

# THE FOOTPRINT

## Newsletter of Great Lakes Metal Detecting

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### What's new on GLMD or Point of Interest

"GLMD will be renewed for another year"  
Thanks to the generosity of the following:

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### In the News

#### "Prayer request for Al Holden paying off"

As some of you know, Al Holden of Pro/Stock Metal Detectors has been dealing with cancer. I and many others have been praying for his recovery. Well it seems our prayers are paying off. As posted in the SWMSSC July newsletter:

"I would like to thank all of you for those prayers; they make a huge difference! God has been so good to watch over and care for me and my wife during this very hard time. I am working on this letter today, July 2nd, and I just learned that I will have surgery to remove any remaining cancer tumor tissue in my neck on July 8th. There is a very good chance that I will be spending at least one night in the hospital.

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### Item found last Month by One of our Members

OK, 2 items found by Webmaster



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## Latest Detector or Accessory Released

OK, this is more of a modification than an accessory.

How to hip mount an Ace 250?

See this link:

<http://forum.treasurenet.com/index.php/topic,99048.0.html>



## Recommended Website to Check Out

### Ohio Metal Detecting!



I'm Nick A. and I am a metal detector hobbyist or "detectorist" in Central Ohio. I have been metal detecting since getting my first real metal detector, a White's Classic II, in 1990, and currently use the Minelab Explorer SE and Minelab E-Trac detectors.

Nick does a great job on this website. He has a lot of good info about metal detecting clubs, cleaning coins and laws regarding metal detecting in Ohio.

<http://www.ohiometaldetecting.com/>

## Tips from the Pros

### How to get permission to detect?

Here is a typical example of this question asked:

"How to get permission to detect on private property? Can you provide me an example of a "Permission Letter"? Should I include a "Liability Waiver"? What about a "Search & Salvage Agreement"?"

Thanks,  
Inquirer"

**Answer from Joe C.:** ""This Is The Year"---- that's what you need to tell yourself. This is the year I will break the ice and go ask permission to detect that old farmhouse/old piece of property I saw."

**Answer from Webmaster:** "Good question, I personally haven't tried asking for permission that much but others have done real well with this technique."

To answer your question, all I can do is provide you with info collected from other metal detecting websites. (Provided by Joe C.)

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## Place or Event to Check Out in or around Michigan

### Beaver Island



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**Letters to the Editor: If you have a story or comment to add to our next newsletter, contact editor here: [webmaster@greatlakesmetaldetecting](mailto:webmaster@greatlakesmetaldetecting)**

... **Prayer request for Al Holden paying off**, continued from page 1.

My wife and I, and especially our granddaughter, are hoping to get away for a week or two. We hope to leave for vacation around the 15th. If that is the case, I am not sure if we will be back in time for the meeting. We will have to see how it goes--- time will tell."

Received this news from Mike Walker: "Hi Mike; My neck looks like I rented it from Frankenstein but I have great news! All the cancer was dead and has been completely removed! He found no more! P.T.L.!!! What was showing up as questionable tissue on the CT scan was only scar tissue from all the radiation. Thanks to all of you for your prayers! God has been so good! Now it is just about healing up!"

Also from Dirty Fingers (James) when asked how Al was doing while visiting his store: "Al is doing good, he went up north to take a break, Al is a amazing dude. He worked through all his cancer treatments and didn't skip a beat so it is nice to see him taking a break."

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... **How to get permission to detect?**, continued from page 2.

This 1st link is from Terry Ellis of the Albuquerque Metal Detector Association. He does a great job of explaining the "Do's & Don't of gaining permission". ([Click Here](#)) or see "pdf" file ([Click Here](#))

To recap, here are some key points of Terry's article:

1. Find out the name of the property owner first as it makes you look more 'prepared'.
2. Think about what you're going to ask the landowner.
3. After this initial introduction, answer any questions or concerns the property owner may have and, most important, do not lie! Lies will catch up sooner or later but most likely sooner.
4. First impressions are very important, so make sure you are clean, wear clean clothes, and NO SUNGLASSES! Direct eye contact is the best method to gain the property owner's attention.
5. Know the neighborhood you are about to search. Take time to do some research, drive through it without a detector and make a list of the places that really look good to you.
6. If there are two or more of you hunting, send only one to the door, don't have your buddies lounging around on the lawn with their equipment while you get the OK. The others should stay in the car until you walk back and tell them it is a go or no go.
7. Once you start hunting, wear headphones. Loud beeping will become a water torture to the owner and imply a multitude of valuable targets whether or not they are.
8. When asking permission, I always tell the home owner that I will show them anything I find before leaving. The key word is SHOW. Notice I didn't imply "sharing".
9. Have some prearranged hand signals with your partner if you find something neat, a tap on the top of the head might mean silver or relics.
10. By the way, it goes without saying - remove trash you find as well as treasure when you search a yard.
11. Don't let a non productive yard reflect on your attitude as you depart. It is not the owner's fault that there was nothing there or that you failed to find your intended targets. Thank them for their hospitality as profusely as you would had you found \$10 face value in old silver.
12. Lastly, treat the homeowners and their property with respect. Treasure hunting on someone's property without permission is trespassing. Removing an item without permission is theft.

More info on this topic can be found on the GLMDing forum. ([Click Here](#))

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... **Beaver Island**, continued from page 2.

See these links: <http://www.beaverisland.org/> and <http://www.beaverisland.net/>

I am told this island has all the beauty and charm of Mackinaw Island but just not as publicized. To reach it you have to take a ferry ride from Charlevoix or charter an airline. See this link: ([Click Here](#))

This is one of my most sought after destination but have never had the time to go. I believe there is a nice beach all the way around the island. However, swimming and water detecting may be a little cold unless done in the hottest month of the summer.

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... **2 items found by Webmaster**, continued from page 1.

It's been a good month for me in the water, scored 2 nice rings. The first one found on July 9<sup>th</sup> while detecting with Steve P. It's "platinum" weighing in at 24 grams. The second one found the next day detecting with Greg S. It's 14K with 16 diamonds.

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## Letters to the Editor:

### "Webmaster finds 3rd lost ring this year."

#### Received this email last night:

"Hello,

Today, I lost my wedding band in Warren, MI. I know the exact area, but have not been able to find it with my naked eyes.

I would like to enlist the services of a professional who can help me detect my ring. Of course, I'm willing to pay by the hour.

Can you refer me to someone who might be able to help me?

Thank you so much, I really appreciate it.

David"

#### My reply:

"Email me location & I can be there possibly tomorrow.

Are we talking on land or in water?

I can hunt for it for free. Would just like a picture of you holding ring (if found) for my website.

Ross Soderberg

MTH and Great Lakes Metal Detecting website administrator"

#### David's reply:

"Hello Ross,

Thank you so much! This means a lot to me. I lost it on land.

I will definitely give you a picture for your website if my wedding band is found!

On top, I do insist on offering you \$50 for your time (and driving expenses). Hope that's okay with you.

Here's the location of my lost wedding band (it's silver, 6mm wide, plain design with milgrain beads on the edges):

McGuire's Sports Bar

24200 Dequindre Rd

Warren, MI 48091

586-754-6397

I can meet you tomorrow at 12:30pm at the location, would that work for you? If not, let me know a better time, and I'll accommodate. I checked their website, they're open at 11am. Embarrassingly, I lost it in their volleyball sand courts, when it was pouring rain. They have three courts, I played in the far 2 courts today, on the side closest to the grass (they have picnic tables on the grass).

Here's my phone number: xxx xxx-xxxx

Please let me know if that works for you,

Once again, thank you for offering the help.

David."

Well I met David today as planned. I search 3 volley ball courts with no luck. Then David decided to go check parking lot. There wasn't one single coin in the courts??? I was beginning to think someone else already beat us to the ring even though the area was fenced in & locked. Anyway, I decided to try again and Bingo, hit it just about where David said it was. Turned out to be only signal I found but the one I was looking for. Sure made David's day and mine. 👍😊

BTW, David wasn't sure what the ring was made of, only that it looked like silver. Well the writing inside says:

TIFANY & Co PI950



## **Links to our website**

Home page: <http://greatlakesmetaldetecting.com>

Forum: <http://greatlakesmetaldetecting.com/phpBB3/portal.php>

**Side note:** If you decide to register on our forum, please use an email other than from an "AOL or "company private" account. These accounts block all emails sent from forums created with "php" software. Therefore they will be removed. If you were unable to register or your name is colored "orange", chances are you used an invalid email account. Just let me know and I can help you correct this. Also, you won't be able to view pictures in posts until you "register" and "make your first post".