

# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE EMPIRE STATE METAL DETECTOR ASSOCIATION

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January 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

Jan. 29, 2018  
Feb. 26, 2018  
Mar. 26, 2018  
April 30, 2018

## Find of the Month

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

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## Topic of the Month

### **January 29, 2018**

“Find of the Year”

Open for all members to contribute and discuss items found throughout the 2017 detecting year.

### **February 26, 2018**

To be announced!

## Presidents Message

Snow, snow, snow - and cold. We usually detect all year, but, not this year! Mother Nature had other ideas. The cold has pretty much frozen the ground and the snow cover makes swinging the detectors impossible. Now it's time to get ready for spring. Research, clean detectors and get permissions.

This month, as we have for several years now, will be our “Finds of the Year” meeting. Remember, you can enter an item into each of our five standard categories; toy, relic, coin, jewelry and misc., even if you entered nothing during the year. The item must have been found last year (2017). The winner of each category will receive a nice Silver Dollar.

We would like the finder of each entry to take a couple of minutes, tell us what detector you were using, how deep it was and any other interesting information about your find. Also, there will be baked goods to pass at this meeting.

I would like to remind everyone that we are looking for members to step up and help us with the Program Committee and with any other things you would like.

Much of the silver for next year's club hunt has been purchased - at the low point in silver prices this time!! YEAH! I will have it at the meeting for you to look at.

We will begin our first raffle of the year very soon. A brand new, in the box, Fisher F-19 Metal Detector will be raffled. If you are out of town you can e-mail Lisa and request raffle tickets when they become available. Look for additional information in next month's newsletter.

Tim Myers, President, ESMDA

**Topic of the Month:** Noel S. Levee – Johnstown NY City Historian - The Battle of Johnstown. Wow, what a great presentation with a very detailed map and description of not only the troop movements but a good look into the people, soldiers and officers and the decisions they made during the battle.

I feel everyone came out of this meeting with a better understanding of what took place, where it took place and the geographic obstacles they faced during the battle. More information about Johnstown can be found on the following website:

<http://cityofjohnstown.ny.gov/our-history.html>

Thank you, Noel, for taking the time to provide this interesting presentation to our group.

## Minutes: November 2017 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report-** balance of \$ 6,457.91 a motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

## Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

## New Business:

- Topics Committee has to be developed to come up with new and interesting topics for upcoming meetings.
- We need to pick a start and end date for the raffle of Fisher metal detector purchased during the 2017 year.
- A suggestion was made that we start having an end of year and start of year party. Something simple snacks, cookies, brownies, etc.
- Find of the Year – there will be a Silver Dollar give away for the winner of each category.

## Find of the Month – Misc.

	<u>Vote</u>
Harpoon Tip – Jan Satterlee	12
Youth reporter Scoop Badge – A. Primo	1
Guild Colonial button – Tim Myers	1
G-Men Badge - Roland Ozols	2
Key chain Coke bottle - Mike Holt	1

## **50-50 Drawing – Marie Fryc**

## Coin Raffle

1812 Large Cent – Andy Jacek  
1853 Silver 3 cent piece – Mike Holt  
1857 Seated liberty ½ dime – D. Cramer

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February 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

Feb. 26, 2018  
Mar. 26, 2018  
April 30, 2018

## Find of the Month

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

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## Topic of the Month

February 26, 2018  
Researching Finds

### Special Thanks to:

Bob Lavoy and Mike Casey for donating their winning prizes (Eisenhower Dollars) from the "Find of the Year" back to the club

## Presidents Message

Well the ground is still frozen outside – little or no detecting for those of us who live up here in frozen upstate NY. It's actually warm today but the ground is still frozen.

If you did not attend the January meeting you missed a good one. We had a really fun meeting. Finds of the Year, goodies to eat and stories. Lots of laughs too. Really what it is all about! Make sure you stop by and visit at the February meeting!

Have you ever found something while detecting and wanted to do more research on it, well this month's meeting is "Researching Finds." Many times we find a pottery shard, coin, button, bottle, bell or something we would like to do more research on but don't know where to start.

We hope to compile a fairly comprehensive list of resources that you can use to help ID your finds. Some of them are well known books, internet links and so on. BUT I am certain that there are members who have used resources that the rest of us do not know about. If you have links, book titles, names of people or other sources please have them available, either to pass out or talk about. You could e-mail them to me or Bob and we'll add them to our list.

I know the club hunt is a long way off – Sept 8th this year, but please consider helping us out on this event. We are two years away from our 50th and we really want members to get involved now so we can do some special things then!

Don't forget nominations for officers are to be made from the floor at the meeting, under Old Business.

Tim Myers, President ESMDA

## Finds of the Year winners:

- Relic** 1<sup>st</sup> Andy Jacek – war belt buckle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Myers – George Washington button  
3<sup>rd</sup> Angelo Primo knee buckles
- Toy** 1<sup>st</sup> Roland Ozols – Junior G-Men badge  
2<sup>nd</sup> J. Satterlee Mercedes Benz ambulance  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Casey - Pewter soldier
- Coins** 1<sup>st</sup> Tim Hogan – 1893 Indian Head cent  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Myers – 1776 2 Reale  
3<sup>rd</sup> 1796 Lg. Cent
- Jewelry** 1<sup>st</sup> B. Lavoy - Gold ring green/clear gems  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tim Hogan – Pewter skull red gem eyes  
Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> Roland Ozols – gold chain (ring/cross)
- Misc.** 1<sup>st</sup> J. Satterlee – Harpoon head  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Casey – Dentures  
Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Rifenberg -Whites metal detector coin

## Minutes: January 2018 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report-** balance of \$ 3,220.71 a motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

## Old Business:

- Request for volunteers for the meeting "Topics" committee – even if you don't want to be on the committee you can e-mail ideas to any of the officers
- Request for members to look for locations for group hunts. If you know of a place and need help or ideas on how to set it up and coordinate the event, please contact Tim Myers or Bob Francis
- All the silver coins to be planted for the Club Hunt have been purchased
- The Fisher F-19 metal detector raffle will start at the Feb. meeting, and the drawing will be held at the April meeting
- "Members Only" area on the website will be worked on in Feb.

## New Business:

- The Annual Club Hunt date is set for Sept. 8, 2018 – mark your calendars and be sure you are there
- The Latham Fire Department has confirmed that they have renewed the reservations for our monthly meetings

**50-50 Drawing** –Kevin Franklin

## Coin Raffle

1795 – 2 Reale – Dave Crawmer  
1856 P Seated liberty ½ dime – M. Davis  
1867 Shield Nickel – Mike Genier  
1869 2 Cent Piece – Andy Jacek

**Topic of the Month: "Find of the Year"** the largest amount of submissions to date for this event. Entries into each of the categories were described by the person that found the item. Pictures will be posed in the gallery section of our website.

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March 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

Mar. 26, 2018  
April 30, 2018

## Find of the Month

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

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## Topic of the Month

**March 26, 2018  
Metal Detecting  
Fields – Tim Myers**

**April 30, 2018  
To Be Announced**

## Presidents Message

We were all getting into the swing of detecting early and BAM – mother nature had other ideas. The Capital region has gotten pounded for the last three weeks with anything from a total of 34 inches of snow to over 60 inches in some areas. The good news is that the ground is totally thawed out and when this snow is gone we can all get out swinging. The bad news is that it may take a while to melt because there has been a turn back to colder weather!

We handed out lists of sources to help ID your finds at the last meeting. If you did not get one, we will try to have some more at the next meeting. We asked members to send additional resources so we could expand the list. Please continue to do that. Bob will try to get the list up on the webs site.

This month we thought it might be appropriate to have a program on metal detecting fields. Many of us like to detect various types of fields and there are those of you who want to add field detecting to your repertoire. What do you look for when approaching a field? Where to start? Hopefully this will be an interesting program. You should plan on attending.

I know the club hunt is a long way off – Sept 8th this year, but please consider helping us out on this event. We are two years away from our 50th and we really want members to get involved now so we can do some special things then!

The raffle for the Fisher F-19 started at the February meeting and will run until the April 30, 2018 meeting. Buy tickets at this meeting, bring in tickets you might have already picked up and/or grab some for friends and co-workers.

Tim Myers,  
President ESM DA

**Topic of the Month:** “Researching Finds” Officers of the Club and other members discussed where to look up details on items that they find. You know you have; a coin, a shard of pottery, a crotal bell, a toy or similar item but you don’t know how old it is, region it came from or any history. This meeting provided a list of known websites and resources where you could do that research on your own. Members also gave suggestions of sites that they have used in the past. If you have additional sites or resources, please be sure to email Tim Myers or Bob Francis and let them know. We will be glad to add more to the list that is currently on the club’s website.

## Minutes: February 2018 Meeting

**Treasurer’s Report-** balance of \$ 3,349.71 a motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

### Old Business:

- Town of Berne Park reservation made and paid for.
- Still looking for volunteers for the meeting “Topics” committee. Even if you don’t want to be on the committee please e-mail ideas to any of the officers
- “Members Only” area on the website is working with limited information. We are still working on the best use of it.
- Small group hunt that was set up by one of the members is full for the first hunt, a secondary list for the potential second date. The lists will be maintained by the coordinator of the hunt.

### New Business:

- Nominations for club officers were held, the members re-nominated the current board as is. Based on the by-laws, a single vote will be cast at the April meeting by the Secretary to vote in the board as nominated by the members.
- **NEED TOPIC SUGGESTIONS!** The club officers are running out of ideas and receiving no ideas from the members. We don’t want to do the same things over and over again.

**50-50 Drawing** –Gino DiCarlo

### Coin Raffle

1802 2 Reale – Mike Grenier  
1865 2 cent piece – Ron Phelps  
1869 3 cent nickel – Bill Charton  
1858 Flying Eagle penny – Marie Fryc  
Gino Dicarlo’s ticket was drawn and he donated his chance to another member. A second ticket was drawn. Thanks Gino!

<u>Finds of the Month</u> – Jewelry	Votes
Miraculous metal – Bob Francis	1
Silver ring with jewel – Tom Spaulding	3
Skull Ring - Nick August	1
Silver stud earring – Rich Keiper	1
Silver bracelet – Angelo Primo	1
Silver & jewel pendent – Mike Grenier	1
Gold ring – Tim Hogan	18

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April 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

April 30, 2018  
May – TBA  
See Tim Myers for date!

## Find of the Month

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

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## Topic of the Month

April 30, 2018  
Open Format –  
Starting into the season  
now is the time to ask  
those previously  
unasked questions!

May  
To Be Announced

## Presidents Message

Well it was colder than usual outside but it is showing signs of a warm-up. Folks are starting to post some great finds on the Facebook page! Make sure you start to get out now. It is a great time. Fields are not plowed and many farmers will give permission to detect. Just dress a little warmer than you usually would for this time of the year and you'll be fine.

Well Tim Smith's first group hunt was great. A BIG THANK YOU to Tim for hosting us. We had 6 members in total there. A little chilly, dropped to the high 20's during the day but everyone had a great time. Finds have been posted on the Facebook page. The next hunt should be great too. Please be sure to go on the Facebook page and "Private Message" Tim. He will post time and place to meet I am sure.

We are looking forward to other members stepping up and setting up simple hunts for small groups. It is what it is all about folks. GREAT socializing, talking about detecting and just about anything. Let's do this!

You should be finding things to mark on your scavenger hunt lists. Please join in and have fun! A few of us are going to bring displays of our finds when it is time to turn in the sheets. That should be a fun meeting for all.

The Club Secretary Bob Francis will miss this month's meeting - we thought since it is the time when people really start getting "hot and heavy" into the detecting season an open forum where members can discuss anything related that they like would be a good meeting. So, bring questions, comments, things you would like to ask other members and let's have a fun meeting.

Tim Myers, President ESM DA

**Topic of the Month:** "Field Detecting" Tim Myers provide some helpful information on what to look for and spotting the good areas to start first.

- Large old trees in the middle of a field
- Mounds in the field that look out of place
- Ask any arrowhead hunters that you know or see about permissions and locations
- If you dig pottery, brick or glass, it probably was a homestead site, hopefully not the farm dump
- If you see someone out, stop and ask permission, if you don't ask, you'll never get permission!
- Don't assume permissions are for life, be sure to contact the owner each year to confirm and build a relationship. They might tell you of another place they know of or help connect you with a neighbor.
- Fill your holes even in the field, leave no surprises for the owner, also it makes it easier to get back on the property if they see you care
- Bring a trash pouch, clean out the junk, it will benefit you the next time you go

## Minutes: March 2018 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report-** balance of \$ 3,581.71 a motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

### Old Business:

- **Still looking for volunteers for the meeting "Topics" committee. Even if you don't want to be on the committee please e-mail ideas to any of the officers?**
- Metal Detector Raffle ends at the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Small group hunt that was set up by one of the members is full for the first hunt, a secondary list is full. The lists will be maintained by the coordinator of the hunt on Facebook.
- Nominations for club officers were held, the members re-nominated the current board as is. Based on the by-laws, a single vote will be cast by the Secretary to vote in the board as nominated by the members.

### New Business:

- Ed Rifenberg will be starting up the scavenger hunt for this year. Forms will be printed and handed out during meetings. There are enough items on the list that everyone can find something and maybe enough to win a prize.

**50-50 Drawing – Tim Myers**

### Coin Raffle

1835 Bust Dime - Ed Rifenberg  
1866 2 cent piece – Lisa Conrad  
1869 3 cent nickel – Andy Jacek  
1883 Seated Dime – Mike Grenier

### Finds of the Month – TOY

	Votes
Cast Iron train engine – Amy Schwarting	13
Superman figure – Roland Ozols	1
Flagman figure – Mike Holt	2

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May 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

Wed. May 23, 2018  
June 25, 2018  
July 30, 2018

## Find of the Month

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

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## Topic of the Month

May 23, 2018  
Hard Times Tokens

REMEMBER MAY  
MEETING

Wednesday  
MAY 23, 2018

## Presidents Message

### NEXT MEETING WED. MAY 23rd

Please remember folks that our meeting in May is always the Weds before the last Monday.

Everyone is starting to get out with their detectors! The weather is better, in fact getting downright hot. If you have not detected in your favorite fields you may have missed out. All of the rain has caused the hay to shoot up so to speak. Getting tough to swing in hay fields. Other opportunities abound though!

If you have not gotten scavenger hunt forms we hope to have them available again soon. Make sure you are filling them out!

Want to give a big shout out to Tim Smith for the two group hunts that he set up. Thanks buddy – great job. If you have not done so, go on the face book page to see what he finds were. Marie had the find of the day at the last hunt!

This brings me to another point. To be honest I am disappointed in membership. We set up a system of sign-ups for club member's group hunts and we had many people sign up for these two. We are only allowing members who have not attended to sign up for future hunts until everyone has had an opportunity, **BUT**, yes, there is a **BUT**. It is NOT FAIR for a member to sign up to detect, and use one of the member slots, and then not show up. Another person from the list could have used that slot. We will discuss how to deal with this. One suggestion is that people on the list should contact the hunt leader by 8 PM the night before OR forfeit their place on the list. The next person would then be contacted by the hunt leader to participate for the day. Other ideas will be appreciated. We do not want members to get discouraged or to back off at all on setting these up. People who have participated have had a GREAT time. These have been fun days. I would like to advise members to join the face book page as that is where these member hunts are being set up.

The members only page on the website is not yet operational. AGAIN, if you have the time and wherewithal PLEASE contact Bob and offer to help with that.

I know the club hunt is a long way off – Sept 8th this year, but please consider helping us out on this event. We are two years away from our 50th and we really want members to get involved now so we can do some special things then!

This month a club member is doing a program on "Hard Times Tokens". He has found one and because of interest in that one has done research and is fascinated with them. Sound be and interesting program.

Tim Myers - President, ESMDA

**Topic of the Month:** Open Discussion

## Minutes: April 2018 Meeting

Treasurer's Report- balance of \$ 4,018.71 a motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

## NEXT MEETING Wednesday MAY 23, 2018

### Old Business:

- Tim Smiths first small group hunt was at an old general store. The next Hunt was at a farm noted for an early American uprising. Many, thanks to Tim for organizing and hosting these hunts.
- The "Members Only" part of our website took off then fizzled. Ideas on its would be helpful.

### New Business:

- The Raffle drawing for the Fisher F-19 was won by Larry Tiffany
- Next raffle will be for a 10oz silver bar.

**50-50 Drawing** – Tim Myers – Tim donated the proceeds to the Treasure Chest

### Coin Raffle

1807 2 Reale - Andy Jacek  
1865 2 cent piece – Ray Mitchell – donated coin to club  
1863 3 cent nickel – Tim Myers – donated to Treasure Chest  
1857 Seated Liberty ½ Dime – Bob Lavoy

<u>Finds of the Month</u> – Relic	Votes
1920 Coca Cola Swastica – Bob Lavoy	8
Small Buckle – Angelo	2
Big Bat Wing Buckle – Dan Casey	4
Spur – Tim Myers	6
Bridle Rosette – Tim Hogan	3

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June 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

June 25, 2018  
July 30, 2018  
August 27, 2018

## Find of the Month

June – Coin  
July – Jewelry  
August – Toy  
September – Relic  
October – Misc.

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## Topic of the Month

June 25, 2018  
Colonial Coins  
Tim Myers

July 30, 2018  
TBA

## Presidents Message

The weather is nice – time to get out with your metal detectors. The vegetation has grown rapidly so those of you who detect out in the woods know that it is much harder to find those sites. Farmers have fields planted so it is tougher to detect them now too. There are still opportunities. Stop and ask permission at a property you find interesting. I find it easier when people are already outside than knocking on doors. Do what you feel comfortable doing!

With Cheryl volunteering to help Bob with the ‘Members Only Page’ on the website we hope that will be up and running shortly. It will give members opportunities to hook up and go detecting together.

I know the club hunt is a long way off – Sept 8th this year, but please consider helping us out on this event. We are two years away from our 50th and we really want members to get involved now so we can do some special things then!

This month in response to requests from several members we will be going back to basics and have a program on US Coins. It’ll be an overview of coins that were produced in the US. Should be an interesting program.

Tim Myers, President,  
ESMDA

## Topic of the Month: Hard Times Tokens – Mike Holt

Mike did a very nice talk and PowerPoint presentation on the history of Hard Times Tokens. Mike provided information on several reference books and showed pictures of the Hard Times token he was fortunate enough to find. Hard Times Tokens, it seems, were mostly privately minted between 1832 & 1844 and were very close to the size of a large cent. Reasons they were created range from political messages to advertising. Some political because of the **Specie Circular** of 1836, an executive order issued by President Andrew Jackson requiring that payment for the purchase of public lands be made exclusively in gold or silver. The tokens were a way to express the dissatisfaction with this government action. Some tokens referred to the belief that the president couldn’t handle both the Army & Navy and the country’s finances. It was a very nice and informative talk. Thanks, Mike!

## Minutes: May 2018 Meeting

**Treasurer’s Report-** balance of \$ 4,774.71 a motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

### Old Business:

- 10 oz. Silver Bar raffle, starting at the June meeting with the drawing at the August meeting. Tim will be buying the bar of silver soon.

### New Business:

- Tim will start buying token prizes for this year’s Annual Hunt. And, will be buying some large cents to plant as per members requests
- Tim need assistance contacting vendors and metal detector manufactures to get prizes for this year’s Annual Hunt.
- Looking for ideas to help small group hunt organizers track attendees and communicate with potential no-shows, so replacements can be contacted.
- Cheryl Huxhold volunteered to help with the “Members Only” area on the website. Now we have to find the right way to use it, to benefit all members that sign-in.

## 50-50 Drawing – Dan Casey

### Coin Raffle

1806 Farthing – Chris Rem  
1864 – Two cent piece – Ed Rifenberg  
1868 – Three cent nickel – Chris Rem  
1883 – “V” Nickel – Ray Mitchell

### Finds of the Month – Misc.

	Votes
Ax head – Bob Francis	0
Black Raven ToolWorks Ax head–Angelo	1
1800’s Powder flask – Marie Fryc -	21
Whistle (pewter) – Dan Casey	3
Coffin handles – Bob Hill	0
Cannon Ball – Tim Hogan	1
Buttons/buckle/pottery shards (all in one hole) – Tim Myers	1

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July 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

July 30, 2018  
August 27, 2018  
Sept. 24, 2018  
Oct. 29, 2018

## Find of the Month

July – Jewelry  
August – Toy  
September – Relic  
October – Misc.  
November – Coin

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## Topic of the Month

July 30, 2018  
US Coins  
  
August 27, 2018  
TBA

## Presidents Message

Hot! Hot! Hot! And Muggy! That's the name of the game right now. Be careful when you go out detecting. Shade, rest and lots of water! Be sure to protect yourself from the ticks and other little critters! Hook up with other club members and get out with your detectors.

I have noticed several members posting finds they have made on the Facebook page AND thanking others for a great day detecting. That is what we are all about!! Keep up the detecting with other club members.

The scavenger hunt form, is available on the club website homepage. Make sure you are filling them out!

We continue to encourage club members to set up small group hunts for other members. People who have participated have had a GREAT time. I would like to advise members to join the Facebook page, as that is where these member hunts are being set up.

I know the club hunt is a couple of months away – Sept 8th this year, but please consider helping us out on this event. Also, we are two years away from our 50th Annual Club Hunt and we really want members to get involved now, so we can do some special things then!

Getting donations to give away at the Annual Club Hunt this year has been VERY difficult. I want to make it a point in advance to tell everyone we may not have as many donations to give away as in past years. It has been worse than pulling teeth!

Since we have many new members who are also new to coin collecting we had a program last month on Colonial and Post-Colonial Coins that can be found while metal detecting in our region of the country. We will continue with this theme at our meeting this month with a similar presentation on US Minted Coins that are found when metal detecting locally. Should be an interesting program.

Tim Myers, ESMDA President

**Topic of the Month:** Colonial Coins, Tim Myers  
Tim did a very nice talk and PowerPoint presentation on the history of Colonial Coins that were used before the U.S. started to mint their own. He provided information on the origin of the coins and showed pictures of them as well. He gave a running commentary of which coins he has found and which coins are the most likely to be found in our area. Overall a very interesting and informative presentation. Thanks Tim!

**Some reference material for the presentation was found at the following website:**  
<https://coins.nd.edu/ColCoin/ColCoinContents/Contents01.html>

## Minutes: June 2018 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report-** balance of \$ 3,936.10 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

### Old Business:

- Scavenger hunt forms posted on website and ends at the November meeting
- Club Hunt forms can be printed or downloaded off the website.
- Almost all coins bought for planting, token prize coins and items are now being negotiated and purchased.
- Cheryl Huxhold now assisting with "Members Only" area on the website. We are working on ideas to best use it.

### New Business:

- Reminder: EARLY BIRD Club Hunt applications end the night of the July meeting after that it will be full price.
- Lisa suggested that we have an end of year snack & goodies night at our November meeting.
- John Lewis has contacted several vendors and has had a couple responses. A vote was taken and passes by the majority to purchase the Garrett metal detector package for the Club Hunt.
- Tim found and purchased a nice \$5 Gold Coin to raffle at this year's Club Hunt.

**50-50 Drawing** – Tom Bradshaw

### Coin Raffle

1820 Lg. Cent – Tim Myers (donated to treasure chest)  
1865 – 2 Cent piece – Tommy Durand  
1865 – 3 Cent nickel – John Kotwas  
1871 – Seated Liberty Dime – Tom Durand

### Finds of the Month – Misc.

	Votes
Phillip II – 1 Reale – John Kotwas	8
1854 Seated Lib. Quarter – Gino DiCarlo	5
1793 ½ Reale – Tim Smith	9
1861 Indian Head Penny – Angelo Primo	1

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August 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

August 27, 2018  
Sept. 24, 2018  
Oct. 29, 2018  
Nov. 26, 2018

## Find of the Month

August – Toy  
September – Relic  
October – Misc.  
November – Coin  
January - Jewelry

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## Topic of the Month

August 27, 2018  
Annual Club Hunt  
Talk and Open  
Format

September 24, 2018  
TBA

## Presidents Message

As always, I think the last meeting before the club hunt should be a review and an open forum.

As I write this we are about three weeks or so from the club hunt. Our years' worth of work is coming to a head again. We will have 5 Metal Detectors to give away, many thousands of dollars of coins either planted in the ground or given away as token prizes, many door prizes and LOTS of good company and food. Who can ask for more?

If you have not sent your hunt form in you can do so up until the day of the hunt. The cost is a little more but in our minds, still worth it. Ours is the oldest hunt and one of the best in the country. After this year's hunt, we will ask for volunteers or may ask members to join a committee to start planning for our 50th annual picnic/hunt in two years. Waiting until after next year's hunt will be too late. So PLEASE think about it and consider joining the committee to start to plan the 50th.

It has been a tough year to detect with all the rain and humidity but we see many of you joining each other for a day of detecting. That's what we want.

This month we will review the preparations for the club hunt and open the floor for discussion of any topic you folks would like.

Also, remember the drawing for the 10oz. silver bar is at this month's meeting! Please make sure you sell tickets and bring them along with the money to the meeting. This helps us purchase all the great stuff we give away at the hunt!

Tim Myers  
Pres. ESMDA

### Topic of the Month: US Coins- Ed Rifenberg

Ed did a really good talk and PowerPoint presentation on the history of US Coins that were created after the U.S. started to mint their own. He provided information on various coins, talked about their rarity and what we might expect to find while detecting here in the Northeast. The PowerPoint presentation showed numerous pictures of the coins and the changes including, sometime needed changes, like the adding of the word "cents" to discourage counterfeiters gold plating "V" nickels and passing them off as Five Dollar Gold pieces. Other changes include flowing hair, draped bust and capped bust designs along with figures facing one left or right. He gave a running commentary of which coins he has found and which coins are the most likely to be found in our immediate area. A very interesting and informative presentation. Thanks very much Ed!

## Minutes: July 2018 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** balance of \$ 6,218.12 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

### Old Business:

- Tim provided a current list of token prizes.

### New Business:

- Votes were taken that decided which Hunt packages the club wanted from two of our normal sponsors.
- First Texas \$374 package and the Mine Lab \$345 package. Other packages were discussed also.
- Several sponsors we have depended on in the past are either providing low value items or no items at all.
- Missing token 46 will be replaced with a red clad dime or quarter with the number 46A on it. There are two token missing from previous hunts and attendees will be reminded BEFORE the hunt, that they are not valid if found. Those numbers will not show up on the token board.
- A suggestion was brought up that we give out prizes other than coins as main hunt token prizes. The idea was not supported by the attending members.
- A request was made that the presentations from several of the previous meetings be added to the website. Bob Francis said he would work on that. So, check the site to see under News & Newsletters.

### 50-50 Drawing – Angelo Primo

### Coin Raffle

1797 2 Pence Cartwheel – Jan Satterlee  
1800 ½ Reale – Mike Holt  
1845 Large Cent – Andy Jacek  
1866 3 cent nickel – Mike Casey

### Finds of the Month – Jewelry

Finds of the Month – Jewelry	Votes
Citizen Ladies watch – Dan Casey	5
Silver Bracelet – Ed Rifenberg	7
St. Christopher metal - Bob Francis	8
10k Gold ring pink stones – R. Ozols	2

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September 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

Sept. 24, 2018  
Oct. 29, 2018  
Nov. 26, 2018  
January 28, 2019

## Find of the Month

September – Relic  
October – Misc.  
November – Coin  
January - Jewelry  
February – Toy

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## Topic of the Month

Sept. 24, 2018  
Annual Club Hunt  
Review - Open  
Format

October 29, 2018  
History of Metal  
Detectors – Bob  
Francis

**Presidents Message** - What a GREAT day we had at the club hunt again this year! We had more people signed up than ever before. Everyone had a good time, great socializing and good food.

As always, the club should, thank your officers, Tim Myers, Marie Fryc, Bob Francis, and Lisa Conrad for the job well done at the club hunt. It takes considerable effort to plan and hold the hunt and picnic each year. Thanks so much!

Special thanks to everyone who steps up and helps at the club hunt. If I forget someone I am truly sorry!

**Jan Satterlee**, beats us to the site pavilion every year. Jan helps set up the pavilion, puts the coffee on and keeps it fresh all day and helps keep the coin planting crew going

**John Lewis** - for dealing with Garrett Metal Detectors, taking photos at the hunt, helping it run smooth and helping at the monthly meetings.

**Angelo Primo** - for always being one of the first at the pavilion and for helping set it up. Angelo brings multiple coolers and ice and gets all the water, juices and soda on that ice [he also brought sausage and peppers again this year].

**Cheryl Huxhold** - for helping with the registration and anything else that Lisa needed during the event. Plus helping at meetings each month.

**Margaret Simonds** for helping with the registration, raffles and more.

**Terry Baldwin** special thanks - he helped Bob set all the boundary flags Friday night BEFORE the hunt even though he didn't participate in the hunt. He came back after the hunt and helped pick up the flags and tear down.

**Gino DiCarlo** – Early arrival to help set up, then cooked lunch for us and also didn't hunt but was there to help out in a big way!

**Tim Hogan** – helped Bob set out the cones for the penny hunt and plant the pennies.

**Ed Sargalis**, long time member removed flags and the sign we set at the entrance of the park.

**Special shout out to all the volunteers who again helped plant all the coins in the fields.** C. Macking; J. Beatty; P. St Clair; P. Bidding; P. Schmerfeld; D. Waterhouse; J. Satterlee; and J. Lewis. Couldn't do it without you folks. **THANK YOU!**

If you have not gotten a scavenger hunt form it is available on the club website homepage. We extended the time at the last meeting. Due in October!

We want to continue to encourage club members to set up small group hunts for other members. People who have participated have had a GREAT time. I would like to advise members to join the face book page as that is where these member hunts are being set up.

**Tim Myers, President, ESMDA**

## Minutes: August 2018 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report**- balance of \$ 5,442.54 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

### Old Business:

- Tim provided a paper copy of current list of token prizes for the main hunts.

### New Business:

- **We plan to form a committee in October to start looking for ideas that will enhance our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Hunt and Picnic coming up in 2020.**
- 5 metal detectors for token prizes
- One idea was brought up that we have a two-day event – one day our regular planted hunt and the second day a private property site that might accommodate a large group like a farm.
- One suggestion was that we buy a banner for the event stating that it is the oldest continuously operated hunt in America – 50 yrs.
- Tim advised the group that if silver prices stay low into the middle of end of September he may start buying silver for next year's hunt as early as this fall. We never know where the prices will be in the spring.

**Jan Satterlee won the 10 oz. Silver Bar Raffle**

**50-50 Drawing** – Tim Myers

### Coin Raffle

1851- Large Cent – Jeremy Kreiger  
1853 Seated Dime with arrows – Chris Rem  
1868 Shield Nickel – Marie Fryc

<u>Finds of the Month</u> – Jewelry	Votes
Old Jeep – Bob Francis	7
Lead Soldier – Jeremy Kreiger	8
1981 Kenworth cabover – Andy Jacek	1
Old police car – Roland Olozs	1

**Topic of the Month:** Club Hunt – Open Format  
Tim Myers explained to new members that had not been to the hunt before, the activities that take place before and during the day of the hunt.

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October 2018

### Upcoming Meetings

Oct. 29, 2018  
Nov. 26, 2018  
January 28, 2019

### Find of the Month

October – Misc.  
November – Coin  
January - Jewelry  
February – Toy  
March – Relic

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### Topic of the Month

October 29, 2018  
History of Metal  
Detectors – Bob  
Francis

November 26, 2018  
TBA

### Presidents Message

Right now, the weather is great for all metal detecting. If you do school yards, parks or private properties you can detect without all the heat – that’s a good thing!

With many farm fields being cut, it’s a good time to get out in them and detect.

If you detect in the forest it is time to start planning for your outings. Vegetation in wooded areas is dying and soon detecting will become easier with the increased visibility of the terrain.

NY State archery season is open now so be mindful of hunters. Try to stay clear and don’t interfere with them if you come across one while out detecting.

Firearm season opens on Nov. 17th this year so **STAY OUT OF THE WOODS** until that season is over.

We will be setting up a committee at the October meeting to start planning the 50th Annual ESMDA Club Hunt in 2020. Please volunteer. All you need to do is mention that you are interested to one of the officers. We’ll start meeting as soon as we get a few people on the committee.

I finally made contact to purchase silver for next year. My guy was on vacation. We should have a purchase made by the next meeting.

The program this month will be a fascinating presentation on the History of Metal Detectors. Should be a good one. We hope to see you there.

Tim Myers  
President, ESMDA



### Minutes: September 2018 Meeting

**Treasurer’s Report-** balance of \$ 6,676.43 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

#### Old Business:

- 64 Hunters at this year’s Annual Hunt & Picnic.
- Program Committee – looking for members to discuss ideas for next year’s meeting topic.
- Andy Jacek getting prices and quotes on club shirts/golf shirts and hats.

#### New Business:

- We plan to form a committee in October to start looking for ideas that will enhance our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Hunt and Picnic coming up in 2020. 5 or 6 members needed.
- The attendees at the September meeting wished and sang Happy Birthday to Lisa Conrad. Marie Fryc brought in cheese cake & snacks to celebrate.
- By majority vote, Tim Myers was authorized to start purchasing silver for next year’s hunt. The price of silver is still low.

**50-50 Drawing** – Jan Satterlee – donated back to the club for token prizes.

#### Coin Raffle

1800 - ½ Reale (Mo/Fm) – Larry Tiffany  
1840-O Seated half dime – Nick August\*  
1866 – Three cent nickel – Mike Casey  
1869 – Two cent piece – Lisa Conrad  
\*Nick August donated the 1800 – ½ reale back to the club. Thanks!

<u>Finds of the Month</u> – Relic	Votes
Crotal Bell – Mike Casey	11
Sander lid/quill pens – Tim Myers	2
Old buckle – Angelo Primo	1
Model “T” Valve cover cap/Metal tube – Mike Holt	2
Very old lock – Tim Hogan	4

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October 2018

**Topic of the month:** Club Hunt & Picnic Recap – Open forum.

- Tim Myers thanked the board members for their work preparing for and helping at the hunt.
- Tim also re-thanked all the volunteers that help make this year another successful and fun hunt.

**Concerns:**

- Back pack prizes were not what was expected for the silver hunt token prizes – Unfortunately, we only get a list of what the vendors are sending us. We were expecting the larger \$70/80 backpacks and received the small ones too late to change the token prizes.
- We need to keep people from getting the hot dogs and grilled food until after we have had time to set out the food under the pavilion. The salads and crock pots should be out first so it flows better and eaters don't get in the way of preparers.
- Doughnuts and deserts – we understand that the people that travel from out of town can't prepare and bring home made hot/cold food. We need to make sure that our local members, coordinate what we bring so there is sufficient potato/mac/pasta and tossed salads as well as hot food to go around.

**Suggestions:**

**Ideas brought up for discussion.**

- Give a small gift to the person that traveled the furthest for the hunt.
- The Town Superintendent had the fields mowed the week of the hunt. That saved the club money because we didn't have to pay someone to mow this year. A suggestion was made to drop off a few pizzas to the highway dept. staff as thanks. Leonard Furman was given some cash to make that happen and will report back.
- Suggestion to give out the morning silver hunt token prizes at lunch time. Difficult to do, the officers are very busy still selling raffle tickets, giving away the door prizes and preparing for lunch.

A non-Club Hunt suggestion was made – the suggestion was, that we consider rewarding members that show up at every or almost every meeting somehow. Ideas were discussed giving a ticket to each member in good standing at every meeting and having a drawing at the end of the year. The more you attend the more chances you get. Some were opposed to that idea because a member that came once or twice in a year could win and a person that came all 11 meetings would still lose out. The idea was shelved and members were asked to think about the best way to make everyone happy. If there is a solution, we would want to start in January 2019.





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November 2018

## Upcoming Meetings

Nov. 26, 2018  
January 28, 2019

## Find of the Month

November – Coin  
January - Jewelry  
February – Toy  
March – Relic  
April – Misc.

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## Topic of the Month

November 26, 2018  
Detecting Fields  
Discussion

January 28, 2018  
Find of the Year!

**Presidents Message** - Well the snow has come! The good news is that the ground is totally unfrozen so the snow will melt sooner rather than later. Therefore, there are opportunities to get out detecting.

Be very careful, hunting season is open now and won't end until early December. It is best to detect yards and fields this time of the year.

We hope to have pricing on shirts with the club logo silk screened on them very soon. It will be posted on the club website when they are available. We hope that enough members will be interested in them to make it a worthwhile venture.

The November meeting is our last of the year and we will be having refreshments, so come ready to have a good time. Our presentation will be a discussion of metal detecting in fields since we spend most of our time on this type of detecting right now. Therefore, it is a good topic for discussion.

Remember our next meeting will be the January 2019 meeting. That is our annual Finds of the Year meeting. You are allowed to entire a find in any of the five categories even if you did not enter any monthly finds of the year [check the newsletters for the categories]. Please note that members are not allowed to ONLY attend once per year at the January meeting, just to enter a find of the year. As per ESMDA by-laws, members are not allowed to vote on club issues unless you have attended at least 4 meetings during the year. Coming only to the finds of the year meeting and entering a find is unfair to active members who attend 4 or more meetings per year.

We are still looking for a few more folks on the committee to start planning the 50th Annual Hunt in 2020. Please volunteer.

Tim Myers  
President, ESMDA

**Topic of the Month:** The History of Metal Detecting – Bob Francis

A very informative presentation, starting from the 1800's including one designed and used by Alexander Graham Bell to find a bullet in President Garfield. Then into the WWI and WWII years when they were used to find explosive mines, ammunition and buried weapons. After the wars, numerous war surplus detectors were purchased for recreational use. Improvements in transistors and electronics over the next 30+ years, bring us to the great machines we have today.

## Minutes: October 2018 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report-** balance of \$ 3,795.53 a motion passed to accept the minutes & treasurers report.

### Old Business:

- 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.
- We are still looking for members to step up and help with the planning committee for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Hunt and Picnic coming up in 2020.
- A Silver Dollar was given out to the top three members that had the most items checked off their scavenger hunt form. #1 – Tim Myers (48 items), #2 - Ed Rifenberg (39), #3 – Roland Ozols (29)

### New Business:

- A suggestion was made to add a category to the Find of the month list. Maybe "Military". The idea was tabled so we could address other issues.
- Two potential program suggestion: "What the heck is it?", and a presentation on bottles was brought up. Both good ideas.
- Bob Francis suggested a solution to the idea of prizes being awarded for best attendance. He volunteered to create a spreadsheet to track attendance. More details will follow.
- Tim Myers headed a discussion about changing the raffles we conduct throughout the year. The metal detectors purchased for the raffles are getting expensive and the club doesn't make any money on them. Members made suggestions and a vote was taken and passed to have a Lottery Tree raffle, 10 oz. Silver Bar raffle and a Pin Pointer raffle. The first raffle will start in January.

**50-50 Drawing** – John Kotwas

### Coin Raffle

1786 - ½ Reale – Mike Casey  
1857 Seated Liberty Dime – Andy Jacek  
1864 2 cent piece – Terry Baldwin  
1867 – 3 cent nickel – Mike Holt

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