

# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE EMPIRE STATE METAL DETECTOR ASSOCIATION

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January 2019

## Upcoming Meetings

January 28, 2019  
February 25, 2019  
March 25, 2019  
April 29, 2019

## Find of the Month

January - Jewelry  
February - Toy  
March - Relic  
April - Misc.  
May - Coin

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## Topic of the Month

January 28, 2018  
Find of the Year!

February 25, 2019  
Board Nominations

March 25, 2019  
Ticks - Presented by  
a speaker from  
Albany County  
Health Dept.

## Presidents Message -

After a very cold week and recent snow I would guess detecting for this season is over. The ground seems to be frozen, even in the woods.

The January meeting is the first of the calendar year and we are continuing our annual Finds of the Year program. You are allowed to enter something in each of our monthly categories even if you did not enter each month during the year. In response to member's comments after last year's Finds of the Year program, please do not place entries if you have not attended more than one or two meetings during the last calendar year.

There is no other club business presented at the Finds of the Year meeting. Have fun and let's see what our members have found this past year.

Tim Myers  
President, ESMDA

**Topic of the Month:** Field Detecting - Discussion led by Tim Myers

### What to look for:

**From the road** - Old tree or old tree group: any mound; areas not plowed or plowed around by farmers; large rocks (possible foundation); shallow depression, old driveway; fruit trees, lilac bushes, overgrown decorative shrubbery.

**In the field:** Area where crops aren't growing well; pottery and brick pieces; large area of stones or flat rocks (possible old foundation spread by plowing).

**Courtesy:** NEVER detect after crops are planted and growing in the field! Always bring as much out of the field you can - the farmer appreciates it, it may help you getting permission again or a referral to a neighbor's property. **Bonus:** There will be less junk when you go back.

### **\$150 NYS Lottery Ticket Raffle**

January 28, 2019 - drawing March 25, 2019.  
For the first time, the club we will be raffling \$150 worth of NYS Lottery scratch off tickets.  
Join in on the fun!

## Minutes: November 2018 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report-** balance of \$ 3,971.53 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

### Old Business:

- Reminder - Tim purchased the Barber dimes, quarters and half dollars for the 2019 hunt as approved by members at a previous meeting.
- A few members volunteered for the Program Committee.
- One volunteer and the board members met in December to discuss topics for the 2019 year.
- Bob Francis will be buying the \$150 worth of NYS Lottery tickets for the January to March 2019 - Lottery Tree Raffle.
- Since the price of Silver is still low, Tim Myers will be buying the 10oz Silver Bars for the raffles later in 2019.

### New Business:

- Tim Myers has started a discussion about using club members for a Saratoga Battlefield archeological survey. One of our contacts that was involved with the Bennington Battlefield archeological hunt is also involved in this event. The event is in the planning stages and may not start until 2020.

**50-50 Drawing** - Bob Lavoy

### Coin Raffle

1810 1/2 Reale - Angelo Primo  
1818 8 Maravedis - Andy Jacek  
1865 2 Cent piece - Chris Rem  
1876 Seated Dime - Chris Rem

### Finds of the Month - Coin

	Votes
1889 Morgan Dollar - Roland Ozols	9
Vermont Copper - Tim Myers	1
1/2 Reale - Angelo Primo	3
D.L. Wing - CW token Gino DiCarlo	7
1914 Canadian Cent - Mike Davis	2
George II 1/2 Penny - Fred Pfindel	1

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February 2019

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April 29, 2019  
May 22, 2019

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March - Toy  
April - Relic.  
May - Misc.  
June - Coin

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### Topic of the Month

February 25, 2019  
Board Nominations  
Civil War Tokens -  
Roland Olozs

March 25, 2019  
Ticks - Chelsea  
Henry, Albany  
County Health Dept.

April 29, 2019  
Elections

### Presidents Message -

Well the snow has come again, but, it is melting fast!  
This is a great time to get your detectors ready for the  
new season if you have not done so.

It is a good time to:

- Change to new batteries, or charge them up,
- Clean your detector,
- Clean your pin pointer, replace the batteries  
or charge them also,
- Sharpen your diggers, repair your pouches,
- Go back and look through your finds to see  
if you missed something cool,
- Research & start thinking about getting new  
permissions. Remember to confirm last  
year's permissions, they may not continue  
forever.

Some hearty members are still out detecting - that's  
cool. You folks still should go through the process of  
getting ready for the new season.

This month our presentation will be on Civil War  
Tokens and it should be interesting. Another  
relatively new member stepping up to do a  
presentation, that's great. Remember you do not have  
to be and 'expert' [are there really any experts??] to  
do a presentation. You actually can learn a lot about  
detecting while preparing for a presentation!

We are still looking for new folks on the committee  
to start planning the 50th Annual Hunt in 2020. We  
have no new volunteers. We **MUST** start planning if  
members want to do a 'special' club hunt and picnic.  
Please volunteer.

Tim Myers, President, ESM DA

### Topic of the Month: Find of the Year

#### \$150 NYS Lottery Ticket Raffle

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meeting will be starting at 7PM. We will have the  
regular meeting after the speaker (approx. 8pm).  
Please be early enough to sign in and get settled.**

**NOTE:** A member informed us that in a recent issue  
of Western and Eastern Magazine, it said they are not  
making any more printed magazines. All issues will  
be Digital now. You can subscribe on-line and enter a  
discount code "DIGITAL" for a 60% savings. You  
pay \$12 for a whole year. [www.wetreasures.com](http://www.wetreasures.com)

### Minutes: January 2019 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report-** balance of  
\$ 3,812.53 a motion passed to accept the  
minutes & treasurers report.

**Old Business:** None discussed

**New Business:** None Discussed

**50-50 Drawing** - Tim Myers

### Coin Raffle

1807 - 1/2 Reale - Tim Myers  
1820 Large cent - Mike Holt  
1863 Three cent piece - Chris Rem  
1887 Seated dime - Ed Rifenburg  
**Note:** Tim Myers gave up his winning ticket  
and another ticket was drawn - Thanks Tim!

### Finds of the Year

<u>Coin</u>	<u>Votes</u>
<b>Nova Eboraca - Angelo Primo</b>	<b>9</b>
1838 Seated dime - Randy Voris	1
1854 Quarter, love token - Gino DiCarlo	2
1863 Civil War token - Tim Hogan	4
1889 Morgan Silver Dol. - Roland Ozols	3
12 Coins in 1 spot - Tim Myers	5

### Toy

	<u>Votes</u>
<b>1800's Ice skate blade - Terry Montau</b>	<b>20</b>
Clay marble - Angelo Primo	1
Toy gun - Bob Francis	1
Tiny metal Cowboy - Roland Ozols	2

### Misc.

	<u>Votes</u>
<b>Shoe buckle - Randy Voris</b>	<b>15</b>
Black Raven ax head - Angelo Primo	2
Silver bridal rosette - Gino DiCarlo	2
Iron connector bar - Bob Francis	0
Decorative pin to hold ribbon - Tim Myers	1

### Jewelry

	<u>Votes</u>
<b>Gold ring, red stone - Lisa Stanco</b>	<b>19</b>
Tiny ring - Bob Francis	1
Religious Cross ring - Roland Ozols	0
Pandora type bracelet - Mike Holt	0
Hair clip - Angelo Primo	2
"Eric" bracelet - Mike Davis	2

### Relic

	<u>Votes</u>
<b>Eagle Buckle - Randy Voris</b>	<b>11</b>
NYC civil war era button - Lisa Stanco	5
Valve stem Model T Ford - Mike Holt	1
Horse shoe - Bob Francis	2
Silver knee buckle/brooch - Angelo Primo	1
Sterling silver spoon - Tim Myers	4

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March 2019

## Upcoming Meetings

March 25, 2019  
April 29, 2019  
May 22, 2019  
June 24, 2019

## Find of the Month

March – Toy  
April – Relic.  
May – Misc.  
June – Coin  
July - Jewelry

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## Topic of the Month

March 25, 2019  
Ticks – Chelsea  
Henry, Albany  
County Health Dept.

April 29, 2019  
No Speaker is  
scheduled at this time.

Elections

## Presidents Message –

Well it is warming up and the ground is thawing. DETECTING here we come. Time to get out there and start swinging. I hope everyone makes some incredible finds this year. Now is the time to detect those places that get overgrown later in the spring making it impossible to swing the detectors. This month's presentation on ticks is important. Make sure you try to learn how to protect your selves from ticks.

Last month we had nominations for officers of ESMDDA. We had a full Board of Officers nomination as we have for the past several years, but there were also two individual nominations, and both for President. The issue that comes up is that there were NO INDIVIDUAL Nominations for Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary. However, an elected President can hold more than one position and/or ask for volunteers and then appoint anyone who volunteers to the vacant positions. It seems easier to me just to continue the current Board of Officers as we have done for the last several years. Because of this issue, as per Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Order, which we follow, any nominee may decline the nomination. Therefore, I will decline the individual nomination that was made for me to run as president, BUT I will ACCEPT the nomination for the position as a part of the entire Board of Officers.

Tim Myers,  
President ESMDDA

**Topic of the Month: Civil War Tokens** – Roland Ozols provide a very nice presentation on reasons why the tokens were created, difference between “Patriot” tokens and “Store Cards”, explained their intended use, different makers, rarity of certain types, as well as why some were accepted better than others. He included pictures of several of his own token finds and provided reference materials so members could look up their own finds. Thanks Roland!

## **\$150 NYS Lottery Ticket Raffle**

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## Minutes: February 2019 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report-** balance of \$ 3,906.63 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

## **Old Business:**

- Another reminder - The speaker at the March meeting would like to start at 7pm. The regular meeting will be held immediately after.

## **New Business:**

- Nominations from the floor in order as nominated:  
Bob Francis – President;  
Current Board as is;  
Tim Myers - President
- The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Club hunt & Picnic has now been confirmed with Berne Town Park for Sept. 14, 2019.
- A motion was made to give a \$50 donation to the SW Pitts Fire Company for their continued permission to hold or meetings at the firehouse.
- A motion was made to reserve Wednesday May 22, 2019 with the firehouse as the date for this year's May meeting.
- Tim Myers would like to put together a “Spring Newbie's Day” to bring just new members out for a hunt.
- Tim Myers briefly addressed the attending members on issues surrounding the Facebook page.

**50-50 Drawing** – Tim Myers

## **Coin Raffle**

1821 – 2 reale (holed) – Marie Fryc  
1828 Georgius IV Farthing – Jan Saterlee  
1888 s Seated dime – Tim Myers

**Note:** Tim Myers donated his coin to the treasure chest

<b><u>Finds of the Month - Jewelry</u></b>	<b><u>Votes</u></b>
Silver tone barrette or buckle with clear stones – Terry Monteau	10
1968 East Rochester class ring – Patrick Whitton	8
Silver ring with red jewel stone – Jan Satterlee	4

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April 2019

### Upcoming Meetings

April 29, 2019  
**Wed. May 22, 2019**  
June 24, 2019  
July 29, 2019

### Find of the Month

April – Relic.  
May – Misc.  
June – Coin  
July – Jewelry  
August - Toy

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### Topic of the Month

April 29, 2019

Elections  
Topic:  
Group Hunt –  
Discussion lead by  
Tim Myers

May 22, 2019

What the heck is it,  
and should I keep it?  
Discussion lead by  
Bob Francis

### Presidents Message –

**GREAT** weather is finally here.  
**GO DETECTING!!!!**

Grab a couple of members of the club and get out and find some cool stuff!!

This month we are going to spend some time talking about a group hunt we had a couple of weeks ago. We have been doing a "newbie" hunt day about every two years or so. We call people who have been detecting a year or less "newbies". Anyway, this year we had 9 "newbies" out detecting. Tim Myers, Angelo Primo and Ed Rifenberg were the "old timers" who took this group out.

We have asked them to bring their finds to the meeting, so we can talk a little about that day. The group found a bunch of "What is its" and found what I think is a 14K Gold Ladies Ring. Additional finds included: 4 large Cents, a colonial copper, a nice crotal bell, several early buckles - brass and old iron, Indian pennies, wheaties, 4 oxen shoes, horse shoes, an ax head, several dandy buttons and other colonial buttons and lots of what is its! What a great day! Lots of socializing [BS-ing] and war stories. And everyone spent time helping each other learn - that's what it's all about.

Tim Myers, President ESMDA

### Topic of the Month: Researching sites and maps

– Tim Myers provide a presentation on where to start looking for properties. Sometimes we forget to ask some of the people closest to us, family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. It doesn't hurt to take a minute and ask them if they know anyone with an old property or one where early Americans settled. Also, they may know someone that you can sit with and learn the history of an area. Where the old swimming hole was, where the houses were before they moved the road, where the town park or picnic area was before they build a new one or just let the old one fade away. Don't forget about the local historian or historical society. They may have maps also. State and municipal libraries usually have old maps available. If you don't have direct access to the maps because of their fragile condition, you may be able to ask them to print out a copy. Online map searches are plentiful, spend some time on your computer looking them up.

### Minutes: March 2019 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report-** balance of \$ 3,546.20 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

### Old Business:

- A donation of \$50 was given to the firehouse, as approved at the February meeting.

### New Business:

- A question was raised about the nomination process after a discussion, the meeting proceeded.
- The Town of Berne sent back verification confirming use of the park for our 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Club hunt & Picnic on Sept. 14, 2019.
- A motion was made to reopen the nominations. The motion was denied because it wasn't timely, a discussion ensued, no further action was taken.
- **REMEMBER – Wednesday, May 22, 2019** is the date for the May meeting.
- The speaker for the March meeting on Ticks, has asked to be rescheduled for the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. She would like to start at 7PM, so we will have the regular meeting after the speaker (approx. 8pm). Please be early enough to sign in and get settled.

**\$150 NYS Lottery Scratch Off Ticket** raffle was won by Jon Jasewicz – congratulations!

**10oz. Silver Bar** raffle starts at the April meeting with the drawing at the June meeting.

**50-50 Drawing** – Fred Pfindel

### Coin Raffle

1788 Carolus III Maravedis – Mike Davis  
1835 – 2 reale – Lisa Stanco  
1855 Seated Liberty Dime – Len Furman  
1883 V – Nickel – Jeremy Toomey

### Finds of the Month - Toy

	<u>Votes</u>
Border Patrol cap gun – Bob Sponable	Won!
Whizzer – Randy Voris	5
Truck tractor & cars – Tim Hogan	4

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May 2019

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Wed. May 22, 2019**  
June 24, 2019  
July 29, 2019  
August 26, 2019

**Find of the Month**

May – Misc.  
June – Coin  
July – Jewelry  
August – Toy  
Sept. – Relic.

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**Topic of the Month**

May 22, 2019  
What the heck is it,  
and should I keep it?  
Discussion lead by  
Bob Francis

June 24, 2019

Ticks  
Chelsea Henry  
Albany Co. Health  
Dept.

**Presidents Message –**

The detecting season is in full swing. If you are getting out for the first time of the year make sure all of your equipment is working, sharpen your diggers and shovels, change batteries or re-charge and get out there! Put extra batteries in your pack before you go! Be sure to be safe and protect yourself from the ticks.

The weather is finally getting better, except for the rain. Time to get out in those fields before crops are planted OR before the grass, alfalfa, hay get so high that you can't swing your detector. Time to follow-up on permissions to make sure they are still in place. This time of the year my detecting partners and I always hit the fields. In a month they will be mostly off limits and your options will change.

We love this time of the year. Expectations are high, and we find lots of 'stuff'.

This month Bob will lead a discussion on 'what is it?' If you have something you would like to ID, bring it in and the club will look at it and TRY to figure out what it is.

MAKE SURE you get your Club Hunt forms in before the July meeting and qualify for the "early bird" drawing. The required entrance payment increases for members and non-members after that meeting date. If you have never attended, our club hunt is a GREAT day for socializing and for meeting people from all over who enjoy the same hobby!

Tim Myers,  
President ESMDA

50-50 Drawing – Tim Hogan

Coin Raffle  
1839 ½ Farthing – Tim Hogan  
1866 – 3 cent nickel – Lisa Stanko  
1875 Seated dime – Bob Lavoy  
1883 V-nickel (no cents) – Mike Holt

Finds of the Month - Relic	<u>Votes</u>
2 axes – Jon Jasewicz	Won!
Compact – Angelo Primo	2nd
Bell (1800's) – Tim Hogan	3rd

**Minutes: April 2019 Meeting**

**Treasurer's Report** - balance of \$ 4,348.20 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

**Old Business:**

- None discussed.

**New Business:**

- The raffle for the 10 oz. Silver Bar started and will run until the June 24th meeting.
- The elections were held, the current board was voted in once again.
- The forms for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Hunt and Picnic are available be sure to fill one out and submit it with your payment. The Early Bird Special ends at the July meeting.
- **REMEMBER** – **Wednesday, May 22, 2019 is the date for the May meeting.**
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**Topic of the Month: Newbie Hunt** – Tim Myers lead a discussion about the hunt that took place with numerous newer members and three veteran detectors. The finds included: coins, buckles, buttons, a musket ball, a gold ring and a bell. Tim talked about things you should do before a hunt:

- Ask permission to detect on the land;
- Ask if any place is off limits;
- Where should you park;
- Can you open a gate to access the land? Be sure to close it after entering or leaving.

Additional things to remember:

- Take what you find with you, the good and the garbage;
- Fill in your holes, even in fields;
- If another member or person has the permission for the property, never, go back on your own! It is up to them to invite you.

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June 2019

### Upcoming Meetings

June 24, 2019  
July 29, 2019  
August 26, 2019

### Find of the Month

June – Coin  
July – Jewelry  
August – Toy  
Sept. – Relic.

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### Topic of the Month

June 24, 2019  
Ticks  
Chelsea Henry  
Albany Co. Health  
Dept.

### Presidents Message –

At this time, continued and more demanding care for my elderly dad who has lived with us for 5 years, takes much of my time. And recently it has become obvious that I must place more and more effort into his comfort and care. Being president of ESMDA requires a huge time commitment from officers, more than I can currently give.

I have been forced into circumstances where I must take a sabbatical from my duties as president of ESMDA, but I am confident that the other officers will continue to do an excellent job moving forward.

During the 19 years that I have been a member of ESMDA I have taken my membership and holding positions on the board very seriously. Therefore, I take this leave with sadness but also with the knowledge that together we have created a stronger more vibrant organization. I hope to return to my duties at some point later this year.

Tim Myers,  
President ESMDA

### Topic of the Month:

What is it and should I keep it! – Bob Francis

We all find chunks of metal, odd shapes, sizes and weights, but are they worth keeping. So, Bob lead a discussion about identifying finds and if the finds are potentially worth anything historically or monetarily. Additionally, if we have items that have been identified, should we keep them, sell them, or scrap them.

Bob brought in a collection of metal items ranging from a metal hoop, horse shoes, a barn hinge, a broken ax head and other objects of different sizes and shapes.

Other members brought items in to be identified also. As it turned out, two people brought in identical items that were never identified. Who knew?

Members participated by providing ideas about what certain items were and advising on what they would do with the items.

It was a good opportunity to get members involved, talking to each other and share their vast life experiences and knowledge.

### Minutes: May 2019 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report** - balance of \$ 5,339.20 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

### Old Business:

- The club hunt committee reported on activities so far in contacting the metal detector manufacturers to get detectors and items for the Annual Club Hunt.
- A motion was made to buy the Minelab package that is a "step-up" from last years. The purchases of that package and other company packages was approved.
- The 10 oz. Silver Bar raffle drawing is at the June 24th meeting.
- The forms for the 49th Annual Club Hunt and Picnic are available be sure to fill one out and submit it with your payment. The Early Bird Special ends at the July meeting.
- **The speaker for the June 24th meeting on Ticks would like to start at 7PM,** so we will have the regular meeting after the speaker (approx. 8pm). **Please be early enough to sign in and get settled.**

New Business: None

**50-50 Drawing** – Tim Myers

### Coin Raffle

1862 ½ Pence – Terry Monteau  
1865 – 2 cent piece – Chris Rem  
1877 Seated liberty dime – Terry Monteau  
1883 V-nickel (no cents) – Ed Rifenberg

<u>Finds of the Month – Misc.</u>	Votes
Vintage nutcracker – Teresa Jurdy	Won!
Childs badge – Angelo Primo	1
1916 Celebration badge – Tim Myers	2
2 millitary bullet blanks & center of a baseball – Chris Rem	1

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July 2019

## Upcoming Meetings

July 29, 2019  
August 26, 2019  
September 30, 2019

## Find of the Month

July – Jewelry  
August – Toy  
Sept. – Relic.  
Oct. - Misc.  
Nov. - Coin

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## Topic of the Month

July 29, 2019  
Bells – Gino DiCarlo  
  
August 26, 2019  
TBA

## Presidents Message

First and foremost, we want to wish Tim and his family the best in these tough times. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all.

The big push is on and signing up for this year's Annual Club Hunt & Picnic is a priority. I want to thank everyone that has signed up so far and encourage all of you to take advantage of the Early Bird Special ending at the July meeting. Not only do you get a discount for signing early but your name is entered into a drawing for Silver Dollar.

As usual we are looking for volunteers for a number of "helping hands" positions. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting.

Additionally, please start thinking of what foods you would like to bring and let us know ahead of time.

This month's presentation is on bells. We have all found them so please bring in the ones you've found and share your find with the group.

Marie Fryc,  
Acting President ESMDA

## Topic of the Month:

**Ticks** – Chelsea Henry Albany Co. Health Dept. Chelsea did a wonderful presentation on Ticks and Tick-borne disease prevention with a concentration on Lyme disease.

She covered three areas of concern:

**Understanding** where exposure to ticks may occur:

- Tall grass, in the garden and yard, on a hiking trail, or any contact with vegetation.

**Active prevention:**

- Light colored clothing
- Insect repellents – read & follow the manufacturer's instructions before use; wash off when you are done and go inside.
- Tick check – the entire body
- Remove tick immediately

**Properly remove:**

- Fine point tweezers - Grasp as close to the skin as possible. Don't squeeze body; don't twist, just slowly pull straight upward in a steady motion.

Thank you, Chelsea, for your presentation and sticking around a little extra to answer questions from members.

Because this is such an important topic, more information will be posted on the club website.

## Minutes: June 2019 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report** - balance of \$ 5,345.20 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

## Old Business:

- The forms for the 49th Annual Club Hunt and Picnic are available be sure to fill one out and submit it with your payment. **The Early Bird Special ends at the July meeting.**

## New Business:

- Leo White (new member) won the 10 oz. Silver Bar raffle drawing.
- John Lewis reported that we can get a \$330 package from Garrett with and AT – Pro metal detector. A motion was made by Bob Lavoy to purchase the package for the hunt, it was second by Brant young, the motion passed unanimously. Lisa will send a check.
- BIG, BIG thanks to Brant Young who donated a set of number and letter punches to the club to use for marking token coins. On average we usually lose one token a year, so these punches will come in handy.

**50-50 Drawing** – Mike Genier

## Coin Raffle

1797 George III cartwheel – Chris Rem  
1857 Seated Dime – Margaret Simons  
1872 Seated liberty ½ dime – Brant Young  
1883 V-nickel (no cents) – Chris Rem  
Jon Jacewicz donated his Find of the Month, the 1738 King George II coin to this month's coin raffle - thanks very much for that!

1738 King George II (donated) – Chris Rem

<b>Finds of the Month – Coin</b>	<b>Votes</b>
1738 King George II – J. Jacewicz	10
1939 Silver Irish ½ Crown – M. Genier	3
1786 King George III – Jeremy Toomey	2
1834 Large Cent – Kevin Carelli	8

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### Upcoming Meetings

August 26, 2019  
September 30, 2019  
October 28, 2019

### Find of the Month

August – Toy  
Sept. – Relic.  
Oct. - Misc.  
Nov. – Coin  
Jan. 2020 – Jewelry

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### Topic of the Month

August 26, 2019  
Reviewing the Club  
Hunt Rules and  
Volunteer Sign-up  
  
Sept. 30, 2019  
Hunt Recap

### Presidents Message

We are less than a month away from hunt day! I am so excited! I am looking forward to sharing the fun day with everyone. Please sign up to help the day of the hunt. We will have a signup sheet at the meeting on the 26th. I hope to see a good turnout for this meeting. If anyone has any suggestions on what they would like different the day of the hunt this is the meeting to bring it up.

On a more serious note there was a very disturbing TV news story about the Fort Plain Cemetery and the Fort Plain Museum and Historical Park. Evidently one or more metal detectorists went into the historical site ignoring the posted "No Metal Detecting" sign.

I hope it was not one of our members that did this. We all know not to go on historical sites. This type of violation of our club's principles could affect future requests to assist with other controlled digs.

I have contacted the Fort Plain Museum to offer to do a controlled dig for them. If this works out there will be a signup sheet for anyone that would like to be involved.

Thank you and hope to see you on the 26TH

Marie Fryc, Acting President ESMDA

### Topic of the Month: Bells

Lisa Stanco did a fine presentation on the history of various bells. Gino DiCarlo made handout booklets for the group to use as a future reference.

Lisa started by letting us know that early history shows the rich had sleigh bells to warn that their horse and sleigh were coming. Then, it became main stream as people saw the benefits of this warning device

The terms "sleigh bell" and "horse bell" refers to any open bell, chime, or crotal that would traditionally be fastened to a horse or other equine or to any horse-drawn vehicle, including a sleigh.

A typical crotal made by North American and British manufacturers is made of brass or bronze.

A bell or a rattle? Technically, a crotal is really a rattle, not a bell, since it is sounded by a loose pellet, not a swinging clapper. The pellet inside a crotal, also called a "jinglet" or pea.

Thanks, so much Lisa for stepping up with less than a two weeks' notice.

**Fun fact:** Many people believe the bells are numbered for their pitch or sound, but the number is simply the size of the bell.

### Minutes: July 2019 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report** - balance of \$ 5,567.20 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

### Old Business:

- A member brought up the inappropriateness of 1 person running against the entire board during the last election. They felt that if there was more than one member nominated then the rest of the board members should be nominated separately to avoid a reoccurrence.

### New Business:

- The newest 10 oz. Silver Bar raffle started at the July meeting and will run until the Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- A motion was made and carried by majority vote to make a donation to the hospice that took care of Tim Myers father.
- James Denison an archeologist from SUNY at Schenectady County Community College spoke to the group looking for several people to assist at a local archeological site. This cooperation between detectorists and archeology can be beneficial to both. He will keep in touch about the date and time. Bob Francis is currently the point person on this

**50-50 Drawing** – Bill Lawton

### Coin Raffle

1854 Seated half dime – Bob Francis  
1882 Victoria Farthing – Jan Satterlee\*  
1887-P Seated dime – Gino DiCarlo  
1890 V-Nickel w/cents – Marie Fryc\*  
\*Both Jan and Marie donated their raffle coins to the treasure chest. Thank you!

<u>Finds of the Month – Jewelry</u>	Votes
"Dominic" charm – Mike Genier	1
Ring with Harp – Patrick Whitton	3
Gold ring with "Y" – Bill Lawton	1
Gold tone ring – Bob Francis	0
Gold stick pin & ruby – Angelo Primo	13
Candy cane broach – Roland Ozols	0
Silver heart pendant - Jan Satterlee	0

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September 2019

## Upcoming Meetings

September 30, 2019  
October 28, 2019  
November 25, 2019

## Find of the Month

Sept. – Relic.  
Oct. - Misc.  
Nov. – Coin  
Jan. 2020 – Jewelry  
Feb. 2020 - Toy

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## Topic of the Month

Sept. 30, 2019  
Hunt Recap

Oct. 28, 2019  
TBA

## Presidents Message

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at our 49th Annual Club Hunt! I know I did.

I would like to thank everyone that participated and everyone that helped us to make another hunt successful.

Special thanks to those that:

- Attended the registration table and sold raffle tickets, planted the flags, planted the coins, helped set up and tear down, brought food to share, cooked the food, brought ice, coolers & tables and those that pulled the flags afterwards.
- And, to the officers for their hard work and continued dedication.

All your time and help is greatly appreciated.

We had a couple of suggestions to make our hunt better next year. We are looking at them very seriously. We will be asking you to take a survey to help us with any other ideas you have to make our next hunt even better.

I hope to see everyone at our meeting next week.

Marie Fryc, Acting President ESMDDA

## Topic of the Month: Hunt Rules

The basic rules for the club hunt were covered:

- Winners of the metal detectors and pin pointers must have their pictures taken, so we can send them to the companies that donated them.
- No pulse induction detectors – they interfere with too many other machines.
- Personal diggers only, NO SHOVELS
- Headphones are mandatory
- You must fill the hole you dug. Please remember the grass goes up!
- Pennies for the penny hunt are Indian Heads and are tossed on the surface. The penny hunt tokens are newer pennies with our logo and number glued on.
- Silver Morgan Dollars, Mother Theresa's, Barber halves, quarters and dimes are planted for the main hunts. One large cent is in each quadrant. The tokens are clad quarters and clad dimes with a number stamped on them.
- Sign up and bring a dish or food for the event.
- Have Fun!

## Minutes: August 2019 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report** - balance of \$ 5,323.54 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

### Old Business:

- Tim Myers said thanks to the members that reached out to him with kind words and sympathetic messages.

### New Business:

- Several members that will participate in the archeological dig at the Lutheran Church in Malta, met with Mr. James Denison at the site to help look at the "lay of the land" and determine the best areas to concentrate their search. They said the area was small with both open and wooded areas. We wish them the best on our first adventure with the Archeological group from Schenectady Community College.
- Members participated in an open discussion about the unfortunate negative news regarding metal detectorists digging at a posted historical site in Fort Plain, NY. This type of action is not condoned by the club or any of its members. Marie Fryc has reached out to them to see if we can be of assistance in the future.

### **50-50 Drawing** – Leonard Furman

### **Coin Raffle**

1845 Seated half dime – Tom Durand  
1861 Victoria Farthing – Leonard Furman  
1861 Victoria penny – Lisa Conrad  
1872 Seated Dime –

<b>Finds of the Month – Jewelry</b>	Votes
Helicopter – Mike Genier	4
Hudley toy truck cab – Gino DiCarlo	14
Patrol car #18 – Roland Ozols	3
Army Jeep – Bob Francis	6

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October 2019

## Upcoming Meetings

October 28, 2019  
November 25, 2019  
January 27, 2019

## Find of the Month

Oct. - Misc.  
Nov. - Coin  
Jan. 2020 - Jewelry  
Feb. 2020 - Toy  
March - Relic.

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## Topic of the Month

Oct. 28, 2019  
Members  
Questionnaire

November 25, 2019  
To Be Announced



## Presidents Message

Thank you everyone that attended our September meeting and for all the nice compliments to the officers on another great Annual Hunt and Picnic.

We are working on a questionnaire to see what we can do better or special for our 50th hunt.

I hope everyone has been out metal detecting and finding great things.

Please let us know if you have any ideas for topics at our monthly meeting.

I hope to see all of you back to our meeting next week.

Sincerely,  
Marie Fryc, President ESMDA

## Topic of the Month: Open Format

Open discussion on the resignation of Tim Myers and the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Hunt and Picnic.

Special thanks to Fred Pfindel who donated several items to the club hunt to be given away as token prizes.

**50-50 Drawing** - Jan Satterlee - Jan donated the winnings to the club - Thanks very much.

**10 oz Silver Raffle** - Won by Bob Francis

Bob Lavoy's ticket was drawn for the coin raffle and he asked that another ticket be drawn. Thanks Bob.

### Coin Raffle

1842 Isabel 2 Maravedis - Leonard Furman  
1857 Seated 1/2 dime - Bill Lawton  
1861 Victoria 1 Farthing (VF) -  
1942-s Walking Liberty 1/2 Dollar - Marie Fryc

<u>Finds of the Month - Relic</u>	Votes
Stirrup - Terry Baldwin	3
Cork Screw (brass) - Chris Rem	2
Posed lady stick pin - Roland Ozols	4
Pike point (Spear head) - Bob Francis	16



## Minutes: September 2019 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report** - balance of \$ 6,682.77 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

### Old Business:

- No old business was discussed

### New Business:

A message from Tim Myers was read aloud. He announced that he was stepping down from being President of the club and mentioned several of his accomplishments over the years.

Marie Fryc has assumed the duties as President and will complete the rest of the former President's term.

Several members participated in the archeological dig at the Lutheran Church in Malta. They met with Mr. James Denison and several of his assistants at the site. Here are excerpts from Mr. Denison's follow-up e-mail:

"there were some artifacts uncovered that possibly were in use during the armory's existence. The artifacts were a kaolin pipe stem, a possible hand forged rose head nail, several cut nails, a three-pronged fork (most likely 20<sup>th</sup> century and a New York State Melita copper alloy button dome (1858 through the Civil War and after)." "Three pocket watches were also uncovered. Two were in the central (N-S) grid and the third was discovered in the northern grid. They will be examined to see if there is any information on them that can be used to identify the maker and period that they were manufactured."

**"A lesson learned is the metal detectors are a valuable method that can tell us about the area and has been very successful at other sites. I appreciate the (ESMDA) and the four people who gave up their time on two Saturdays to aid us. They were professionals, worked in less than ideal surroundings and were informative."**

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November 2019

### Upcoming Meetings

November 25, 2019  
January 27, 2019  
February 24, 2020

### Find of the Month

Nov. – Coin  
Jan. 2020 – Jewelry  
Feb. 2020 – Toy  
March – Relic.  
April – Misc.

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### Topic of the Month

November 25, 2019  
Community  
Archeology Program  
– Jim Denison (See  
New Business)

December 2019  
No meeting

January 2020  
Find of the Year

### Presidents Message

I would like to thank everyone that was able to make the October meeting. I hope you enjoyed the candy!

If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire Robert email to you. We hope to make the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Hunt a special one. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

I hope that you diehard detectors are still finding some great finds in this cooler weather.

I was thinking of asking someone from the Bennington Battlefield State Historic Park to speak about our finds that are on display. It was a very exciting event for me and was honored to be a part of the event.

I am sorry I am not able to attend the Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. I have appointed Robert to take over for me. I am sure he will do a fantastic job. I have a mandatory meeting for my job in Mohawk, NY from 5pm to 8pm. I will miss seeing everyone.

Well, I will see everyone in January. Happy hunting and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,  
Marie Fryc, President ESMDA

### Topic of the Month: Open Format

Questionnaire – a questionnaire was handed out and later e-mailed to members. If you haven't filled one out yet please do so and return to Bob Francis by e-mail, regular mail or bringing it to our Nov. meeting.

**50-50 Drawing** – Bill Lawton

#### Coin Raffle

1800 1 Reale Silver – Lisa Stanko  
1853 Seated 1/2 dime – Peter Teal  
1865 2 Cent Piece – Lisa Stanko  
1934 Walking Liberty ½ Dollar – Margaret Simonds

#### Finds of the Month – Relic

	Votes
Boot strap & buckle – Bob Francis	1
Counterfeit Indian head nickels –Mike Casey	16
Tally-Ho cuff links – Gino DiCarlo	5
1930-40's Shave kit – Roland Ozols	1



### Minutes: October 2019 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report** - balance of \$ 6,605.01 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

#### Old Business:

- No old business was discussed.

#### New Business:

- A motion was made and passed to provide \$50 toward the town Highway/Public Works Dept. for pizza or holiday event as thanks for mowing the fields at the park before our annual hunt.
- A motion was made and passed allowing Lisa Conrad to close the current checking account used by the club and open another checking account for the club with both Lisa Conrad and Bob Francis as authorized persons.
- Members that attended the Pound the Ground event billed as "one of the largest metal detecting events in the US" reported on how it went. Some of the items found by attendees not necessarily members were: 1800's buttons, a musket ball, large cent, old ring, and an eagle button. They allowed pulse induction machines but not multi frequency machines. There were a lot of vendors present displaying their products.
- Jim Denison from The Community Archaeology Program (CAP) will discuss the program and explore working with ESMDA. James will do a brief presentation that will discuss what the Community Archaeology Program is, what they do, prior excavations, prior activities, solicit suggestions on future excavations, and the non-credit archaeology courses that are available at SUNY Schenectady County Community College.

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