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Upcoming Meetings

January 25, 2010
February 22, 2010
March 29, 2010

Find of the Month Schedule

Jan: Toy
Feb: Miscellaneous
March: Relic

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

President's Message

The recent Caribbean detecting cruise was kind of a bust, in that I didn't get enough detecting time. I have two more opportunities this winter to hit some gold. I will meet up with Ken Richardson on the east coast of Florida after the January meeting; he tells me he has a couple of hot spots near South Beach. In April I will spend two weeks on the west Cost near Naples with Fred Brady, another detecting buddy. Happy new detecting year. Bob Lavoy, Pres. ESMDA

Agenda for the January Meeting

The January meeting will feature some great programs. We have winter hunting presented by Peter Gallacchi and safety while hunting presented by Rob Williams. We will also have the vote on the proposed bylaws. The proposed bylaws are available on the club's website, www.esmda.org. With changes highlighted. If everyone would read them and be ready to vote. This meeting will start our \$5 gold coin raffle, which will be drawn at our May meeting.

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 "toy". Bring in and enter your best toy item for a free chance to win in one of the raffles. Your entry should be one that was found since the last time toy 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 November 30, 2009 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$3,435. The 50/50 winner of \$39 cash was Joe Caruso. 2nd drawing for an 1850 large cent went to Jan Satterlee. Coin raffle prizes were: 1850 seated liberty half dollar, 1827 & 1856 large cents, 1854 seated liberty half dollar. Art Wright donated his prize of an 1827 large cent back to the club for the 2010 treasure chest. Thank you to Art 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 continuation review of the bylaw revisions. Suggestions for changes to the revisions were recorded by Tim Myers and Lisa Conrad. All articles of the bylaws were reviewed and we will vote on the revisions at the next meeting.

Entries for coin find category were: 1852 silver 3 cent, 1788 8 real, 1876s seated half dollar, 1723 farthing, 1749 Georgius Rex Britannia, 1785 Nova Constellatio and an I love NY token. Voted #1 find of the month was Peter Teal's find of the 1852 silver 3 cent. Second went to the 1788 8 real find of Fred Pfindel and third place (four way tie) went to the 1876s seated half dollar find of Tim Myers, the 1723 farthing find of Rob Williams, the 1749 Georgius Rex Britannia find of Art Wright and the 1785 Nova Constellatio find of Bob Donovan.
Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

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.