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Upcoming Meetings

May 19, 2008
1 week early due to Memorial Day
June 30, 2008
July 28, 2008

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Find of the Month Schedule

May:	Relic
June:	Coin
July:	Toy

ESMDA welcomes new members:

Alison Farrell
Wayne Desorba
L Charland
Welcome and happy hunting!

President's Message

Many think that parks are hunted out but one of our members made a great recovery. He found a half dollar sized item that appeared to be junk & he threw it in his pouch. A couple weeks went by & he was cleaning out the pouch when he noticed what looked like a silver edge on the junk item. It turns out he found a rare 1794 half dollar. The value on this piece of junk is \$5000. Bob, Pres. ESMDA

Agenda for the May Meeting

This month's meeting is one week early on May 19th, because of Memorial day. We will have the drawing for the White's Prizm V. We will also have tickets for the hunt raffle drawing, which will be 20 American silver dollars. We were going to have 20 ounces of bullion silver but many of our members have expressed more interest in silver dollars that have both a bullion & numismatic value. As time permits we will have more secrets from the pros to improve your hunting. This should be a great program for our many newbies. 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 "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.

Minutes cont'd-hunt in zigzag pattern between the water & beach, look back to line up dig/find marks, follow this line. Water hunting is slower than beach. *Home*-start with our own homes first, can have a "garden" to test our machines; keep in mind the halo around long buried items is different than recently lost/buried items. *Electrical interference*-be aware of items that interfere (cause noises) such as electric fences. Meeting adjourned 9 pm.

Minutes from the April 28, 2008 ESMDA Meeting

2009 Red Book soft cover version is available to club members for \$14, see Bob Lavoy. The club is still buying silver from members for our club hunt at 13 times face value. Treasurer's report read and accepted, balance is \$1,643. Pete Gallacchi shared some of his recent older history/map book finds with our group. Ron Unfus is the 50/50 winner of \$85. 2nd drawing for an 1824 capped dime (24 over 22) went to Pete Gallacchi.

Find of the month category of Jewelry entries: 1800's locket, silver Victorian ring with stone, 14 kt gold wedding band with stones, 1847 Rogers Brothers spoon ring, Victorian pin, flower design cuff link, rose gold ring setting, political memorabilia frame and a pin top. John Gagnon's find of the 14 kt band was voted #1 find of the month, 2nd place tie went to the rose gold setting find of Jan Satterlee and the political frame find of Rob Williams. 3rd place went to the cuff link find of Alison Farrell. Coin raffle prizes were: 1/2 dimes (1857, 1840, 1853 and 1845), 1818 large cent, 1876s seated dime, 1854O seated half dollar. Congratulations to all the winners, (find, coin & 50/50). Current officers were reelected for the upcoming year.

Bob Pierce and Tim Myers will buy food items needed, (everyone still brings a dish!). For other hunt information see 2nd page and hunt flyer.

From our discussion of detecting tips: *rain*- use rain cover to protect detector unit, wet ground means signal goes deeper, good time to hunt.

Detect where- National Park-no, State Park-each has own rules, fee & form, State Land-okay, posted/private property-no, get permission, offer to return jewelry found, offer something (baked goody, share finds), wear headphones, be considerate & polite.

Tips-use a clear plastic office chair *floor mat* to flatten taller weeds (not in farmer's field though), *many signals?*, dig out one by one, *compare old map with newer one*, find missing house/foundation to hunt. Bob described a program Peter Teal uses to show the overlap between an older map and newer one, *beach/sand-wear/* be aware of the pattern our shoes are making, can better keep track where we've gone. (Continued to the right.)