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May 2010

Upcoming Meetings

May 24, 2010
June 28, 2010
July 26, 2010

Find of the Month Schedule

May: Coin
June: Toy
July: Miscellaneous

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1881s Gold Coin Raffle Drawing at this Month's Meeting

Tickets for sale \$5.00
for one, 3 tickets for
\$10.00.

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 Lost Treasure Weekend at the Blackthorne resort in the Catskills, June 4-6 is heating up. Besides the unseeded and seeded hunts put on by the resort, FMDAC will have two hunts with \$500 in silver plus Northeast Metal Detectors & White's will give away a Spectra v3i, valued at \$1,800. Anyone signed up for the Blackthorne hunt will have a chance to win at the end of the hunt. Applications for this hunt are on my website:
<http://www.northeast-metaldetectors.com>.

Thanks, Bob Lavoy

Agenda for the May Meeting

The May 24th meeting comes one week early and will be on detecting parks and schools. The program will be presented by Joe Caruso, one of our new members. If you are looking for interesting areas to hunt, this will be a great meeting. 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 "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.

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:
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 April 26, 2010 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$1,644.
The 50/50 winner of \$101 cash was Art Wright. 2nd drawing for a 1735 British farthing went to Mike Genier. Coin raffle prizes were: 1870 3 cent nickel, 1855o seated half dollar, 1851 & 1856 large cents and an 1834 capped bust dime.

Entries for jewelry find category were: ring with logo, costume jewelry ring, brooch with stones, large heart pendant, tennis bracelet with stones, 14k gold watch and a 10kt gold John Hancock Insurance ring. The tennis bracelet find of Frank Brodzik was voted as number one find of the month. The brooch find of Fred Pfindel and the John Hancock ring find of John Kotwas tied for second place. The ring with logo find of Dan Casey was voted as third place find of the month.

Pete Gallacchi shared the list of club hunt token prizes he has obtained for the club so far, he also presented rules for hunting at the club hunt. The club hunt committee met and reported responsibilities have been assigned. Silver so far for the hunt is: 42 quarters, forty-one dimes and 16 silver dollars. Motion made and seconded to authorize the club hunt committee to purchase the rest of the needed silver when the committee is ready.
For the "extra, end of day hunt", email Sean Brennan at distdrum@mhicable.com. Send \$25 entry for the extra hunt to Sean at 55 Surprise Hill Rd, Freehold NY 12431.

Our thanks go to Sean Brennan for his presentation on getting permission to detect and digging techniques.

Meeting adjourned 9 pm.

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.

if another detectorist may come with you, ask where to park, ask the history of the place. Be ready to explain our hobby, what we are looking for- old items such as horseshoes, hinges axe heads, item important but connection to history important too. When describing retrieval use term "plugging", can use example of a golf divot, fits right back it. Remember to stop and say thank you and show the owner what has been found, including all trash we've removed. Wear headphones, use proper tools, -using minimal tools is important on a lawn. Always assume you are being watched, be on our best behavior, watch language, leave gates, etc. as they were, and always ask before using hose, water or anything else. Good to keep in mind not to wear out our welcome.

Basic digging techniques: use the proper tool for the area, for lawns it's especially important to use a ground cloth. Judge the ground; if weeds or short roots dig our plugs accordingly to assure less root damage, (Sean always digs at least 4 inches down to keep roots intact). In dry spells, carrying water is a good idea to wet the area. Take time to pinpoint the target.

Circle plug versus horseshoe hinged plug discussed. When digging, dig straight down, no angles, the plug is placed back in with less trouble. Probe/pin pointer is a good idea to locate target without disturbing hole too much, the light also helps see into the hole. Ground cloth helps capture any extra dirt, -place dirt back in, replace plug and be sure to press ground down and ruffle the grass back up. Use gloves for glass, metal, -saves our hands. Sharp tools, such as a T handle shovel or hand trowel make for easier plugging. Pruning shears for roots, bucket close by for trash, a good pouch with pockets for keeping the good items separate from the junk, knee pads, small pickaxe (fiberglass handle is lighter) and bring water, all the right tools help make for a good hunting experience. A great presentation, our thanks again to Sean Brennan.

Meeting adjourned 9 pm.

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