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# FROM THE EDITOR VAN DIE REDAKTEUR



**T**he articles in this edition once again bring home to me the fact that Metal Detecting is far more an act of using a Detector to find some Treasure. It is also a family sport used by a lot of families and also making new friends. These articles are good examples, which serves to illustrate the fact that ours is a way of life rather than just another hobby or craft.

A sense of adventure runs through the core of every Treasure Hunter. This does not mean that we all long to rush off into the wilds, digging monuments, leaving big holes and don't preserve. It can simply entail planning an outing with friends to your favorite spot spending time in the outdoors. However, there are those who venture far off the beaten track in search of new Treasure sites.

There are those who also camp in the wilds and also experience how they lived in the camps during the Anglo-Boer War and earlier. This brings us to the 30th Annual Hunt at Heilbron, not sleeping in the veld, but in a luxury Camp at Tau Thaba.

As you can see, this issue pays homage to the diversity of experiences that pursuit has to offer, and the reason why it never gets stale.

I just hope I last another 30 summers—there are still so many places to Hunt, and still so much to do for the museum

The "General"

Lukas van der Merwe

**N**Na jare se verby gaan en om weer die tydskrif aan die gang te kry was vir my n groot eer. Manne soos Earl Beaton en Pierre Nortje het ons aan die gang gehou en daai dae was daar nie soos nou selfone en Whatsapp nie en was dit die manier om Skattejagters te konnekteur.

In die laaste paar jare het die stokperdjie n hele verandering ondergaan. Families wat deelneem aan die stokperdjie, man,

vrou en kinders. Veral jong kinders neem dit op en begin weer van voor af leer oor hulle geskiedenis terwyl hulle dit geniet.

Hierdie jaar was ook my 30ste jaar van georganiseerde

skattejag. Dit is ook die eerste keer dat n man en sy vrou deelgeneem het. Ek het al heelwat navrae gehad van dames wat wil deelneem aan die week weg, maar het dit afgekeur, omdat dit n manne ding is en dit verkeerd sal wees om haar alleen toe te laat.

Daarom wil ek net vir Lana sê dat sy stof in die manne se oë gegrou het en dat sy dit saam met haar man David geniet het.

So het William ook by ons aangesluit wat die eerste kind was, 15 jaar, en dit was ook wonderlik om te sien hoe entoesiasies hy was en hoe die ou manne hom ondersteun het. Selfs oor gevat van die "Generaal" met die vuur maak.

Ek het net gevoel dat ons dit in tydskrif formaat wil uitbring, want deesdae met die tegnologie gaan alles so vining by 'n mens verby.

So ek hoop julle geniet die tydskrif en maak positiewe bydraes om ons erfenis te help bewaar.

Die "Generaal"

Lukas van der Merwe

Here's the approach—I use to encourage and lead others : Value people. Praise effort. Reward performance " - John Maxwell

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- Every one uses a Metal Detector in the field are a Field Reporter on their own and we want your story to share to all
- Kom al julle Skattejagters in die veld , almal wil graag julle storie hoor



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# TREASURE HUNTING NOT A HOBBY BUT A PASSION

## William Faurie



**T**H or treasure hunting, not a hobby but a passion. I started THting last year on the 25 September 2014, I was 14 years old. The day i got my prized Garrett Ace 250 , within two hours of searching in my yard i found a medical corps badge.

Wow i couldn't believe it. On the 31 October 2014 i found my first ring. It came out gold but i doubted the



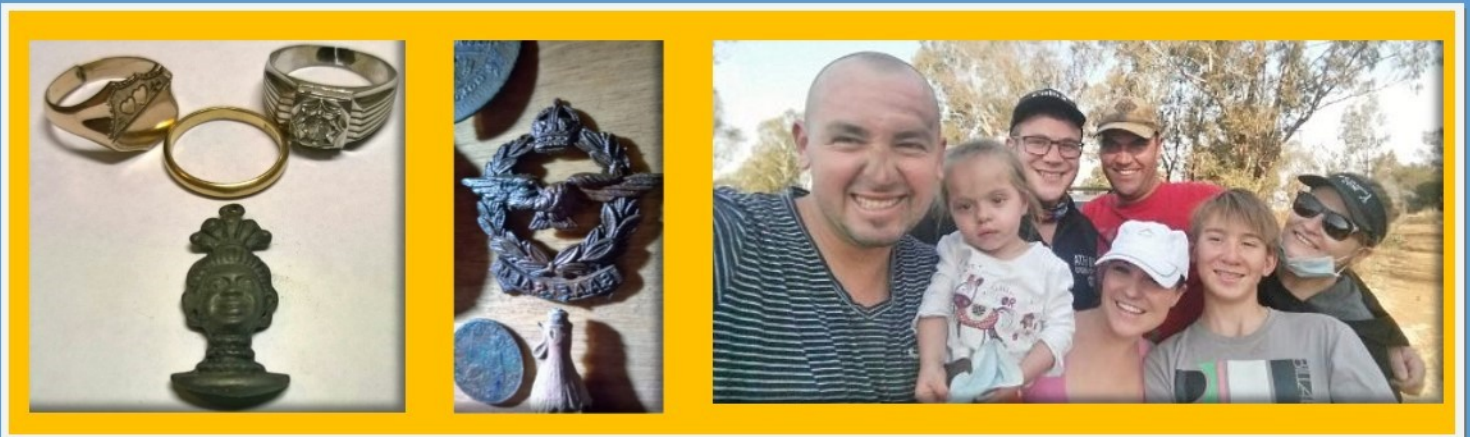
fact of it being gold, also had seven shiny stones. It turned out to be real 18ct gold with SEVEN diamonds the biggest being nearly half a carat .495 I was hooked after that. I found 3 more gold

**I WAS  
14 YEARS  
OLD**

rings after that. I have found some amazing stuff and have a family of people who I go detecting with. Namely Lukas (The general) van der Merwe, Tonie Cilliers, Darren Epstein and Jono Rudolph. These people have changed my life and I'm truly grateful for that. I eventually got a new detector. A fisher F75. What a machine. I found a live maxim machine gun bullet chambered in Martini Henry and a live guedes when I was out on the side of a hill , without my detector. I have also dug bottles and I am now a fan of bottles as well

My stories are endless but this is all for now. I'm sure at a later stage I will give some more stories

Hope you enjoy



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More about my Find ?





# MDSA - Gauteng Chapter

## Site Visit - 26 July 2015

# Krugersdorp from a historical perspective

Chantelle Fourie  
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**Krugersdorp** — It can be hard to imagine a town you know so well once being a farm with flat open spaces and one or two buildings on.

In 1886, that was all it was. But the discovery of gold on Marthinus Pretorius' Paardekraal farm sparked a West Rand gold rush. With it came many people and an urgent need for housing. Everyone wanted a piece of the gold pie.

Krugersdorp was named in honour of President Paul Kruger by the request of Pretorius, the founder of Krugersdorp. Today, Krugersdorp is home to 30 630 people.

Modern shopping malls such as Key West and Cradlestone to historic sites, including the Mogale City Museum and the Old Magistrates' Court, all are associated with the early years of mining. Krugersdorp is a happy mix of old and new.

Krugersdorp's Mogale City Museum, partly housed in the 124-year-old court house on Commissioner Street, has numerous exhibits depicting the history of the town. By the time the town was founded, the gold reef along the Witwatersrand had become common knowledge, and thousands flocked to Krugersdorp, seeking their fortunes. In 1888, the town was proclaimed a separate gold field.

Krugersdorp also has its own fable – centred around gold – that still in-



**Frank Ferreira recalling Krugersdorp in the 1950s. He played in a band called the *Four Leaf Clovers* and says in his day, Krugersdorp was a great place to live in.**

spires residents to dig a hole in their back yard in search of the famous Kruger Millions.

"My mother-in-law told me during the Boer War (1899-1902) Paul Kruger carried gold over the hilltop behind today's Silverstar and buried it when they were attacked by British soldiers," said Frank Ferreira who has been living in Krugersdorp for 60 years.

When Frank came to Krugersdorp

in 1952, the gold mining was blossoming. The West Rand Consolidated Gold Mining Company (many know it as West Rand Cons) headed mining activities.

"There were a few shops and houses and what is known today as the R28 already had been paved," Frank said.

"It used to be a small town, mostly consisting of farms, where everyone knew each other."

Among art, history writings, profiles, exact replicas of court cells and a narrow climb up some stairs of the museum, you will find a self-published book by a local author.

Laurika Norval, the Mogale City museum assistant explained that Jannie Rossouw donated his book about the history of the town.

"Sadly, he passed away about two years ago," she explained. "Compared with every other historical study on Krugersdorp, this book was very interesting to read." In the introduction Jannie explains the book to be a more personal account of the town he so loved. Of course, Krugersdorpers have a lot to be proud of. Throughout town, historical buildings are found among more recently constructed buildings.

The town, for all its flaws, still remains home to its people.

If you have an interesting story to tell about Krugersdorp or if you know where the Kruger Millions are, leave your comment in the comments section on the *News'* website [www.krugersdorpnews.co.za](http://www.krugersdorpnews.co.za).





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Michael Lukas

Thanks for the  
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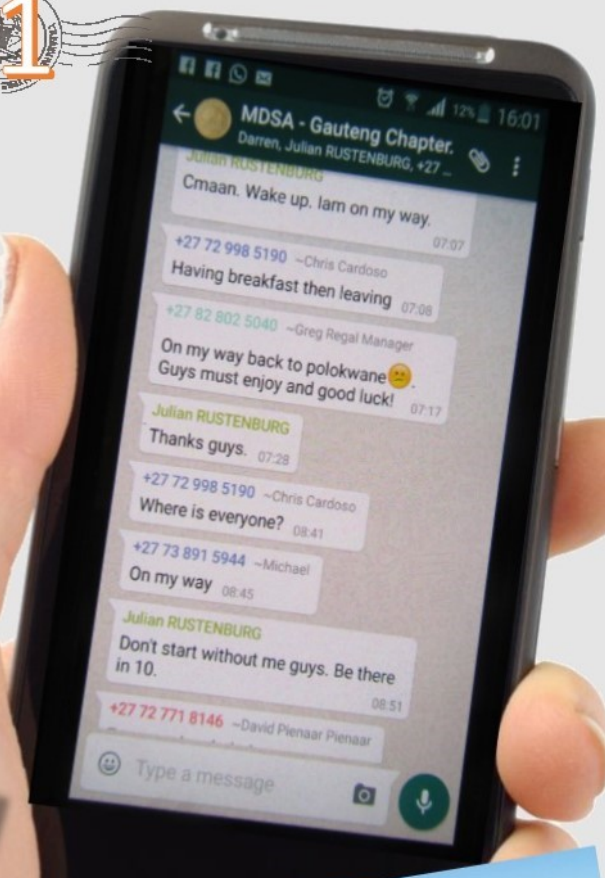


Had a great opportunity to visit a Team Hunt of the Gauteng Chapter. Organized by Michael Johansen . I arrived at the Point and the THunters were all ready for the big hunt. I didn't stay long , but in that hour a lot of nice relics were found as a hunted out area .

It was also nice not just seeing the boys with their toys but also the girls out hunting the boys

Was very nice meeting you all avid treasure hunters , and thanks for your hospitality

Keep on Hunting



## Minelab Go-Find 40 – First Beach Hunt Review

**By Henry Clapton**

**Super clear display**



I had been following the progress of this machine in the overseas markets since its release earlier this year. When the opportunity arose for me to get my hands on one I jumped at it.

After bugging Wolfgang Roux for weeks on end about his stock shipment the new Minelab Go-Find 40 finally arrived at my door. My first impression of the unopened box was how small it was, could there be a metal detector inside there?

On opening, the first thing I liked was how it folded up. Super neat and compact. The second thing I noticed was the simple instruction manual. It's one double sided printed page. The unit is super sim-

ple to assemble and everything extends into place with a nice click. At full extension I was very comfortable with the light weight and feel of the machine.

After reading the manual, which took a whole two min, I installed the batteries (4 x AA) into the handle and powered the unit up. The display is super clear and so easy to use. The buttons have a touch function, no pressing required.

Obviously I did the old "living room" air test just to see and hear the machines tones and depth on various items. All the tests were positive as expected. The depth readings were

acceptable for a unit of this calibre (between 20 and 25 cm on larger items) and I was happy with the processors recovery speed at max sensitivity. No lagging, nice and crisp. These tests are in no way conclusive to the reaction you will get out in the field due to the many factors that influence any detector.



**4 gram 925 Sterling Ring**

The next day I was ready and I folded the unit up and put it on the passenger front seat. It's so small folded up; I could not stop looking at it lying there. I took my CTX as a backup just in case I was disappointed with the performance.

Needless to say, the CTX did not make it onto the beach that day as I was having so much fun with the Go-Find.



I walked straight down to the water's edge and fired it up. Sensitivity at max and no discrimination. I wanted to stretch its legs in the worst environment. The detector started falsing the minute I put it on the sand and moved it through the water. I reduced the sensitivity by one notch and wow, it was dead quiet! I had many cobbles on the beach that day and found that by bumping them or the sand it would false at the current sensitivity level. I decided to keep it there and slow down my swing paying attention to the coil height. I ended up staying at about 4 to 5 cm above sand level to avoid these false signals. Unfortunately, by doing this I was losing overall depth.

The Go-Find had no problem identifying Coins, Iron etc at depths of 20cm accurately. The tone variations and flashing Icons were spot on at these depths. I found I never really had to go down more than two scoops to retrieve 90% of the targets. When I encountered a mixed signal (Iron & Silver icon flashing) it got interesting. The unit was detecting an object at depth but was not sure where to zone it. In 50% of the digs it was deep iron or a deep coin. The other scenario was iron and coin in the same vicinity.

**Go-Find had  
no problem  
identifying Coins**

I used the pinpoint function on numerous occasions as an aid in identifying weak signals as well as locating targets. It's a great aid and definitely a good function to use when in doubt. The coil is waterproof and I had it submerged on numerous occasions. It's not advisable to swing it in flowing water as it falses a lot more than normal at this sensitivity level.

My finds after a 90min hunt on a sanded over beach were impressive. I had to search for a pocket of relatively exposed ground and once located it was all gravy. Best find for the day was a 4 gram 925 silver ring and some old SA coins.

In conclusion, the Go-Find is a great pack up and go machine. It's been designed to stow away in rucksack and hit the road. Bear in mind, the Go-Find is not a super deep seeker; in my opinion it's perfect for beginners and seasoned hunters alike using it for all round treasure hunting and possibly as a backup machine. If you want something cost effective and tidy, Minelab have a home run with these detectors.



		
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# TREASURE QUEST TREASURES

METAL DETECTING ACCESSORIES - NAUTICAL / MARITIME COLLECTABLES

## HENRY CLAPTON

It's been some time since I held a G2 in my hands, at least two years now. When I learnt that Teknetics had upgraded the G2 making it even more attractive it made me think.

I discussed the new machines upgrades with Wolfgang Roux and I was sold. Having previous experience with this mid range hobby detector was an advantage. I was quite aware of its capabilities as a beach hunter, not to mention its main function, Gold Nugget hunting.

When my G2+ arrived I was quite excited to open the box and check out its new look. I purchased the brown / green camo unit. It was quite a change from the original look. I had to get used to its new skin. It may not be some people's cup of tea but I kinda like it. I believe that



**In its element, camo blending in**

Teknetics will revert back to the original look soon. This new look is not permanent as it's a limited edition.

Assembly is pretty straight forward. My biggest concern was build quality. Teknetics have done a great job in this department now. The machine is well balanced at full extension and the shaft locks work really well.

The machine just feels good in your hand. The grip is super comfortable and well placed on the upper shaft.

The upgrades are subtle but useful. The machine comes supplied with Teknetics earphones now. I am a great believer in full cover earphones. The supplied units work well and have their own volume controls. I did however find the plastic ear cup a little small as it sits on the ear and not over the ear. One may think of upgrading these at a later stage. The multi headphone jack has been eliminated and the unit comes with one large headphone jack with a nice rubber cover to protect against sand etc.

Teknetics have incorporated a backlight for the screen now. It has 5 settings and is a welcome addition. The menu has also been upgraded and is super easy to navigate. The unit has a few additional features including a V-Break function. I found this most interesting and easy to adjust on the fly. All the above features are neatly explained in the user manual which has a simple but effective layout.



Water hunting with ease



Nice old SA 5c



Super deep Sinker

My air tests at home were positive as expected, even though the unit was falsing due to electrical interference. This machine is super sensitive to these external power sources. The processor is tip top and recovery time was good. I could not wait to get it down to the water's edge in open air.

On arrival at the beach I booted the unit up and immediately it started screaming at me. I did a ground balance in the wet sand and got a super .0 balance!! The G2 was dead silent in discrimination mode. Not even a beep. My gain (sensitivity) was at 80%. That's nice I thought, let's bump it up and get this unit running hot. I pushed the gain to 100% and started swinging.

I chose a beach that I know had been hunted the day before, making for a challenging situation. I wanted this G2 to work hard. I was not surprised at its performance, I expected it to take care of business and it did in true G2 style. Running the sensitivity at 100% will get false signals when you bump the coil, I don't mind that. I just focused on target response and depth. The display is super clear and easy to read. I found the Signal indicator a great tool for those iffy deep signals. Every one of those signals dug produced a goodie.

I ran the unit in 0 discrimination to get a feel for its response to iron and the like. After a while this was adjusted according to my location on the beach. The water hunting did nothing to interfere with its capabilities. I was in knee deep water having a blast pulling targets all over the place. I moved up the slope and played with its discrimination, Notch and V-Break functions. The G2 was in its element delivering the goods every time.

The tone variations are vast and one would need to spend some time behind the controls getting to know all its secrets. I love a machine that has so much to offer in the form of target feedback. Be that as it may, one can literally turn on, balance and hunt. It's so simple. On the other hand I am of the opinion that the user has to put in some serious hours behind this unit. Then nothing will escape its clutches. Learning the tones and tone breaks would be crucial. It has much to offer.



**Coin in Scoop**

I even went as far as switching to all metal mode. I got a good ground balance of .3 and gave it a go. Wow, this machine went nuts. It's just too powerful in that mode. I reduced the gain to 80% and we were in business. It's a totally different animal when used in this state. I can see how the prospectors find gold with it. I soon went back to discriminate mode wanting to learn more of its tone secrets.

Depth was not an issue at all. The G2 pulled targets at three scoops down with ease. The discrimination settings are a great asset on the beach with all the junk about nowadays. Once you know what to listen for you will be on the money every time.



**Total finds ( 60 min )**

Overall this machine scored a big thumbs up in my book. Value for money is a huge plus factor and I would rate it as a mid to upper level detector.



**Night View**

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METAL DETECTING ACCESSORIES - NAUTICAL / MARITIME COLLECTABLES



# First Impression: Garrett Infinium LS



**\*This article is entirely the personal views of the author\***

A few weeks back, I had the opportunity to test of the Garrett Infinium LS while going to the coast for a long weekend. I must admit, I was rather apprehensive to take it with me as I was at the coast for so short and did not want to spend my time learning how to use a pulse induction machine. I will point out that my everyday detector is the At Pro.

The Garrett Infinium LS (land and sea) as claimed on Garrett's website is the "most versatile pulse induction detector, transmitting 96 frequencies for operation in extremely mineralized environments. The *Infinium's* Discrimination Dial for All-Metal hunting can eliminate unwanted targets and assist in audible target identification".



The week leading up to my trip, I read every forum post and watched every Youtube video yet to try skip some initial learning steps needed. When trying to play with it in my garden, I was impressed to find some super deep nails I had missed previously with two other detectors. The machine has two tones; hi-lo equates to the lower range on a VLF detector, while lo-hi tones equate to the higher range which includes coppers. Iron jumps between the two depending on shape and size. The machine does have a reverse discrimination feature to test if the item is iron but as my time was limited; I did not bother even trying to learn how to do it and had come to the decision to dig everything.

Day 1 at the coast and I had made sure I had packed my At Pro as a safety blanket. Two months before I had found an 18 carat white gold ring with a pavé diamond setting. I assembled the Infinium and hip mounted the control box and off I went.

Radio silence. Not even a beep. Panic started to set in that I had wasted my precious limited time at the beach with a machine I barely understood. I made the decision to call it a day on the Infinium and go back to the safety blanket of the At Pro. Found a little honey hole with an abundance of foreign coins and also a few local coins.

Day 2 I went for an early morning hunt with the At Pro back to the honey hole. My plan was to dig every beep and squeak with the hope of finding some jewelry. My persistence paid off and broken ring popped out.

That afternoon I met two local friends for a beach hunt. I decided to brave the Infinium again. I turned the machine on and set it to 'lock'. Turned the threshold knob until there was a constant hum that was just audible. I turned the knob from 'lock' to 'fast' and pumped the machine up and down for ten seconds to ground balance and then turned the knob to 'slow' and did the same. After this whole 'ceremony' I returned the knob to 'lock' and apathetically off I went.

The machine was stable and no I was picking up no interference from the wet sand of low tide (At Pro struggles quite a bit as expected). I soon began to feel a sense of confidence as for every signal I was getting, a coin would pop out. I was amazed at the depth this machine can get! I mean, this machine goes DEEP! At one point I got a screaming signal and I started to dig, and dig, and dig. After about ten minutes and almost an arm's length down, there was my prize. It was something all the people on the forums say the Infinium loves; a bobby pin for the hair. I was truly amazed at how the machine can pick up something so small and thin and at such a depth. I understood now why the machine has been a success story in the Australian goldfields with its ability to locate small gold nuggets.

After about an hour hunting, we decided to move spots. At the new location, I tried to perform the 'ceremony' of turning the detector on again. It sounded like someone was flashing every type of metal in front of the coil all at once. It was going bezerk. I could not understand why I was getting so much interference when a half an hour earlier it was working like a gift from G-d. Fed up and doubting my abilities again, I returned the Infinium back to the car and took out the safety blanket once more. It was only later when discussing the issues with my friend did I realise why I could not set up the machine for the second time.

At the first spot, my friend started picking up interference from the Infinium straight away on his detector and performed a noise cancel which worked like a charm. At the second spot, no noise cancel was performed and the Infinium really suffered. I am not a 100% certain this is the reason why I could not set it up again (perhaps it was just my pure inexperience with a PI machine), but it is a reason I find comforting.

That evening I went out with the At Pro on the dry sand again to try my luck. In dry sand it is a coin (condom wrapper, ice-cream foil lid) magnet. I got a jumpy signal and in my scoop was a piece of foil as well as a silver (.925) ring. Five minutes later another tiny ring is in my scoop. It looks like a gold wedding band but was tiny. It looked like gold but it was unstamped. The ring would later be sent to be tested and came back 86% gold!

On my final day, I used the Infinium again. It ran well but targets were scarce and I decided to call it a day.

My time with the Infinium was very limited and short. I did not try learning or even understanding all the features this machine has and this was definitely to my detriment. When I managed to find the correct settings, I feel there is no other machine that can touch it. The confidence I felt was second to none.

I would love to use the Infinium again in the future and spend more time learning it. It has a STEEP learning curve but I can say is truly in my opinion, the most sensitive and deepest detector around. Read the manual and pick up any number of popular books on the detector because understanding the ins and outs of this detector takes time. The reward will be a detector that punches through black sand and will find DEEP targets. Due to the detectors sensitivity to small gold, it doubles as a great gold nugget hunter.

I would recommend any detectorist by the coast to try the machine out. I would also even be willing to try relic hunting with it but not park hunting as the amount of trash you would find would drive you mad. Pulse induction is not for everyone, but I have to tell you, I could really get use to using this detector.

In conclusion, the Garrett Infinium LS is a monster of a detector. It has a steep and long learning curve but once mastered, there would be nothing it cannot pick up. It is a detector that requires time and patience of a dedicated hunter and may not be suitable for the casual hunter who plans to use it at the coast on their yearly vacation. A big thanks to Doculam for lending me this great detector.



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# What Happen on a Annual Hunt



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Karoo Boer War Hunt

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Come Experience the Karoo with us....!

Experienced by Pierre Nortje

The first day we searched the areas around Norvalspont that lies some 40 km east-north-east of Colesberg and 43 km west-north-west of Venterstad, on the southern bank of the Orange River, just below the Gariep Dam. Afrikaans for Norval's ferry, it is named after an enterprising Scot who constructed a ferry here in 1848.

For those interested in this area, see this link,

<http://www.waschbank.co.za/history.html>

Here are the first paragraph from the link ...

*When Generals Lemmer, Grobler and Olivier retreated from the Cape Colony and the Colesberg district with their men, they damaged the railway bridges across the Orange River. When Bloemfontein fell to the English, the British were dependent on the bridges for supplies and feed for their horses. Therefore, at the end of March 1900, the English started repairing the bridges across the Orange River, among them the bridge at Norvalspont and Bethulie. The wagon-bridge at Bethulie was too weak to carry full-laden trains, thus the only other crossing-point was a pont-bridge built by the army, at Norvalspont. Soldiers were stationed in the koppies nearby to guard the bridges.*

Here are some pictures from the first day. Simon won the overall prize with the Sovereign holder that was found that day and Jono & Luigi the sponsored ZAR Shilling (donated by Tonie) for the heaviest load.

(At midday we stopped detecting for 80 minutes to listen to the Rugby match on Danie's bakkie-radio between the Springboks and the Aussies that we won)

Here are some pictures – the last lot was taken at the prize giving the night at the Hotel at Norvalspont.







1 st Prize



SIMON



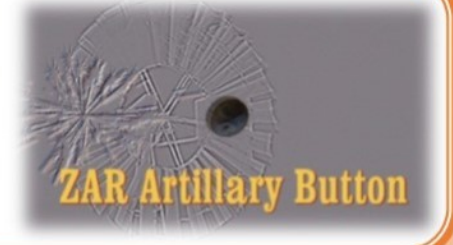
Gold Sovereign Coin Holder



2 nd Prize



Jono



ZAR Artillery Button



3 rd Best Find



Robert



British water canteen

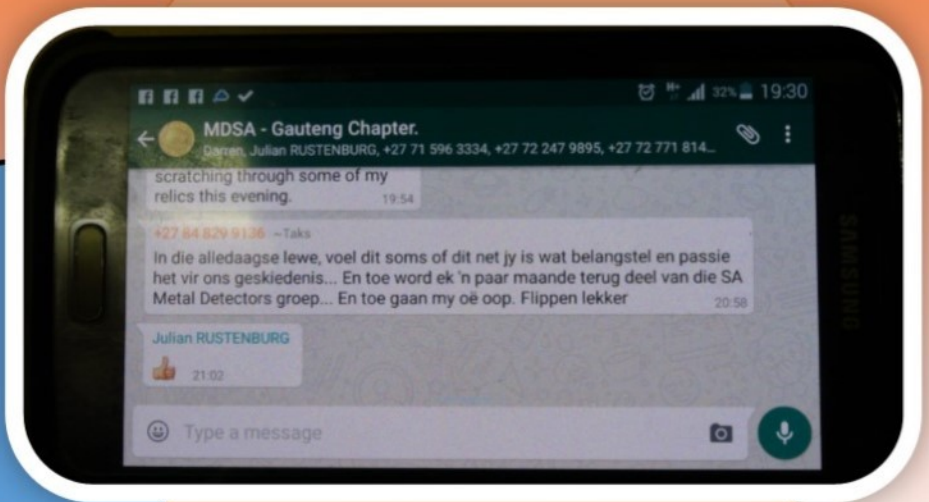
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# Best Way To Spend my Minutes on Mandela Day

with Dawie Berg for Madiba's



And his Madiba  
Reward for the Day.....



**ARE THERE REALLY THAT MANY COINS TO BE FOUND?**  
 This may surprise you - there's more money in the ground than in circulation. The number of coins you find will depend upon how often you use your metal detector, and how much time you put in each time out.



### What is a Metal Detector?

A metal detector is simply an electronic device that detects the presence of metal, primarily through the transmission and reception of radio wave signals.

A metal detector is *not* an instrument (Geiger counter) that detects energy emissions from radioactive materials. It is not an instrument (magnetometer) that measures the intensity of magnetic fields. It does not point to metal; it does not measure the abundance of metal. A metal detector simply detects its *presence* and reports this fact.





# Cash is King

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By Henry Clapton

When the beaches are sanded over and not producing I look for other hunting opportunities. Living at the coast and being an avid beach hunter my next best bet is what I like to call “rock hopping”.

Rock hopping (named after the rock hopper Penguin) is exactly what this type of hunting entails. No sand scoop, just your detector and some sturdy digging tools and an eye for exposed rocky sections that could have been covered by sand in the past. This type of hunting is extremely testing on hunter and equipment. Finds can be plentiful but getting them out is the trick.

The rocks will trap anything heavy dropped by beach goers and there it will stay for many years, sometimes fully exposed to the trained eye, no detector necessary.



On this occasion I decided to try a well hunted area with a different search coil. The Coiltek 10 x 5” does the trick due to it being slim and easy to fit into tight spaces as well as having really good target separation. Depth is not an issue, who wants to dig more than 10cm into rocks anyway. I had hunted this area before and having pulled out many silver coins in the past I was drawn back with old silver coins in mind. With my trusty Minelab CTX 3030 being my weapon of choice the coins started appearing in my finds pouch. Nothing could have prepared me for what was to happen next.

After working my grid in both directions I decided to move a little closer to the water’s edge, jumping over a few gullies I found a section that had some loose stones and surface sand. It looked promising and before I even got working on the area I saw a nasty sand filled plastic bag lying in one of the pools. I was immediately annoyed at this site and decided to remove the intruder for disposal.

I stood above the bag and looked down at it, that’s when I noticed a piece of paper inside the bag. I bent over and I immediately knew it was paper money. R200 notes, they are unmistakable with their orange colour. By now, I had at least two people standing about 30m from me watching this crazy guy with a detector on the rocks. What is this guy doing, I’m sure they thought I was silly. There is no treasure out there !!



I played it cool, as I have done so many times before. One never wants to attract attention on a beach shouting "I found a bag with money !!!!!". I turned my back to the inquisitive on lookers and went down for a closer look. Yep, it was paper money. My heart jumped a beat or two. All sorts of things go through your mind when you stumble onto a find of this nature. I tore the bag open and removed a wad of R200 notes. It felt amazing to hold and see all this cash. I immediately took photos, making light of the situation to any nosey bystanders by acting super relaxed, this is nothing new. Yeah right! It was my first major cash stash alright. I fumbled around with my gear (miss direction for my onlookers) and secretly hid the cash in my hunting jacket.

By now my thighs were burning from being down all this time so I stood up and played with my machine again, making for boring viewing to somebody watching me. This guy does not know what he's doing, they must have thought. Wrong, my plan was working, no attention. I went down again acting like my search coil needed attention this time. While down there I tore the bag open and felt through the sand. Another clump of something was inside. I pulled it out and there was a bunch of R100 notes in my hand. After putting those notes aside I emptied the sandy bag. The R100 notes, with a trick of the hand, were stashed safely in my jacket in under half a second.

The bag was empty of its contents now. I stood up and adjusted my gear again. Super boring viewing now. When I turned to see who was watching, both my admirers had died of boredom and were focused on something else. I picked up the plastic bag and got the heck outta there, slowly.

I was not planning to leave the sight so early, but with a fist full of cash in my pocket I figured I had done okay for one day. Back to the car, and off home wondering about this windfall smiling all the way. It turns out there was R1600 in notes in the bag.

There are so many theory's that one could come up with as to the origin of the cash. My thinking is it was payday, drinking on the rocks and our unfortunate worker slipped and said goodbye to his week's wage. I'll stick to that scenario.

Treasure is everywhere and cash is king !!



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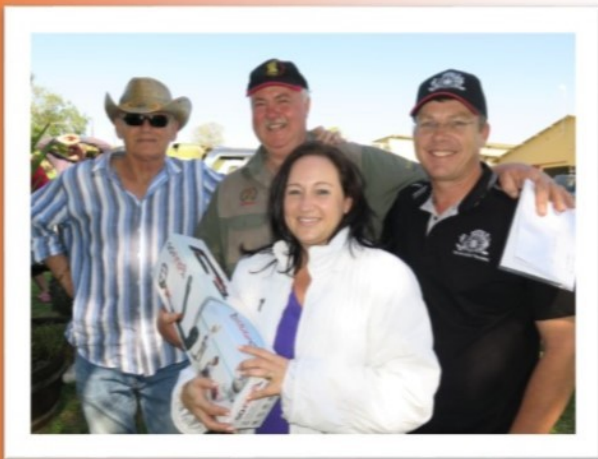


Hi George

Thanks very much for the contribution of the Go—Find 20 Metal Detector from MINELAB SOUTH AFRICA for our Easter Cape Treasure Hunters Come together - They also enjoyed the Metal Detector Museum and we had a Hunt on the Farm and names was dropped in a box where names was pulled out to give every one a chance

The winner of the MINELAB Go—Find 20 Was Leanda Rautenbach—Testing Her new Metal Detector

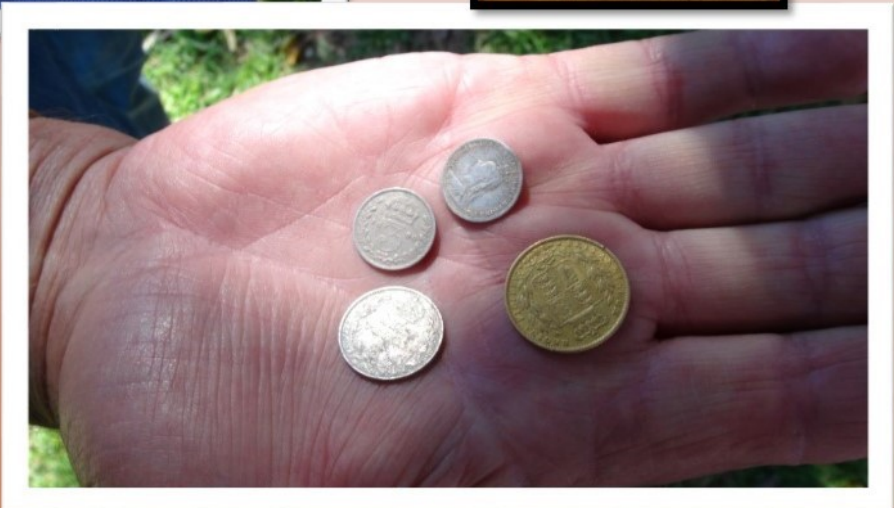
Her Mother receiving the MINELAB Go—Find 20 from Organizers - Wolfgang Roux , Lukas van der Merwe and Henry Clapton





**Braai and meet some nice people**





and some shooting with  
rifles of the Boer and Frontier war



1820 - 1902



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### Winners best find 2015

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Thanks Again for your contribution to our great hobby

Lukas van der Merwe





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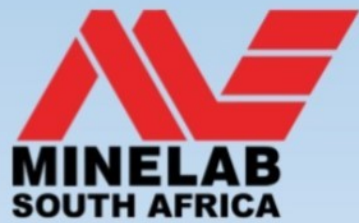


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Winner  
Tonie Cillier



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# 30th Annual Treasure Hunt

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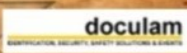
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# 2nd best find

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**Thanks again for your contribution to our great hobby and for the Caps , hats and goodie bags**

**Lukas van der Merwe**





2nd Best Find  
**Tonie**  
**Darren**



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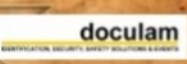
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# 3rd best find

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Lukas







3rd Best Find Michael Darren



Thanks



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# Metal detecting – Pienaar' story

Where shall we start - So it all started November 2014 after David has done some research on Metal detectors and decided to buy himself this luxury for a hobby he is very interested in!

## Pienaar vs. Pienaar

So the hobby became a weekly outing for the whole family and Isabelle our 5years old daughter and I also became very interested in the relics David found. The hobby was also very interesting to me. One machine did not work well between 2 strong willed persons and it really became a problem when husband and wife go in different directions with one MD. Not long after David bought his MD, he bought me one as well.



Isabelle resting after walking very far (Insert: some iron pieces found during our journey)



Well what can we say: THIS IS ADDICTIVE! BEWARE.

The finds is just incredible and we would like to share our greatest finds (which we have found in 9 months) with all other MD enthusiasts. As we are inland we focus mainly on relics and we just love the Boer war era and does a lot of research on Concentration camps.

We have also met the 'godfather' of MD Lukas van der Merwe. It was an extremely great honour to have met him in our hometown and to have done a hunt with him and other great people who have joined us on that day.

David and me after a great day in the field

**A great group of enthusiast came together in Middelburg Transvaal**



During the past few months we have visit many sites and learned a lot, every time we are out in the field it is new discoveries and the feeling when finding a rare relic is just awesome. Long grass, dust, dirty hands, dirty everything, climbing, digging etc. has become our weekend hobby. The best part of it all is the camaraderie and meeting new friend and of course sharing the hobby as a family.

Here are some of our most treasured finds:



**British Belt Buckles**

These British buckles (top left) are David’s most treasured finds – the look on his face when finding these in the field are priceless. Bottom right – Snake buckles.



# Different types of Buttons 44



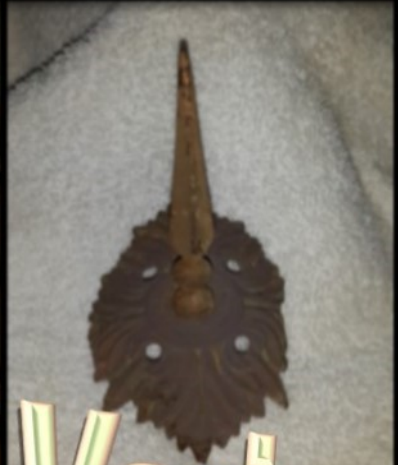
Before and After

## Bayonet and Bedplates



Before and After

# Various relics found



# "junk holder"

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John du Toit

All of us have a "junk holder" for finds not immediately identifiable.

I normally just sort my finds on the gold and silver found and the rest of the finds goes into the "junk box "



Every now and then I look through it again and starts wondering about certain finds.

Last weekend I decided to tumble some of the junk and see what comes out.



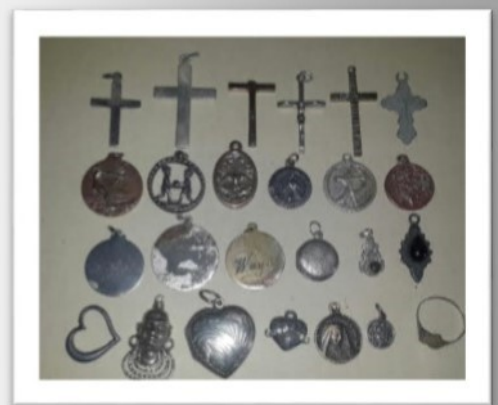
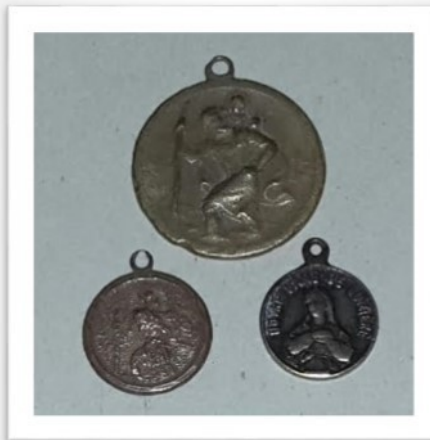
I was quite surprised with some of the junk after the tumbling.

Some pendants...few of them actually silver

Quite a few dog tags found over time...I see there is one for Andy, Simon and Henry!!

A couple of casino tokens

...and then three pendants which could be gold...still need to have them tested..



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# William the Treasure Hunter.



A hobby is defined by something we do in our spare time. It normally entails something you like doing or something you have a specific talent for. When this talent takes over all other interests and combined with opportunity you end up with someone who lives his life to dig for hidden treasures. With the help of a metal detector this description fits the fifteen year old William Faurie. Ever since posting a beautiful diamond ring found close to his home his life has changed. Finding treasure has become his life's work and the more he learned the more he explored and grabbed opportunities to widen his



detecting fields. Another, incredible attribute of William that wherever he went he set specific goals on what he wanted to achieve i.e. finding artefacts from a specific era or group of people or used at a certain time period. Almost, without exception he found those artefacts with added bonuses thrown in. He loves finding artefacts from the Anglo-Boer war era and researching those artefacts to place them within its context of where those artefacts were used as well as the rarity of these artefacts. It's a knowledge gained through listening, asking questions and researching himself. He is not afraid to share this acquired knowledge with others. The more he explores the more he learns and loves to share with others with the same interest. In an era where kids just want to sit in front of the television or play games and no interest in history he is quite a revelation. Excelling in history at school as well as his other subjects.



It was a new revelation when the Dump Dug Bottle and Treasure Club SA on facebook opened by Mike Conradie when William learned there is a whole new field of hidden treasures buried in the ground found mostly in ash dumps dating from the previous century and even earlier. Finding these ash dumps is an art in itself but when you have expert help it becomes a bit easier. Finding those bottles placed on his wish list was the next thing to do and with amazement every site visited by William he found a bottle he had wished for and filled quite a few boxes with complete and even broken bottles that are still nice to look at.



It is rare to come across someone with such enthusiasm and zeal for his hobby to a point where it overshadows almost all other aspects of his life. Passion and drive to do better, explore, find and to learn more. These attributes define William Faurie. You are an inspiration to us all. Keep looking. Keep searching and keep digging. Your life's treasure awaits you buried in the ground.



**By Tonie Cilliers**

In the next Issue

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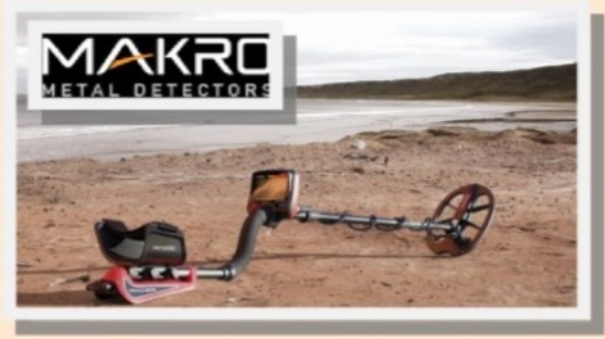
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