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38th annual club hunt – Saturday, September 13, 2008

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Upcoming Meetings

August 25, 2008
September 13, 2008=
(Picnic Hunt)
September 29, 2008

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Find of the Month Schedule

August:	Miscellaneous
September:	Jewelry
October:	Relic
November:	Coin

President's Message

All this rain has produced a great abundance of insects, some of which may be harmful. We should all wear proper clothing, spray ourselves with a good repellent and check ourselves for ticks when exiting the woods or fields. Lyme disease is on the upswing. Symptoms can vary; from feeling bloated, loss of appetite or tiredness all the time, for some there are no symptoms. We don't need to have the telltale bull's eye to have Lyme disease. Get yourself checked out if you have any of these symptoms. Any delay can be serious to your health. Thanks, Bob, Pres. ESMDA

Agenda for the August Meeting

At our August meeting we will be finalizing preparations for our great club picnic hunt that will be held September 13, 2008 at Knox Town Park.

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 "miscellaneous". Bring in and enter your best miscellaneous item for a free chance to win in one of the raffles. Your entry should be one that was found since the last time miscellaneous was find of the month.

Check out Eastern/Western

Picture on the cover of September 2008's issue is Brett Card's photo of Angelo Primo and Kevin Huffer. Article to be published in the October 2008 issue.

Raffle Tickets for the 20 silver dollars - \$5 each or 3 for \$10, winning ticket to be drawn at the Club Picnic Hunt

Minutes from the July 28, 2008 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted, balance was \$1592.00. Hunt committee member, Rob Williams updated on items being donated for the club hunt from Garrett & Minelab and now Fisher also. Two of the donated items are metal detectors. Rob also reminded members of the additional hunt at the end of the club hunt, members already signed up for the club hunt may enter the extra hunt for \$25, all entry money to be put into this hunt, among other prizes are two \$5 gold coins. Rob shared the tokens being used and will have them available just prior to the hunt for us to machine test. The 50/50 winner of \$48 was Ed Hedlund, there was a second drawing for an 1867 shield nickel. Find of the month category was Toy, one entry of a toy car was first place find of the month. Coin raffle prizes were: 1914s, 1906, 1912s Barber halves, 1900s Barber dime, 1861 seated half dime and sterling silver United National Commemorative Coin. Our thanks go to Fred Vybiral, who donated a \$20 bill, to go into the hunt treasure chest prize. For club hunt: only members to hunt with paid \$50 entry fee, entry fee to be \$60 the day of the hunt. Sign up for the club hunt by completing the hunt form and send/give to Ed Hedlund. Rob Williams displayed some of his older finds, one of which was a 62nd regiment button. Our program was a presentation by Eric Schnitzer, Park Ranger/Historian at the Saratoga National Historic Site in full British 62nd regiment of foot uniform. Check out Eric's web site at www.62ndRegiment.com, & watch for Eric's constant updates to it also. Eric's knowledge and enthusiasm for his subject made for a great program. Some of his information came from the British National Archives and letters written from the period. He described the different pieces to a soldier's uniform, arms and accoutrements, how the soldier received items in each category: uniform-bought & owned, arms-owned by British Army, accoutrements-issued by colonel. Cont'd on reverse...

Eric Schnitzer's presentation, cont'd-

Arms, such items as musket, bayonet, scabbard, cartridge box; accoutrements, items such as cartridge pouches; clothing, coat, breeches. For the 62nd regiment there are three known different button variations. Officer's buttons varied from the soldier's. The 62nd regiment waistbelt is undocumented; one that was found went to a private collection before documentation of it was made. Eric shared with us various parts of the British regiment's uniform. The wool felt hat and cap made from a worn hat that was cut down. Coats would be cut down into jackets; parts cut from the jacket would be used to patch elbows.

He also shared interesting stories and history from period letters: when the 62nd was at Fort Ticonderoga an account tells of using rattlesnake skin to cover their scabbards. Soldiers made do with whatever they had, one account tells of using old tent material to make breeches.

Horse hair was used to decorate the caps, usually white, but one regiment, the 29th, dyed their horse hair red.

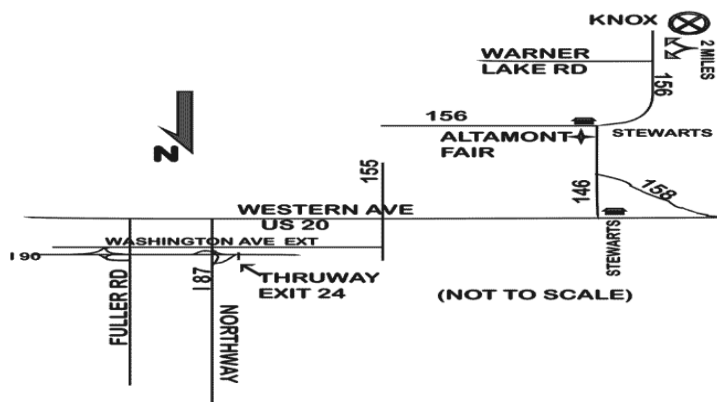
Eric went over the tools used for using the musket and many other items. There's a name for every part of the uniform. A very interesting and enjoyable presentation, thank you Eric.

MAP BELOW IS FOR CLUB HUNT – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

Our thanks go to the club picnic hunt committee members: Pete Gallacchi., Ed Hedlund., Bob Lavoy, Robert Pierce, John Kotwas and Tim Myers. Club hunt plans so far: there will be \$5,000 in prizes, in the ground will be, silver coins: 24 dollars, 100 halves, 350 quarters and tokens for both treasure and cash prizes. The planting of these items will take place the morning of the hunt; planters will not hunt in the quadrant they planted.

Sign up for the club hunt by the July meeting to be entered into the Early Bird drawing for an un-circulated dollar. Hunt entry is \$50 plus membership. The day of the hunt the entry will be \$60 plus membership. The raffle this year will be for 20 silver dollars, tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10. There will also be a 50/50 raffle at the club hunt.

If you are signed up for our club hunt, you may sign up for the additional hunt to be held at the end of the club hunt day. This hunt's entry fee of \$25 will go toward prizes for this hunt. See Rob Williams to sign up and pay the \$25 for this extra hunt.



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