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**Our next club meeting will be**

**September 12, 2024, at 7 P.M.**

Cox Science Center

Auditorium

Dreher Park

4801 Dreher Trail North

West Palm Beach, FL 33405

**The topic for this month's meeting is Geo  
Caching for detectorists.**

**What is the most expensive thing found with a metal  
detector?**

The cache of gold, silver, and garnet objects from early Anglo-Saxon times represents one of the most important kingdoms of the era — and was valued at around \$5.3 million. **The Staffordshire Hoard** is considered the largest collection of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver objects ever found



## **LOCATION CHANGE**

**Please note that for the  
months of August and  
September, our meetings  
will be held in the Science  
Center auditorium due to**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Bill Lane	9/1
Mark Miscavage	9/1
Cindy Bean	9/5
Allen Mankin	9/19
Frank Meade	9/19
Arnie Steiner	9/21

## METAL DETECTOR



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## FOR SALE / REMINDERS

If you have metal detecting related items to sell, you can bring them in to the meetings. A table will be made available for sale items.

For all those pull tabs and eyeglasses that you find, please bring them to the club meetings. The pull tabs are sent to Ronald McDonald House charities. They turn the pull tabs in as scrap metal and the money goes to the charity.

The eyeglasses go to organizations that provide glasses for those who are in need.

# 11 NOTABLE WORLD METAL DETECTING FINDS AND TREASURES

- Derrynaflan Hoard
- Little Bighorn Gold Ring
- Ringlemere cup
- Mojave Nugget
- Staffordshire Hoard
- Early American Copper Penny
- Henry III Gold Penny
- The Ring Finders
- Grouville Hoard
- King Henry VII Crown Centerpiece
- Bronze Age Axe Hoard

## 1. DERRYNAFLAN HOARD

The Derrynaflan Chalice is an 8th- or 9th-century chalice found as part of the Derrynaflan Hoard of five liturgical vessels. It was discovered on February 17, 1980, near Kille-naule, County Tipperary, in Ireland. Located in the National Museum of Ireland, this collection of Celtic gold jewelry was discovered by two metal detectorists in 2010. The Derrynaflan Hoard is an archaeological site located in County Louth, Ireland, that contains over 100 gold torcs, some of which date back to the 5th century AD, and is one of the oldest gold hoards in the world.

## 2. LITTLE BIGHORN GOLD RING

A volunteer archaeologist in Little Bighorn, USA, discovered a finger bone with a gold ring still on it. The bone and ring were dated to 1876, when the Sioux killed Lieutenant Colonel George Custer's soldiers at the Battle of Little Bighorn. A gold mining camp was discovered in 1876 on the banks of the Little Big Horn River in Montana Territory, USA. Several items were left behind by members of the 7th Cavalry Regiment, according to Grinnell. Two rings, a belt buckle, and a watch fob were among them.

### **3. RINGLEMERE CUP**

In historic England, Cliff Bradshaw, an amateur treasure hunter, had already discovered several seventh-century relics in a wheat field and felt certain he would find more. The Ringlemere cup, which was made between 1700 and 1500 BC and is still quite complete despite being crushed by modern agricultural equipment, delighted archaeologists. The British Museum purchased the Ringlemere Cup for \$520,000. There is a claim that a hoard of gold coins dating back to the reign of King Edward I (1272-1307) was discovered at Ringlemere near Chippenham in Wiltshire, England, in 1881, which is referred to as the Ringlemere Cup Treasure.

### **4. MOJAVE NUGGET**

In 1977, a resident of Los Angeles found the fourth-largest gold nugget in California. It had 132 pieces of gold within and was subsequently dubbed [the Mojave Nugget](#). Despite weighing only 4.9 kg at first, it was branded as the greatest piece of gold ever discovered, according to experts. Today, the Mojave Nugget can be found at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles.

### **5. STAFFORDSHIRE HOARD**

The [Staffordshire Hoard](#) is perhaps one of England's most famous metal detecting finds. This amazing collection of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver jewelry was discovered by a metal detectorist in 2009 and is now on display in the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. The Staffordshire Hoard comprises over 4,600 pieces. It's the biggest Anglo-Saxon hoard ever found, and Terry Herbert discovered it. In Birmingham, England, the collection is displayed at the Birmingham Museum.

### **6. EARLY AMERICAN COPPER PENNY**

Shane Houston, a metal detectorist from Charlotte, North Carolina, was metal detecting with a friend from New Hampshire when he stumbled upon a long-hidden, 222-year-old coin under a few inches of soil outside a church in Maine, according to the Bangor Daily News. The copper penny, dated 1798, is from the first decade of American-minted currency in North America. A copper penny was minted in the United States between 1793 and 1804. Coins like these were produced when the U.S. Mint was located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They were made from an alloy containing 92% copper and 8% zinc. Despite its color, this alloy is not pure copper; it contains iron, manganese, nickel, lead, tin, zinc, and antimony in small amounts.

### **7. HENRY III GOLD PENNY**

A Henry III gold penny, one of England's earliest gold coins, was among the first batch of finds by an amateur detectorist who stumbled across the coin while metal detecting in a field. Michail Leigh-Mallory discovered the coin buried 10cm deep on farmland in Devon's Hemyock by Leigh-Mallory. It is an ancient gold coin that was minted in England during the reign of King Henry III (ruled 1216-1272). As a matter of fact, it was discovered on May 14, 1831, at the site of the Battle of Lewes. Interesting to note that From 1035 until he died in 1066, Henry I (c. 1002-1067) reigned over England. His father, Edward the Confessor, died on Christmas Day, 1033. Anglo-Saxon princess Edith Swan Necktewart was his mother.

## **8. THE RING FINDERS**

Those who have lost their wedding rings online can find [the Ring Finders](#) website on the Internet. Find tips on how to connect with a ring finder near you and how to find your ring using various methods of searching on the site. The efforts of members have led to the recovery and return of thousands of rings.

## **9. GROUVILLE HOARD**

Reg Mead and Richard Miles, two amateur treasure hunters and metal detectorists, uncovered 61 copper and silver coins in total, each adorned with an exotic 'Red Indian-style' head with tattoos, plaited hair, and necklace on one side, and a stylized horse on the other. The pair was treasure hunting in a Grouville field in 2012 when they discovered the hoard. According to BBC news, the treasure was excavated by a team from the Societe Jersiais, Jersey Heritage, and Guernsey Museum in 2012. Grouville lies on the English Channel, near Boulogne-sur-Mer, where the Grouville Hoards were discovered in 1868. There are approximately 1,000 gold coins from the late Roman Empire and early Middle Ages. Most of these coins are denarii, but there are also sestertii, solidus, and leptiminus.

## **10. KING HENRY VII CROWN CENTERPIECE**

In July of 2017, a treasure-seeking metal detecting enthusiast named Kevin Duckett discovered a glint of gold peeking out from the dirt of an English field. He initially thought he had found a wrinkled piece of foil. However, as a Northamptonshire native continued digging, he soon recognized that he'd come upon something far more significant. The statuette is just 2.5 inches tall and may have once been part of a magnificent Tudor crown worn by Henry VIII during the Epiphany processions and his five immediate successors during their own coronations.

## **11. BRONZE AGE AXE HOARD**

A 13-year-old girl discovered a Bronze Age axe cache on her third metal-detecting expedition. It turned out to be an ax when Milly's father dug up the first one. Archaeologists were called in to excavate the entire hoard, which went to the British Museum in London.



# BEST FINDS



<b>BEST FINDS 2024</b>	<b>First Place (2 points)</b>	<b>Second Place (1 point)</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
Alfredo Herrera	13	7	33
Paul Hamlin	14	2	30
James Perkins	2	4	8
Blake Calder	4	0	8
Arnie Steiner	3	1	7
Bill Lane	1	0	2
Ed Sullivan	1	0	2
Laurie Haire	0	2	2
Thomas Read	0	1	1



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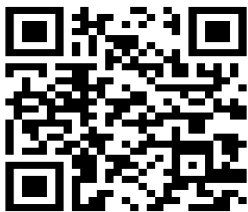
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