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The Metal Detecting Creed By Jessie Thompson

We are Metal Detectorists. Venturing forth in search of relics lost to time, only to be discovered and secured for future generations.

Diligent in our endeavors to detect, we will not trespass on to posted lands and will always obtain lawful permission in advance.

Detectorists are protective of earth's creatures, nature's landscapes and tributaries. We close all gates and leave no refuse in our wake.

When requested, we will endeavor to assist in the recovery of lost items of sentimental value to the best of our ability.

History being the tie that binds us, any item recovered of a singular significant historical value will be reported to local historians.

Remember Metal Detecting is to be conducted in a respectful and courteous manner; we are the ambassadors of our hobby to all who may survey us.

CIVIL WAR HUNTING IN VIRGINIA



You don't have to belong to just one Metal Detecting Club. As Jessie spoke about at our last meeting, joining other clubs can give you more opportunities to go to some great hunt sites.

A few of our members, who are also members of the Staten Island History Hunters, myself included, had the opportunity to join them on their trip to Cold Harbor, VA on January 29th & 30th 2011, and to Chancellorsville, VA on March 19th & 20th, 2011.

The Cold Harbor Hunt was their first Virginia Hunt and produced a bunch of bullets, buckles and relics. The second Virginia hunt was located in a battlefield area near the Wilderness church, where during the Civil War, there was a large confederate presence in the area.

Some great relics and bullets were found. Keith Debes of the Staten Island club found a cannonball, and I just happened to be in the vicinity to hear Dennis Luria, also of the SIHH yell out (or should I say scream) when he dug up a bayonet. Other finds include a bomb fuse, bullets, buckles, buttons, knapsack hooks, and grapeshot.

There was a particular area near the road where many confederate bullets were found.

It was thought there might have been a Confederate campsite in that area.

It was a great trip with a lot of nice finds, and I'm looking forward to joining them on their next Virginia trip. ~Allyson Cohen

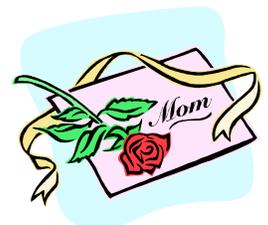


Pat D'arinzo digging for bullets at the Chancellorsville, VA site.

In case you missed the last meeting:

- ◆ The Amato Farms hunt is probably not going to happen.
- ◆ There will be no Orchard hunt.
- ◆ The club is planning the first Spring Hunt to be at Purchase College in Rye. This is a place they've hunted before. More info to come.
- ◆ If you did not receive a copy of the member list by email, please let Jessie or Kim know.
- ◆ It's April, dues are past due-if you haven't paid yet, please square up with Kim.
- ◆ There is a possibility of hunting a 32 acre old boys camp from the 1930's.
- ◆ There is still a lot of confusion about the NY City permits. That issue is up in the air at the moment. Look for more information in the next few weeks via email.
- ◆ The club needs help finding sites to hunt. Do you know anyone with a great piece of property to hunt? If so, it doesn't hurt to ask. The worse they can say is "no".
- ◆ The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 11 @ 7:30 pm.

Happy
Mother's
Day!



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Tips & Tricks



Got some metal detecting techniques, product recommendations or coin/relic cleaning tips to share?

C'mon...don't keep 'em all to yourself!

Email them to me at
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and I'll include them here.

Coin Cleaning Tip: Use Nicoline on those hard to read Nickels. You'll be amazed at the results.

Relic Cleaning Tip: On brass relics, if you want to get rid of the patina and other build up, hydrogen peroxide will remove most of it. Submerge in peroxide for a few minutes then lightly scrub with a soft brush. To keep the patina use warm alcohol and a very soft make-up brush.

Relic Cleaning Tip: To remove rust from your relics, you can try Naval Jelly, but electrolysis seems to be the recommended procedure. You can find directions online on how to clean using electrolysis.

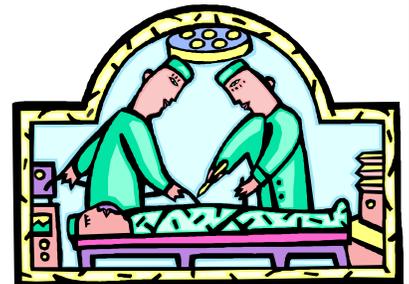


Metal Detectors Find Scalpels Left In Your Body After Surgery

By [Jaya Saxena](#) in [News](#) on March 20, 2011

Well, this data from the state Health Department has certainly made us terrified of ever getting invasive surgery. In 2008 and 2009, New York surgeons left 292 foreign objects inside patients, a 12 percent increase from 2006 and 2007. Nationwide, it happens about 3,000 times a year. But it's OK, because doctors are now utilizing the [advanced technology of metal detecting](#) to figure out what they left in there.

Maimonides Medical Center doctors are now using a metal-detector like wand over patients after major surgeries to double check for foreign objects, which are all affixed with radio-frequency tags. David Feldman, Maimonides vice president for patient safety, said, "We are always trying to make things safer." And avoid malpractice suits! Though some people just don't understand a good goof:



HUNTING CHANCELLORSVILLE, VA MARCH 19TH & 20TH 2011



**BULLETS,
FINNIALS &
MUSKETBALLS
FOUND BY PAT
D'ARINZO**

**PAT D'ARINZO, RUSS BERGENSON &
JESSIE THOMPSON FUELING UP FOR
A DAY OF HUNTING.**



**CARTER PENNINGTON AND PAT D'ARINZO
CHECK OUT A SIGNAL.**



RUSS BERGENSON DIGS A TARGET

HUNTING COLD HARBOR, VIRGINIA JANUARY 29TH & 30TH 2011



MEMBERS OF THE STATEN ISLAND HISTORY HUNTERS,
SOUTHERN PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RECOVERY GROUP, AND
THE NOR'EASTERS METAL DETECTING CLUBS AT THE HUNT SITE NEAR
RICHMOND, VA. ~ PHOTO COURTESY OF WOODY MCKAY



CARTER P. HUNTS FOR BULLETS



MIKE BURNS, DAN LEWIS & PAT D'ARINZO
TAKING A BREAK AFTER A LONG DAY IN
COLD HARBOR.



THE NO CENTS 'V' NICKEL: AN 1883 COIN WITH A STORY... OR TWO!

FROM THE FUNTIMESGUIDE.COM

When it comes to popular coins with interesting stories, there are few pieces that match the intrigue of this 1883 coin: the no-cents Liberty Nickel.

Designed by Charles E. Barber -- the same man who designed the Liberty Head Barber dimes, quarters, , and half-dollars -- the Liberty Head nickel was first released in 1883.

However, during the first months of production, the 1883 Liberty Head nickel, a design which has a big Roman numeral 'V' on the reverse to symbolize five cents, lacked the words 'FIVE CENTS.' Unscrupulous individuals made the most of the opportunity, and the story begins...



The No-Cents 'V' Nickel Story

Nothing about the 1883 no-cents nickel is rare.

In fact, with a value of less than \$10 in moderately worn grades, it's among the cheapest dates from the first decade of the Liberty nickel series.

This 1883 coin draws a fair share of attention for being the first year of issue for the Liberty nickel series, but the most intriguing story behind the 1883 no-cents nickel has to do with how it became known as the 'racketeer nickel.'

Racketeer Nickels

Because the first 1883 Liberty Head 'V' nickels did not contain the words 'FIVE CENTS,' and also because the coins are about the same diameter and look somewhat similar to the then-circulating \$5 Liberty gold coin, some people took it upon themselves to gold-plate 1883 no-cents Liberty Nickels and try to pass them off as \$5 gold coins.

Apparently, this was a somewhat pervasive problem at the time and the United States Mint soon added 'FIVE CENTS' to the reverse of the coin under the 'V' to ward off any further counterfeiting attempts.

Josh Tatum, The Infamous Racketeer Nickel Gold-Plater: A True Story?

There has been a story circulating for some time that a person named Josh Tatum was one of the most notorious of the Liberty nickel gold platers.

It's said he was a deaf mute who gold plated hundreds of 1883 nickels. He would go into a store to purchase items that were 5 cents or less and then pass off his gold-plated nickels to the cashier. Without saying a word, he would wait for the cashier to return his change and would usually get \$4.95 in return.

Eventually, he was tried in a court of law for fraud. However, the charges were dismissed because he never actually asked for change and nobody could testify against him!



Bullets & Buckle
 Found by Pat D'arinzo
 In Cold Harbor, VA



Hey Mister, Whatcha Find?

Recent Club Finds!

<http://www.noreasters.net>



1864
2 Cent Piece
 Found by
 Carter Pennington



Antique Cameo Ring
 Found by
 Allyson Cohen
 In Amsterdam, NY

**Bullets, finial, grape-
 shot, etc...**
 Found by
 Allyson Cohen in
 Cold Harbor, VA
 (Right) &
 Chancellorsville, VA
 (below)



A nice assortment of finds
 found by
 Pat Russo



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