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## Upcoming Meetings

February 22, 2010  
March 29, 2010  
April 26, 2010

## Find of the Month

### Schedule

Feb: Miscellaneous  
March: Relic  
April: Jewelry

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## 1881s Gold Coin Raffle

Tickets for sale and available to sell: \$5.00 for one, 3 tickets for \$10.00. Winning will be drawn at May meeting. (May 24, 2010)

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

In my twenty-five years as a White's dealer, this is the first time I have been sent a high end prototype metal detector to field test. This detector is aimed to replace the MXT and XLT. The MXT is popular with nugget hunters and the XLT was a great with relic and coin shooters. With the enhanced capability of this new detector, I plan on testing it where the rich and famous go on the west coast of Florida. I will put it through the paces with two weeks in Naples, Venice and Englewood. I will let you know how I make out. Thanks, Bob Lavoy

## Agenda for the February Meeting

The February meeting will be on "Where do I go?". This is probably the #1 question in metal detecting. The program will be presented by the president of the club with input from our members. We will also have nominations for elected officers for the upcoming year. Nominations will be published in our March newsletter and voting will take place at the April 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 "Miscellaneous". Bring in and enter your best miscellaneous item for a free chance to win in one of the raffles. Your entry should be one that was found since the last time miscellaneous was find of the month.

## Our thanks to our Program Committee and to members who suggested topics for the Club's Monthly Programs

Tentative schedule for upcoming year:  
March- basic detecting techniques, April- getting permission to detect/proper digging techniques/officer elections, May-detecting parks and schools, June-bottles, July-cleaning and displaying your finds, August-what to do with the weird stuff/name that object, September-club hunt recap, October-detecting cellar holes.  
Presenters still needed, anyone can volunteer. Committee members: Peter Teal, Tim Myers, Art Wright and Rob Williams

## Minutes from the January 25, 2010 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$3,208. The 50/50 winner of \$67 cash was Bob Lavoy. 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing for an 1845 large cent went to Pete Gallacchi, 3<sup>rd</sup> drawing for an 1893 Columbian Exposition coin went to Lisa Conrad. Coin raffle prizes were: 1876 & 1872 seated liberty quarters, 1849, 1838 & 1852 large cents and an 1803 half cent. Bylaw revisions are approved by member vote. Club forum with outside hosting, moderated by club members was approved through member vote. Tim Myers will be a moderator for our new forum. Voted on and passed to buy \$1000 of silver for our 2010 club hunt from Ferris Coin & Stamp now. Angelo Primo will coordinate purchase. Members voted long time members; Charlie Franklin and Fred Vybiral are made honorary members. Peter Teal had requested logo designs for the club and published designs that had been submitted. Members present got to see some of the samples. A donation in the club's name will be sent to the relief fund for Haiti. Entries for toy find category were: WWI toy soldier, clay marble, cap gun and pewter cup. The toy soldier find of Art Wright was voted #1 find of the month, the pewter cup find of Sean Brennan and the cap gun find of Peg Grippin were tied for second, and the clay marble find of Tim Myers was voted third. Pete Gallacchi presented "Winter Detecting". In the winter we can do our research, maps, events, map overlaying can reveal where to go in better weather. Drive around and look for cellar depressions, we can see further into the woods now, note rock walls. Do our research on past finds, dig them out, what is it?, clean it up, look up value, find out more about it. Good time to spend on forums and make plans with partners. Go to banks and get rolls of coins to look through, even get bills to look for certain numbers, e.g. ones with asterisks denoting it is a replacement bill. Winter is a good time to setup, clean and/or repair our equipment. It's also the time to check out crawl spaces, cellars, attics and hiding spots in any buildings. Look for surface scraping spots usually for new construction, check out under heavily wooded areas esp. under pines, the ground may not be frozen. Southwest hills without foliage are the first to thaw. Frozen clods with targets can be collected in a bucket to thaw later (don't try this on a lawn). Check out sleigh riding hills, lost items may be on the surface. The receding snow of the edges of plowed up parking lot piles can reveal lost items. Lower water levels this time of year can aid in shallow water hunting. Cont'd

Meetings are held the last Monday of every month except December which has no meeting and the May meeting which is held one week early because of the Memorial Day Holiday). The meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm and the meeting location is the S.W. Pitts Fire Co., located at 266 Old Loudon Road in Latham. Entrance is on the lower North side of the building. Please do not park by the front door; this area is for firefighters ONLY.

The mud won't be frozen, (such areas as Sacandaga Reservoir or the banks of the Hudson River). Winter hunting in saltwater is possible even if the sand/mud are a little crunchy. Winter storms can tear up beaches and expose items. Location and time of organized winter hunts can be found in website forums and in Western & Eastern magazine.

Safety While Hunting – most cautions are obvious, when going out alone, let someone know where you will be, carry water (a hot drink in cold weather), first aid kit, cell phone, brimmed hat and a snack. GPS, maps, compass can help if we know how to use them to orient ourselves. Dress appropriately, long pants, high boots, long sleeve shirt protect against brush cuts. In cold weather wear layers, knit hat, polarized sunglasses to protect from sun glare, lip balm, sun lotion and keep extra socks and a rain slicker available for any outing. Gloves for digging help protect against cuts, Kevlar gloves can help in trashy urban areas where razor blades or needles may be, carry antiseptic wash. To protect against insect bites: tick spray or bug repellent, light clothing (easier to see insects on you) and if you have allergies, have epinephrine (EpiPen) handy.

Walking in water- use water shoes, can protect against lures or glass. Using waders-watch for holes, secure top of waders to keep water out, don't go in too far. Hunt with one headphone off, can hear partner if help is needed, bring whistle, walkie-talkies, knife, matches. Watch for wells especially around cellar holes. Be aware of poison ivy and always be aware of your surroundings, continually scan the area.

Thank you to Pete Gallacchi and to Rob Williams for their informative presentations.

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