

Calgary Metal Detecting Club

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**Another great find recovered by a CMDC member in 2014.  
You never know what is going what treasures you will find under your coil.**

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## 2023 CMDC CLUB MEETINGS

The May meeting of the Calgary Metal Detecting Club will be an “in-person” meeting at the Horton Road Legion. The meeting will be held on the first Thursday of the month – which is May 04, 2023. The meeting will start at 7:30. I’m sure we are all happy to have the opportunity to get together for in-person monthly meetings again. It will be great to get together and have a display the treasures we have located over the past few months.

The Horton Road Legion is easily accessible from Deerfoot Trail, MacLeod Trail and Heritage Drive. The Legion address is 9202 Horton Road SW. Future in-person meetings of the CMDC are planned at the Horton Road Legion location. They will most likely be held the first Thursday of the month, but details will be emailed out and published in the Buzzer, after they are available.



### Spring is Sprung! Time for Club Hunts to begin!

One great thing about Spring is the arrival of our CMDC monthly club hunts - It is time to mark your calendar, and plan to for a fun time during our upcoming club hunt season. The Calgary Metal Detecting Club plans club hunts from April to October, with the hope for an extra hunt or two in November if the weather permits.

As this is Calgary, remember that most of our club hunt dates will be “weather permitting”. You never know what the weather will be like. Our hunt directors are hard at work, and I am sure they already have some great places in mind. The dates of the club hunts have been selected, but the locations will not be announced until shortly before each hunt. Remember to mark your calendar with these dates, and plan to attend.

April 29th (weather permitting)  
May 6th (weather permitting)  
May 27th - Morning coffee & snacks. Review of bylaws and detecting ethics.  
Helping new members with machines...then have a great club hunt.  
June 10 - Club hunt and lunch  
June 25th  
July 8th -  
July 23rd  
Aug 12th  
August 26<sup>th</sup> – Club hunt and lunch  
September 9th  
September 16th - lady's hunt  
September 24th

Note: While these are our planned CMDC hunt dates, there may be changes because of weather or member availability. There are also other planned CMDC events like the CMDC Beach and Water Hunts that Rod Gow is working on, the "Clean-up of local playgrounds" planned for July 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Club banquet sometime in the Fall. I look forward to our CMDC club hunts. It is always a fun time when we get together – and I look forward to seeing what everyone has found, and talking about our great hobby. I think it's going to be a fantastic year!

## METAL DETECTING GO-KIT

Most Hobbyists have set-up a Detecting "Go-kit" or "Tool belt" that they keep stocked - to grab-and-go when they find time to set out for a "hunt". If you are setting up your own "Go-kit", here are a few items to consider.



Around Alberta a lot of detectorists set up their kit in a workman's "tool apron", or use one of the metal detector manufacturer pouches. Some people use a shoulder bag or a small backpack for their MD kit bag. Find what works best for you. The contents of these kits will vary from person to person, but the basics remain the same.

The apron or pouch will have built in pockets, that can be designated as a finds pocket and a trash pocket. Remember that it is a given that you will find something while you are detecting – there will be either trash or treasure finds.

You will need your basic array of tools - usually this will include a digger, probe, and pinpointer. Some people will carry small saws (for tree roots) and gloves. A drop cloth to keep your digging area clean is another item in many "Go-kits". Spare batteries are a must (if your detector uses them). Some people carry a charged power pack for USB powered detectors that run out of juice.

While some people use a simple garden trowel as their digger, others swear by the "hard-core" diggers developed for the hobby. The probe can be anything from a soft brass probe to a screwdriver or awl. The jackknife I carry has a blade with a serrated edge that can be used as a "root-saw". A lot of people carry gloves to protect themselves from sharp objects. Everyone has an opinion on this - some don't like gloves, some use leather gloves, while others use fabric work gloves with protective coating.

It is always good to be prepared for the weather. Carry a hat, bug spray and sunscreen for sunny days. Some people carry a one-use poncho for rain just in case the weather changes (Hey - its Calgary). Carry clear plastic bags to protect your finds on rainy days. Another thing you may want to have on hand is water. You don't want to dehydrate. Note that a bit of water will also clean a recovered target enough to see details on the find that are otherwise unavailable until you get home.

A lot of people will pack a magnifying glass or jewellers loupe to examine recovered items closely. They may also carry a small container for "special finds" to make sure that great item isn't damaged. I carry a magnet for a quick silver check, and a reusable cloth foldable bag - just in case the area is so trashy that the "garbage pouch" is overflowing, or the find is amazing and you want to bring it home – but too big to fit in your pouch..

No matter where you are hunting, don't forget your cellphone. It can be a lifesaver if something goes wrong - but cellphones also have cameras. If you find that one of a kind item - you might want to be able to take a photo in situ.

Other than the tools (digger, probe, gloves, pinpointer), the kit contents below will fit in a pocket size container and will easily fit in a coat pocket or a corner of your pouch.

### Basic "Go-Kit" contents

Spare batteries , or charged power pack

Loupe or magnifier

Small flashlight

Bug spray

Mini First Aid kit (bandaids and antiseptic wipes)

Folded bag for overfull trash, or big finds you want to take home.

Jackknife or multi-tool

Magnet

Protective container for small treasures

# Hunting my old Stomping Grounds

Bob Conlon – 2022 Buzzer Contest Entry

Bob Conlon's entry into the 2022 Buzzer Story Contest is a great look at remembering areas to hunt from where you grew up. His story about returning to metal detect his hometown around North-West Ontario reminds us that there are still plenty of treasures out there to find. Learning the history of your area can make the difference in what you recover.

I'm from a small town of 8000 in NWO (North-Western Ontario - not the new world order). For you folks who are a bit older and grew up in small towns you know how the world was in the 70's as a kid. No phones. No nothing - just "outside" was the thing to do. My playground was literally a large beach and park campground that attracted everyone within 50 miles. The other thing about this area is the number of "swimming holes" that littered the area of smaller communities.

When I go back I have a lot of mostly untouched water hunting available. Years worth I would assume, if I lived there again. These are swimming holes that sort of died down starting in the later 80's and locations are generally unknown now, but I know where they are. 😊

I did manage to do some hunting the year after I first got in the hobby in 2002 back at that same popular beach. Oddly I managed to find a lot of 70's and early 80's coins but all quarters. It was interesting knowing some were likely dropped by me as a kid. I was new and likely discriminated out more than I should have on the Tiger Shark but yeah, a lot of quarters and a ring or two. Subsequent years I was less in the water and connected with a pal who also detects. He is a cop back there and brought me to some other locations I didn't consider.

We trekked through the woods and walked the creeks. To my surprise he started getting signals and it was a few copper artifacts from indigenous camps/ fur trade stuff. There were not many signals as he has been detecting the area for a long time and I guess somewhat cleaned it up. But there is a lot more there I am sure as these creeks run for miles. My only saving grace is he does not own a water machine, so he isn't a swimming hole guy.

To put in perspective, he found enough to ensure both museums (my town and the town across the border in the USA) were able to create permanent displays. I have no clue about the legalities of it all, but I don't think we are like the UK in that regard. I know he sent a couple things to "Ask Mark Parker" back in the day. One was the attached photo which came in as a value of \$1400 USD. The other item unfortunately I can't find in the back issues online as they only go back so far. But I believe it was a fur trade ring that Mark, after his research, suggested my friend could name his price as it was that scarce. Maybe we should charter a bus and go back there for a club hunt. 😊



## Swing Low - Swing Slow - Metal Detecting Tip

PRACTICE SWINGING YOUR DETECTOR - The way you swing your metal detector is just as important as choosing the right settings. The popular metal detecting saying "low and slow" is about keeping the metal detector coil as close to the ground **without** touching it as you can, and swinging it slow enough to allow it to process what is beneath it. For example, if you swing too fast, the metal detector will not pick up smaller targets because it did not have enough time to pick up the disturbance in the magnetic field. You can miss smaller targets, especially deep small targets. Additionally, if you swing your detector coil to far off the ground – every cm off the ground, is an cm of depth that you aren't detecting.

## Recovering a Buried Gold-Nugget Bracelet

In April of 2019 a handful of BC metal detectorists went for a hunt for buried treasure and recovered the find of a lifetime. In this case the landowner knew it was there – he buried it over 25 years ago and forgot the location. 85-year-old Stanley Fenton had been gifted with the bracelet by his son Jordan in the late 1980s, who has since passed away. He buried it on his rural property in the South Kootenays for safekeeping. When Mr. Fenton went out to dig it up years later, he couldn't recall the exact location. Over the next 25 years he returned to the area to search for his gold bracelet hundreds of times but could not find his hiding spot.

Fast forward 25 years, and you have detectorist Martin Prear and 4 other detectorists from around the South Kootenays who were willing to try their hand at finding Stanley Fenton's treasure. In early April of 2019, they met up on Fenton's land to try their hand at finding the lost gold bracelet. Fenton led the crew to the area he thought he had buried the bracelet, and the searchers split up to search. When detectorist Martin Prear saw the wooded area, set on the side of a steep mountain, he was doubtful they would be able to find it. "Even though there were five of us," Prear said, "it was still a huge area to search"

Martin walked up a steep incline and spotted an alcove about a foot wide under a rock, and near a stump. "Hmmm." He thought. "Geez, that's where I would hide it." He made his way up the hill to the rock, and swung his detector over the alcove area. He got a beautiful gold signal. Prear dug down 4 or 5 inches, and pulled up the thick, gold nugget bracelet. Martin Prear had found Stanley Fenton's treasure in under 15 minutes of hunting. The bracelet was 120-grams (4.5 oz) of gold, made up of gold nuggets. While it was filthy, it was still intact and in good shape.

The treasure hunters rinsed the gold off in a nearby stream, and trooped down the mountain to Fenton's house. Stanley Fenton was astounded and overjoyed to have his bracelet back. "This is unbelievable!" he exclaimed with a huge grin on his face.

The bracelet is the third item that Martin Pear has been able to return to an owner – the other two were class rings. "I love returning things," Martin Prear said. "It just feels fantastic".



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### Rainy Day Detecting Tip

Going out hunting after rain is a valuable metal detecting tip any detectorist should take note of. The wet ground improves conductivity, making it easier to find the most deeply buried targets. Although not every detector works well in wet weather, most of them have some form of rain protection.

If your detector is one of the detector types that doesn't work the best in wet weather, there is help for that. With some detectors the electronic section does not deal well with humidity or precipitation – but you can deal with that. Many detectors with a "rainy-day" issue will have some form of protective rain cover available for purchase. However, with my old Garrett Ace 250 in an unexpected rain-shower - a sandwich bag over the detector electronics let me continue detecting, even when it was drizzling. I have heard this works on other detector types, as well.

## **SCOTTISH DETECTING CLUB RAISES MONEY FOR CHARITY**

The “North Detectorist Group”, which is a group of detectorists in the Highlands of Scotland have used their passion for history to raise money for several charities. In the past the club has raised money for local children’s charities. This Spring the group has arranged for a special detecting event to raise money for an earthquake relief fund in Turkey and Syria.

North Detectorist Group club founder, George Macdonald, said they decided this year’s hunt would support the people of Turkey and Syria as “these poor people need every single penny they can get.” This particular hunt’s charity will use the money to buy blankets, food, and other necessities for people in the devastated region.

The North Detectorist Group sometimes pays a fee to go metal detecting on someone’s land. This gave a few club members the idea to arrange a charity hunt, and charge detectorists a fee for detecting the area. Several local landowners were excited about the concept and permitted the group access to their land. The North Detectorist Group has raised 446 pounds sterling (almost 800 dollars) to be given to a fundraiser for Turkish earthquake relief.

The club previously raised over 1100 pounds which was donated the “Moray Firth’s Cash for Kids” fundraising drive. They consider this a great way to give others a helping hand while enjoying this great hobby. Club members have found some very interesting items in 2023, including a hammered coin from 1601, a mediaeval brooch, and a gold seal matrix.



### **TREASURE HUNTING QUOTES**

“We do not hunt for treasure – we hunt for something that we can treasure!” Maurice Hann

“Treasure hunters who recover relics and prospect for precious metals such as gold and silver know that research, knowledge of history and a little bit of luck are required. Coin shooters, on the other hand, know that they can take their detector out and begin finding coins almost anywhere in the world.” Charles Garrett

“We always go out looking for old coins because that is our favorite thing to find, but it’s always the other weird items that come out of the ground—guns, rings, unique jewelry, tools, and so on—that are the most interesting and surprising.” Tim Saylor

“Metal detecting is the modern man's way of going treasure-hunting. Instead of following red "X's" on pirate maps, you can use your metal detector to scan the ground for valuable items , like old coins, relics, jewelry, and gold nuggets.” J.J. McGregor.

“There comes a time in every rightly constructed boy's life that he has a raging desire to go somewhere and dig for hidden treasure. ” Mark Twain.

“Treasure hunting with a metal detector presents a real opportunity for getting out and about ... fresh air, coupled with gentle exercise and the added prospect of “treasure’ at the end of the day.” John Howland

Metal Detecting and everything associated with the hobby is my passion. There I was, back in the woods, surrounded by nature, discovering history and treasure, playing in the woods all day – and it felt awesome. I was thinking recently how much life would suck if I hadn’t found my passion.” Allyson Cohen

## Calgary Dog Tag History

Calgary was incorporated as an official “town” in November of 1884 – quite an achievement when you recall that the NWMP arrived in the area a mere 11 years prior. The first few years were busy, as Calgary worked to build infrastructure, and set up bylaws and rules to provide an orderly and safe life for citizens.



It wasn't long before letters began arriving at town hall, with aggravated citizens complaining about the numerous feral dogs around town. There were complaints about dogs upsetting flowerbeds and vegetable gardens, sleeping in the streets, attacking livestock, and showing aggression towards Calgary citizens.



Found by Dale Downing

To display how seriously Calgarians took the issue – we understand that this was one of the first bylaws in Calgary's young history. Less than a year after Calgary became a city, Bylaw number 16 was passed by the city council. It addressed animals running at large. The bylaw stated unclaimed animals such as cows, sheep and even geese were to be put up for auction and sold, while dogs were to be exterminated. The problem with feral dogs was serious enough that many locals lost valuable food sources like chickens and rabbits, and some feared for the safety of Calgary's children.



Found by Cam Monk

One of the first questions asked is how the constabulary would know which dogs were feral, and which were owned and loved. The City of Calgary began providing licensing to discriminate between the two – and charging a “dog tax” for those licensed animals. On March 25, 1885, the Calgary city council passed the following motion: “That the Chief Constable be instructed to procure 100 dog tags and that the collection of the dog tax be on with at once.” These were the first “dog license” or “dog tax” tags in Calgary.

Between 1885 and 1974 the city provided licensing and issued annual dog tags. The tags were issued in various shapes that were dated and changed yearly. This made it easy for Animal Control Officers to tell at a glance whether a dog's tax tag was current, as one year the shape might be a bell, and the next year, a cross. Until the early 1960s dog licenses were gender specific, and actually had the words “dog tax” or “bitch tax” – and male and female dogs had different fee structures. After that the fee structure was based on spaying/neutering. In 1974, the City licensing structure changed to a permanent tag that stayed with the dog as long as it was in a family.



Over the years members of the club have recovered many of the early dated tags. The earliest one I've seen is from 1912, and I recovered a tag from the last year the annual tags were used in 1974. I have dug up a lot of the post-1974 “permanent tags” over the years. The city started with 100 licenses for dogs. As of 2019, there were over 100,000 licensed dogs in Calgary.



## Metal Detecting – Bravery Medal Returned

It was late summer of 1972. 15-year-old Edward J. Duff of St. Johns NFL was out with friends enjoying a late summer evening. The group of teenagers were enjoying a bonfire and wiener roast atop a seaside cliff, when a young woman with them fell into the ocean. Duff's friend, Sharon, was making her way down the cliff to a cave entrance when she lost her footing and fell into the unforgiving sea. Knowing the sea around the area was treacherous, Duff felt that there was only one thing he could do. Removing his jacket, the boy leaped 40 feet into the ocean to attempt a rescue. Edward Duff tried three times to bring Sharon within reach of the rocks, before being swept out again. He almost lost his own life in the process. After Sharon slipped out of his grasp the third time, Duff was faltering and exhausted. Others managed to pull Duff out, but his friend tragically drowned. For his attempt Edward Duff was awarded the Canadian "Star of Courage" medal. This medal is one of the highest awards for bravery in Canada and was presented to him by Queen Elizabeth II in Ottawa the following year. Edward Duff was the first Canadian ever to be awarded a medal by the Queen herself.



This medal, and two others received by Mr. Duff for his attempted rescue, were among his prized possessions. All three were stolen during a break-in at Duff's home in 2003. He found one of the medals the next day after scouring the neighbourhood around his house. Edward Duff spent weeks looking for the other two medals around the local area before giving up hope. "After a couple of years, I thought any hope of seeing it again was gone," Duff said of the star. "I figured whoever took it had seen a name engraved on it and threw it into the harbour, or something." While Mr. Duff was able to get a replacement, the medal did not have the same meaning as the one he had received from the hand of Queen Elizabeth II.

Twenty years passed. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the missing "Star of Courage" medal once again saw the light of day – this was the day that the medal fell under the coil of St. Johns' detectorist Sean Doyle. Doyle had decided earlier in the day to try out his detector in a new detecting area that he had been researching. "On my second hole I found what looked to be a medal", Doyle said. He was excited by the find, thinking it was probably from Newfoundland's history. Sean Doyle put the medal in his pocket and kept on detecting. He found a couple of other interesting objects and planned to return to the location for future hunts. It wasn't until Sean Doyle got home that he cleaned the medal off to find that the star medal was more recent than he thought. He and his fiancé were able to find a bit of information on the internet. Doyle posted a picture of the star medal find on "Digging the Rock" – a Facebook for Newfoundland metal detecting hobbyists. Within 15 minutes, Duff's own nephew saw the photo and provided Sean Doyle with contact information.

Duff was shocked and delighted to get the phone call from Sean Doyle. He appreciated Sean Doyle making the effort to return his prized possession. Nearly half a century after Queen Elizabeth pinned the "Star of Courage" onto teenage Edward Duff, and two decades after it was stolen, Duff is thrilled to have his medal back. He plans to pass both the original and replacement onto his two daughters as family heirlooms. "The fact of what that (the medal) is tied to makes it irreplaceable," Duff said. "Something that might be interesting to some could mean the world to someone else. I appreciate it so much."



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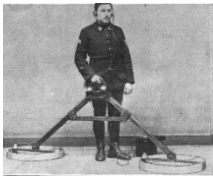




## History of Metal Detecting in Images



AG Bell 1880s



1919



1930s



1940s



1960s



1970s / 80s

Alexander Graham Bell is credited with the invention of the first metal detector in 1881. The device was hurriedly put together in an attempt to save the life of U.S. President James Garfield after an assassination attempt. Although Garfield died, the machine was successfully tested on bullets in bags of wheat and on veterans from the Civil War with shrapnel or bullets still in their bodies. Bell wrote an article about his metal detecting invention in the late 1800s, and soon others began to adapt and develop the technology.

Unfortunately, one developed use was brought about by the first World War. After the war ended, a crude metal detector was developed for use to clear battlefields of unexploded ordinances. It was invented by a professor of physics at Universite Nancy in Lorraine, France. The unit was bulky and cumbersome, but worked well enough to clear many areas of armaments.

In the 1920s Dr. Gerhard Fisher was developing a system of radio direction-finding intended to be used for navigation, when he realized it could also be used to detect metal underground. In 1931 he founded the Fisher Research Laboratory out of his garage in Palo Alto, California. That business grew to become Fisher Research Labs, the company that still produces the Fisher Metal Detector series. The photo to the left shows Fisher with his "M-Scope Detector" hunting for underground utilities in Palo Alto, California.

During WWII, Stanislaw Kosacki, a Polish officer attached to a unit stationed in Scotland, refined earlier designs into the portable detector design that most metal detectors still use today. They were heavy, ran on vacuum tubes, and needed separate battery packs. Kosacki's detector design was used after the battle of El Alamein to clear minefields left by the retreating Germans. It was also used during the Allied invasions of Italy and Normandy.

In the early 1950s and 1960s several inventors began working on a recreational use metal detector for treasure hunting, including Charles Garrett – who developed his manufacturing facility out of his garage. Garrett's first marketed detector was the Garrett "Hunter", which retailed at a whopping \$164.00 (in 1964 prices). Other recreational detectors were developed by manufacturers like Whites, Relco, and Detectron. Of course, Fisher (FRL) was continuing to develop metal detecting technology. The photograph to the left is the Garrett family using their own detectors to hunt for treasure in 1965.

In the 1970s, treasure hunting began to really hit its stride. This was the era when the Calgary Metal Detecting Club was formed. It was just one of many hobby clubs popping up around North America. Newer technology was developing with metal detecting, and new manufacturers were also popping up. By the 1980s, Whites, Fisher and Garrett were joined by companies like Teknetics, Compass, Minelab, ETI, and Tesoro. Some of these names are gone now, but new technologies and new detectors are always in the works. Who knows what we will be using in the future. We know that recreational metal detecting is here to stay – and treasures are still being found today.

## Spring Thaw Hunting

After a long winter of sitting around indoors, it is good to finally see the snow melting. Most of us are aching to get out to any patches of grass, and to start recovering buried treasure long before the first robin of spring makes an appearance. We are anxious to seek out all those coins and treasures that have been hiding out under the snow.

Some people will wait until the warmth of summer has permeated the ground, but early spring is one of the best times to go looking for treasure in Southern Alberta. Spring thaw creates great conditions for finding unique coins and relic targets. The muddy ground will be saturated with moisture from the melting ice and snow. Spring is one of the few times in Southern Alberta that the soil has abundant moisture. Wet soil has better conductivity, which allows a detector to sense deep targets. The damp soil from spring melts permits detector signals to travel further, which in turn allows the detector to sense deeper targets. In fact, the wet ground of early spring allows a detectorist to hear good deep targets better than any other time of year.

Another advantage for early spring detecting is the absence of insects. A nice spring day can be just as warm as some summer days, but without mosquitos, flies, and other annoying bugs. We are also not impeded by sunburn or heat-stroke – and can often hunt hours longer without becoming overheated.

The biggest reason for getting out for an early spring hunt is that this is the easiest time for detecting in wilder, or natural-growth areas. This is the only time of year that a detectorist can swing a coil in these locations unimpeded by the vegetation. There are numerous areas that are only accessible during early spring or late fall because of the high grasses and other plants, especially thistles and wild clover. It is best to hunt these areas either before or after the growing season. With the extra conductivity caused by wet soil and the absence of bugs that like to inhabit tall grasses, spring is the preferred season to hunt this type of area.

You may need to dress warmer, to make sure that you are wearing proper footwear, gloves, and protective gear - but the warmth of spring can be an ideal time to get out and hit the ground running. Sure you may end up with cold and muddy knees, and some caked-on mud – but you also may end up with some great older coins and, jewellery and other treasures that you wouldn't be able to get at any other time of year. Enjoy the Spring – we are looking forward to seeing just what treasures you can dig up!

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## TRASH TURNED TO TREASURE

David Nicklin of Neath in South Wales was astonished when a ring he thought was a “junker” ended up being a relic, possibly worth thousands of dollars. David and a detecting partner were hunting on a freshly harvested potato field near Glamorgan when the ring came to light.

The ring was gold and black, and featured a skeleton stretched around the band. Mr. Nicklin thought it to be modern “goth-like” jewellery and somewhat macabre. He was planning on tossing it in the garbage bin when he got home. With the abundance of modern skull rings, he was sure the skeleton ring was costume jewellery

His friend encouraged him to clean it and take a closer look. The ring ended up being classified as a treasure – over 300 years old and made of gold. It was classified as a memento ring dating from 1730, and had a name engraved in it. Skeletal rings were popular in the 1700s and were worn on the little finger as a reminder to live a pure life, as death was never far away – especially in that era. Mr. Nicklin has been informed that the ring could be worth a great deal to the right collector.

# Returning a Precious Ring

By Bill Jones

Deep within the vast expanse of a large sports field, a precious treasure lay lost, buried beneath a blanket of snow. A young man named Bruce had journeyed with his furry companion, a playful puppy, on a cold November day. As they frolicked in the white winter wonderland, Bruce noticed his wedding ring missing, leaving him with a sinking feeling in his heart. Desperate to retrieve his precious ring, Bruce sought the help of a skilled metal detectorist, adventurer and member of the Calgary Metal Detecting Club, Bill Jones.

Amid the frigid landscape, the adventurer was undeterred. Armed with keen senses and a fervent spirit, Bill and Bruce braved the snow-covered terrain, determined to uncover the lost treasure. Bruce guided the adventurer, tracing the steps of his journey with his furry companion. They searched every inch of the field, investigating each spot where Bruce and his puppy had stopped to play. With each passing moment, the cold winter wind gnawed at them, leaving them numb and frostbitten.

After two hours of searching, Bill had yet to uncover the lost ring. Bruce was disheartened, and his condition was worsening, showing signs of hypothermia. He had all but given up hope when the Metal Detectorist uttered a vow, that still echos in the wind, "I will find your ring." Determined to keep his promise, Bill continued the search even after Bruce had returned home. Bill returned to the field time and time again, each time with renewed hope and a fresh determination.

Finally, after three visits, Bill's perseverance was rewarded. He discovered the ring, far from where Bruce had thought it would be. As Bill emerged victorious, he braved the cold once more, rushing to Bruce's home to deliver the long-lost treasure. Bruce was amazed and overjoyed, as Bill presented him with his lost 18k gold wedding band, engraved with the names of his wife and him and wedding date of 1977. It was a moment of triumph, of perseverance and of adventure. And with this lost treasure finally found, Bruce could live his life once again without keeping the secret from his wife and with his cherished ring now safely back where it belonged. Satisfied with another treasure recovered Bill drove off into the sunset knowing that the Calgary Metal Detector Club had again served the public well.





*"We'll find the money for that. My guy is on it right now."*

## LOCATION AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Although in person meetings are being scheduled for the upcoming months – and held at the Horton Road Legion, planned for the first Thursday of the month.. The meeting dates will be published on the CMDC.org website calendar, on the CMDC Facebook group page, and emailed out to the group. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

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