

YTC Knowledge Exchange a Success!

If you were not at the September club meeting, you missed out on one of the key benefits to being a YTC member, that is of course our members and the vast knowledge they possess in regards to metal detecting. The September program called on our members to share some of that knowledge specifically relating to detecting items and accessories. Eight of our members stepped up and passed on some valuable information. Below is a list of the members that shared and a recap of what they talked about. A special thanks to them for making the first "YTC Knowledge Exchange" a success.



Rick Browne - Detecting Tool Kit - Rick brought in his detecting tool kit filled with a vast array of items, tools, cleaners, and other miscellaneous material he uses to clean his finds, maintain his equipment, and help keep him doing what he loves best, water walking! Having them all in one place and portable is the key. Of particular interest was a pair of hand crafted metal rods he uses to help repair the many gold and silver rings he finds. He also showed off his electrolysis kit, and a rig he put together to help press in those pesky rod pins that can get stuck on water detectors. Thanks Rick!



Michel Choquette - [Vibra probe Pin-pointer](#) - Michel brought in his trusty pin-pointer and spoke to it's ability, depth, and durability. The probe is a pulse induction (PI) metal detector which allows it to have disproportionate depth for its size. Michel reported getting nearly 2-3" of depth off of the tip of the probe. It is manufactured by Treasure Products out of Simi Valley CA and its base retail cost is \$149.95.



Matthew Dakin - [Propper BDU pants](#) - Matt brought in a couple pairs of his Battle Dress Uniform pants he uses while detecting. Not liking the lack of flexibility of regular blue jeans, and worried about durability issues your run of the mill pants may provide and given his pension for dirt digging Matt decided military grade gear was the way to go. The 60/40% cotton/polyester blend is rugged enough for detecting in all conditions. He uses them year round and finds them comfortable in 100 degree weather as well as when the temperature falls below freezing. The brand name is Propper, you can purchase them online or find them at your local Army Navy surplus store for \$25-\$35.



Ray Dapkus - [Blaze Orange Clothing](#) - Ray brought in some very bright hunting coats he uses while detecting cellar holes in the woods. He noted that especially during hunting season it is important to be visible. Hunters are required to wear a certain square inch total of this material at all times. It's a good idea for us to do as well. He mentioned that you can buy some fairly affordable blaze orange clothing at Cabella's.



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22" All-Pro
Long Handled Trowel

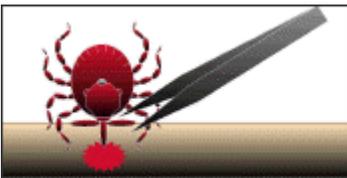
David Gregorski - [Long handled digging trowel](#) - Dave spoke about the benefits in having a long handled digging trowel. Specifically about its ability to provide leverage to unearth those deep targets as well as its durability. The make and model he advocates is the Wilcox Model 300, a 22" stainless steel digging machine! Most detecting stores offer this model, which will run you around \$15-\$25.



Ken Gudernatch - **Pinpointing without a pinpointer** - Ken demonstrated a simple way to pinpoint without using a pinpointer. During the course of the year, especially detecting beaches, Ken finds numerous plastic sand shovels. One simple way to find your target is to scoop up dirt/sand from your hole using a plastic (non-metal) scoop. You can then wave the scoop over the coil of your detector, if it sounds off; you now have a small amount to sift through to find your target.



Richard Noble - **[Garrett Pro-Pointer](#)** - Richard spoke highly of his Garrett Pro-Pointer hand held pinpointer. On top of its nearly a 3" depth capability, it has many additional features that adds to his detecting capabilities. Of note was a built in scraper that helps him sift through dirt to quicken target recovery. Also, there is a built in LED light that helps illuminate those deep holes we all hope we're digging! He also likes the fact that it detects not only on the tip, but up a portion of the shaft. This allows him to scan the sides of his hole to better locate those off center targets.



Dave Payton - **[Tick-borne diseases](#)** - Are you thinking Lyme Disease right now?? If so, you should be thinking of Lyme disease, babesiosis, ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, anaplasmosis, Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness, Tick-Borne Relapsing Fever, and tularemia. Dave shared his personal experience with doctors who have a lack of experience in diagnosing the various diseases one may contract from a tick bite. Most doctors will only test for Lyme disease, but as Dave's near fatal experience shows if we are exhibiting some of the symptoms of Lyme disease we should request that we be tested for all them. Don't make the mistake after being tested for Lyme disease in thinking you have been tested for "tick-borne diseases", you may be steering you Doctor in the wrong direction. Thanks Dave for this very informative discussion.