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March 2010

## Upcoming Meetings

March 29, 2010  
April 26, 2010  
May 24, 2010

## Find of the Month Schedule

March: Relic  
April: Jewelry  
May: Relic

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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

I was shocked to be nominated for president by my longtime archrival, Tim Myers, but he pointed out that our club made great strides this year. I totally agree. Thanks to the program committee and other committees we have brought this club back to being an organization run by the membership. This is the common denominator that we all share and I am really looking forward to all of the interesting meetings that involve all of our people. Thanks, Bob Lavoy

## Agenda for the March Meeting

The March meeting will be on basic detecting techniques, presented by John Kotwas. John is a longtime hunter with great experience in metal detecting. We can all learn from some of his tips and tricks. This is a great program if you are new to detecting. Bring a friend and enjoy.

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 "relic". Bring in and enter your best relic item for a free chance to win in one of the raffles. Your entry should be one that was found since the last time relic was find of the month.

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

Our schedule for the upcoming months:  
April-getting permission to detect-Sean Brennan/proper digging techniques/officer elections. May-detecting parks and schools-Joe Caruso. June-bottles-Art Wright, bring your bottles in. July-cleaning and displaying your finds-everyone. August-what to do with the weird stuff/name that object, all members. September-club hunt recap. October-detecting cellar holes-Angelo Primo.  
Committee members: Peter Teal, Tim Myers, Art Wright and Rob Williams

## Minutes from the February 22, 2010 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$3,092.

The 50/50 winner of \$61 cash was Kevin Dietzman. 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing for a large 1923 dollar bill went to Mike Grogan, Coin raffle prizes were: 1858o seated liberty half, 1855 seated half dime, 1886 seated dime, 1865 3 cent nickel, 1858 flying eagle cent and an 1860 Indian head cent.

Club forum with outside hosting, moderated by club members, was approved through member vote in January. Voted on and passed at this meeting to use VBulletin software for our forum; which has an initial cost and annual fee. Some of silver needed for the club hunt has been purchased.

A donation in the club's name will be sent to the relief fund for Haiti, donations may still be made. Entries for miscellaneous find category were: 1910 NY State Fair watch fob, horse caltrap, initialed holed lead, brass lock, military button and a NYS Co. medal. The watch fob find of Joe Caruso was voted #1 find of the month, the caltrap find of Angelo Primo was voted 2<sup>nd</sup> and the formed lead find of Art Wright and the military button of Tim Myers tied for third place.

Nomination results from meeting: current slate of officers was nominated for same positions. Bob Lavoy presented "Where to go", the number one question asked. Hunters can start at their own property to practice techniques, when proficient, move to relatives and friends' properties. Bob uses research from books, maps and manuscripts to determine places, often it's a hint that will point to a place to go. Bob showed examples of books (300 Years of Albany, History of New York, US Treasure Atlas, Off the Beaten Path in New York, Eastern Treasure Hunting, Peter Hess book, Historic Guide to New York) and maps and what they can show us. A city map of Albany showed where outhouses were located. History book spoke of old fairground locations, trails, areas where people gathered for funerals and other activities of the area. Books of troop movements and history can provide cues. The State Library is a resource for material to copy that would be unavailable otherwise. Historic markers provide general location and information of sites. Can detect parks, (not national), with permit. Some members knock on doors, offer to recover items lost, return jewelry, pick up junk metal, and bring our small shovel and another detector for owner to try detecting. Research is good to do in the winter, be sure to document where we will go, so when good weather is here, we are ready to go. Meeting adjourned 9 pm.