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Upcoming Meetings

November 30, 2009
No meeting – December
January 25, 2010

Find of the Month Schedule

Nov: Coin
Dec: None
Jan: Toy
Feb: Miscellaneous

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ESMDA Welcome a New Member

Frank Brodzik
Welcome and Happy
Hunting!

Would members share their stories? It was great reading the stories sent in for last month.. Send your stories to Bob or myself and we'll share them via the newsletter.

President's Message

I will be missing the November meeting to go on a metal detecting cruise to the south west Caribbean. I will be hitting some great beaches where you don't see metal detectors and where the rich and famous hang out. These cruises are so inexpensive that I will plan another in the spring and let the club know. Anyone that wants to join in the fun will be welcomed aboard.
Bob Lavoy,

Agenda for the November Meeting

This months meeting will be the second meeting devoted to the bylaws. Art Wright and Rob Williams will continue to present proposed article changes, taking questions and comments from the membership to be incorporated into the final draft. I think the committee has done a great job in handling concerns of the membership. Initially I was not in favor of changing the bylaws, but after hearing the presentation and seeing how much time and how well thought out the recommendations are, I am now totally in support of their mission. 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 "coin". Bring in and enter your best coin item for a free chance to win in one of the raffles. Your entry should be one that was found since the last time coin was find of the month.

Contact Program Committee with Ideas for the Club's Monthly Program

Committee has tentative schedule for upcoming year, but still send ideas in.
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Minutes from the October 26, 2009 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$3,490. The 50/50 winner of \$63 cash was Rob Williams. 2nd drawing for an 1853 large cent went to Len Cohen. Coin raffle prizes were: 1844, 1847 & 1851 large cents, 1877 & 1873 seated liberty quarters and an 1854o seated half dollar. Rob Williams donated his coin raffle prize back to the club for the 2010 treasure chest. Thank you to Rob and congratulations to all the winners. Bob indicates he will keep a log of all donations to the treasure chest with donor information. Bylaw committee members Art Wright and Rob Williams led membership in a review of the bylaw revisions. Suggestions for changes to the revisions were recorded by Tim Myers and Lisa Conrad. The first 3 articles of the bylaw revisions were reviewed. The remainder will be reviewed next meeting.

Our website is www.esmda.org, a forum has been suggested and is possible with software, and we will need to vote to purchase or rent this software.

Entries for relic find category were: copper arrowhead, iron horse buckle, coin silver fruit knife, brass padlock, candlestick base, pewter tea set plate, Rev. War lead spinner and a hand forged shovel. Voted #1 find of the month was the coin silver fruit knife find of Len Cohen, second went to the brass padlock find of Fred Pfindel and third place went to the copper arrowhead find of Dan Casey.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.
Happy Holidays to all.

Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics

I WILL respect private property and will not trespass on posted property without owner's consent.
I WILL fill all excavations, take trash out of the same, and dispose of all trash properly.
I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife and private property.
I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.
I WILL build fires in designated or safe places only.
I WILL leave gates as found.
I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.
I WILL NOT litter.