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January 2023

Upcoming Meetings

January 30, 2023
February 27, 2023
March 27, 2023
April 24, 2023

2022 Find of the Year Contest

January 2023 Meeting
Categories
Coin, Jewelry, Toy,
Relic, and
Miscellaneous

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Presidents Message

Well, it is time to start looking forward to the 2023 metal detecting year. As a lot of you may already know, in late November I had a total knee replacement and missed the last meeting of the year because of it. I am doing good and should be all set to get out detecting this spring.

The January meeting is always and interesting one because it is the month for "Finds of the Year". It is the opportunity to bring in and show off one item for each of the categories (Jewelry, toy, coin, relic and misc.) that you found during the 2022 detecting year. The winner of each category gets a Silver Dollar. Even if you don't bring something to display be sure to come and see the finds that your fellow detectorists have found.

Additionally, we will be collecting the scavenger hunt forms which are and have been available online. The number of items on each sheet are then tallied. The first-place winner gets a Silver Dollar and the 2nd & 3rd place winners get a Barber Half Dollar.

Be sure to read the old news and new business in this newsletter because some changes were voted on and passed by the members at the end of last year. Happy Hunting!

Bob Francis, ESMDA President

November Find of the Month Winner- Mike Holt Category- Jewelry



Minutes: December 2022 Meeting

Reports:

- Secretaries report - Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Treasurer's report -new balance \$2,559.30 on 11-28-2022.
Reports were accepted and read.

Old Business:

- There will be no Find of the Month contest at our January 2023 meeting.

New Business:

- A fruit basket was purchased for Bob Francis as a Get Well gift from the club.
- 2022 Find of the Year: The contest will be held at our January 2023 meeting. The five categories are Coin, Jewelry, Toy, Relic, and Miscellaneous. The winner of each category will receive a silver dollar. A motion was made and accepted that individual members cannot win more than one silver dollar in the 2022 Find of the Year contest. Individual members can enter finds into as many categories as they would like. In the event that a member is awarded the most votes in multiple categories, that member will receive a silver dollar for the first category they win and the other silver dollar(s) will be awarded to the runner up(s) for any additional categories.
- A motion was made and accepted to combine the Find of the Month Categories; Relic and Miscellaneous, starting in 2023. We are taking suggestions for a new find of the month category to add to our rotation for 2023.

Coin Raffle

1849 Large Cent- Leo White
1858 Flying Eagle Cent- Dennis Deweert
1890 Seated Liberty Dime- John Colaneri
1942 AU53 Walking Liberty Half Dollar- John Colaneri

50/50 Raffle: Winner- Roland Ozlos

Find of the Month

<u>Category: Jewelry</u>	<u>Votes</u>
14k Gold Diamond Ring- Mike Holt	6
Fox Hat Pin- Ashley Jensen	3
WW2 Navy Pin- Leo White	3
Herbert Hoover Campaign Ring- John Colaneri	2
Platinum Band- James Saccia	2
Men's Ring- Bob Lavoy	1
Egyptian Earring- Dennis Deweenet	1



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February 2022

Upcoming Meetings

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

Find of the Month Contest

February- Coin
March- Jewelry
April- Toy

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The fickle cold and warm days of winter are upon us with six more weeks of winter predicted by Punxsutawney Phil. I hope you have been cleaning last year's finds and are doing your research for those spots you want to detect when the weather is good again.

Remember that the Silver Bar raffle has begun and the winning tickets will be drawn at the April meeting. Out of town members that want to take part should email either Bob Francis or Marie Fryc for details on participating.

The February meeting is for the nominations of board members. As per the by-laws nominations will be taken from the floor (attendees). The nominations are then posted in the March newsletter and voted on at the April meeting. Votes can only be cast by members in good standing. This means they have their dues paid and they have attended 4 meeting in the past year.

As always feel free to join us and chat and exchange ideas and stories of your experiences.

Bob Francis

ESMDA President

2022 Find of Year

<u>Category: Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Old Ice Skate- Tim Colaneri	10
Dog Hat Pin- Ashley Jensen	7
Liberty Badge- Dennis Deweerdt	2
US Army Lock- Mike Holt	2
Ford Engine Part- Bob Hill	1
Thomas Edison Tag- Leo White	1
1816 Upper Canada Bank Token- Craig Wilson	1

<u>Category: Toy</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Cap Gun- Mike Holt	10
Set of 3 Buggy Cars- Leo White	8
1979 Matchbox Car- Craig Wilson	2

2022 Scavenger Hunt Winners

First Place- Lisa Stanco
Second Place- Craig Wilson
Third Place- Mike Holt

Minutes: October 2022 Meeting

Reports:

- Secretaries report - Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Treasurer's report -new balance \$2,093.50 on 1/30/23
Reports were accepted and read.

Old Business:

- Silver Bar Raffle- The drawing will be at the April meeting. First Prize- 5 oz Silver Bar, Second Prize- (Two) 1 oz Silver Bars, Third Prize-1 oz. Silver Bar

New Business:

- The following suggestions were made for a new Find of the Month Category:
 - Buttons
 - Military
- Our May meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2023.
- We were contacted about a copyright issue and the board members are working to resolve it.
- Nominations for Board Members will occur at the February meeting.

Coin Raffle

1864 Two Cent (Large Motto)- Jacqueline Jensen
1877s Seated Liberty Dime- Bob Francis
1951p Franklin Half Dollar- Bob Lavoy
1964 Kennedy Half Dollar- Dennis Deweerdt

50/50 Raffle: Winner- John Colaneri

2022 Find of the Year

<u>Category: Coin</u>	<u>Votes</u>
1796 Capped Bust Large Cent- Bob Lavoy	10
1782 Spanish Half Reale- Mike Holt	5
1788 Vermont State Copper- Bob Hill	2
1853 Seated Quarter- Leo White	2
Emporer Hadrian Denarius- Roland Ozlos	2
Ancient Italian Coin- Dennis Deweerdt	1
Connecticut State Copper- Craig Wilson	1
1749 KGII Halfpenny (Mermaid Coin)- Lisa Stanco	0

<u>Category: Jewelry</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Rock City School Gold Ring- John Kotwas	6
Herbert Hoover Campaign Ring- John Colaneri	5
Platinum Ring with Stone- Bob Francis	3
Diamond Ring- Mike Holt	2
Silver Ship Pin- Leo White	1
Egyptian Style Earring- Dennis Deweerdt	1

<u>Category: Relic</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Old Iron Saw- Stephen Gravereaux	6
USA Rev. War Continental Army Button- Lisa Stanco	4
General Service Eagle 2 Piece Button- Jeremy Toomey	4
Two Piece Golt Gilt Button- Ashley Jensen	3
Buckle Cover- Bob Hill	2
Bronze Age Awl- Roland Ozlos	2
Iron Grape Shot- Mike Holt	1
Fireman's Badge- Leo White	1
Tomback Button with Star Design- Craig Wilson	0

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March 2023

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April 24, 2023
May 22, 2023

Find of the Month Contest

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

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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

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April 2023

Upcoming Meetings

April 24, 2023
May 22, 2023
June 26, 2023

Find of the Month Contest

April- Toy
May- Relic/ Misc.
June- Button

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Presidents Message

Warmer weather is approaching quickly and we can all get out and start detecting again. It is the time to be sure you have renewed permissions and time to ask for new ones.

While this warm weather is great for us, please be alert that it is also the temperature that brings out the ticks. So, if you are in unplowed grassy fields or getting into the newly budding brush, be sure to take all the precautions we have warned you about over the years.

The drawing for the Silver Bars is going to be held at this meeting April 24, 2023. Tickets will be sold at the meeting before the drawing is held. Be sure to buy your tickets before you run out of time!

This month Mike Holt and Roland Ozols will be giving a presentation on their adventure to Digstock V 2023 metal detecting event in North Carolina. Digstock advertises itself as "The largest digging hobby event in the United States." It should be fun to hear about the event and how they did.

Nominations were held last month and in keeping with the By-Laws, since only one person was nominated for each board position, a single vote will be cast for each of the positions at the April meeting. The newly elected board will start their activities in May 2023.

Thank you and Happy Hunting

Bob Francis

ESMDA President

March Find of the Month Winner: Jeremy Toomey Category: Jewelry



Minutes: March 2023 Meeting

Reports:

- Secretaries report : Old business was read from the newsletter
- Treasurer's report: Current balance as of March 27, 2023 is \$1,939.27. Reports were accepted and read

Old Business:

- Silver Bar Raffle: The drawing will be held at our April meeting. You do not need to be present to win.

New Business:

- Nominations were received for each board position at the March meeting

President – Bob Francis
Vice President – Margaret Simmonds
Treasurer – Marie Fryc
Secretary – Lisa Stanco

All nominees accepted their nominations. Based on the by-laws a single vote will be cast by the Secretary to vote in the board as nominated by the members.

- A motion was made and accepted to add the category Button to our Find of the Month annual rotation.
- Spring Silver Hunt: 15 tokens will be hidden within three different parks (5 tokens in each park). More details to come.
- A motion was made and accepted to begin purchasing coins for annual club hunt that will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Coin Raffle

1853 Seated Liberty Half Dime- Bruce Bink
1864 Two Cent Piece- Margaret Simmonds
1886 Canadian Large Cent- Glen Galloway
1892 Columbus Exposition Half Dollar- Robert Diehl

50/50 Raffle Winner- Robert Diehl

Find of the Month

<u>Category: Jewelry</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Gold Ring- Jeremy Toomey	13
Class Ring- Jan Satterlee	5
Costume Jewelry Ring-Bob Francis	3
Claddagh Irish Ring- Leo White	2
Plated Ring with Stone- John Colaneri	2

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May 2023

Upcoming Meetings

May 22, 2023
June 26, 2023
July 31, 2023
August 28, 2023

Find of the Month Contest

May- Relic/ Misc.
June- Button
July- Coin
August- Jewelry

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Presidents Message

First, I want to mention that due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no presentation at this meeting. We are working to reschedule and will let you know when it is set up. We are however, still on track for our June presentation by Tim Myers.

Well, I had a chance to get out twice this week and had two nice days even though I only found a few interesting things mixed in with the junk. This morning I woke up with an itchy wrist and I am pretty sure it is poison ivy. I did not see any but that does not mean that it was not there. So, read up on poison ivy, poison oak and sumac and know what to look for.

The Spring Silver Hunt is on and members have been notified by email. There are still tokens out in the chosen parks. Lisa will keep members informed as tokens are found.

The Silver Dollar Raffle starts this month and will end at our August meeting. 1st prize is 4 – Morgan Silver Dollars; 2nd prize is 2 – Morgan Silver Dollars and 3rd is 1 - Morgan Silver Dollar.

The 2 ½ Dollar Quarter Eagle Gold piece raffle starts this month and will end at the September annual hunt.

All tickets can be purchased either at the meetings or by sending Marie Fryc a check for the desired number of tickets. For more details, please email Marie or I and we'll get back to you.

Bob Francis

ESMDA President

April Find of the Month Winner: Leo White Category: Toy



Minutes: April 2023 Meeting

Reports:

- Secretaries report: Old business was read from the newsletter
- Treasurer's report: Current balance as of April 24, 2023 is \$2,517.27 Reports were accepted as read

Old Business:

- Silver Bar Raffle: The drawing was held at our April meeting. The winners are listed below.

First Prize: 5 oz. Silver Bar – Glenn Galloway
Second Prize: Two 1 oz. Silver Bars – Robert Hill
Third Prize: 1 oz. Silver Bar – Charles Zitzman



New Business:

- Gold Coin Raffle: The group decided to buy a \$2 1/2 gold for our annual gold coin raffle that is drawn at the club hunt in September. Tickets will be available for purchase soon.
- Morgan Silver Dollars Raffle: Details on purchasing tickets will be released soon. The drawing will take place at our August 28 meeting. The prizes are listed below.

First Prize: Four Morgan Silver Dollars
Second Prize: Two Morgan Silver Dollars
Third prize: One Morgan Silver Dollar

Coin Raffle

1876 Canadian Large Cent – Dean Christian
1891 Seated Liberty Dime – Glenn Galloway
1908-O Barber ½ Dollar – Ed Rifenberg
1844-P Walking Liberty Half Dollar – Bob Lavoy

50/50 Raffle Winner- Jeremy Toomey

Find of the Month

<u>Category: Toy</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Old toy car – Leo White	17
Toy gun – Robert Hill	2
2 toy cars – Dennis Dewitt	1

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June 2023

Upcoming Meetings

June 26, 2023
July 31, 2023
August 28, 2023
September 25, 2023

Find of the Month Contest

June- Button
July- Coin
August- Jewelry
September-Toy

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Presidents Message

It is officially summertime and time to get out and detect when and wherever you can. Now is the time to remember that sun protection as well as the bug spray is very important. The better you protect yourself the longer you can detect.

This month's presentation will be on Display's and Shadow Boxes. Many of us have collections and this should be a good time to learn different ways to present our finds.

The presentation on The Bennington Battlefield will be at the July 31 meeting.

The Spring Silver Hunt will be ending on June 26 and anyone that has found a coin/token can bring it to the meeting to exchange it for a Barber Half Dollar. Additionally, each person that found a token will have their name entered into a special "President's Drawing" for a Morgan Silver Dollar.

If you found a coin/token and can't make the meeting you must send a picture of the token to Lisa Stanco, so we can set aside your prize and enter you into the President's Silver Dollar drawing.

We have a very nice 1912 - \$2 ½ Gold coin (Quarter Eagle) for this year's Gold Coin raffle. And, for the Silver Coins raffle: 1st Prize - 1878, 1879, 1880 & 1881 Morgan Silver Dollars (the first four years the Morgan's were made); 2nd Prize - 1889 & 1890 Morgan's; 3rd Prize - a very nice 1921 Morgan Silver Dollar.

Happy Hunting!
Bob Francis, ESMDA President

May Find of the Month Winner: Mary Jane Breedlove
Category: Relic/Misc.



Minutes: May 2023 Meeting

Reports:

- Secretaries report: Old business was read from the newsletter
- Treasurer's report: Current balance as of May 22, 2023 is \$3,044.27
Reports were accepted as read

Old Business:

- Spring Silver Hunt: Tokens from the hunt may be redeemed at the June meeting. Each member who found a token will receive a Barber Half Dollar and will be entered into a drawing for a Morgan Silver Dollar.
- Gold Coin Raffle: Tickets are available for purchase. The cost is 1 ticket for \$5 and 3 tickets for \$10. The raffle will be drawn at our Annual club hunt.
- Morgan Silver Dollars Raffle: Tickets are available for purchase. The cost is 1 ticket for \$5 and 3 tickets for \$10. The raffle will be drawn at our August meeting

New Business:

- ESMDA Swag merchandise is available for purchase.
Tokens- \$8
Patches- \$5
Pins- \$3
Magnets- \$2

Coin Raffle

1798 Large Cent- Brian
1883 Seated Liberty Dime- Jackie Jensen
1941 Walking Liberty Half Dollar- Marie Fryc
1964 Kennedy Half Dollar- Lisa Stanco

50/50 Raffle Winner- Mary Jane Breedlove
*The 50/50 raffle was won by the Find of the Month winner. The ticket that was drawn was one of their prize raffle ticket that they received from the contest.

Find of the Month

<u>Category: Relic/ Misc.</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Crotal Bell with Star Design- Mary Jane Breedlove	16
Barrel Band from a Muzzle Loader- Bob Hill	4
Adena Style Projectile Point-Craig Wilson	1

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July 2023

Upcoming Meetings

July 31, 2023
August 28, 2023
September 25, 2023
October 30, 2023

Find of the Month Contest

July- Coin
August- Jewelry
September-Toy
October-Relic/ Misc.
November-Button

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The summer has been a busy time for me and gets a little busier in August but unfortunately, not a lot of time to detect. I hope you all have had a chance between the raindrops to get out there and find some wonderful things.

I want to thank Mary Jane Zanelli for her very nice presentation on shadowboxes and displaying finds. Attendees had many questions on the materials and techniques used to create these pieces of art.

This month Tim Myers, former ESMDA President, will be doing a presentation on the club's cooperative effort with a NYS entity to determine activities that took place at various areas during the battle at the Bennington Battlefield in New York. He will be talking about how the club helped and some of the interesting research that took place afterwards.

Besides the reminders of the Annual Club Hunt and Picnic registration, remember that the silver coins raffle ends at the August meeting and the gold coin raffle ends on the day of the Annual Hunt. Mail in requests for raffle tickets can be submitted. Please Contact Bob Francis or Marie Fryc by email for more details regarding requests for raffle tickets by mail.

Happy Hunting,
Bob Francis, ESMDA President

Find of the Month

<u>Category: Button</u>	<u>Votes</u>
NYS Militia Button – Craig Wilson	11
Eagle Button – Leo White	6
NY Central RR button - Dan Casey	4
Fancy button – Roland Ozols	2
Large flat button – Mike Holt	0

Minutes: June 2023 Meeting

Reports:

- Secretaries Report: Old business was read from the newsletter by Bob Francis
- Treasurer's Report: Current balance as of June 26, 2023, is \$ \$4,323.27. Reports were accepted as read.

Old Business:

- Spring Silver Hunt: Congratulations to all the members that found the hidden tokens during the Spring Silver Hunt. Each received a Barber Silver Half Dollar. Mark Delaney won a special President's Morgan Silver Dollar prize that was drawn from the token finders.
- Raffle Reminder: Silver Coin Raffle tickets and Gold Coin raffle tickets on sale.
- Annual Club Hunt & Picnic: registration for early bird special Silver Dollar ends at the July meeting. The price goes up after that date.

New Business:

- A member suggested that it might be a good idea to collect all the dues in one month instead of spreading it out throughout the year. The Treasurer said it would make thing easier to track paid member.
- We want to thank Mary Jane Zanelli for doing a presentation on Shadow Box displays of finds.
- Tim Myers is expected to do a presentation on the ESMDA & Bennington Battlefield's cooperative effort in locating artifacts at the battlefield.

Coin Raffle

1839 Coronet Head Lg. Cent – Jon Flansburg
1854-O Half Dime - Emily Christian
1952-D Franklin Half Dollar - Jaro Bednarik
1974-S Eisenhower Dollar – Charles Zitzmann

50/50 Raffle Winner- Dan Casey

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Upcoming Meetings

August 28, 2023
September 25, 2023
October 30, 2023
November 27, 2023

Find of the Month Contest

August- Jewelry
September-Toy
October-Relic/ Misc.
November-Button

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Presidents Message

I was recently in the Adirondacks and the slightly cooler morning made for very nice detecting. I was on an old farm property that I had detected before and found a few more interesting items. Now, I am waiting until the crops have been harvested to get out into the fields. It is not too early to make those contacts and secure permissions for this fall.

Remember the Silver Dollar Coin raffle ends at this meeting. Raffle tickets will be available at the meeting. If you win and are not present, you will be contacted and arrangements will be made to get the coins to you.

The gold coin raffle continues until the day of the Annual Hunt and Picnic. Tickets will be on sale at the August meeting, through the mail and at the hunt. If mailing in for tickets, please have the request in to us one week before Sept. 23 so we can be sure your tickets are entered by the drawing date.

The Annual Hunt and Picnic is coming up Sept. 23, approx. 5 weeks from now. So, if you are planning to join us, please get your registrations in now. We have about 80% of the token prizes now including two metal detectors, a pin pointer, numerous Silver dollars, bars & rounds, along with various other coins.

Happy Hunting,
Bob Francis, ESMDA President

Minutes: July 2023 Meeting

Reports:

- Secretaries Report: Old business was read from the newsletter
- Treasurer's Report: Current balance as of July 31, 2023, is \$ \$1,447.40. Reports were accepted as read.

Old Business:

- Raffle Reminder: Silver Coin Raffle tickets and Gold Coin raffle tickets are still on sale. The silver coin raffle will be drawn at our August meeting. The Gold coin raffle will be drawn at our Annual Club Hunt.

New Business:

- Annual Club Hunt & Picnic: registration for early bird special has ended. Tickets for the hunt are still available. The cost is \$ \$110 for members in good standing and \$130 for Non-members.
- Tim Myers presentation on the ESMDA & Bennington Battlefield's cooperative effort in locating artifacts at the battlefield was postponed. Once we know the date it has been rescheduled for, we will let you know.
- Lost Ring at Lake: Mike Holt has more information if anyone is interested in helping to try to locate it.

Coin Raffle

Walking Liberty Half Dollar- Glen Galloway

Franklin Half Dollar – John Colaneri

Franklin Half Dollar- Jason Harbeck

**John Colaneri won and donated the coin back to the club. Another raffle ticket was drawn.*

50/50 Raffle Winner- Robert Diehl

Find of the Month

Category: Coin **Votes**
1841 Seated Liberty Quarter– Leo White Winner



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Upcoming Meetings

September 25, 2023
October 30, 2023
November 27, 2023

Find of the Month Contest

September-Toy
October-Relic/ Misc.
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Presidents Message

Start looking around the fields and gardens. They will be harvested very soon. It is time to stop by and introduce yourself to your neighbors and contact the property owners to see if you can receive permission to get out in those fields. Don't forget once you get a permission be sure to ask the owner where a good spot would be to park to stay off the road and out of their way. Once you know that, it is time to see if they know any of the property's history. Respect the property owner's time. Sometimes getting permission and minimal details is enough.

The Annual Hunt & Picnic is this weekend, and we all hope the weather will be nice to us for most of the day.

This month's meeting is at the Gateway Diner. We will send out reminders to everyone about the change in venue for October.

Bob Francis
ESMDA President

August Find of the Month Winner: Dennis Deweerdt
Category: Jewelry



Minutes: August 2023 Meeting

Reports:

- Secretaries Report: Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Treasurer's Report: Current balance as of August 26, 2023, is \$ \$2,559.40. Reports were accepted as read.

Old Business:

- Silver Coin Raffle was drawn at the August meeting.
First Prize- Ed Hedlund
Second Prize- Ed Hedlund
Third Prize- Andrew Vacco
- Lost Ring at Lake Update: The ring has been recovered!

New Business:

- Meeting Location: Starting in October 2023 we will begin meeting again at the Latham Fire House located at 226 Old Loudon Rd, Latham, NY 12110. The Gateway Diner has decided to go back to their pre-covid policy of charging groups \$50 per occasion to rent their banquet room.
- Annual Club Hunt & Picnic: The is on September 23 at Berne Town Park. Thank you to Bob Lavoy of Northeast Metal Detectors for donating a Vanquish 340 for our Annual Club Hunt! Also, thanks to Craig Wilson for donating a 2023 1 oz Silver American Eagle to the hunt!

Coin Raffle

1832 Large Cent: Will Lawton
1942 Walking Liberty Half Dollar: Jackie Jensen
1964 P Kennedy Half Dollar: Robert Diehl
1993 Bill of Rights Silver Half Dollar: Craig Wilson

50/50 Raffle Winner- Jackie Jensen

Find of the Month

<u>Category: Jewelry</u>	<u>Notes</u>
14k Gold Ring with Stone- Dennis Deweerdt	10
Cub Scout Silver Ring- Leo White	5
Vintage Costume Jewelry Pin- Glen Galloway	4
Silver Pandora Ring- John Colaneri	3
Brass Ring- Mike Genier	1



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October 2023

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October 30, 2023
November 27, 2023
January 29, 2023

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Presidents Message

Well, change is in the air again. Not only are cooler mornings upon us and the crops are almost all harvested, but we are switching back to the Latham Firehouse.

Not everyone is happy with this change, and I realize that. However, this change is necessary. The Gateway Diner has gone back to their pre-COVID policy of charging a deposit for each meeting and if we didn't meet a minimum purchase amount of food, they would keep all or a portion of our deposit. We actively looked but did not find any other "no cost" options for the club.

Moving forward, we have the firehouse reserved for October and November of this year and all of next year.

Tim Myers has agreed to do a presentation at this meeting. He will provide details and insight into our club's cooperative effort with NYS to detect at the Bennington Battlefield. It should be an interesting talk.

After I retired from my job, I was hoping my private life would become less complicated, but that has not been the case. So, as most of you may have heard, I decided to not run for President next year. My current term will end in April of 2024. I will remain a member and will still be willing to help out whenever I can.

Happy Hunting
Bob Francis, ESMDA President

September Find of the Month Winner: Scott Danni



Minutes: September 2023 Meeting

Reports:

- Secretaries Report: Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Treasurer's Report: Current balance as of September 25, 2023, is \$1,881.40. Reports were accepted as read.

Old Business:

- Annual Club Hunt & Picnic: Hunt was held on Saturday September 23. There was a total of 46 hunters.

Gold Coin Winner- Jackie Jensen
Early Bird Winner- Edward Hedlund
50/50 Raffle Winner-Seneca Woodin
Treasure Chest Winner- Pat Bidding
Minelab Vanquish 340 Winner- Bobby Denault
Garrett AT Max winner- Cliff Monges
Teknetics Pin Pointer Winner- Will Lawton

Thank you to all our club hunt sponsors!

- Ferris Coin & Stamps
- Northeast Metal Detectors
- Garrett Metal Detectors
- Collar City Mushrooms

Thank you to Jan Satterlee for all his help with the club hunt! Jan helped set up on Friday evening and Saturday morning as well as help clean and pack up on Saturday afternoon. Also, thanks to Craig Wilson for donating a 2023 1 oz Silver American Eagle to the hunt!

New Business:

- Bob Francis announced at the annual club hunt and picnic that he will not accept a nomination for President or any other board position in 2024.
- Fall Out metal detecting hunt is on Nov. 5. Contact Gino DiCarlo for more information.

Coin Raffle

1848o Seated Half Dime- Seneca Woodin
1891o Seated Dime- Margaret Simmonds
1944P Walking Liberty ½ Dollar- Ashley Jensen
1964p Kennedy Half Dollar- John Flansburg

50/50 Raffle Winner- Scott Danni

Find of the Month

<u>Category: Toy</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Ridge Rock Ford Toy Car- Scott Danni	10
Police Toy Badge- Leo White	6

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February 26, 2024

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Presidents Message

Well, it is the season to be with family and friends. Also, time to get out and test our limits of fall into winter detecting. We have been lucky a few years and have been able to get into late December or even early January before the ground gets too stiff to dig. Rifle hunting seasons are open throughout upstate NY. We have almost all year to detect they have a very limited time to hunt. Be sure to wear bright colors and be watchful and respectful of the hunters.

I want to thank all of you for another good year of friendship and camaraderie. And a big thanks to Marie Fryc, Lisa Stanco and Margaret Simonds for their work each month and throughout the year to make things run smoothly.

The November 27th meeting is the last of the year, so I hope to see you there. At the January meeting we have the Find of the Year event, and the scavenger hunt sheets will be tallied. Be sure to look on our website for those sheets and check off how many items you've found in 2023.

Whether you stay home or travel this holiday time, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Happy Holidays,
Bob Francis, ESM DA President

October Find of the Month Winner- Scott Danni



Minutes: October 2023 Meeting

Reports:

- Secretaries Report: Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Treasurer's Report: Current balance as of October 30, 2023, is \$ 536.40. Reports were accepted as read.

Old Business:

- **2023 Scavenger Hunt Contest:** Forms will be collected at the January 2024 meeting and winner will be determined. If you can't attend the January 2024 meeting you can email your form to Lisa Stanco prior to January 29.

New Business:

- **Upcoming Raffles:** We will be holding two raffle drawings in 2024.
January – April: Scratch-off Lottery Tickets Tree
May – August: Silver Coins
More details to come.
- Nominations for club officers is in February. Voting will happen in April.

Coin Raffle

1964 5 Coin Set- Jan Satterlee
1772 1 Reale- John Colaneri
1872 3 Cent Nickel- Jim Young
1963 Franklin Half Dollar- Chris Rem

50/50 Raffle Winner- Leo White

Find of the Month

Category: Relic/Misc.	Votes
Chauffeurs Badge- Scott Danni	7
Silver Napkin Holder- Robert Hill	6
Civil War Store Token- Craig Wilson	4
Musket Ball- Ashley Jensen	4
Pocketknife- Leo White	2
1922 Truck Hub- Jan Satterlee	2
Bridle Rossett- Roland Ozlos	0
Brake Petal-Bob Francis	0

