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June 2010

Upcoming Meetings

June 28, 2010
July 26, 2010
August 30, 2010

Find of the Month Schedule

June: Toy
July: Miscellaneous
August: Relic

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1881s Gold Coin Raffle Drawing to be at the Club Hunt-STARTS JUNE

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

Sign up for the Club
Hunt by the July
meeting to be entered in
the early bird drawing.
(Membership needs to
be current to sign up.)

President's Message

The club is still looking for a treasurer. I only had one response and that person was from Vermont and is not a regular member. The duties are simple, you collect money at the meetings, you pay a few bills and you give us a report annually and at each meeting on the status of our account. If you are a member in good standing and your picture is not in the post office you can qualify. Let me know if you can help the club out in this capacity

Thanks, Bob Lavoy

Agenda for the June Meeting

This month's program will be on bottles. You can find old bottles virtually everywhere you metal detect. This program will show you where to find bottles, how to clean and restore them and how to evaluate them. Bring in your best bottle for a chance to win a silver dollar and have your bottle evaluated.

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.

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:
June-bottles-Art Wright, bring your bottles in.
July-cleaning & 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 May 24, 2010 ESM DA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$1,787.16.
The winner for the May raffle of an 1881s gold coin is John Lewis. Our next raffle starts with the June meeting and will be drawn at our club hunt.
The 50/50 winner of \$65 cash was Charlie Franklin. Coin raffle prizes were: 1776 Massachusetts Pine Tree shilling copy, 1892 Columbian exposition, 1847 & 1851 large cents, 1859 Indian cent and an 1882 shield nickel which was won and donated to the club hunt's treasure chest by Tim Myers. Thanks, Tim.
Entries for coin find category were: 1688 William & Mary, 1933 bronze Irish Free State, 1787 Britannia, 1837 large cent and a Canada bank token. The 1787 Britannia find of Fred Pfindel was voted as number one find of the month. The Irish Free State find of Sean Brennan was voted second place. The William & Mary find of Tim Myers and the large cent find of Dan Casey tied as third place find of the month.
Pete Gallacchi has 44 token prizes obtained for the club hunt so far; he led a discussion of rules for hunting at the club hunt. Motion passed for \$500 to Pete G. for token and raffle prize purchases. Rob Williams reported on the club hunt. Members are Pete Gallacchi, Rob Williams, Tim Myers, Sean Brennan, Art Wright and John Lewis
For the "extra, end of day hunt", email Sean Brennan at distdrum@mhccable.com. Send \$25 entry for the extra hunt to Sean at 55 Surprise Hill Rd, Freehold NY 12431, all signup entries are put into the payouts. Joe Caruso presented to the club on detecting parks and schools. Joe came to our area from Louisiana after the hurricane of 2005. He started detecting about a year later; starting with family property, then went to schools and parks finding clad coins mostly, but learning and enjoying just being out. He did hunt the grassy boulevard areas in Albany. He found schools and parks to be convenient, numerous and could rotate hunting. Different than hunting private property, less chance of wearing out your welcome and can keep all finds. Usually do not find older finds, but clad and some jewelry. To locate schools and parks, Joe uses a county atlas of the capital area with icons marking schools and parks. Google and Google Earth show street views but are not as good for rural areas. Bing.com maps give a bird's eye view with good detail, like taking a virtual visit to a prospective site. Look for open/green areas. Talk with people, word of mouth works to find school sites. Visit schools early am, vacations or on weekends, avoid during times activities going on. Watch locked fences; don't go over even if no

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.

warning signs. Watch for signs that say no trespassing during school hours. Rural areas seem more open. Look for facilities that are open e.g. track. Some town codes are online, check the internet probably won't be specific to describe if okay or not to detect. If asking, better to ask if any regulations against metal detecting than to ask if can detect. Again, talking with someone turned out to be beneficial, Joe got the history of the area and got permission. Get the person's name, at least first name, so if asked/challenged later. Always stay off athletic fields, wood chip piles on playgrounds yielded many finds, try the path from the parking lots to bleachers and around concession stands for targets. Parks change over time, check trees around roots to see if fill or not. Joe observes ball fields and backstops to age the field. If less maintained may be a good place to hunt. The well maintained areas are probably best to leave alone. Be aware of our digging techniques and our tools. Joe carries a silicon sheet for a ground cover to place dirt and plug on. The sheet folds up and cleans up easily. He does not carry a shovel, but does use a raptor which he keeps sharp and reminds us to keep in mind, no knives on school grounds. A pin pointer helps with minimizing any digging. Joe bought a tumbler, uses Coin Star for his penny finds. Joe shared some of his finds with us: coins, medals, jewelry. Many resources for us: Treasure Hunter's Handbook, youtube.com, forums and many internet sites.

Joe, thank you for a very interesting and entertaining presentation.

Some of Joe's resources:

Internet Map Resources:

<http://maps.google.com/>

Earth.google.com/

<http://www.mapquest.com/>

<http://www.bing.com/maps/>

<http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/>

Websites:

<http://www.findmall.com/>

<http://coinflation.com/>

<http://sabischbooks.com/index.htm>

<http://forums.whiteselectonics.com/forum.php>

<http://www.minelabowners.com/forum/portal.php>

<http://www.predatortools.com/>

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