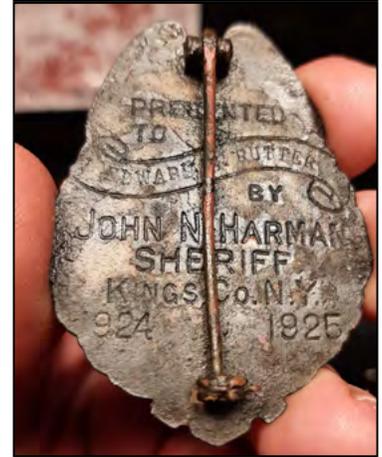
Finder: Chad D., Massachusetts
Using: AT Pro
Find: 1786 New Jersey copper coin, Maris 10 1/2-C variety



Finder: Shawn S., North Carolina
Using: ACE Apex
Find: Rare North Carolina Civil War sunburst button, only 1 of 8 known



Finder: Kath G., Europe
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Viking Hoard



Finder: Matthew B., New Jersey
Using: AT Pro
Find: John N. Harman's deputy sheriff badge (1924-1925)



Finder: Anatoly O., Europe
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Hoard of 15 gold coins of Tsar Nicholas II



Finder: Zola T., Texas
Using: AT Max
Find: "Elephant God" (Ganesha) 24k gold ring from a Texas river



Finder: Sergey M., Europe
Using: AT Pro International
Find: Golden Aureus of Septimius Severus Coin



Finder: Maxim R., Europe
Using: ACE 400i
Find: Hoard of 54 silver Roman denarii coins



Finder: Matt M., Michigan
Using: AT Pro
Find: WWII Purple Heart Medal



Finder: Burgess S., South Carolina
Using: AT Max
Find: Gold diamond engagement ring recovery



Share Your **APEX**TM Top Finds *and WIN!*

It's time for final entries for the Apex Favorite Finds contest. November will be the final month for the Apex challenge, so be sure to submit all of your finds by the end of THIS month to be eligible. Thank you to everyone who has participated this year.

Don't forget that Vaughan Garrett's Favorite Finds contest will continue each month! And, get ready for an exciting announcement for the holiday season!

Visit Garrett.com for more information.



Shown are a few recent submissions. Send in your Apex Top Finds to be featured in the next Garrett Searcher!



FAMILY FUN!

Do you know where you can get permission to metal detect away from the crowds?

This could be the answer to getting the family outside, exercising, and having more fun together.





Finder: Roman Y., Europe
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: Golden Byzantine cross



Finder: Wil C., New York
Using: *ACE 400*
Find: Extremely rare Connecticut copper, variety is the Miller 6.4-K



Finder: Mick S., Australia
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: Three gold sovereigns coin spill



Finder: Jacob S., Maine
Using: *AT Max*
Find: George Washington Inaugural coat buttons



Finder: Andrey F., Europe
Using: *ACE 400i*
Find: 17th Century copper coins hoard



Finder: Susan B., Illinois
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: Princess Cut Marquis diamond ring, appraised at \$12,500



Finder: Petr C., Europe
Using: *AT Pro International*
Find: Prague Gross 1300 - 1305, Wenceslaw II, Kingdom of Bohemia silver coin



Finder: Michaela O., New Hampshire
Using: *ACE 200*
Find: Sons of Liberty Cap (secret organization) button, circa 1775-1815



Finder: Janis P., Oregon
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: 1945 Iwo Jima Marine Corp ring donated to a local VA museum



Finder: Mike S., Maryland
Using: *AT Max*
Find: 1856 Large Indian Head gold dollar (*Slanted 5 Variety*)



Finder: Daria B., Russia
Using: *AT Gold*
Find: WWI Silver Georgian cross medal, awarded between 1914-1917



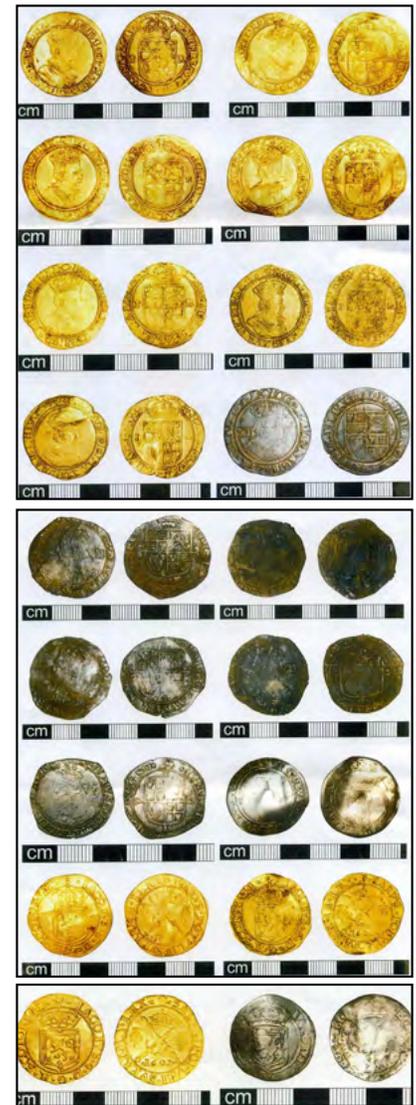
Finder: Jeffrey L., Wisconsin
Using: *AT Max*
Find: WWII soldier's I.D. plate returned back to the soldier's nephew, Kenny



Finder: Robin M., Oklahoma
Using: *AT Pro*
Find: USN Chief Petty Officer silver and gold ring



Finder: Nicolas T., Canada
Using: *ACE 400i*
Find: Five French silver coins and gemstones



Finder: Tom B., Europe
Using: *ACE 250*
Find: English Civil War coin hoard: 18 silver and gold coins from the mid-17th century reigns of James 1st and Charles 1st



Finder: Mark C., Europe
Using: *ACE 400i*
Find: 1777 George 3rd gold guinea coin



Finder: Jasja H., Europe
Using: *AT Max International*
Find: 18k gold Claddagh ring



EVENTS 2022



2022 SCHEDULE

POMONA, CA

February 5-6 | Pomona Fairplex

PHOENIX, AZ

March 12-13 | Arizona State Fairgrounds

PUYALLUP, WA

March 26-27 | WA State Fair Events Center

PORTLAND, OR

April 9-10 | Portland Expo Center

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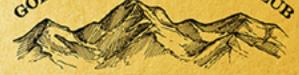
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2022 SCHEDULE

DIGGER'S PUSH DIGS

DUISENBURG, CA | December 31 – January 2

STANTON, AZ | December 31 – January 2

STANTON, AZ | January 21 – 23

STANTON, AZ | February 18 – 20

STANTON, AZ | March 11 – 13

LOUD MINE, GA | March 18 – 20

DUISENBURG, CA | March 25 – 27

BURNT RIVER, OR | April 1 – 3

VEIN MOUNTAIN, NC | April 22 – 24

DUISENBURG, CA | May 20 – 22

OCONEE, SC | May 20 – 22

BLUE BUCKET, OR | May 27 – 30*

STANTON, AZ | May 27 – 30*

BLUE BUCKET, OR | June 17 – 19

VEIN MOUNTAIN, NC | June 17 – 19

DIGGER SPECIAL ESCAPADES

OCONEE, SC April 21 – 24 | Gold N BBQ #1

BURNT RIVER, OR May 6 – 8 | Old Rusty's Chomp'N #1

DIGGER'S DIRT PARTIES

STANTON, AZ | APRIL 6 – 10

BLUE BUCKET, OR | April 27 – May 1

LOUD MINE, GA | JUNE 8 – 12

DIGGER'S DETECTOR TRAINING & HUNTS

STANTON, AZ | APRIL 21 - 24

DIGGER'S EXPEDITIONS

DESERT CHAOS | DUISENBURG, CA

WEEK #1: APRIL 23 - 30

CLASH OF THE TROMMELS | BURNT RIVER, OR

WEEK #1: JUNE 11 - 18 | WEEK #2: JUNE 18 - 25

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The Mysterious Medallion Hoard

Finder: John B., Canada

Using: ACE Apex

Find: John shares, "About 5 years ago, I was metal detecting the shallow water along the North Saskatchewan River with my buddy Barry, when each of us dug up a baseball medallion. A cool find it was, probably from the 1940s-1950s era. We assumed a bunch of baseball players headed down to the river after winning a game, drank a few beers, had a swim, and somehow, perhaps clowning around, they lost their medallions. We just happened to get lucky with our Garrett *AT Pros* finding these. Little did we know that a find of a lifetime was just waiting for us several years later.

"I prospect this river for gold and have been doing so for over 30 years. This river has been hit hard by men searching for gold using rockers, large dredges, and modern-day highbankers for over 100 years. Every spring, summer, and fall I have scoured the gravels in the river using my gold pan, rocker, fluid bed concentrator, and highbanker. This fall, as per usual, the water flow from the mountains became less, so the river became more shallow. This is always welcomed, as it gives us prospectors the opportunity to reach out further into the river, and usually get some decent amounts of flour gold from new gravel bars.

"One recent day I headed down to the river with my highbanker to do some prospecting. I also brought along my latest metal detector, Garrett *ACE Apex* to detect the now shallow water further out in the river after some prospecting. I shoveled gravel into my highbanker for about four hours, then shut down my water pump. Too tired from digging, I grabbed my Garrett *ACE Apex* and began searching the shallow areas of the river. My searchcoil searched underwater to depths down to about 12 inches. I managed a few pennies, a nice 10k gold band, and 13 of these sports medallions. They were easy to identify. The VDI was between 70 - 90, and the iron audio ruled out iron junk, of which



Left: Several varieties of the medallions that John and Barry discovered while searching in the river.

Below: John B. out in the middle of the river with his ACE Apex searching.

there is plenty of. These medallions were of great interest to me...why all these medallions? Perhaps they hitched a ride on an ice pack during spring melt. I went back to the river the following day, ventured out even further, and 'Surprise!' 26 more medallions. I even dug up some new varieties not previously found. I notified my buddy Barry about this ever-growing hoard, and he agreed to come out the following day to help retrieve some of these new treasures. After wading out in the freezing water wearing hip waders, we found another astonishing 38 medallions, and again, found some more different varieties! This is just insane! Where did they come from? I again called Barry, and he and I again went back to the forever-giving medallion spot, and again between the two of us, we got another 93 medallions! So, that brings up a final total of 175 medallions to date. We were cold, tired, and just plain worn out. Finding these medallions using an average-sized shovel was already challenging. We will continue metal detecting this river next year when the river depth decreases to a safe level again. Even more medallions!

"So, where did all of these medallions come from? Were they stolen and dumped into the river? Did they get dumped from a boat capsizing? Were they extra stock dumped into the river? ...and if so, why did they not get buried on land, or sold as scrap metal? Who-What-Where-When-Why? Some were silver-plated...some were gold-plated, some were made out of white metal. Searching the internet, I dated these medallions to the 1940s and 1950s.



Why were the majority team - sports-related, yet there were some representing public speaking, science, chess, canoeing, bicycling, and academia? Is there perhaps a connection with the University, which sits not too far from this site above the river valley? Maybe they have been stolen from a delivery vehicle? There are nearly as many questions now as there are medallions.

"My soon-to-be long, cold dark winter up here in Canada will give me some time to further research where this hoard of medallions came from. Perhaps I'll connect with the University, speak with some local trophy manufacturing companies, and perhaps a trip to the local City of Edmonton Archives for some further research is in order. I need to find out more about this hoard."

Garrett Metal Detectors Presents

OPOC Awards

What is OPOC? OPOC stands for Outstanding Police Officer of the Community. It is an annual award that recognizes an outstanding police officer who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to give back to the community. This award was created in 2015 by retired Garland, TX police officer Kevin Schoch and Vaughan Garrett. It is presented at the Police Softball World Series in Las Vegas, Nevada where the final round of playoffs is held.

Vaughan Garrett, Senior Vice President of Marketing from Garrett Metal Detectors, selects the OPOC recipient from reading numerous submissions provided to him from various police departments and individuals throughout the United States. Kevin Schoch said, "This award has started a new tradition in police softball that will long outlive us. And we appreciate Garrett for its excellent products and supporting this great organization."

This year's OPOC award recipient is Dan McIntyre from Woodridge, Illinois. Among the numerous contributions to his community, Dan raised over \$400,000 for the athletes of Special Olympics.

In addition to the OPOC award, Garrett sponsors the annual Dr. Charles Garrett Memorial Home Run Derby, which is also held in Las Vegas at the time of the police softball playoffs, and was crowned to Jake Reuvers from the Minnesota Lawmen. Jeff Blair, director of Police Softball said, "The tournament was a huge success! 78 teams competed, with over 1,000 law enforcement officers. And Kevin did a great job representing Garrett Metal Detectors."

Throughout the years, Garrett Metal Detectors has sponsored numerous sporting events and teams. Beginning in 2015 Garrett has continually sponsored Police Softball. Vaughan Garrett states, "We have an association with law enforcement that goes way beyond supplying products to scan for weapons. We get involved in the financial support so these officers can enjoy a competitive and recreational opportunity with their colleagues. This is our way of giving back to those officers who fight crime daily, and we thank them for protecting and serving citizens all across the United States."

More information about Police Softball and a write up of Dan McIntyre's OPOC award, visit www.policesoftball.com.



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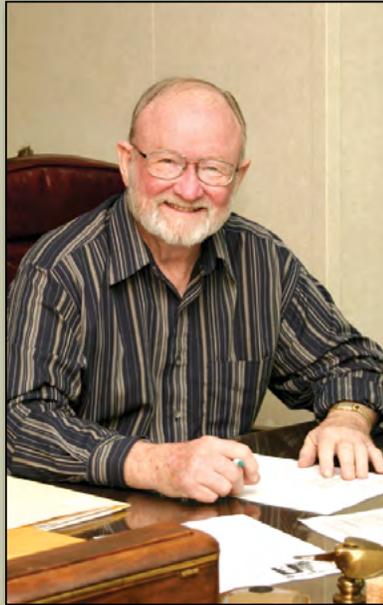
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Garrett's Code of Detecting Ethics

Charles Garrett always urged his fellow searchers to conduct themselves as responsible treasure hunters and to leave their hunt areas in better condition than they found them. Please follow your local directives during the current health crisis, but when you are able to safely enjoy detecting, here are just a few of his keys to good conduct in the field:



- Never trespass or hunt on private property without permission.
- National and state parks/monuments, etc. are absolutely off-limits.
- Always fill in every hole that you dig.
- Do not leave litter or other discarded junk items lying around.
- Always carry out all rubbish and dug targets with you when you leave a search area.
- Use reasonable caution in digging toward any target, particularly in areas where you are uncertain of the ground conditions.
- Keep informed on and obey all local and national legislation relating to the discovery and reporting of found treasures.



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From The Field
Real People making Real Finds

Michael Bennett, aka Nugget Noggin, searches a pond for a ring return in Oklahoma.

