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Upcoming Meetings

November 28, 2011
December – no meeting
January 30, 2012
February 27, 2012

Find of the Month Schedule

Nov: Toy
Dec: No Meeting
Jan: Coin
Feb: Miscellaneous

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Enjoyed reading about the historic gold find in England covered in Western/Eastern Treasures; it's also featured in this November 2011's National Geographic magazine.

President's Message

The program committee has just announced a great selection of programs for 2012. We are looking for help from our members. If we don't have a speaker we don't have a program. If you have not participated in a program it's time to step up to the plate. Contact our program chair, Tim Myers, at tmyers3@nycap.rr.com.
Bob Lavoy, Pres. ESM DA.

Agenda for the November Meeting

This month we will have our BUY, SELL & SWAP meeting. Bring in your finds, like coins, relics, your metal detectors and accessories to sell, swap or to win a prize. The club members are always looking to buy quality coins and silver. This should be a fun meeting.
Thanks, Bob

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.

From Program Committee: Topics for Monthly Meetings -2011 email tmyers3@nycap.rr.com to present a program

November Meteorites
December No Meeting

Cont'd Tim reminds us a spot is not hunted out just because someone detected there previously. The great Northeast's weather changes the ground and the positions of the items in it. Thank you for your presentation Tim and for sharing stories of your finds from older home sites.

Minutes from the October 31, 2011 ESM DA Meeting

Small meeting this month, there was not enough of a quorum to vote on purchasing silver, this motion will be made again at our next meeting.
The 50/50 winner of \$39.00 cash was Jan Satterlee, an additional drawing for a 1754 King George II farthing went to Owen Whitfield. Coin raffle prizes were: 1887s seated dime, 1853 seated dime, 1795 Spanish two real and an 1848 large cent.
We had two entries for coin find category: both tied for 1st place: 1835 bust dime find of Angelo Primo and a 1936 half dollar find of Peg Grippin.
Program Committee reported: members of the committee reviewed the surveys and have next year's list of programs to share with members at our next meeting. Members are asked to sign up to present.
This month's program on detecting cellar holes was presented by Tim Myers. Tim has written articles published in Western/Eastern Treasures magazine, Tim shared some photos of cellar holes he has detected. Some are filled in and can be hard to spot. The best way to locate old home sites is to use old maps. The older maps may not be to scale making it harder to compare them to modern maps. Old sites can be found by driving around on back roads and seasonal use roads. Look for openings in rock walls along those roads which may indicate where a drive was. Remains of large trees, usually maple and three in number indicate where a home was. Look for plants such as: lilacs, lilies, also remains of fruit trees, these can be evidence of a homestead's site. Searching in the spring is good as we can spot blossoms of these plants. Going to hunt for home sites just after snow has fallen makes a depression from an old cellar more evident. Driving around when leaves are gone gives us more view into wooded areas to spot piles of stones and rocks left from chimneys and/or foundations. Speaking with farmers and loggers and having a map with you can yield some good information, these would be people that would know the woods and land and know where foundations are. When on a site, scan around the foundation, try to locate the well taking caution not to fall in, if a spring supplied the home, detect around the spring. Some hunters scan the sides of cellar walls, some dig out a cellar hole, even using a sifter to find lost items. Digging a hole down to the base (rocks at bottom of walls will be a different color) can expose the original floor to detect and an outside entrance will be easy to spot. Finding where the laundry was done and hung out can yield some finds. Laundry was probably done out of the wind by an outbuilding and hung out away from the path of wood smoke.