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2010 Club Hunt – September 18, 2010

August 2010

## Upcoming Meetings

August 30, 2010  
Club Hunt-Sept. 18  
September 27, 2010  
October 25, 2010

## Find of the Month Schedule

August: Relic  
Sept: Jewelry  
October: Coin

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## 1881s Gold Coin Raffle Drawing to be at the Club Hunt-September 18

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

## Early bird drawing

Members signed up for  
the Club Hunt by July  
meeting are entered in  
the early bird drawing  
for a gold coin.

## President's Message

It really was gratifying to hear from one of our members who was having trouble with his detector, and was helped out by one of our expert hunters. This led to a great 1787 recovery by the novice. This is really what this hobby is all about. It's hard to imagine that when you die you will be forgotten rather fast unless we leave something behind. Helping your fellow hunter is one way to keep your memory alive. This novice will remember for a lifetime who helped him find his first colonial coin. Thanks. Bob Lavoy, Pres. ESMDA

## Agenda for the August Meeting

This month's meeting will be on what to do with the weird stuff and name that object. Bring in your weird stuff to find out what it is and you will have a chance to win a prize for the weirdest find.

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 go out to our Program Committee, to members who suggested topics and who present the Club's Monthly Programs

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

## Sign up now for the Club Hunt.

Hunt fee \$50. Day of the hunt fee will be \$60.

## Minutes from the July 26, 2010 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$2,887.

The 50/50 winner of \$70 cash was John Colaneri. A second drawing for a 1949 Franklin half went to Lisa Conrad.

Coin raffle prizes were: 1856 large cent, 1907s Barber quarter, 1865 3 cent nickel, 1856 large cent and an 1863 copper nickel.

Entries for miscellaneous find category were: match safe, ribbon fob, arrow head, musket ball, settler medal, Jesuit ring, axe or hoe piece and a colonial civilian button. The Jesuit ring find of Peter Gallacchi was voted number one find of the month, the match safe find of Angelo Primo and the arrow head find of Fred Pfindel tied for second place find, the axe/hoe piece find of Charlie Franklin and the colonial button find of John Colaneri tied for third place find of the month. Club hunt committee members are Pete Gallacchi, Rob Williams, Tim Myers, Sean Brennan, Art Wright and John Lewis. We will have many prizes and giveaways thanks to committee members' efforts and the generosity of many merchants and dealers, some reported so far: Garrett, Cabela's, Wal-Mart, Kellyco and Tesoro. Bob Lavoy will have a detector and probes from White's. Our thanks to all members who have donated items to the club hunt treasure chest. We will have the complete list of all donors and items soon and will share with the membership. Members are encouraged to sign up early for the "extra, end of day hunt", email Sean Brennan at

[distdrum@mhcable.com](mailto:distdrum@mhcable.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. Signing up early will insure the field is setup to accommodate all who enter.

John Rudzinski, president of the Capital region bottle club presented this evening's program. Glass was a valuable commodity, before it soft clay containers were used. As early as 1900 B.C. the Phoenicians used sand molds. With glass blown bottles there is a pontil mark on the bottom where the glass blower used a stem to hold the glass, and snapped it off when finished. Some more expensive bottles' pontil marks may be less noticeable as the bottom was polished as part of the finishing process. Milk bottles are collectible; there were some 141 dairies in this area. The milk bottle & milk delivery helped change where people could

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.

live, with the milk coming to them they could live farther away. Bottles with a seam through to the top indicate machined bottles. Many bottles were embossed by use of a slug plate set into the mold. Embossed bottles can be a piece of local history. The process of making bottles took a lot of people at one time; there would be apprentices to do the different steps, (glass in & out of kiln, blowing the glass, finishing, cooling). Bottle machines were developed starting around 1906 and perfected about a decade later, there were early glass factories in Albany, Connecticut and New Jersey. The colors of bottles would change with the minerals added to the sand or silica used. Miniature bottles can be very desirable, made as souvenirs, many contained booze and were used as advertising. John professionally cleans bottles; he has four machines. Using copper pieces and chemicals to clean or polish the glass lightly. The process can help pitted glass bottles. Crocks and stoneware can be repaired. John has a sample one of his members had repaired; it was very sturdy and looked fine to my eye. Crockery was decorated with different items: animals, faces, flowers and can add to the value collectability of an item. Great presentation, our thanks and appreciation go to John for his knowledge and time with us. Having him take time at the end to go over bottles members had brought in was also appreciated.

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