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

Upcoming Meetings

July 27, 2009
August 31, 2009
September 28, 2009

Find of the Month Schedule

July:	Coin
Aug:	Miscellaneous
Sept:	Jewelry
Oct:	Relic

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President's Message

I was hired this week to look for a 15k diamond ring in a large apartment complex. The lady discovered the ring missing after she threw trash into a large metal dumpster. Unfortunately I didn't find her ring but I recovered another diamond plus lots of coins & jewelry in the same area. She said I could keep the diamond since it wasn't hers, plus she gave me a bonus for finding the other material. It really pays to advertise that you will search for lost items.

I want to give you a heads up on another great local treasure cache. Two detectorists were in my shop yesterday that recovered over 100 pounds of silver and gold coins from an area near Greenville, NY. The site was found with good old fashion research. Bob Lavoy, Pres.

Agenda for the July Meeting

This month's meeting will be on how to clean coins, jewelry and relics. Everyone needs to know the do's & don'ts of this process. Many great finds have been ruined by using the wrong method. We have club members who are experts & will share their knowledge with you. Bring a friend. 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 "coin". Bring in and enter your best coin item for a free chance to win in one of the raffles. Your entry should be one that was found since the last time coin was find of the month.

Minutes from the June 29, 2009 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's report read and accepted. The balance in the club's treasury is \$1,826. The 50/50 winner of \$89 cash was Bob Gillis. 2nd drawing for a 1893 Columbian Exposition went to Jim.Schuch. Coin raffle prizes were: 1729 & 1738 King George coppers, 1865 2 cent piece, 1904 o quarter, 1903 barber dime, 1853 seated dime, 1835 capped bust dime, 1898 Morgan dollar and a walking half. Entries for toy find category were: derringer pistol, Mattel race car, marine soldier, WWII airplane, Indian with bow, cap pistol, horse, airplane, tractor machine, reclining soldier and an earth machine. Voted #1 find of the month was the Indian with bow of Pete Gallacchi, second went to the airplane find of Peter Teale, and a third place three-way tie went to the tractor find of John Kotwas, the airplane find of Art Wright & the marine soldier find of Vicki Markham.

Our presentation and discussion this month was on researching and using maps. Research can include talking to older folks who would know where old schools, parade grounds, cellars and know history of areas. Check with local historical societies, garage sales and auctions for old books for history and maps. The NY State museum offers lectures and other resources. The NY State Library houses older records and maps. Local historical societies and counties are sources for genealogy and maps of an area. Tim shared an old map of Lake Champlain as it looked in 1849. Rob uses Atlas Jimapco which helps when comparing or using old maps. Some old maps had notes on them such as where, doctor, blacksmith, school, church, gristmills were. Topographic maps are good as they mark such things as the locations of springs and swamps. Remember the winter is a good time to do our research, so we're ready to go with good spots in the spring. <http://www.jimapco.com> maps <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov> NY library <http://www.nysm.nysed.gov> NY museum <http://www.loc.gov/index.html> Library of Congress ...and there's many more (everyone bring your favorite for next meeting?) Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

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
Need not be present to win

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