

# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE EMPIRE STATE METAL DETECTOR ASSOCIATION

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## Upcoming Meetings

September 28, 2009  
October 26, 2009  
November 30, 2009

## Find of the Month Schedule

Sept: Jewelry  
Oct: Relic  
Nov: Coin

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## President's Message

This year's club hunt was, from all the feedback, the best of the best. Thanks to all our volunteers and contributions everything came together. We had a major problem when the date was changed at the last moment, but Tim Myers, Peter Teal and I called all people on our sign up list which saved the hunt and provided a memorable occasion. Bob Lavoy, Pres.

## Agenda for the September Meeting

At this month's meeting we will recap the 2009 club picnic hunt. Thanks. Bob

Come join us at the monthly meetings, 7 pm at the SW Pitts Fire Company located at 266 Old Loudon Road in Latham, for a great time. Don't miss the chance to meet with other club members to exchange tips, show off your finds and maybe win one of the nice coins available in the coin raffles. This month, the find of the month category is "jewelry". Bring in and enter your best jewelry item for a free chance to win in one of the raffles. Your entry should be one that was found since the last time jewelry was find of the month.

## Highlights from the 2009 Club Picnic Hunt

Norma's birthday  
Penny hunt warm-up- 3 hidden tokens, finders received a silver dollar:  
Peter Teal, Joe Race, Peg Grippin  
50/50 winner of \$200- Roy Pietrow  
Treasure chest winner- Pete Stofa  
1881s \$5 gold coin- Fred Vybiral  
Garrett detector- Lisa Conrad  
Fisher detector- Gary Torrisi  
60 token winners-list on back of newsletter  
Bob Lavoy-Northeast Metal Detectors,  
Minelab, Garrett, Western & Eastern, Upstate  
Detectors and Fisher really helped to add to the  
fun of the day with donated giveaways.  
Good food, company and weather!  
Thanks to the planters, committee members, to  
everyone who helped before, during and after  
the hunt, and also thanks to all our contributors  
including donators to the treasure chest.

## Minutes from the August 31, 2009 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$3,183.27. The 50/50 winner of \$124 cash was Peter Teal (won with his ticket for 3<sup>rd</sup> place find of the month!). 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing for a 1731 King George copper went to Linda Gillis. Coin raffle prizes were: 1831 capped half dollars, 1916d Barber quarter, 1848 & 1838 large cents and an 1855 seated liberty quarter.  
By-law committee reported bylaw revisions will be presented to the membership for review and vote soon. We were reminded of picnic hunt details. Motion made and carried to give \$200 to Tim Myers to purchase supplies and food for the hunt. Everyone brings a dish to share. Members are reminded to get ideas for meeting topics to any of the presentation committee members: Tim Myers, Peter Teal, Patrice Pahl, Rob Wright and Art Wright. Entries for miscellaneous find category were: lead seal, silver id tag, Missouri sales tax receipt token, civil war saddle bag buckles, silver plated knob, croatal bell, Dick Tracy gun, lock, NY state seal excelsior spoon, cane handle, 1796 Portuguese penny, derringer cap gun and a handmade anvil. Voted #1 find of the month was the excelsior spoon find of Rob Williams, second went to the silver id tag find of Len Cohen and third place went to the saddle bag buckle find of Peter Teal. Our thanks to Len Dancause for his presentation to us on beach/water hunting. He went over equipment to use, described what to look for on the beach and in the water and gave many good tips. Hunt the base of a hole or cut in the line of sand; note if sand is very soft, items will be deeper; hunt in zigzag along beach, look back to line up digs, will narrow down the strip to hunt. In water: use mask if in far; use a pouch with a secure closure; waders are dangerous, can take on water or lose balance; test buoyancy effect of wet suit in tub with weights to counteract, finds the neutral point; use foot to mark pinpointed area in waves; use fanning of hand on soil/sand on bottom, but be aware of glass or junk. Discussion on pulse induction machine, salt water effects and hot rocks was also held. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.