



Threshold

April 9, 2026



**Newsletter for the Historical Recovery Association of North Florida
Dedicated to the Hobbies of Metal Detecting and Treasure Hunting**

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2026 Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Holiday Hill Church, 730 Mandalay Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Metal detectorist found a huge hoard of Roman treasure in Germany — and kept it hidden for 8 years

A man found a Roman-era hoard in Germany dating to around 2,000 years ago, but

A man in Germany has discovered a Roman-era hoard with hundreds of silver coins, a gold ring, one gold coin and several silver bars — but he didn't do it legally and it took eight years before he told authorities about it.

The man initially found the 2,000-year-old hoard with a metal detector in 2017 near the village of Borsum in the Hildesheim district of Lower Saxony, northwest Germany. However, he didn't have a permit to unearth artifacts, and he didn't report the finding at the time. Instead, he waited until April this year to tell the police and the city of Hildesheim's monument protection authorities, according to a translated statement.

Upon learning of the hoard, officials from the Lower Saxony State Office for Monument Preservation went to the spot where the man unearthed the treasure, to see if he had missed any artifacts and determine if they could learn anything about how the hoard had been buried around two millennia ago.

In early October, government officials did a more comprehensive archaeological investigation of the area and found several more coins, bringing the silver coin total to 450 making it one of the largest hoards of Roman coins ever found in Lower Saxony, the statement reported.

The coins date to the early Roman Imperial period, after the Roman Republic had collapsed and emperors began ruling the empire. The Imperial period witnessed coexistence but also opposition between the Romans and Germanic tribes beyond the frontier, according to the statement.

Since turning in the treasure, the now 31-year-old man who found the hoard has participated in a government-run metal detector course. The Hildesheim public prosecutor's office also dropped an investigation into his case because the statute of limitations had expired. In Lower Saxony, metal detectorists looking for artifacts need a permit to ensure they properly find and report discoveries in a way that won't disturb archaeological deposits or sites.

April finds of the month table.

Coins

Description	Assigned #	Circle one
1943 Mercury Dime	1	Coins
1850 Silver Dime	3rd	Coins
1898 Indian	8	Coins
1957 Beaver Wheat penny found near specious farm, Davis farm in north Florida	9	Coins
1942 Mera	14	Coins
1st Ranger Battalion Challenge Coin 1990s	1st	Coins
1864 Indian	2nd	Coins
1941 Mercury Dime	2	Coins

Jewelry

Description	Assigned #	Circle one
See Differs + Gold Plated Low Heat Ring	1	Jewelry
14K Bracelet	15	Jewelry
STERLING Ring - 40s	3	Jewelry
14K	3rd	Jewelry
1910-1921 Military Quarters (Ad insignia)	1st	Jewelry
RING	3rd	Jewelry
Rawhide Crown Ring	3rd	Jewelry

Relics

Description	Assigned #	Circle one
1975 Swer Buckle	15	Relics
1920s Mega RUCX POWDER COMPACT	2	Relics
1940s RAZOR	3rd	Relics
Frank Sharp buckle	1st	Relics
Vintage 1940s Scout Belt Buckles	3rd	Relics
Buckle	8	Relics
.50 cal mading gun bullet w/II Mapp box	2nd	Relics

Miscellaneous

Description	Assigned #	Circle one
Canister shot Cannon ball	15	Miscellaneous
SHAWNEE gauge	1st	Miscellaneous
Vintage book, "The Letter" by [unclear]	3rd	Miscellaneous
1st Lt [unclear]	2nd	Miscellaneous
Boxing Gloves	2nd	Miscellaneous
Canister shot Cannon ball	15	Miscellaneous
RADIOACTIVE C1190	3rd	Miscellaneous

Tokens & Buttons

Description	Assigned #	Circle one
609 fac	2nd	Tokens & Buttons
SCRIPT I War of 1812 button	1st	Tokens & Buttons
Metal Dime - [unclear] Coat B...	3rd	Tokens & Buttons
BINGHAMTON Military School Award 1826	2nd	Tokens & Buttons

April Finds Competition

April	Coins	Jewelry	Relics	Miscellaneous	Tokens/Buttons
1st	Sayre, Terry 5	Herndon, Gerald 5	Herndon, Gerald 5	Hunt, Bob 5	Lewis, Tyler 5
2nd	Lewis, Tyler 4	Jacobs, Rick 4	Hunt, Bob 4	Jacobs, Rick 4	Jacobs, Rick 4
3rd	Simmons, Dale 3	Berkley, Adam 3	Combs, Pete 3	Terwilliger, Ray 4	Simmons, Dale 4
4th	Terwilliger, Ray 3	Lewis, Tyler 3	Terwilliger, Ray 3	Combs, Pete 3	Combs, Pete 3
5th	Combs, Pete 1	Sayre, Terry 3	Jacobs, Rick 1	Simmons, Dale 3	

2026 Finds Competition Standings

Category and Overall Best Hunter

Coins	Jewelry	Relics	Misc
Filippi, Jim 14	Simmons, Dale 16	Terwilliger, Ray 15	Terwilliger, Ray 15
Terwilliger, Ray 12	Terwilliger, Ray 14	Combs, Pete 14	Simmons, Dale 14
Combs, Pete 11	Sayre, Terry 12	Filippi, Jim 13	Filippi, Jim 11
Sayre, Terry 10	Combs, Pete 6	Simmons, Dale 9	Combs, Pete 10
Simmons, Dale 9	Filippi, Jim 6	Bonella, Karianne 7	Herzog, Jamie 9
Tokens	Youth	Overall	
Simmons, Dale 16	0	Simmons, Dale 64	
Filippi, Jim 14	0	Terwilliger, Ray 59	
Combs, Pete 8	0	Filippi, Jim 58	
Lewis, Tyler 8	0	Combs, Pete 49	
Mule, Philip 8	0	Sayre, Terry 38	
		Mule, Philip 28	
		Lewis, Tyler 21	
		Bonella, Karianne 19	
		Herzog, Jamie 14	
		Jacobs, Rick 13	

