

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE EMPIRE STATE METAL DETECTOR ASSOCIATION

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December 2015 - January 2016

Upcoming Meetings

January 25, 2016
February 29, 2016
March 28, 2016
April 25, 2016

Find of the Month

January – Miscellaneous
February – Relic
March – Toy
April – Coin

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Topic of the Month

November – Finds of the Year – (show and tell)

December – No Meeting
Happy Holidays

January – TBA

February – TBA &
Nomination for Board
Members

Presidents Message

Let us please take a moment to remember all of our Empire State Metal Detector Association family who we lost during 2015. They will be all missed continually.

Well, we went out detecting on January 14th and the ground was not frozen at all, didn't find much but as they say "any day detecting...".

This week the temperatures are moderate again and the ground still will not be frozen deeply so get out and detect. Since we all live in the northeast we all know how to dress for this weather. Get out detecting but stay warm. Let's hope that 2016 will be a great year for detecting just as 2015 was.

Once again I want to ask all club members to please try to help with programs this year. You have great ideas and great abilities. Some of our best programs over the last years have been those presented by new members. We will convene a program committee in February to plan programs for the year. Please join us in this effort. We need your help! If any member has any ideas PLEASE let us know.

To kick off this year we will have a "Finds of the Year for 2015" program. This was a new annual program that was started last year and we would like to continue. Every member has an opportunity to bring in finds for each of regular the monthly categories. Please bring in your finds. You did NOT have to bring anything in during the regular meetings during 2015 to qualify and participate. ANY member can bring entries for the Find Of The Year for each regular category. So you can bring an entry for EACH category: Relic, Toy, Coin, Miscellaneous and Jewelry. Let's have fun with this and everyone participate.

Tim Myers, Pres ESMDDA

November Presentation – Find of the Year – This was an open format where members could display finds they dug during 2015. Many members brought wonderful finds. There were musket balls, a British bayonet, coins, buttons, tokens, rings, earrings, gun parts, toy cars, a musket rifle barrel, even non-metal items found while digging or searching. It was great to hear about where and how they found these items. Members were able to help identify or provide more background detail on items found. Every year this is an opportunity to support our fellow detectorists and share our knowledge.

Minutes: November 2015 ESMDDA Meeting

Treasurer's Report- balance of \$5,435.10 the motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

Old Business: Still not buying silver – the low prices have prompted high premiums.

New Business: A member had e-mailed the Secretary of the club with an interest in seeing if there was a way of involving out of state or out of town members in the raffles that take place throughout the year to raise funds for the club. While it has never been stated that any member could not participate, there were not guideline developed to deal with it. Comments and concerns centered around the timely receipt of checks in the mail prior to a drawing, would the member want the tickets sent to them or could a scanned copy of the tickets be provided to them, then the issue was raised about if they one, say a metal detector who would pay for shipping and handling. This new business was tabled until we start the new year and a committee may be created to solicit input and find solutions to involve our out of state/town members.

A member brought to the floor a concern that he felt the vote to either accept or deny the resignation of the President of the club was done in secret and was done against the By-Laws and/or Roberts Rule of Orders. It was felt that the vote should have been taken at a regular meeting and not by e-mail and phone calls – on the other opinion was that the best way to reach all voting members since they do not always show up at every meeting was to reach them by e-mail or phone. Several sections of the By-Laws and Roberts Rules were quoted by both sides. After a lengthy discussion no conclusion seemed possible. A motion was made by John Kotwas to accept the results of the e-mail vote and move forward. Bruce Bink second the motion. The Club Secretary (Bob Francis) read off the names of the voting members present at the meeting, it was determined that we had a quorum and a vote was taken by show of hands. The vote passed 13 to 2 in favor of accepting the e-mail vote.

Another concern was brought up about information on and control of the website www.esmda.com. As part of the discussion about who had control of the website a history of its development was read to the members at the meeting. It was revealed that in 2009 Peter Teal volunteered to develop the site. He wrote the code, developed the website, paid for the website name, and has paid a monthly upkeep fee out of his own pocket. During 2009 when the newsletters mention the development and later a possible vote to pay a re-occurring fee for the website, no further action and no vote was taken by the club. Peter volunteered to change some information on the website and also will work with Bob Francis to provide information from the old site in case a new website needs to be developed. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was second and the meeting was ended.

Come join us at the monthly meetings, 7 pm at the SW Pitts Fire Company located at 226 Old Loudon Road in Latham, for a great time. Don't miss the chance to meet with other club members to exchange tips, show off your finds and maybe win one of the nice coins available in the coin raffles.

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Website Currently Is Under Construction

February 2016

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Topic of the Month

February –
Nomination for Board Members, New Website intro, Review of proposed changes in the By-Laws

March – Getting Permission

April – Cleaning & Preserving Finds – Vote for Officers

May – Detecting Safety

Presidents Message

As I write this it is the coldest day of the year – below zero. It is amazing that we were out detecting two days ago and the ground was not frozen at all. So you can get out if you want to – just dress for it and be safe. This is the time of the year is a time to do some research on new sites. Spend time doing the research and you will have some nice sites to detect in the spring if you do not like detecting in the cold weather. It is just 33 days away!

The Program Committee met a couple of weeks ago, it was just the officers. PLEASE get involved by suggesting programs or by volunteering to do one. Some of the best ones we have had were by new members.

We also had a committee of five members meet to revise the bylaws. Not many changes really but they will be presented at the February meeting.

The new website is ready to go and we will vote at the February meeting to accept it, to get it paid for and to get it up and running. Bob Francis has done an outstanding job on this. If you have never built one I have to tell you that it is very time consuming. You will love it!

The next important thing on the agenda will be nominations of officers. Nominations must be made from the floor, they will be posted in the March newsletter and voting members will cast their vote at the April meeting.

To recap, the agenda for the February meeting is to hold nominations for officers, review and comment on the proposed new website, and review the potential changes to the By-Laws.

In accordance with the current By-Laws "Any proposed amendment (to the By-laws) that is presented during a regularly scheduled monthly meeting may not be acted upon during that same meeting." So this is a review of the potential changes and no changes will be voted on at this meeting.

Tim Myers, President ESMDA

January Presentation – Find of the Year – This was an open format where members could display finds they dug during 2015 in the five categories of Toy, Jewelry, Relic, Coin, and Miscellaneous. A vote was taken by show of hands for best of each of the categories. A few members brought wonderful finds. It was good for all of us to hear about where and how they found these items.

Find of the Year

	Votes
Coins: 1957 - 50 PTAS – Mike Davis	9
1985 US Constitution Coin	12
Misc.: Dog Tax Tag 310 – Marie Fryc	4
Dog Tag A65619 – 1974	1
Dog Tag 1950 – Cheryl Huxhold	0
Brass bell – Angelo Primo	10
Hearth (Salamander) - Tim Myers	5
Relic: Compact – Mike Davis	9
GW1 14 button – Tim Myers	11
Jewelry: Religious metal (Latin) – Cheryl Huxhold	14
Watch – Tom Durand	4
Drop earring – Mike Genier	3
Toy: No entries in this category	

Minutes: January 2015 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's Report- balance of \$5,627.10 the motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

Old Business: The www.esmda.org website has been taken down and is no longer functional.

New Business:

- Two votes were taken – one to create a new club website and the second to give all officers of the club access to the new site when created. Both votes passed.
- Announced that Sept. 10, 2016 is the next Club Hunt and Picnic. Mark it on your calendars.
- The monthly programs committee was announced and the meeting date will be sent by e-mail. Any member can submit ideas and are welcome to attend the meeting.
- The President announced a By-Laws committee will be formed to review and suggest changes to the By-Laws.
- Tim Myers announced that both the Fire House meeting location and the Knox Town Park have been reserved again for 2016.
- A motion was brought up, seconded and passed by unanimous vote to pay an honorarium fee to the Latham Fire Dept. and Knox Town Park for their contributions to the club.
- A luminal expert said that 7 of the musket balls and/or grape shot found at the Bennington Battlefield Hunt tested positive for blood. When a final report is produced the club members will be informed.
- Remember – the time to start looking and firming up group hunt locations is now. If you have a location firm it up, and for anyone that has contacts but doesn't want to do the leg work please let one of the officers know so we can make the initial contact.
- The local coin dealer is selling silver again – a vote was taken to spend \$2,500 on silver coins for planting at the club hunt.
- The raffle for a Teknetics G2 Metal Detector will start at the February meeting with the drawing at the April 25, 2016 meeting.
1 ticket for \$5 or 3 tickets for \$10
- Suggestion made to buy two more 10 oz. silver bars for raffle – a motion made, voted on and passed.
- Check the recent Western/Eastern Treasures Magazine for an article by a local writer.

Coin Raffle

1833 Capped liberty half dime (holed) – Mike Genier
1819 Large Cent – Cheryl Huxhold
1841 Large Cent – Tom Spaulding
1797 Carolus III – 2 Reale – Ron Phelps

50/50- The winner – Dennis Donohue

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March 2016

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Find of the Month

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June – Miscellaneous
July – Relic

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Topic of the Month

March – Getting Permission
April – Cleaning & Preserving Finds – Vote for Officers
May – Detecting Safety
June – TBA
July - TBA
August - TBA

Presidents Message

As I write this it is raining today. Rain doesn't really stop many of you from detecting though. If you do go out detecting, just dress warm and stay dry. I always try to remember to bring dry clothes, especially socks, on rainy days. The ground is totally thawed out! The areas that were frozen this year were mostly the fields and yards and the wide open woods. If you haven't been out detecting yet, get your detector revved up and get out and swing. Make sure to replace the batteries so your detector will stay strong when you hit your favorite areas. One of the worse things that can happen is for the batteries in your detector to die when you are out swinging. Some ESMDA club members have already been making great finds! They have been posting them on the Facebook page which is linked from the new club web site.

If you have not visited the new web site yet, you should do so. It is great and we expect many new things to be added to it over the next few months. Here is the link: <http://www.esmdaclub.com/>

Once again I want to ask all club members to please try to help with programs this year. You have great ideas and great abilities. Some of our best programs over the last years have been those presented by new members. We have some great programs planned this year but need you to help us get them done. Also please remember the program list that we come up with is by no means chiseled in stone. If any member has an idea for a topic, PLEASE let us know and we will work it into the schedule.

The program at the ESMDA club meeting this month should be a good one. We have well known detectorist Todd Yerks coming up from Connecticut to talk about getting permission to detect private properties.

Todd has been detecting for about 17 years, he lives in east CT and is a very successful relic and coin hunter. Todd has his own web site he calls "Go Colonial or Go Home" where he give tips on detecting, cleaning and how he gets permission. He will be nominated for "Relic Hunter of the Year" at the Best of the Northeast Treasure Hunt. Please make sure you come and take part in this program.

Tim Myers, President ESMDA

February Presentations

1) Nominations were held for Club Officers. Nominations were made from the floor - the nominees were:

Tim Myers – for President
Bob Francis – for President
Marie Fryc – for Vice President
Bob Francis – for Secretary
Lisa Conrad – for Treasurer

2) Bob Francis presented the proposed changes to the By-Laws to the members. Some additional wording alterations were made by members during the meeting and will be incorporated into the proposed changes. The proposed changes will be posted on the website and with the March Newsletter for further review and comment by the members.

3) Bob Francis presented the new Club website and demonstrated the basics on navigating the site. Please check out the site at: <http://esmdaclub.com>

Minutes: February 2015 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's Report- balance of \$3,144.10 the motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

Old Business:

- Tim Myers did not buy the silver bars authorized by the club because silver prices went up again. When prices come down, the bars will be purchased.
- The Program Committee met and no members showed except for the Club Officers. A tentative program schedule was set with several months open for topics.

New Business:

- Reminder that Sept. 10, 2016 is the next Club Hunt and Picnic. Mark it on your calendars.
- Some people in Brunswick, NY are looking for their property markers any club member interested please contact Tim Myers for info.
- The Great Outdoors Sporting Expo (May 21, 2016) in Walden, NY is looking for one or two people to attend the expo and demonstrate several lower end metal detectors to attendees. Anyone interested please contact Tim Myers or Bob Francis for more info.
- Streeter's "Bone 23" Treasure Hunters Week April 19 – 24 in New Hampshire. For more details see the website: <http://streeter.org/product/bone-23/> Additionally, on April 23rd at the event Bob Lavoy will be inducted into the Metal Detector Hall of Fame.
- May 14, 2016: VA Beach, VA - 29th Annual Open hunt sponsored by the Tidewater Coin and Relic club for more details see: <http://tc-rc.com/>
- The By-Laws Committee met and the proposed changes were presented in the meeting.
- A vote was taken to approve monthly or yearly payments for the Club website and domain name. The payment for the account is under Bob Francis and all officers will have access to add or remove information from the site after contacting and informing other officers of their intent.

Find of the Month – Relic

	<u>Vote</u>
Spoon & handle – Cheryl Huxhold	1
Thimble – Tom Spaulding	3
Artwork button – Ron Phelps	12
1926 Chauffeurs medallion – Tim Myers	1
Gold Ring – Jim Bunkoff	0
Masonic Ring – Mike Davis	4
Bottle opener – Jim Bunkoff	0
3 – Spoons – Jan Satterlee	0
Harness pendant (medieval) – Pete Gallacchi	8
Pewter spoon handle – Gino DiCarlo	2

Coin Raffle

1801 large Cent – Pete Gallacchi
1805 2 Maravedis – Pete Gallacchi
1834 Large Cent – Jeff Mayott
1844 Seated Half Dime (holed) – Jon Raymond
50/50- The winner – Jan Satterlee

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April 2016

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April 25, 2016
May 2016
June 27, 2016
July 25, 2016

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April – Coin
May – Jewelry
June – Miscellaneous
July – Relic
August – Toy

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Topic of the Month

April – Cleaning & Preserving Finds – Dan Casey & Vote for Officers
May – Detecting Safety
June – Beach & Water Detecting
July – Update on Bennington Battlefield hunt – if available
August – What the Hell John Lewis

Presidents Message

I know that many, if not most, of our club members have been out detecting already. It's that time of year, even for those of us who hate the cold! Please contact someone else in the club to set up a day detecting. That is one of the purposes of joining a bunch of other people in a group like ours, so you can get out detecting. That's what it is all about. If you have given thought to setting up any small group detecting day please let us know so as a club we can help you get it going or putting the word out for you. This is also a great time to do that.

I know that many of us are less active during the cold weather. If you have been inactive and are just now getting back out with your detector, don't overdo it. Like any other exercise you have to work yourself back into it, metal detecting is the same. To get into detecting shape don't overdo it the first couple of times out. You'll get there. If you have not been out detecting be sure to re-charge or replace your batteries. Make sure you go through the 'stuff' you bring with you when you are detecting to insure it is all usable. Sharpen your digger and shovel too.

This month we have long time member Dan Casey, who is an expert in cleaning and preserving finds doing a presentation on just that. If you have not heard Dan on this topic you will find it very interesting and informative.

I have ordered the two silver bars for raffle and I was notified that they have been shipped – I should have them at our next meeting. Remember to sell all of the raffle tickets for the G-2 Teknetics Detector [and turn them in] – it will be given away at the April meeting. Happy Detecting!

Tim Myers, President ESMDA

March Presentation

WOW, a very nice presentation by a rather dynamic personality on Asking Permission by Todd Yerks. Todd gave an enthusiastic presentation that included ideas like:

- Tell everyone you know about your hobby,
- Don't just tell them ...let them know you are looking for more places to go,
- Create a simple business card, give it to friends, family and most of all strangers that you strike up a conversation with or that person you knock on the door and talk with,
- If you do get permission, be respectful of their property, maybe give them a little gift of appreciation, Indian head penny or something similar to say thanks,
- Don't leave without asking if they know someone else that might like to know what is in their yard.

To learn more about Todd and his metal detecting exploits check out his website: <http://cttodd.com/>

Minutes: March 2016 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's Report- balance of \$3,493.10 the motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

Old Business:

- Reminder of the Teknetics G-2 raffle ticket still on sale and the drawing is at the April meeting.
- The 1st of the two raffles for the 10 oz. Silver Bar will start at the May meeting. This was very popular last year and we are hoping to be as successful this year.

New Business:

- By-Law changes were reviewed after being posted on the website and with the previous newsletter. A vote was taken to accept the changes and passed with a majority vote.
- The club was looking for anyone that had contact information for Lost Treasures Magazine so that we could advertise the club hunt. Please contact one of the board members if you have this information.
- Looking for people to get out there and ask about locations we can do group hunts. Even if you have an idea or talked to someone that you know about it another club member or club officer may be able to seal the deal. Think about it and let us know.

Find of the Month – Toy

	<u>Vote</u>
Train Engine – Angelo Primo	4
Bisque doll body parts – Cheryl Huxhold	2
Hot Wheels Jeep – Pete Gallacchi	2
Pewter or lead Bear figure – Marie Fryc	4
Magicians Coin – Jan Satterlee	2
1930's car – John Kotwas	Everyone else!

Coin Raffle

1701 George III Spade (Game Coin) – Brant Young
1775 – 1 Reale – Tom Spaulding
1833 Large Cent – Mike Genier
1858 3 Cent (Trime) – Jon Jasewicz
50/50- The winner – Pete Stofa

SPECIAL NOTICE:

The Annual Club Hunt and Picnic will be held on Sept. 10, 2016 at the Berne Town Park, 1656 Helderberg Trail (Rt. 443), Berne NY.

Complications with the Town of Know forced this change. More details will be provided at the April meeting. New maps and directions will be developed and posted as soon as possible.

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May 2016

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Wed. May 25 2016
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August 29, 2016

Find of the Month

May – Jewelry
June – Miscellaneous
July – Relic
August – Toy
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August – What the Hell John Lewis
September – Club Hunt Recap

Presidents Message

First, I have to thank ESMDA members for putting your trust back in your officers and re-electing all of us. With the help and support of ALL of you we will continue to do the best job we can to help keep ESMDA one of the top Metal Detecting Clubs in the US. Some of you may not know that we are one of the oldest clubs in the US having been founded over 50 years ago. This year will be our 46th Annual Club Hunt and Picnic. Please be sure to check out the new website for hunt information AND maps to the new location for our 2016 hunt.

We just spent a great day detecting 4 different fields. It was cloudy in the morning and sunny by the afternoon. The wind was howling all day though. I have found that it is always better to be out swinging than doing anything else. We made a few finds, nothing outstanding, but that's not really the point is it. For many of us the best part of detecting is the fraternity, the socializing and the banter. There is nothing better than getting a couple of people or a few people together doing what we all enjoy. I really like the sitting around while having lunch or out in the field and just talking about detecting or whatever. I know most of you enjoy that part of it too. Be sure to hook up with other club members and go out detecting.

This month's presentation will be on safety while detecting. This is a very important topic and we wanted to make sure we had this presentation early in the spring while many members were getting out detecting. This will be interesting and a very informational presentation. Try not to miss it.

This month also we will have raffle tickets available for the first of two 10 oz. silver bars. Silver has been rising in value for the past couple of weeks and is a very good investment. This is a fund raiser for us also, so please be sure to grab a few tickets to sell and buy a few for yourself as well!

Please remember May is the month when we have our meeting a week early because of Memorial Day.
May meeting is Wednesday May 25th.

Tim Myers, President ESMDA

April Presentation

Cleaning & Preserving Finds – Dan Casey: Dan did a wonderful presentation. Not only did he demonstrate the cleaning of a specific find, but also provided us with technical information on why certain methods work and others do not. As usual rubbing the object to clean it as soon as it comes out of the earth is a "no, no", this may actually do more damage. Curb your enthusiasm; put your find in a small case, pouch or container surrounded by cotton or material that will not allow a lot of movement during the rest of your metal detecting activities. This will reduce the potential for scratching. Once you are home you can start the cleaning process. Be sure to check your find after short periods during the cleaning process so you do not over clean or remove more than you want. Dan suggested reading or buying: "The Cleaning & Preserving of Coins and Metals" by Gerhard Welter. It provides valuable information to help us clean and preserve our precious finds.

NOTE: MAY meeting - WED. MAY 25, 2016

Minutes: April 2016 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's Report- balance of \$3,488.50 the motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

Old Business:

- The 1st of the two raffles for the 10 oz. Silver Bar will start at the May meeting. Tickets will be available at the May meeting so be sure to pick some up for yourself and take some to sell to friends and family.

New Business:

- The Knox Town Supervisor changed the date of the Annual Club Hunt & Picnic without our knowledge or input. The club had to make alternate arrangements and we secured the Town of Berne, Town Park for the same date (Sept. 10, 2016) as originally planned with Knox. A map is already up on the website and directions will be posted in June.
- A vote was taken to set the Non-membership fees for attending the Annual Club Hunt & Picnic. The fees were set at:
 - Non-member Early Bird \$90, and
 - Non-member after Early Bird fee of \$110
 - No new or renewal memberships will be accepted on the day of the Club Hunt.
- Board Member elections were held and all board members were re-instated.
Tim Myers – President
Marie Fryc – Vice President
Bob Francis – Secretary
Lisa Conrad – Treasurer
- The winner of the Teknetics G-2 raffle was Brian LaBlake. He was not present and will be notified and given the detector by the member that sold the ticket.

Find of the Month – Toy

	<u>Vote</u>
1878 Carson City (rare) dime –Mike Casey	9
1805 ½ Penny – Jon Jasewicz	7
1885 Liberty Head Nickel(Elusive) – Gino Decarlo	3
1875 Carson City Seated Dime – John Kotwas	4
Civil War Token (Lincoln) – Angelo Primo	2
1851 1 Kreuzer – Dave Quickenton	1
Half coin – US Half Cent – Tom Spaulding	4

Coin Raffle

1774 FM Mexican Reale – Dave Quickenton
1788 – Massachusetts Copper – George Smith
1837 Large Cent – Brant Young
1885 Seated Dime (Silver) – Gino Decarlo

50/50- The winner – Dan Casey

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Topic of the Month

June – Beach & Water
Detecting - Bob Lavoy

July – Update on
Bennington Battlefield
hunt – if available

August – What the Hell
John Lewis

September – Club Hunt
Recap

Presidents Message

We were out detecting yesterday and it was in the 80's and sunny. Make sure you heed the information from Bob Francis last month on safety while detecting. Be sure to have enough fluids. I always bring a small cooler and ice to keep them cold! Remember the ticks are out and use the Sawyers Permethrin or some similar product and a bug spray. We want to enjoy our detecting and not worry about any kind of avoidable issues.

This month's presentation will be on water and beach detecting. We have numerous members who vacation in Cape Cod or North Carolina or Florida and the love to detect the beaches. Just as many, it seems are interested in detecting lakes and streams. This program should be informative. This month will again have raffle tickets available for the first of two 10 oz silver bars. Silver has been rising in value for the past couple of weeks and is a very good investment. This is a fundraiser for us so please be sure to grab a few tickets to sell and buy a few for your self too!

Be sure you get your early bird club hunt form in too. You save \$20 or more and get a chance to win the early bird prize. It must be in by the July meeting to qualify for the early bird.

At this time we have a couple of detectors and many of the coins for token prizes already in hand. As I recall we need about 12 more token prizes. It won't be long until we are finished purchasing all of the items to give away at the hunt. Hope to see you all at the meeting!

Tim Myers, President ESM DA

May Presentation:

Field & Forrest Safety – Bob Francis: How to avoid hazards and stay healthy so each of us can enjoy metal detecting for years to come. Like any trip we take the secret is to be prepared: hydration – water, sports drinks, other fluids; nutrition – snacks and food that provide energy but replace electrolytes; Sun – know the signs and symptoms of heat related illnesses, wear sunblock, brimmed hat, UV rated clothing and remembering “Water, Shade, Rest”, pace yourself and know your limits; Bugs (mosquito's, ticks, black flies, horse flies, etc.) – a variety of personal sprays are available as well as clothing treatments & spays, read up on them, choose and use the ones that best suit your life style; medicines and first aid – don't forget if you take prescription medicines on a time schedule you should be double sure you are on time when you are out detecting, if you are allergic to anything, pack the needed treatments also, first aid supplies – be prepared for cuts and scrapes – band aids and antiseptic crèmes can get you home or to the doctors. With the right clothing, foot ware, fluids and nutrition we'll get the most out of our metal detecting experiences.

Minutes: May 2016 ESM DA Meeting

Treasurer's Report- balance of \$2,418.50 the motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

Old Business:

- The 1st of the two raffles for the 10 oz. Silver Bar was started at the May meeting. Tickets will be available at each meeting until the drawing, so be sure to pick some up for yourself and take some to sell to friends and family.
- The rest of the coins (silver halves and quarters) for the hunt have been purchased
- Review of the token prizes is on going

New Business:

- EARLY BIRD registration for the Annual Club Hunt & Picnic is running out. Early Bird only is good up to and at the July meeting. Don't forget that this is not only a \$20 discount but you are entered into a drawing for the Early Bird prize. Download your form off the club website at www.esmdaclub.com and send your check or money order **made out to Lisa Conrad** to her address found at the left on this newsletter. Please note that the bank will not accept any checks made out to any other person or to the club name or club initials.
- Reminder we secured the Town of Berne, Town Park for the same date (Sept. 10, 2016) as originally planned with Knox. A map is already up on the website and directions will be posted as they are developed.

Find of the Month – Jewelry

<u>Find of the Month – Jewelry</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Victorian Broach or shoe clip – Tom Durand	8
Gold tone necklace - Pete Gallucchi	5
Silver tone bracelet w/blue stones – Bob Francis	3

Coin Raffle

1802 Large Cent – John Raymond
1833 Large Cent – Marie Fryc
1838 Half Dime w/o arrows (holed) – Gino DeCarlo
1854 Half Dime w/arrows – Pete Stofa

Many thanks to Gino DeCarlo who won a second time on the nights coin raffle and asked that we draw another ticket

50/50- The winner – Brant Young

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July 2016

Upcoming Meetings

July 25, 2016
August 29, 2016
September 26, 2016
October 24, 2016
November 28, 2016

Find of the Month

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

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Topic of the Month

July – What the Hell John Lewis

August – To be Announced

September – Club Hunt Recap

October – Update on Bennington Battlefield hunt – if available

Presidents Message

The dog days of summer are on us. We went out detecting yesterday for a few hours, packed it in early because it was too hot and muggy. If you are out in the sun this time of year be sure to have lots of water and sun block. We like to spend most of our time now in the woods if possible.

The schedule this month was for the final report on the Bennington detecting days from last fall. Park ranger Dave Pitlyck reported that there was a delay in the final report and it is now due out in October. Because of this, John Lewis has agreed to do his presentation this month.

This month we will again have raffle tickets available for the first of two 10 oz. silver bars. Silver has been rising in value for the past couple of weeks and is a very good investment. This is a fund raiser for us so please be sure to bring ticket stubs in and buy a few for yourself before we pick the winner. I know I will get a few at the meeting prior to the drawing.

Be sure you get your early bird club hunt form and payment in too. It must be in by this meeting to qualify for the early bird. You save \$20 off the club hunt fee and get a chance to win the early bird prize. All Club Members please remember that your membership must be current ON THE DAY of the club hunt so if it expires over the next two months you must get it paid before Sept 10th.

At the July meeting we expect also to have the raffle tickets for the \$2-1/2 GOLD COIN, 1914 QUARTER EAGLE that will be given away at the hunt this year. Grab them and start selling them for the club. If you are out of town we may be able to mail you some. Please send checks made out to Lisa Conrad for the amount of tickets you want (1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10) and a self-addressed stamped envelope for us to return tickets to you. It may require two stamps! Lisa's address is in the left column of this newsletter and on the website under "Club Officers". Unless you otherwise specify the tickets will be made out to the person on the check or name on the return envelope. So if you are getting tickets for friends or family, be sure you let us know who the tickets should be made out to. Also, since the drawing is at the Club Hunt on September 10th all requests made by mail must be received on or before Sept. 2, 2016.

Based on contact from various metal detecting manufacturing companies we will again have at least five metal detectors to give away this year! For some of them we had to make a partial payment to the company. It takes a lot of work to get those detectors and all of the other donations for our hunt each year. I am sure that all members appreciate those efforts. One way to show your appreciation is to please take part in all the raffles at meetings and especially at the club hunt. These help pay for all of the costs we have at the hunt.

Tim Myers President, ESMDA

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Minutes: June 2016 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's Report- balance of \$1,179.19 the motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

Old Business:

- The Town of Berne said they normally cut the grass in August. They will arrange a meeting with the maintenance supervisor about our exact needs for the grass cutting.
- The Town of Berne mentioned that there may be another site available for 2017. Club officers will look into it and report back.
- We are still having a problem getting vendors to provide free items for the hunt. They all state that times are tough.

New Business:

- One of the vendors said for a small fee we could get a package deal on giveaways. Another said we could get a very good deal on one of the higher end metal detectors. One motion was made for each offer. Both were seconded and approved by the majority.

Find of the Month – Misc.

	<u>Vote</u>
Seal with star – Tom Durand	1
Tiffany key ring - Mike Davis	3
Sharpening stone – Bob Francis	3
4 leaf clover pin – Angelo Primo	8
Canada Goose leg band – Mike Casey	10
2 piece button – Tim Myers	3
Hot rock (magnet sticks to it) – Jon Raymond	0

Coin Raffle

1789 ½ Reale – Mike Grenier
1849 Large Cent – Lisa Stanco
1877 Seated Liberty Dime – Lisa Stanco
1879 Three Cent Nickel – Marie Fryc

June Presentation: Beach and Water Detecting
Once again Bob Lavoy, former president of the association, provided a very good presentation on water and beach detecting.

He showed the attendees a variety of picture of items he has found over the years as well as provided very useful information as to where and why we should detect certain areas.

- Go in the fluffy sand, if someone drops something in the hard sand they find it, in the fluffy sand it disappears quickly;
- Go where the people go, always detect where the crowds of people hang out on the beach;
- Look at tide charts to determine the best time to find the most open beach. This will also help you get farther out into the water when the tide is low
- Always be aware of your surroundings, if you are in a questionable area, it is best to stick around the tourists and shy away from the local's beach areas.

Bob always attends our meetings so please don't hesitate to ask him questions the next time you see him.

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August 2016

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September 26, 2016
October 24, 2016
November 28, 2016

Find of the Month

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

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Topic of the Month

August – General Topics
& Discussion

September – Club Hunt
Recap

October – Update on
Bennington Battlefield
hunt – if available

November - TBA

Presidents Message

As I write this, we are less than a month away from our 46th Annual Club Picnic and Hunt. We have all 64 of the token prizes, the gold coin, the treasure chest and the door prizes set to go. We have 5 metal detectors again, headphones, pouches, diggers, and all kinds of other things. We do need 8 volunteers the day of the hunt to plant coins. This is a new location but the hunt will be a good as ever. We have more early registrations than ever before and we always have a dozen or so who come the day of the hunt to register. It should be a great day. Please be sure to bring a dish to pass - we always have great food. The club provides drinks and hot dogs.

If you have not attended in the past please come on out and join us. You do not have to detect. You can join us just for the picnic and socializing. It is a time to ask questions and to get to know others in the club who enjoy the same hobby. It also is an opportunity to get to know others and to plan days detecting. This will really be a great day! With all the coins we plant in the ground AND the door prizes, everyone wins something, even if you do not find a token.

I have not been out detecting for the last couple of weeks because of the excessive heat and humidity. The weather has finally broken so the next couple of weeks should be great. Get your detectors tuned up and make sure you bring everything to the hunt that you need including extra batteries and something to protect you detector in case of rain. We have had days when it did rain in the past so I suggest being prepared for everything.

This month we will have general discussion of the club hunt and then an open forum-type meeting. Bring questions you have to ask about detecting. Tell us about your favorite day of detecting, about your best find, whatever you like!

Tim Myers, President ESMDA

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Minutes: July 2016 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's Report- balance of \$3,540.21 the motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

Old Business:

- Club Hunt update on token prizes and vendor co-operation.

New Business:

- Volunteers – help will be needed - planting coins, marking out the fields Friday night before the Hunt, setting up the prize tables and coordinating other activities.
- Gold Coin raffle starts tonight with the drawing at the Club Hunt and Picnic
- Suggestion made to combine some tabs on the ESMDA website and add a "Hodge Podge" tab for miscellaneous topics, events and news
- Deep Search Metal Detecting Club is having their 25th Anniversary Open Beach Hunt in Long Branch, NJ on September 17th, 2016. See details at: www.dsmdc.org
- Many thanks to Fred Pfindel for presenting the club officers with an engraved gavel. A photo should be up on the website soon

Find of the Month – Misc.

<u>Find of the Month – Misc.</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Belt Ax – Tim Myers	5
Brass Bell – Bob Francis	4
Engraved two prong fork – Mike Casey	7
Batwing belt buckle – Dave Quickenton	3
Sharpening Stone – Cheryl Huxhold	1

Coin Raffle

1735 King George II Farthing – Angelo Primo
1857 2 Reale – Marie Fryc
1866 Two Cent Piece – Cheryl Huxhold
1868 Three Cent Nickel – Mike Genier

50-50 Drawing – Angelo Primo

10 oz. Silver Bar Winner – Jan Satterlee

July Presentation: "What the Hell?"–John Lewis
John did a wonderful presentation taking us through a comical (however at points serious) journey from his decision to start metal detecting, through his purchases of fine metal detecting equipment and the latest gadgets to increase his ability to make those, all so elusive, but highly valued finds. With each purchase comes a supplemental purchase and with each conversation comes advice on another helpful device that he might want, more that need, to add to his collection.

Overall, a very interesting take on our hobby and he talked about items I didn't know existed...the worst part was that it had me thinking, "Do I need that device to improve my chances".

Many thanks to John for his presentation, his honesty and especially for bringing a little bit of humor to those of us that take our metal detecting hobby way to serious.

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September 2016

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September 26, 2016
October 31, 2016
November 28, 2016

Find of the Month

September – Coin
October – Jewelry
November – Misc.

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Topic of the Month

September – Club Hunt Recap

October – Update on Bennington Battlefield hunt – if available

November – TBA

Presidents Message

What a great day we all had at our 46th Annual Club Hunt Picnic at our new location, Berne Town Park! The ground is flat and the detecting was relatively easy, though, the afternoon was hot and sunny. They have real running water and real bathrooms that were just finished about 2 weeks before we used the facility. Since this was our first year at this facility we may have a learning curve. I am sure there are some things we may have to change. However, I personally think things went pretty well. We gave away 6 metal detectors this year, 100's of donated items from the various metal detecting manufacturers, and about 1300 coins. There was great food and great company. For members who have not attended this event, it is a wonderful time to talk to others from all over the North East United States who enjoy the same hobby as you do. It is a time to pick each other's brains about detecting. It is also an opportunity to find and win great coins that many of us don't typically have an opportunity to find. The socializing with all the other detectorists is one of the best things about our hunt picnic.

We have gotten some great publicity in the Western and Eastern Treasures magazine recently and this led to some new participants this year. There were about 70 detectorists from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and from Long Island and other far away corners of NY State.

Our meeting this month, as always, will be a review of the club hunt. If anyone saw any issues at the hunt that you think we should deal with please be prepared to discuss them with the membership. As an example, your officers are aware that we have to change the penny hunt location next year.

I would like to personal thank everyone who volunteered to help us in any way. I will mention just a few here who I think went above and beyond! Let's all thanks Bob Francis for all of the work he does he helped Lisa divide all of the coins and personally lead a small group in laying out the fields for detecting on Friday night. Angelo and I met with a local guy, Mike Cronwell, a week ahead of time to have the fields brush hogged. Thanks to him. Thanks to Jan Satterlee who was at the facility early to help set up and get the coffee on as he does every year. He also helped with the penny hunt and planting the coins. Big thanks to John Lewis, he not only helps throughout the year, but fills in and covers many positions every year at the hunt. Thanks to Lisa Conrad for all of the work she does, for dividing the coins up, for helping purchase the food and much more. Thanks to Marie Fryc for all she did in

Minutes: August 2016 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's Report: balance of \$5,123.70 the motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

Old Business:

- Review of token prizes. #62 token is missing, will be replaced with "XX" token

New Business:

- Vote taken to pay for grass fields to be cut one more time before the hunt – vote passed by majority of attendees
- Still working to get a date for the talk and info on the Bennington Battle Field archeological hunt results.

Find of the Month – Toy

	<u>Vote</u>
Bennington Marble – Tim Myers	1
Double Decker Bus – Bob Francis	4
Matchbox Double Decker Bus – Jon Raymond	1
"Tex" Cap Gun 1950's – John Genier	4
20/30's Coach style car – Terry Monteau	13

Coin Raffle

1839 Victoria Farthing – Jon Raymond
1849 Large Cent – Lynda Valente
1876 Seated Half Dime – Tom
1927 Standing Liberty – Jeff Mayott

50-50 Drawing – Bob Francis

August Presentation: Open Discussion

-Possibly due paid only during one month of the year
-Scavenger hunt – make a list of many items to find, (ring, charm, toy, boy's toy, girls, toy, farm relic, musket ball, etc.) after a preset time limit, whoever has found the most items on the list, wins a prize of some sort.
-Looking for volunteers for planting coins and setting flags

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Secretary's Message: First I want to thank Angelo Primo, he really buys a lot of the coins we use for the hunts year after year. He watches the price of silver and tries to get us the most for as little as possible. Secondly, Tim Myers does quite a bit behind the scenes buying coins for the hunt, and the token prizes, contacts and convinces our sponsors to give more than they want. This year was a prime example with six detectors for token prizes. Thank you Angelo & Tim!

Presidents message continued:

helping keep me organized and helping things run smoothly. Thanks to Cheryl Huxhold who spent the day helping at the hunt even though she was not able to detect this year. Cheryl you went above and beyond! Thanks to Pete Stofa for coming early to help set up for the day and for grilling the hotdogs on the grill borrowed from Jeff and Deb Mayott – they also came very early and helped set up for the day. Thanks Jeff and Deb. Thanks to all eight of the folks who helped plant coins. I do not remember who all volunteered and I don't want to forget anyone so I'll just say thanks much to all of you. What a great help you all have been every year! I am certain I am forgetting many members and visitors who helped make this a successful event; thanks to all of you!
Tim Myers, Pres. ESMDA

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October 2016

Upcoming Meetings

October 31, 2016
November 28, 2016
January 30, 2017

Find of the Month

October – Jewelry
November – Misc.
January - Relic

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Topic of the Month

October – My favorite day of metal detecting - Open Discussion

November – Update on Bennington Battlefield hunt – if available

Presidents Message

I love this time of year. The leaves are falling and the fields are being cut. This opens up 100's places to metal detect. Now is the time to ask permission to detect the fields in historical areas or just nearby. Remember to ask about old homesteads and look for pottery and other occupation evidence in the fields. It is also the time to find those hidden or obscure cellars in the woods; the ones that are not easy to see or find. Archery season is now open for deer hunting so be cognizant of this when you go in the woods. Safety is an issue but even more important is that you don't want to tick off hunters in tree stand or in blinds. Be careful!

I have been informed by Chris Espenshade, the lead Bennington Detecting Archaeologist from last year, that their report is finish and he posted this message on Friends and Fanatics: "Folks: As I prepare for the final public presentation on the Battle of Bennington project (tentatively scheduled for the evening of November 4, at Hoosick Falls High School), I am again reminded how well this study went. A large part of our success at Bennington was due to the skilled volunteers, including many of your members. I hope you will be able to make the presentation, so you can see how your findings were translated into important interpretations for the battlefield. I will post again once the time and date are finalized. Thanks again to all your members who assisted at Bennington." Chris

If you cannot attend that presentation, Dave Pytlik, the Assistant Ranger, will do a presentation for our club at the November meeting – he could not make it to the October meeting. Make plans to attend one of these meetings. By the way, according to Dave, they did NOT identify the coin that I found in the field on the second day. They are sending it out for ID. I think it is a German coin.

Because of the change at our October meeting we will have a "My favorite day of metal detecting" meeting. All members PLEASE come prepared to talk for 5 minutes about your favorite day detecting. It may be the day you found your favorite relic or coin OR maybe it was the day you had the most fun because of the fraternizing and socializing that you enjoyed. Please tell us about that day.

We also are again asking for a few people to step up and help with our Program Committee on planning programs for next year. Please talk to one of the officers so we can get you on the "help" list. See you on the 31st.

Tim Myers, Pres. ESMDA

Minutes: September 2016 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's Report- balance of \$6,103.91 the motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

Old Business:

- No old business discussed

New Business:

- No new business discussed

Find of the Month – Toy

	<u>Vote</u>
1810 Large Cent – Tim Myers	1
1860-80's Shield Nickel – Bob Francis	0
1852 3cent (trime) – Ed Rifenberg	2
Chinese Marriage Coin – Pete Stofa	4
1811 Large Cent clipped – Angelo Primo	5
Bell from Franklin half dollar – Deb Mayott	1
1876 Seated Quarter – Dan Casey	6

Coin Raffle

1853 Seated Liberty Dime – Ed Rifenberg
1909 Barber Dime (VF) – Jan Satterlee
1866 2 cent piece – Mike Casey

- Thank you to both Jan Satterlee and Mike Casey who donated the coins back to the club

50-50 Drawing – Mike Genier

September Presentation: Club Hunt
Open Discussion:

- Received a very nice Thank you from Mr. & Mrs. Waterhouse they had a nice time.
- Most felt the fields that were planted were large enough.
- The penny hunt needs a larger location if we are here at the Berne Park. Also, only the pennies for the penny hunt are on the surface. All silver coins are planted.
- The people that plant the fields need a little instructions but also need more time to plant.
- Flushing and relatively clean bathrooms were appreciated by all.
- Consider charcoal fire next year if we are still at Berne Park. They have a covered pit.
- Organize food for next year maybe a sign-up sheet and try to get more hot foods.
- Reminder pulse induction machines should not be used at the hunt.

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November 2016

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November 28, 2016
January 30, 2017
February 27, 2017

Find of the Month

November – Misc.
January – Relic
February - Coin

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Topic of the Month

November
Update on
Bennington
Battlefield Hunt
with David Pitlyk

Presidents Message

It is amazing that the weather is still relatively warm and the detecting is nice. Be careful of the ticks - make sure you spray down. As I write this, deer hunting season is a few days from opening. Please do not go in the woods to detect during deer season unless you have bright orange on. Even then I would advise to take some time off and detect fields, private yards and parks or some similar areas.

The officers had our annual detecting day on Sunday, November 13. It was a GREAT day, sunny and warm. We had a great time! Angelo and I took them to a favorite field that we have had permission to detect for many years. We found some buttons, musket balls and lots of 'stuff'. Go out detecting with some other club members - you will have a great time. Meetings are a good time to talk to others about going detecting.

Our November 28th meeting will be the last meeting of the year - as a reminder we take December off - and we have a good one. David Pitlyk - a Bennington ranger will do a presentation on the Bennington Battlefield detecting report for our club. We are having this special presentation because our club had 40 members participate over three weekends in the archaeological detecting survey at the battlefield. Amazingly DNA was found on musket balls that were fired during the battle over 200 years earlier! Interesting!! This will be a great program. You won't want to miss it.

Please remember that we are asking for assistance in the Program Committee. We have not set up programs for next year yet partially because we have had so little input from you, our members. We have no January Program set - we need and WANT new blood on this committee. Please help. We must get participation in order to insure good programs next year.

Please have a wonderful holiday season and a great Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas!

Tim Myers
Pres. ESMDA

Minutes: October 2016 ESMDA Meeting

Treasurer's Report- balance of \$6,214.54 the motion passed to accept the minutes & report.

Old Business:

- We have a standing authorization to buy silver when the price is right.
- The Bennington Battlefield report presentation at the Hoosick Falls High School the evening of Nov. 4th.

New Business:

- Tim will contact the Fire Dept. to renew our use of the space
- Tim will contact Berne and reserve the use of the Town Park.
- Need volunteers for the Program Committee – an e-mail will be going out to all members that have a valid e-mail address for topic suggestions for 2017

Find of the Month – Jewelry

	<u>Vote</u>
Trade ring – Tim Myers	1
Rose – Stone Pendant – Angelo Primo	1
Gold Ring – Jon Jasewicz	1
AM (Jesus) ring/1700's trade ring – J. Kotwas	8

Coin Raffle

1784 - 2 Reale – Lisa Conrad
1865 - 2 Cent Piece – Gino DeCarlo

50-50 Drawing – No Drawing was held

October Presentation: Favorite Day Detecting

Open Discussion: Because of the small turnout on Halloween night, members told stories of their favorite day or days detecting in a fireside style, very casual setting. One member told of a property owner giving permission to detect in his pumpkin patch (fitting for Halloween) and found the owners ring he had lost years before.

Almost all members contributed. As we listened, it was very clear that most of the favorite days of detecting were when they had gone out with other club members or a friend.

Predominately thought of as a one person hobby or sport, it was really good to hear that so many member's best memories were ones they shared detecting with others.

Come join us at the monthly meetings, 7 pm at the SW Pitts Fire Company located at 226 Old Loudon Road in Latham, for a great time. Don't miss the chance to meet with other club members to exchange tips, show off your finds and maybe win one of the nice coins available in the coin raffles.