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

Upcoming Meetings

August 31, 2009
September 28, 2009
October 26, 2009

Find of the Month Schedule

Aug; Miscellaneous
Sept: Jewelry
Oct: Relic
Nov: Coin

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Raffle - 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

President's Message

This is the last meeting before our September 12th club picnic hunt. If you have not signed up for the hunt, now is the time. It's simply the best hunt in the country. You can win \$5,000 in silver and prizes for a \$50 entry fee. You can pick up an entry form at our meeting or on our web site, (see above). Bob Lavoy, Pres.

Agenda for the August Meeting

As the temperature climbs, many of us head to the beaches in the summer. This is also a perfect time to have a program on detecting beaches. Come to this meeting and pick up some tips on how to hunt these areas. We have some great beach hunters ready to assist you. Bring a friend. Thanks. Bob

Reminder: Bring something for the Treasure Chest

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.

ESMDA Welcomes New Members

John Colaneri
Jim Shook
Steven Lipincott
Fred Dobert
Eugene Paige
Bob Karpf

Welcome and Happy Hunting!

Contact Program Committee with Ideas for the Club's Monthly Programs:

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Minutes from the July 27, 2009 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer report read and accepted, the club balance is \$2,177 at present. The 50/50 winner of \$128 cash was Bob Gillis. Two other drawings, for seated liberty quarters (1877 & 1858) went to Norma Larson and Art Wright. Coin raffle prizes were: 1865 2 cent piece, 1902 barber quarter, 1907 AU Indian head penny, 1850 Bank of Upper Canada, 1865 2 cent, 1739 British King George copper and an 1860 seated liberty half. Entries for coin find category were: 1809 large cent, 1887 Indian head penny, 1798 large cent, 1865 2 cent, 1943 walking liberty, 1796 counterfeit 8 real, silver 3 cent, 1787 King George, 1796 copper, 1813 2 1/2 gold coin, 1841 foreign copper and an 1804 1/2 cent. Voted #1 find of the month was the gold piece find of Bob Donovan, second went to the 1804 1/2 cent find of Peter Teal, and third place went to the silver 3 cent find of Dan Casey. Our presentation and discussion this month was on cleaning our finds. As improper cleaning may damage or lessen a find's value, we need to check with an expert before attempting this. Checking on the value of a find prior to working on it is a good idea too. Dan Casey shared with us some of what he does with his finds. When first out of the ground, to get the dirt off, Dan uses Parsons Sudsy Ammonia in a non-corrosive dish (such as ceramic), five minutes at a time, rinse after each time, use plastic tweezers to handle the find. If the item has corrosion, Dan demonstrated to us using a corroded large cent-prepare iron nails grind or hammer off crustation, place coin on top of two iron nails, cover with lemon juice, take out every few minutes and wash off. Judge when to stop by comparing corrosion amount vs patina you want. Another method involved using Vaseline with ground up sulfur crystals, this will darken the coin. Peter Teal demonstrated an electrical method to clean corrosion from a 1903 barber dime. The 1/2 of the dime that was in the solution was visibly cleaner of corrosion. There are resources online about cleaning finds and the process of electrolysis.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

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.

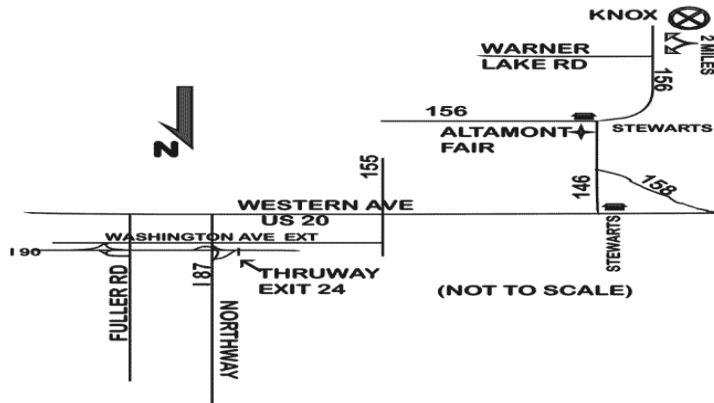
Peter Teal has been working on the website and a forum for the club <http://www.esmda.org/>. Members with suggestions are encouraged to forward them to Peter: PETER@PETERTEAL.COM. We are to vote on the new site and forum.

Reminder: 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.

MAP BELOW IS FOR CLUB HUNT – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

Our thanks go to the club picnic hunt committee members: Club hunt plans: there will be \$5,000 in prizes, in the ground will be, silver coins: 24 dollars, 100 halves, 350 quarters, 300 dimes, plus there will be cash and prize tokens, one of which is for the treasure chest. Sign up for the club picnic hunt by the August meeting. 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 a 1881s \$5 gold coin. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. There will also be a 50/50 raffle at the club hunt.

Coffee pot will be on at 8:30 am, warm-up hunt is 9:30 am, with the main hunt starting about 10:30 am and lunch to follow.



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