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Upcoming Meetings

March 27, 2023
April 24, 2023
May 22, 2023

Find of the Month Contest

March- Jewelry
April- Toy
May- Relic/ Misc.

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Join us at the Gateway Diner at 899 Central Ave. in Albany NY for our monthly meetings! Don't miss the chance to meet with other club members to exchange advice, show off your finds, and possibly even win one of our many raffle prizes.

Presidents Message

Welcome to March and April 2023. The winter was a little milder than usual so the ground may be thawing earlier this year. So, dust off your detectors, add fresh batteries or charge the self-contained ones and get out there and test the soil.

We sent out an urgent message about two issues. One was that we had a smaller than usual turnout for the February meeting because of the weather. Therefore, we did not have enough members to hold the nominations of board members. The nominations will be held at the March meeting and the nominees will be published in a special edition announcement after the meeting for membership review.

Second, we were anticipating holding our annual club hunt and picnic on Sept. 9 but the town informed us that both Sept. 9 and 16 were already booked. We have submitted the paperwork to secure Sept. 23 and hope that one is still available.

We are working hard behind the scenes to smooth out the bumps we have been faced with so far this year.

George Streeter is holding a raffle for either two metal detectors or \$1,000 cash. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and **will ONLY be available at the March meeting** because the drawing will be on April 23, 2023. Benefits from the raffle will go to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Wounded Warriors. Two very worthwhile causes.

As always, if you have ideas on a topic or potential presentation that members might find helpful, please let one of the board members know.

Bob Francis

ESMDA President

Minutes: February 2023 Meeting

Reports:

- Robert read the January meeting minutes and treasures report - The minutes and treasure report were accepted as read.

Old Business:

- Thanks to all the members who helped research copyright information. An agreement was reached and the matter was settled.
- A tentative date for the club hunt was given to members, however, after the meeting we found out that that date was not available. The new tentative date is Sept. 23, 2023.

New Business:

- Attendance was low and we did not have a quorum. Therefore, no nominations were made at this meeting and nominations will take place at the March meeting.
- The Spring Silver hunt will be similar to last years. Silver Half Dollars will be given to the finders of token coins placed in three parks. The specifics will be sent to paid members when details are finalized and the token coins are planted.
- George Streeter donated a very nice shovel to the club and is selling raffle tickets for two Metal Detectors or \$1,000.00 cash. Tickets will be available only at the March meeting
- We looking for new fundraising ideas:
 - Bob suggested a day of fun and learning. Maybe hold a garage sale type event and charge for booth areas. Potentially have experts on different types of detectors provide a hands-on demonstration with attendees.
 - Another suggested idea was to auction off coins or other items.

Because of the small turnout only 3 coins were put up for the monthly raffle and our monthly 50/50 raffle was not held.

Coin Raffle

1853 Seated Liberty dime- Jackie Jensen
1866 3 cent nickel - Dean Christian
1908 Barber half dollar- Glen Galloway