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2009 Annual Club Hunt & Picnic, Saturday, September 12, 2009

Upcoming Meetings

June 29, 2009
July 27, 2009
August 31, 2009

Find of the Month Schedule

June: Toy
July: Coin
Aug: Miscellaneous

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President's Message

I just got back from the 3rd annual Lost Treasure Weekend at the Blackthorne resort in the Catskills. They had a record turnout of approximately 175 people. The combination of seeded & unseeded hunts was super. Lots of early jewelry & coins were recovered. I pulled up an 1841 large cent plus a bunch of other items. Nelson Fischbach, from Plymouth, Ma. won the white's Prizm 6t & hundreds of other prizes were presented. We had 8 members of our club at the event that enjoyed the great food & \$2 mixed drinks into the late hours of the evening. Bob

Agenda for the June Meeting

This month's program will be on how to use old maps, narratives & historical documents to locate old home sites, villages, springs, cemeteries & encampment areas. This program will provide you the information you need to find great hunting spots. Bring a friend to enjoy this great meeting.
Thanks. Bob, Pres. ESMDA

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.

Minutes from the May 25, 2009 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$1,196. The 50/50 winner of \$82 cash was Tony Damulis. 2nd drawing for a 1922 Peace dollar went to Tim Myers. Coin raffle prizes were: 2 - 1845 large cents, 1787 Connecticut copper, 1806 half cent, and an 1854 seated liberty quarter. The winner of the White's Prizm II detector is Dan Brennan. Congratulations to all the winners.

Entries for relic find category were: Indian trade knife, ornate shoe buckle, bat wing buckle, shoe buckle, early radio front, top of a walking stick, 1800's GAR award. Voted #1 find of the month was the bat wing buckle (complete) find of Peter Teale, second went to the Indian trade knife find of Dan Casey and third place went to the ornate shoe buckle find of Tim Myers. Tim, who taught history and has been detecting since about 2002 presented this month's program on detecting cellar holes. Research is essential (next month's program). Can ride around to see old sites, be sure if posted, call owner. Old sites can be spotted looking for flowers such as lilacs, lilies. Look for opening in rock walls, stumps of old maples 3 or so together, would mark property and look for cellar holes or depressions, usually square, can be different sizes, may be remnants of a root cellar. Cabin type home may not have had cellar, look for outline of stones. Be aware of where well may be as could give way underfoot. Look for hearth, detect there. Study the site to determine where driveway, entrance and out house were. Tim advises going back to same place, as year to year with frost more items could be found, also move over the whole property, and move out from the cellar hole. Slowing down can help with locating items. Our thanks to Tim for an interesting program.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

New Raffle - for an 1881s \$5 American Gold Piece

Drawing-to be at the
September club picnic hunt
Tickets are \$5.00 for one or
3 for \$10.00

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ESMDA Welcomes New Members

Anthony Damulis
Robert and Linda Gillis

Welcome and Happy Hunting!

Meetings are held the last Monday of every month except December which has no meeting and the May meeting which is held one week early because of the Memorial Day Holiday). The meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm and the meeting location is the S.W. Pitts Fire Co., located at 266 Old Loudon Road in Latham. Entrance is on the lower North side of the building. Please do not park by the front door; this area is for firefighters ONLY.

Peter Teal is working on a website and a forum for the club. Members with suggestions are encouraged to forward them to Peter: PETER@PETERTEAL.COM. We will vote on the new site and forum at this month's club meeting. Committees were formed for Program and for By Law revision. Members with suggestions for monthly club programs or for by law revisions, are encouraged to forward them to Tim Myers, TMYERS3@NYCAP.RR.COM. The "extra" hunt at the end of the Annual Club Hunt day needs an organizer(s), if you are interested, contact Rob Williams.

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 Beers. A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.' The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. 'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions, and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff. 'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

'Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand. 'One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented.

The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.' The Beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of Beers with a friend.' (We can substitute "beer" with tea, water, whatever we like!) Something from the web. Peg

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