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## Upcoming Meetings

January 31, 2011  
February 28, 2011  
March 28, 2011

## Find of the Month Schedule

January: Coin  
February: Miscellaneous  
March: Relic

## President's Message

Pictures of my 321 B.C. coin and another item are now at the Smithsonian for evaluation. A producer from California wants to do a documentary. The idea that America could have been discovered 2000 years before Columbus is intriguing. My worst situation is that I will spend a week on a sunny Florida beach doing a treasure video with all expenses paid and knowing that I found probably the oldest coin in America.  
Thanks Bob Lavoy, Pres. ESMDA.

## Minutes from the November 29, 2010 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$3,735.  
The 50/50 winner of \$52 cash was Lisa Conrad. A second drawing was done for an 1826 large cent. Coin raffle prizes were: 1883 V nickel "racketeer nickel", 1903 Indian head cent, 1866 2 cent, 1929 standing liberty quarter, 1858 flying eagle cent, 1850 large cent, 1911 V nickel and a 1781 one real. Entries for toy find category were: Buffalo Bill Jr Belt buckle, Button Buzzer/whirligig, Disney World Bus and a WWII toy soldier. The buzzer find of Peg Grippin was voted number one find of the month, the Buffalo Bill belt buckle find of John Kotwas was voted second place find and the WWII toy soldier find of Pete Kobasa and the Disney World Bus find of Fred Vybiral were tied for third place find of the month.  
This month's program was very timely on storing our detectors and was presented by Tim Myers. Leaving detectors in a cold vehicle is not recommended. Removing batteries to avoid corrosion is advised, (from our machines and probes also). As always dispose of batteries properly to keep from children. Clean contacts with a dremmel or pencil eraser which can reach contacts easily. Clean the coil, take cover off, after completely dry put back together, Tim armoralls the coil and cover after cleaning and washing. Clean the rest of machine avoiding water on the circuit box. Use toothpick or Q-tip dipped in alcohol to clean pin ends. Leave off unconnected until dry. Anything we can unplug, clean all connectors. Pull shaft out and armorall wiping clean the dust that builds up. Look over our machines for any repairs needed, now is the time to get repairs or replacements, contact local dealer. Store machine indoors. Tim puts in a detector bag with silica gel packets. For diggers: clean and sharpen if needed, use a flat file or rounded file (doesn't recommend putting on a grinder). Use a vise to hold our shovel or hand tool, if tempered, just sharpen top side of blade. Winter is good time to clean out hunting pouches, replace olive oil in carrying containers as it can spoil. The plastic screws at the base of our machines should be checked, good time to track down extra ones to have on hand. Discussion was held on other things to do during the winter, good time to go through our "junk", what is it box, do research and identify items. We can do research and do contact to line up

## Agenda for the January Meeting

This month's program will be presented by Bill Valosin, a park ranger and tinsmith from the Saratoga National historical park. All the tools and many items from the Revolutionary War were hand made by blacksmiths and tinsmiths. Bill will be dressed in period clothing and will describe the art of tinsmithing. This should be a very interesting program.  
Bob Lavoy, Pres. ESMDA,

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.

cont'd- places to hunt and hunting partners so we are ready to go in the spring. Good time to clean, organize and display our finds. Coin shows still happen in the winter, and check Eastern/Western magazine for their section of ongoing events across the country. Members are reminded of the club forum accessed at [www.esmda.org](http://www.esmda.org) and all are encouraged to participate.

## Raffle: Drawing for a White's M-6 detector to be drawn at the May 23, 2011 meeting

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

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