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April 2010

## Upcoming Meetings

April 26, 2010  
May 24, 2010  
June 28, 2010

## Find of the Month Schedule

April: Jewelry  
May: Coin  
June: Toy

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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 will not be able to attend this meeting. I will be off to Florida for two weeks to field test the new prototype White's M9/MXT-PRO. The MXT is a popular gold detector with many hunters and the pro has some major innovations. I will be hitting the beaches on the west coast of Florida near Naples, where the rich and famous hang out. A little tidbit of information on this area is that in 1979 the average income of a resident was 120k. With a little luck, I expect to find some nice jewelry in this area. Thanks, Bob Lavoy

## Agenda for the April Meeting

The April meeting will be on getting permission to detect and proper digging techniques presented by Sean Brennan. These are some of the most important issues that we deal with metal detecting. Understanding the process from one of our seasoned hunters should improve your results and shorten your learning curve. Bring a friend and enjoy the program. 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.

## Our thanks to our Program Committee, to members who suggested topics and to members 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 March 29, 2010 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$1,460.32. The 50/50 winner of \$104 cash was Fred Dobert. 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing for a 1785 Connecticut copper went to Bruce Bink. Coin raffle prizes were: 1803 half cent, 1867 3 cent nickel, 1855 seated half dime and an 1851 large cent. Thank you to Len Cohen, who donated his win of the 1867 3 cent nickel to the 2010 Club Hunt treasure chest.

Members are encouraged to sign up for the club's forum (use recognizable name for username). Entries for relic find category were: flask, 1875 love token, Rev War buckle, knapsack buckle, thimble, lead roll up, eagle 2 piece cuff button, croatal bell and an iron buckle. The flask find of John Kotwas was voted as number one find of the month. The 1875 love token find of Bob Gillis and the iron buckle find of John Colaneri tied for second place. The croatal bell find of Fred Pfindel was voted as third place find of the month. The club hunt committee is meeting April 5. One of their goals is to create documentation of the hunt procedures.

This month's presentation was led by John Kotwas. John polled the members as to what type of machines are being used, skill level, how long members have been detecting and how often members get out detecting. We are a resource for each other. Techniques: gridding the area detecting, hunt in different directions, always re-wand opening; slow methodical hunting can produce more finds. Re-hunt the same spot in different conditions, factors such as moisture in the soil or hunting after winter can affect the area. Read the site, what type of soil, or is it gravel? Dig the trash out, it can be masking another target. Knowing our machine and understanding its programs can help us, record machine indicators and what was found until we know the machine well, dig everything until we know the program and our machine.. A test garden was suggested. (But leave the items in the ground for awhile to simulate a "real" find that would have a "halo" from being in the ground), use golf tees to mark planted finds. Swing our detectors as close to the ground and keep the coil head as level as possible, (better depth). Practice guessing what the signal indicates before digging. We are reminded to check for ticks and use repellent. Meeting adjourned 9 pm. Anyone watch the National Geographic show on the Anglo Saxon hoard find in England? Very amazing.