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Upcoming Meetings

April 25, 2011
May 23, 2011
June 27, 2011
July 25, 2011

Find of the Month Schedule

April: Jewelry
May: Coin
June: Toy
July: Miscellaneous

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Welcome New Members

Bob Gosselin
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Happy Hunting

President's Message

I will be doing another video on Revolutionary War detecting for the Outdoor Channel in the middle of April in Schuylerville. I got permission on three great sites. One site was a tavern where George Washington, Alexander Hamilton and generals from the Revolutionary War stayed. I don't think this site has ever seen a metal detector. I assured the owners that they would be in the video; it made getting permission very easy. I will let you know how we did at the meeting.

Thanks Bob Lavoy, Pres. ESMDDA.

Agenda for the April Meeting

This month's program will be on basic detecting techniques and will be presented by Joe Caruso. This kind of program is always interesting and particularly helpful to new hunters who want to improve their skills. Bring a friend.

Bob Lavoy, Pres. ESMDDA,

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.

From Program Committee: Topics for Monthly Meetings -2011 email tmymers3@nycap.rr.com with ideas or to present a program

April Basic Detecting Techniques & election of officers

May Discussion of Special Finds, stories of detecting, 3 or 4 mini presentations

June Cleaning "Stuff" You Have Found, bottles, ceramics, etc. Alternative topic, Detecting Parks and Schools

July Science & History of Metal Detecting – Alternate Interesting Metal Detecting Sites We Use, (members email sites to program committee)

August Weird Stuff We Have Found – Identifying –bring our stuff, Displaying Finds-bring displays

September Review of Club Hunt, discussion of any changes, no other presentations

October Detecting Cellars, Roads, Forest Sites

November Cleaning and Storing your detecting supplies – getting ready for the winter

December No Meeting

Minutes from the March 28, 2011 ESMDDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$4,282.

The 50/50 winner of \$92 cash was John Lewis. An additional drawing for an 1863 3 cent nickel went to John Lewis. Coin raffle prizes were: 1907 v nickel, 1907 & 1901 Indian head pennies, 1865 2 cent, 1819 large cent, 1820 capped bust dime and a 1799 British penny.

Entries for relic find category were: gas lamp base, 2 man saw, complete 1700's buckle, mini ball, lead horse with rider, small woman's buckle and knife tip. The 1700's buckle find of Rob Williams was voted number one find of the month. The mini ball find of John Kotwas was voted second place find of the month and the 2 man saw find of Fred Pfindel was voted third place find of the month.

All are encouraged to present a monthly program; ideas for topics are still being taken, contact Tim Myers, tmymers3@nycap.rr.com.

A discussion of the club hunt silver cost took place. Price of silver is high, as the hunt fee has stayed the same for years and we want to keep the same amount in the ground it was voted to raise the hunt fee to \$70, annual membership dues would remain the same. Hunt fee the day of the hunt would be \$80. (Sign up by the July meeting to be entered into the early bird drawing).

Our thanks go to John Kotwas who presented our monthly program on detectors and what clues they give us in locating and helping to decide on digging targets. Different makes and models of detectors use VDI numbers, sounds, icons and other clues. John uses and has used many different types of machines, he spoke on some of the differences and similarities. John led a discussion and members offered their experiences with what works best for them, VDI numbers, graph, icons, sound. Sound seems to be the best indicator of what is in the ground. Use sound, then the VDI number then the graph spread to decide to dig. Keep pounding until we find targets, remember what clues machine gave for a particular target. Detecting/hunting was compared with trout fishing, there are different lures and techniques, use the one we are most confident with, use what works for us. Meeting adjourned 9 pm.

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.