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2002 Olympic Winter Games Sweepstakes

Want a free trip to see the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City in February? Enter Garrett's 2002 Olympic Winter Games Sweepstakes, and you may win one!

Yes, that's right. Garrett is providing air fare and four days at the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games, complete with event tickets, free of charge for two.

First prize in the Garrett contest is air fare for two from the major airport nearest the winner's home within the Continental United States to Salt Lake City, with a three night stay in a first class hotel. Tickets for two Olympic events per day will also be given to the winners. The 2002 Olympic Winter Games will be held next year in Utah from February 8 to 24.

Five top of the line Garrett GTI™ 2500 imaging detectors will be offered as Second Prizes. Five Garrett GTAx 1250 detectors will go to Third Prize winners, and five persons will win Garrett Treasure Ace 300 detectors as Fourth Prize in the sweepstakes. Fifty Commemorative 2002 Olympic Winter Games caps together with 50 Commemorative

Garrett Winter Olympic pins will be awarded as Fifth Prize.

Anyone purchasing a Garrett metal detector from an authorized dealer between September 15 and December 31, 2001 will receive a Sweepstakes Entry Form in the box for filling out and sending in for the Sweepstakes drawing to be held on January 10, 2002.

No purchase is necessary. For a free chance to enter the contest, send a 3 x 5 inch card with your name, complete address and home telephone number to Garrett Sweepstakes, 1881 W. State Street, Garland, TX 75042-6797 or enter online at www.garrett.com. To be eligible for the drawing entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on December 31, 2001. Only one entry per person is allowed. Entry in the Garrett Winter Olympic Sweepstakes is open to legal United

States residents 18 years of age or older, except those living in areas where such contests are prohibited by law.



Graphic Target Imaging Meets Revolutionary War Treasure

CARMEL, New York - Tim Knapp credits his Garrett GTI 2500 with helping to discover "the find of a lifetime." He says he chose the 2500 "for its ability to cut through very bad soil while running the all metal mode," and he reports that "it works great!"

A veteran Garrett owner, Tim has hunted with the new imaging detector for more than a year now and he describes it as "hands down the best machine I have used in my hunting sites."

"Since I purchased the 2500, I have found numerous coins and relics that other machines I have used missed due to highly mineralized soil," he stated. "Some of the other machines claimed to be the cream of the crop in the relic hunting fields, but the 2500 blows them away."

Tim has the opportunity to hunt Revolutionary War sites

and he says that his GTI 2500 "loves Revolutionary War buttons." He explains that because the buttons are made of pewter, most other detectors find this is a problem. "Not so for the 2500. I have found pewter vest sized buttons at 10+ inches while hunting in All-Metal Mode and the signals on these buttons are very strong even at these depths."

Tim's most recent relic is arguably the rarest American military plate known, an Artillery officer's sword belt tip plate from the American Revolution. It was hand engraved by a silversmith and it is believed that these plates were made as an accoutrement for Artillery Generals only. There have only been two found at an artillery training facility in Pluckimien, NJ, during an archaeological dig. Buffs believed that these were the only two made until now and this is the first one to be found by a metal detector.

"I had heard that Garrett detectors were playground machines and all but useless in the relic fields," Tim says. "I beg to differ. I have used Garrett's since the early 80's and I find that they work well for all types of hunting. I wouldn't be caught in the field without one. I had the pleasure of being on Team Garrett at last year's Grand National Relic Shootout and I will be there again this year proudly fighting for the trophy for the "Green Team."

"My hat's off to Charles Garrett for producing one of the finest and most capable detectors on the market today. Without the GTI 2500, I think I would have a very hard time detecting the find of a lifetime."



"Treasure Facts" To Appear In Trade Magazines



By Charles Garrett

Reading the advertisements of metal detector manufacturers has always been a pleasure for me—even before I began advertising my own products. And, there certainly were a lot more companies advertising detectors back then than there are today.

Of course, at first I was interested in learning how to advertise Garrett detectors. But, I began finding these long ago ads so delightful because of all the misinformation they contained and the obviously spurious claims that were made for the detectors they were trying to sell. What kind of fools must these people have thought we were?

I determined that we would always try to use provable facts in promoting the products that I intended to make. And, this philosophy still governs the advertising of Garrett detectors today.

Oh, sure, you'll find superlatives in our ads. And, they contain such buzz words as "new," "better," "most advanced" and the like that reflect our opinions. Yet, as I look through Garrett's current advertising, I'm pleased at the extent to which provable facts are presented. We

can truly support all the claims that we make for Garrett detectors.

Maybe the demise of so many of the detector manufacturers who were in business 40 years ago was caused by the fact that their products couldn't live up to the claims made for them.

Yet, even today I marvel at some of the statements that are made in trade magazine advertisements. Many claims presented as facts just aren't true and certainly can't be proven.

This practice isn't right, and I have strong opinions about it which I have not voiced until now.

But I intend to speak out.

Our Company will soon begin a series of trade magazine ads to which we have tentatively given the title, "Treasure Facts."

Now, we certainly don't intend to be critical of specific

ads and the claims that are made in them. The manufacturer of any product certainly has the right to speak out in praise of his goods and to offer his opinions regarding them.

What we intend to do is simply point out specific facts involved in the design and capabilities of a modern metal detector. Certain performance feats by these products are possible and can be proved easily. Others for which allegations continue to be made are simply impossible to achieve and cannot in any way be proved.

Goodness knows, the marvelous machines that we manufacturers produce today are so capable and can do so many things that stretching the truth in advertising them is totally unnecessary. The facts alone are impressive enough.

And, that's exactly what you'll soon be reading in Garrett trade magazine advertisements, "Treasure Facts".

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Garrett Detectors Bring Couple Together

WAYNESBORO, Virginia - A generation or so ago Judy and J.R. Hise of Waynesboro, Virginia, found that they had many things in common such as a love for music, fishing and the outdoors. But, their shared interest that seemed "too good to be true" was treasure hunting with Garrett metal detectors, Judy remembers.

Yes, even before they were wed both had early Groundhog models, and Judy and J.R. remember that they "enjoyed countless hours together with our Garrett metal detectors."

Since their marriage, many things have taken up much of their spare time, such as two children and six grandchildren, and the purchase of a home.

"We have not had much time to enjoy metal detecting," Judy states. "However, we have decided that it's time to make more time for ourselves and our interests, so we recently purchased a Garrett GTAx 750 and are now looking forward to many more years of love and being together and metal detecting."

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Garrett's 2002 Olympic Winter Games Vision

The ultimate vision of Garrett Metal Detectors is the vision at the heart of the Olympic movement itself: to help ensure a safe and secure time and place where U.S. Olympic Team athletes and their families can gather with the world in the name of friendly competition. For this reason Garrett is honored to be Official Metal Detector Supplier of the 2002 Olympic Winter

Games, the 2000, 2002 and 2004 U.S. Olympic Teams and the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City. Drawing on Olympic Games experience dating back to 1984, Garrett Metal Detectors is deeply committed to helping safeguard the Olympic athletes, spectators and participants at the U.S. Olympic Training Centers and in Salt Lake City.

All-Metal Mode Pays Off

Jeff Bush of Catlin, Illinois, has joined the Garrett Gold Coin Club by finding a 1901 S \$5.00 gold coin with his Grand Master Hunter III with Treasure Talk. Jeff normally hunts in the Coin Mode, but was trying out the All-Metal Motion Mode and decided he liked it better except in trashy areas.

When he found his gold coin in this mode, he believed that he had discovered either a pull tab or nickel. The coin was 2 inches deep and Jeff says that it "didn't have a scratch on it, no wear anywhere on it and came out of the ground looking like a brand new coin. Nice sharp edges. I think it would grade MS63 or better, but I'm biased."

Jeff had hunted that same spot several times and when he first got his detector five years or so ago was told not to bother hunting there as it was all hunted out. "So far I've found several Seated Liberty dimes--one being an 1871 CC--several Indian Head pennies, a 1904 Barber Quarter and 1906 Barber Half Dollar. Not bad for a hunted out place," Joe remarked. "As soon as it quits raining I'm going back to find the partner to the gold \$5 piece."



Bulb Planter Becomes Treasure Digger

Sam Wells of New Hope, Pennsylvania, knows that property owners generally won't object to anyone hunting with a metal detector on their property. It's when the digging tools appear that the objections are heard.

He solves the problem with "a simple bulb planter." When his Garrett GTAx pinpoints a target, Jim uses the bulb planter to take a plug of sod so that he can remove his target. Then he inserts the plug back into the ground and tamps it down.

"I've never been chased, and have found hundreds of coins, fancy belt buckles, a gold ring and other treasures," he says.

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Kindness of a Stranger

A few weeks ago, I was hunting an old church site in Grapeland, Texas. I had been hunting about 30 minutes, when I noticed a Geo Tracker stop along the side of the road where I was searching. Out of the vehicle, a man came up to me and said he just stopped to meet me and say "hi". By the way, I was using my new White's XLT detector. He introduced himself as Charles Garrett. The name hit me, but I was not sure where I knew it. Then he said he was the president of Garrett Metal Detectors. We had a brief conversation. He told me he had hunted the same yard a few years back.

Soon he was on his way, leaving me with a smile on my face to see a man taking his time to stop and say "hi" to someone with the same interests. This is a great hobby with countless great people in it.

I also have a Garrett Freedom Ace that is several years old that I used before my new detector. I still use my Garrett or let a hunting partner use it. It works great, but I will upgrade to a new Garrett as soon as I can.

I guess what this letter is for is to say thanks for people like Charles Garrett.

Value Packed Christmas Packages Kick Off Holiday Season

Each would make an excellent gift for a child, parent or spouse who wants to get started right in the metal detecting hobby.

Save money on a great gift and enter Garrett's 2002 Olympic Winter Games Sweepstake drawing! That's the story behind two special money saving Christmas packages now being offered. The packages are especially timely since the GTAx 550 and Treasure Ace 100 detectors featured in the packages are among the Company's less complex models.

Each would make an excellent gift for a child, parent or spouse who wants to get started right in the metal detecting hobby. These detectors are ideal for that purpose because they offer the same Garrett quality and deepseeking capability as the Company's more expensive models.

The Christmas Package accompanying the GTAx 550 includes a 12 1/2-inch searchcoil and high quality Garrett headphones. All of this is offered at \$499.95. This price rep-

resents a savings of \$169.90 from usual retail prices.

The Christmas Package featuring the Treasure Ace 100 includes a set of Garrett headphones and a copy of Charles Garrett's highly popular *The New Successful Coin Hunting*, considered the basic handbook for searching for coins with a metal detector, a basic treasure hunting guide for all hobbyists, but especially ideal for metal detecting novices. This package is offered at \$179.95, a savings of \$39.90 from usual retail prices.

Both packages include an Entry Form for Garrett's 2002 Olympic Winter Games Sweepstake drawing. This exceptional sale ends on December 31, 2001.

Two Lessons in Metal Detecting

By Art Dustman

MOUNT HOLLY, New Jersey - We've all heard the expression, "A site is never completely worked out."

Well, it's true!

My metal detecting buddy, Joe Hackett, was driving home from work one afternoon when he passed an area where only the day before had stood an old house. Joe had noticed the house, which dated back to the early 1800's, many times throughout the years but never stopped to ask the owners' permission to metal detect the grounds.

While agonizing over possibly missing an opportunity to search the property before it was disturbed, Joe noticed a person at one of the outbuildings, the new owner of the property. He informed Joe that the grounds would not be developed until the next spring. He also gave permission to metal detect the property.

The next day at work we made plans to go to the site that afternoon. I had trouble concentrating on my tasks all day just thinking about the possibilities that awaited us, but I had a slight problem. While I always carry my detector in my truck I didn't have a change of clothes with me that day. That meant that I would have to first travel to my home in New Jersey to change clothes and then travel back to the site in Pennsylvania.

Do you realize how slow some people drive when you're anxious to get somewhere quickly? I finally arrived at the site to discover Joe already scanning. I removed my detector and various digging implements, including a small spade. Even though the owner had stipulated that all holes were to be filled in, neatness did not count because the ground was soon going to be torn up. Both Joe and I use Garrett GTAx 1250's with either the 8" or 12" coil. Just as I started to scan the soil, Joe exclaimed that he had found an Indian Head penny, dated 1903. Finally, I had a hit that read "25 cents". Could it be? Could this be it? No, it was only a clad quarter.

After digging many more holes, I came away with two clad quarters, one clad dime, one wheat penny, plenty of

nails and zip tops. It was now getting too dark to see what we were doing, so we called it a night.

I returned the next Sunday morning, met Joe at the site and within a few minutes I found my first Indian Head penny, dated 1887. We worked the grounds for the rest of the morning finding numerous Indian Heads with Joe also finding a nice "V" nickel.

On our next outing three days later, Joe found a few Wheat pennies and I came across another "V" nickel and a beautiful 1916 Mercury Head dime showing no signs of wear at all.

By the following day the pickings were getting scarce but I still managed to squeeze out two more Mercury Head dimes, a 1918 and a 1938, and a large cent with Joe finding nothing. The large cent was found in an area that both of us had gone over a few times. It was worn on the front but was sharp on the reverse. We could make out the date as "1848."

The owner of the property came over to see what I had found and offered to buy the coin from me. I immediately refused and instead gave him the coin and thanked him again for letting us detect on his property. One coin given equals good relations (as well as other sites he claims to know of).

We could not come back for a week and lasted about four hours until the heat and humidity grew unbearable. In addition, we had little to show for our efforts except rusty nails. Joe and I sat under a large tree on the site and discussed the prospects of us finding anything else of value here. We decided that there couldn't be anything left because the site "had been worked out."

Still, the next chance I had to go detecting...I can't explain it. I just had a feeling and I returned to the site Joe and I had determined was "worked out." After about 15 minutes I received a loud ping in an area that we had gone over before and found to be trashy with nails, bolts, and bits of aluminum cans. I looked at the meter and saw that it read 25 cents to 50 cents at 4 inches. After pinpointing the sound, I dug a plug about 12 inches in diameter. I removed it and

looked into the hole. There, sticking out of the right side of the dirt I could see silver, a lot more silver than I'd ever seen before in the ground. My heart was pounding as I removed the coin.

The first thing I noticed was the front of the coin, the woman's head, the flowing hair. I gently removed some more of the encrusted clay so I could see the date. It was 1795, with a nick across the 7 and 9 from where my shovel had hit it. Now, not ever having seen a coin like this before I had no idea of its denomination. And, I didn't know there was writing on the edge of the coin. I put it in my pocket and went back to detecting, but had trouble concentrating as my mind wondered about the coin in my pocket.

Upon arriving home, I went to several coin sites on the Internet and learned where to look for the denomination. Grabbing my trusty Garrett magnifying glass, I inspected the edge of the coin and learned that I had found a 1795 Half Dollar with fine details marred only by the scratch I put on it.

I learned two lessons from this discovery.

The first is: "Be careful when digging." That scratch that I put on the coin really detracts from its overall beauty.

And secondly: "A site is never really worked out."



Merry Christmas

On behalf of the entire staff of Garrett Metal Detectors we wish you a safe and Happy Holiday Season.



We're at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games to help make sure security isn't on thin ice.

At Garrett Metal Detectors we've been doing our own special training for our role as Official Metal Detector Supplier of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City on February 8-24: making sure that our products perform flawlessly even in the coldest outdoor winter venues. It's all part of our commitment to the Olympic Movement and Athletes, one we've been proud to honor since 1984. We invite you to join us in this commitment as we carry out the largest installation of metal detectors in the history of the Olympic Winter Games.



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Perfect Companion To Super Scanner.. New SuperWand

New from Garrett Metal Detectors is the SuperWand, a hand-held metal detector for security and law enforcement applications. For some 20 years Garrett has produced the famed Super Scanner, the world's leading hand-held security detector. The new SuperWand will serve as a companion, according to Charles Garrett.

A slender detector with a new ergonomic grip designed to fit comfortably in every hand, the Garrett SuperWand offers smooth handling and easy operation with a one touch button and three color LED display-all to provide precise 360° detection of all ferrous and non ferrous metallic objects.

The SuperWand delivers optimum sensitivity with automatic retuning, which requires absolutely no adjusting. Users can choose between a clear audible or silent vibrate/LED alarm signal. Red, green and amber LED lights provide the user with instant operating mode information.

The SuperWand's rugged injection molded construction

features a structurally separate coil for increased impact absorption. Weighing only 16 ounces, the SuperWand's sleek dimensions-3 in. wide, 19 in. long, 1.25 in. thick-enhance its easy handling.

A single 9 volt battery is included to provide up to 80 hours of normal operation. Accessories optionally available with the SuperWand include a choice of 110 volt and 220 volt recharge kits with batteries and a handy belt holster.

The SuperWand is the newest addition to Garrett's security product line, one of the world's largest offerings of walk-through, hand-held and ground search metal detectors for security and law enforcement.

Garrett has long been one of the most trusted names in security and law enforcement metal detection. In addition to the SuperWand and Super Scanner its products include a complete line of Magnascanner walk-through detectors as well as detectors for searching packages and ground areas.



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Police Officer Finds Engagement Ring

CARMEL, California – When Ted Neth upgraded the local police department's metal detector capability with a new Treasure Ace 200, he couldn't have expected the immediate happy results.

A young woman had just accepted a beautiful engagement ring on beautiful Carmel Beach near awe inspiring Point Lobo. After her husband-to-be placed the impressive diamond ring on her finger, she threw her arms around her fiancé and reacted in horror as her new ring slipped off her finger and fell into the fine beach sand.

The couple and nearby observers spent half an hour futilely looking for the ring before Police Sgt. Ken O'Donovan appeared with the new Garrett Treasure Ace. After setting the discrimination correctly as had been instructed by Garrett Dealer Neth, he scanned for only a few seconds before hearing a signal.

"I asked the man to look under the searchcoil and see what I'd found," Sgt. O'Donovan related. He dug into the sand and immediately pulled out the diamond ring. His fiancée burst into tears.

Sgt. O'Donovan explained that his department finds a metal detector valuable because of a desire to help people. "There's good jewelry being lost, and a lot of it has sentimental value. And, people have lost car keys on the beach." Because some auto manufacturers now incorporate memory chips into their ignition keys, copying them is quite difficult for most locksmiths.

"When people find themselves in a jam, we want to be able to go down and help them," he said.

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City—or one of 65 other spectacular prizes. Just fill out your Entry Form from the box and send it in for the Sweepstakes drawing on January 10, 2002. This is a once-in-a-lifetime

chance to watch the world's best athletes compete in Utah's breathtaking mountain wonderland. Don't miss it. Call Garrett at 1-800-527-4011 or visit www.garrett.com now.



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Garrett To Help Secure 2002 Olympic Winter Games



SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - Metal detectors manufactured by Garrett will help safeguard athletes, officials and spectators at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, February 8-24.

The Company will install and service the largest metal detector installation in Olympic Winter Games history throughout the Games and will assist in the training of thousands of police officers, security professionals and volunteers on the use of the equipment. Garrett's expertise will be challenged by the first large scale use of metal detectors outdoors in extreme cold weather at venues for skiing, snowboarding and biathlon, as well as inside the ice skating arenas.

Garrett served as Official Supplier of Metal Detector Equipment for the recent Sydney 2000 Olympic Games in

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Australia.

For the past decade and a half, Garrett's famous Magnascanner walk-through units and hand-held Super Scanners have helped safeguard countless facilities worldwide, such as schools, airports, prisons and embassies, as well as special events, such as athletic competitions, political conventions, concerts and high profile ceremonies like the Academy Awards. Garrett has provided metal detector security at Olympic Games in Sydney, Atlanta, Barcelona, Seoul and Los Angeles.

"All of us at Garrett Metal Detectors are truly excited to be working with the Salt Lake 2002 Games in what promises to be the greatest Olympic Winter Games in history," said Charles Garrett. "Because Salt Lake's extraordinary facilities are certain to attract a large audience, we will be using new procedures with the most sophisticated equipment for checkpoint screening."

Garrett will deploy 400 walk-through, 575 hand-held and 10 ground searching metal detectors to help secure the Olympic Village, the Olympic Main Stadium, the Olympic Skating Area, the Olympic Ice Hockey Arena, and other

facilities playing host to 3,500 athletes and officials from 80 nations.

Garrett will also be involved in training thousands of individuals in the use of metal detectors in checkpoint security screening methods to ensure that massive crowds at all venues will flow smoothly, while quickly and effectively detecting weapons such as guns and knives.

Garrett will provide the 2002 Salt Lake Games with a wide range of detection equipment including the industry's finest walk-through unit, the Magnascanner PD 6500 with its unique pinpointing detection capabilities, along with CS 5000 walk-through units and the acclaimed Garrett Super Scanner and new SuperWand hand-held metal detectors.

The Salt Lake 2002 Games feature 10 competition venues with five indoor and five outdoor facilities, plus nearly 20 non-competition venues such as the Olympic Village and Medals Plaza. Garrett will also service the security and safety needs of the U.S. Olympic Training Centers in Colorado Springs, Colo., Lake Placid, N.Y., and Chula Vista, Calif.

The Start of a Metal Detecting Hobby

WATERVILLE, Vermont - When Police Detective David Thatcher, an avid metal detector hobbyist, was asked to speak to elementary school students here, he immediately thought of Garrett because his department in Rhode Island makes extensive use of Garrett's security products.

But, it was hobby metal detection that he knew would interest the youngsters between the ages of 7 and 10, and Garrett's Mary Penson was only too glad to assist with various Garrett materials to illustrate his talk and to pass out to the students.

David had already decided to provide a Garrett Treasure Ace which he planned to give to one of the students at his demonstration. Sure enough, "when my lecture switched to the pursuit of discovering hidden pirate treasure, they were spellbound," David reported. "The children are very impressionable and eager to learn. I would venture that there were a number of future archaeologists and treasure hunters in the crowd!"

David presented the Treasure Ace to fourth grade student

Lewis Gallo who was impressive because of his eagerness and willingness to learn about metal detection. "The look on Lewis' face when he was given the detector was that of a child at Christmas," David said.

David then took Lewis hunting with his detector, and the youngster found a quarter within five minutes. "This is where the hobby begins," David concluded.

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Lewis Gallo (left) and David Thatcher.



Wedding Ring Found in Lake With a Garrett

Stories of hobbyists finding lost items and returning them to their owners are common in the treasure hunting fraternity. What is not so common is the letter to Garrett Metal Detectors from Sharon Southers of Fort Worth which is excerpted below.

"We would like to express our deepest appreciation to Mr. Paul Leslie of Granbury, Texas, for taking time out of his busy life to help us in our time of desperation.

On Tuesday July 12, 2001, while I was swimming in a lake, my wedding ring slipped off my finger, which began an emotional roller coaster for the whole family.

As I went into an awful panic, all six children, my brother-in-law and I searched for the ring for 1-1/2 hours. We were all exhausted but no ring was found.

My husband Craig came later with our son's metal detector, but it was not a submersible model. He decided to take off from work the next day to search for the ring by dragging the bottom area with a basket. But once again, however, no luck.

It was obvious that we needed an underwater metal detector and we learned of Garrett dealer Paul Leslie. When he was told of our problem, Paul offered to search for the lost ring himself.

When he came to the lake that afternoon armed with sunglasses, earth shoes, ball cap, two submersible metal detectors, scoops and other equipment, he looked as though he had just stepped out of a desert movie. His first efforts were unsuccessful, but this soft spoken, kind man obviously loves a challenge and he promised to try again the next day.

Early the next morning when I arrived at the lake Paul and his brother Jacob were in the water. Paul then came to me and asked me to describe the ring. My voice was starting to break and I began to cry as I explained how wide the ring

was and its rows of diamonds.

When I looked up to see if Paul had understood all I told him, I realized that he was standing waist deep in the lake holding my ring in his palm. My tears of loss and sorrow were flooded away by tears of appreciation, thankfulness, and joy. I can't thank Paul Leslie, Mrs. Leslie or Paul's brother enough."



Paul Leslie searching for a cherished ring.

Class Ring Found on First-Day Hunt

Anthony Heath of Chalfont, Pennsylvania, is both happy and proud to be the new owner of a Garrett GTX 550. The first time he took it out within five minutes he had found a 50 cent piece, "a whole bunch of quarters" and a high school class ring. The next day he tracked down the high school on the Internet and found it to be Putnam County High School in Granville, Illinois.

"The ring had a signature engraved inside and I was able to locate the person's parents in Granville who gave me his phone number. When I spoke to him I learned that he had given the ring to a girl in 1988 when he was 16 and she moved to Pennsylvania that same year and lost his ring."

Anthony found the ring in about 3 inches of soil next to the swings 13 years later. He said that the owner was "really happy to hear this story" and to learn that his ring would be mailed to him. "You probably get a lot of goofy letters like this from novices like me," Anthony wrote. "But I think it's really a cool thing that something like this happened my first day out with my new GTX 550. I plan on buying another unit soon as a gift for my father. He's gonna love it."

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New Garrett Book Features Hunting For Outlaw Caches

Douglas E. Schwaderer wanted to find an outlaw cache, but he was unsuccessful. Perhaps he should have waited for a new book upcoming from Ram Publishing, *Treasure Caches Can Be Found*. In it Charles Garrett will discuss in detail the basic techniques required in hunting for caches. A special feature of the book will be a description of the lives of several outlaws which includes the lore and legends of caches they (might have) buried.

"Writing this book has been a fascinating experience," said Mr. Garrett. "It enabled me to relive some exciting

times in my past and to review the history of *Where Outlaws Hid Their Loot*, which is a sub-title of the book."

Publication of the book will take place early in 2002, which should be good news for all cache hunters, especially Mr. Schwaderer. Using his research along with the description supplied by Charles Garrett, perhaps Mr. Schwaderer can be more successful in locating the famous cache of Prohibition racketeer Dutch Schulz.

Good Samaritan Saves School Teacher \$300

KADOKA, South Dakota - James A. Berry and his Garrett Master Hunter CX III helped make Christmas more pleasant for a local school teacher last winter. He used his metal detector to find her lost key ring in a snow drift. As James describes it, "I hit 'pay snow' in just a few seconds."

This would seem to have been just another routine metal detector chore, hardly worth reporting--but the lost ring had three school keys on it. Her school required that she be charged \$100 per key to help pay for changing school locks. As a single mother with three children, she sincerely appreciated the efforts of Mr. Berry and his detector.

James has been detecting for almost 20 years and has used Garrett exclusively. His goal now: "To get my hands on a new imaging detector. They look like a mean Green Machine!"

Battlefield Provides Years of War Relics Hunting

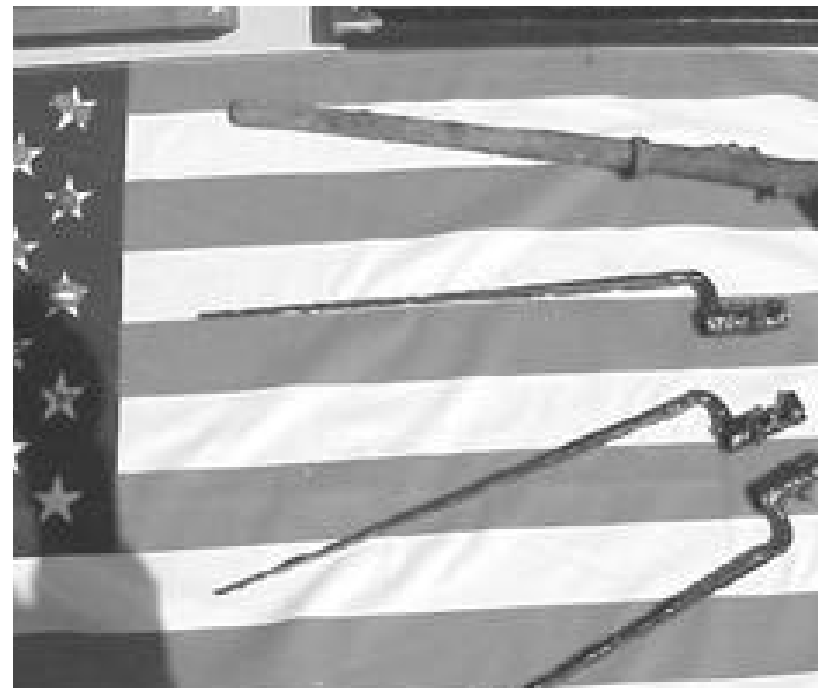
By Joe Roberts

I finally got up to Marks Miles battlesite the other day and interviewed three guys I met. All three use Garrett detectors, and all gave very favorable reports on their detectors. They have been hunting that area for years. They report that their detectors are put through the hardest use. One fellow broke the case of his detector and patched it back together and even forgot and left it in the back of the truck where it got full of water from rain. He thought it was ruined, but he poured the water out of it and let it dry out and it never failed a single time. I hope you never put your GTI 2500 through this kind of abuse, but it is good

to know that it is durable enough in case something out of the ordinary happens.

Speaking of Marks Mills, I was on the way home from a doctor's appointment last Friday and thought I would try my luck in another spot along the highway. I told myself that I would limit my hunt to a short one, no more than 2 hours because I had somewhere else to be. I stepped into the woods and made a turn that paralleled the road about 50 yards out. Fifteen minutes later, I got a really nice signal and after pinpointing it, the display read "B" size at 4 inches and 2 cursor positions below a penny. I grinned to myself thinking this has to be a bullet. Down on one knee

I went with shovel in hand and sure enough, out came an unfired, .577 caliber Confederate Enfield bullet. This is great, I thought as I swept the hole again and lo and behold another signal. Yep, sure enough, another "drop". I did this five more times and pulled a total of 7 of these confederate slugs. I thought, thank you Lord, I can't do better than this on such a short trip and contentedly walked back to the truck, but only after circling this hole about 10 feet out around it in case this soldier dropped anything else. I know exactly how to get back to the spot and I believe that there's more to be found. Perhaps one Saturday soon I'll be out there



Treasure found at Marks Miles battlefield.

Competitive Treasure Hunt Book

The Competitive Treasure Hunt: How to Plan, How to Organize, How to Win. By Jack Lowry. Ram Publishing Company, Dallas, TX, 82 pp. \$9.95

Precise instructions for planning, organizing and winning competitive metal detector treasure hunts are given in this new book by a veteran competitive hunter.

This is truly a primer for any metal detector hobbyist who hunts for treasure with a metal detector whether competitively or alone.

Details carefully outlined in the book are designed to bring order to the organization and conduct of competitive hunts. They are presented so thoroughly that studying the new book should enable even those who have planned and conducted numerous hunts to learn more about their events.

In addition, metal detecting legend Charles Garrett states that "reading this book will help all hobbyists to find more coins and other treasures."

Jack Lowry says that basically the new book tells "all you'll ever need to know about the fascinating world of competition treasure hunting," offering specific A-Z instructions that clearly outline how an organization can plan, conduct and profit from a successful hunt.

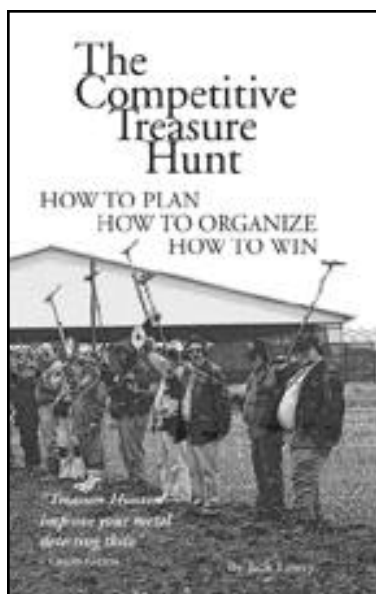
Timelines covering an entire year indicate precisely when each specific activity concerning the hunt must be executed if the event is to be fully successful.

Day-by-day instructions are given for all aspects of organizing and staging a successful hunt, even to suggestions for soliciting the hunt's prize awards.

Individual competitors are offered numerous tips designed to make them more successful in competition hunts. Preparation, both physical and mental, is the key to success here, says Author Lowry.

In addition to describing the many details necessary in planning and conducting a hunt, the book includes examples of promotional flyers that have successfully advertised various hunts.

This book is "must" reading for any metal detector hobbyist, especially those engaged in competition treasure hunting.



A Garrett Hunter For Life

MEDICINE HAT, Alberta - Rod Mertz is just one example of a treasure hunter who started out with Garrett and kept moving up as he grew more successful.

Rod's first detector was a Garrett Freedom Ace which he purchased while attending the university in Edmonton. "As a social studies/history minor I was drawn to the field of detecting," he says, "made some neat finds with it and was definitely bitten by the detecting bug. But since detecting was only one of many interests, along with university football and finishing my degree, the detector didn't get used as much as I'd have liked."

When Rod moved to Medicine Hat to start a new teaching job three years ago he upgraded to a GTAx 1000 and started making finds that he termed "incredible."

He found many artifacts of a military nature, buttons and badges from the famous Northwest Mounted Police (now the RCMP/Mounties), not to mention hundreds of silver coins and interesting relics. He choose to detect obscure sites from the past, such as rodeo grounds and abandoned camp and homesites.

"I teach junior high social studies and use my finds in my

teaching," he states. "Nothing spurs young minds like being able to hold a musket ball or a Hudson Bay Co. token or metal trade arrow head, and the students are always anxious to see what I'll bring to class after a weekend."

Rod recently upgraded again to a GTI 1500 and reports "continuing success." Rod's goal now is to become a member of the Garrett Test Team because he terms himself "a Garrett Hunter for life."

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Garrett GTI Finds Precious Treasure

"I am satisfied that without the benefit of the GTI imaging system, this precious treasure would have been lost forever!"

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri - Because Jim Andrews was an active and successful metal detector hobbyist, a co-worker of his wife approached him with a problem. The co-worker and his wife had been devastated by the untimely death of a daughter. To make matters worse, his wife had lost the girl's baby ring which she wore on a chain.

Jim and his Garrett GTI 2000 were the couple's last hope. When he neared their new home under construction where the ring had been lost, "my hopes dimmed," Jim said, "because the site had been bulldozed and heavy equipment had been used throughout."

After locating numerous soda tabs, nails and a couple of pennies, Jim really began to get discouraged. He continued to query the woman about just where she might have been when the ring was lost, and she led him to a grassy area partially covered with dirt from the excavating.

"Again the GTI 2000 picked up several more pieces of metal and coins, and I was about to abandon any hope of finding the ring," Jim stated. "As I worked around a post in 8-inch grass, the unit sounded off and the imaging readout showed a Category A target made of gold. Pressing into the

deep grass with the coil, a tiny baby ring surfaced."

What was the woman's reaction? "Through her tears she identified the ring and was literally bursting with happiness with a look that would have inspired any Renaissance artist," Jim reported. "I am satisfied that without the benefit of the GTI imaging system, this precious treasure would have been lost forever!"

Master Hunter CX Plus Manual in Spanish

A complete Owner's Manual for the Garrett CX Plus detector is now available in the Spanish language. Cost of the manual is \$3, postage paid.



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