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Upcoming Meetings

February 23, 2009
March 30, 2009
April 27, 2009
May 18, 2009

Find of the Month Schedule

February: Miscellan.
March: Relic
April: Jewelry
May: Relic

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President's Message

Mark your calendar for the 3rd annual "Lost Treasure Weekend", scheduled for June 5-7 at the Blackthorne Resort in the Catskill Mountains. You are going to see some big changes this year. All the major manufacturers have been contacted to participate in prizes. White's has asked me to represent them at the event and asked what I needed to make it successful. I have asked to have three major detectors for top prizes in each of the hunt events.

Bob, President, ESMDA

Agenda for the February Meeting

This month's meeting is on winter hunting sites, visual research and 1st spring hunting. The program will be presented by our own vice president, esteemed detectorist and finder of the Upstate New York cache, Pete Gallacchi. 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 "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.

Raffle for a White's Prizm III

Tickets are \$5.00 for one or 3 for \$10.00

Check out Eastern/Western for Member Articles:

**Brett Card's "Field of Chance", and in the January issue:
Tim Myers' "Detected Out Spots"**

Minutes from the January 26, 2008 ESMDA Meeting

Club treasury balance reported as \$741.85 at present. Most of the upcoming 2009 club hunt silver has been purchased. Our upcoming 2009 hunt will be announced in Western/Eastern, our thanks to Dick Stout. This year's hunt date is September 12, 2009.

Members are reminded that tickets are available to sell and/or purchase for the club's raffle of a White's Prizm III detector. Bob relayed some of the benefits of this machine, which is the type he used while participating in our 2008 club hunt.

50/50 winner of \$80.00 was Sean Brennan. 2nd drawing for a 1922 s Peace dollar went to Peg Grippin.

February coin raffle prizes were: 1878 seated quarter, 1846 large cent, two - 1864 2 cent pieces and an 1853 large cent.

Entries for toy find category were: a harmonica reed plate, large clay marble and a metal airplane. The 1948 Tootsie Toy airplane find of Sean Brennan was voted #1 find of the month.

2nd place went to the clay marble find of Tim Myers and 3rd place went to the harmonica plate find of Pete Gallacchi.

Members shared many of their displays of finds with the group. Pete framed two finds including a picture of him and the house where the finds were retrieved. Description, the finds and the picture all add to the display and can even provide provenance for the finds.

Tim Myers' cases (cherry wood handmade by his Dad) showed off and protected his finds. The hinged cases allow access. To display and protect buttons, there are button cases for each individual button (foam bed can be slit to protect the shank of the button), the covered individual button cases can all be displayed into a covered case with depressions for each of the button cases. Bob displayed coin cases that can be sealed to keep coins pristine. For many finds Bob uses a copy of the item or a related map as background to display the item. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

ESMDA welcomes a new member:

Steve Owens

Welcome & happy hunting!