

# OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE EMPIRE STATE METAL DETECTOR ASSOCIATION

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January 2022

## Upcoming Meetings

**January 31, 2022**  
**February 28, 2022**  
**March 28, 2022**

## 2021 Find of the Year Contest

January 2022

Categories: Relic, Coin,  
Jewelry, Toy, & Misc.

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## Topic of the Month

January 2022-

**2021 Find of the Year Contest**

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

## Presidents Message

Happy New Year. The first meeting of the year is coming up quickly and it brings us another opportunity to get together and catch up.

This is the time of year when the snow cover or frozen ground keeps us from getting out to detect here in the Great Northeast. However, for those few "snowbirds" heading south into the warmer weather and softer grounds to dig, I wish them luck and hope to see their finds when they get back.

It is the time of year to maintain your machines, take the batteries out so they don't corrode, take the time to clean our machines and clean and preserve your precious finds.

This month's meeting will be all about the Finds of the Year 2021. You may bring in one of your best finds for each or any of the five categories. (Relic, Coin, Jewelry, Toy and Miscellaneous) These finds can be one that you submitted during the year of 2021 for a Find of the Month contest or something you haven't submitted before, as long as it was found during 2021. Remember only one item per category. If you only want to enter an item in one or two categories that is fine also.

Voting will take place for the finds in each category and the person with the most votes in each category will receive a Silver Dollar. There will be no Find of the Month at this meeting only Finds of the Year 2021.

I am excited to see all of you at the next meeting and the great things you have found throughout the year.

Bob Francis

ESMDA President

November Find of the Month

Category- Relic  
Winner- Dale Long



## Minutes: November 2021 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance \$3,670.52 the motion passed to accept the minutes and the treasurer's report.

### Old Business:

- A suggestion was made that we switch the night of the meeting from Monday to an alternate day such as Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. A survey was created and sent out to all the club members. The survey results indicated that Monday night was the preferred and first choice selected by the vast majority of the members who completed the survey. It was decided that no changes would be made.
- 2022 Raffles- We are planning to have two different raffles. The first raffle will be a multi-prize silver bar raffle that will run from January until April. The second raffle will run from May through August. The prizes for the second raffle still need to be determined.

### New Business:

- There will be no Find of the month contest at the January 2022 meeting.
- We will be conducting our 2021 Find of the Year contests at the January 2022 meeting. We did not need to purchase any silver dollars for the contest since there were 5 silver dollars left over from the last club hunt.

### Finds of the Month:

Category: Relic	Votes
Rev War 15 <sup>th</sup> Reg. of Foot Button- Dale Long	15
Stirup-Roland Ozols	6
NY State Chauffeur Badge- Leo White	3
Baldric Buckle- Dan Fancher Jr.	1
Conestoga Style Bell- Mike Holt	1
Old Buckle Cover-James Saccia	1
Skeleton Key- Lisa Stanco	0

### Coin Raffle

1846 Large Cent-Paul Hussey Jr.  
1848 Seated Liberty Dime- Leo White  
1864 Two Cent Piece- John Colaneri  
1964 Kennedy Half Dollar- Mark Delaney  
1916 D Barber Quarter (Donated by Robert Francis)- Mike Holt

50/50 Raffle Winner- Dean Johnston

Door Prize (Donated by Andy Sabisch)  
**Minelab Equinox Handbook-** Paul Hussey  
**Simplex Handbook-** John Colaneri  
**CTX 3030 Handbook-** Dan Fancher  
**XP Deus Handbook-** Bruce Raver  
**Minelab Equinox Handbook (Newest Edition)-** Dean Johnson

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February 2022

## Upcoming Meetings

**February 28, 2022**  
**March 28, 2022**  
**April 25, 2022**

## Find of the Month Contest

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

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## Presidents Message

Another winter storm moving in this weekend and it looks like it will delay any early metal detecting plans a little longer. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I hope the snow birds are having great luck where ever they are.

I have been busy making plans for this season and have renewed several permissions. I am also planning a one-week mid-Atlantic state visit next month and hope to get out detecting at the beach. It might have been picked over during the winter months, but I'm still getting out there even it is just to learn how to use my machine a little better.

At this month meeting we will hold the nominations for officers. If anyone is interested in being an officer, please be sure to have someone nominate you. According to the by-laws the nominations are in February, the list of nominees is posted in the March newsletter and the elections are in April.

As always, we are looking for interesting topics and speakers for our meeting, please let one of the officers know if you would be willing to make a presentation or know someone that would.

Hope to see you next Monday night.

Bob Francis

ESMDA President

## 2021 Find of the Year Winners



## Minutes: January 2022 Meeting

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance \$3,677.52 the motion passed to accept the minutes and the treasurer's report.

## Old Business:

- The 2021 find of year contests were held at the January meeting. The winners by category are listed below.  
Relic- Lisa Stanco  
Jewelry- Lisa Stanco  
Coin- Dan Fancher  
Toy- Mike Holt  
Misc.- Robert Hill

## New Business:

- The club discussed the possibility of planning a club sponsored natural hunt for members.
- Nominations for club officers will take place at the February meeting and the elections are in April.

## 2021 Find Of Year

Category: Relic	Votes
Militia Eagle Belt Plate- Lisa Stanco	6
Mortar Shell- James Saccia	3
Open Mouth Bell- Leo White	2
Baldric Buckle- Dan Fancher	1
Musket Ball- Bob Diehl	1
Cast Sledge Head- Bob Francis	1
Militia Belt Plate (Engraved NY)-Gino DiCarlo	0
D- Buckle- Craig Wilson	0
Category: Jewelry	Votes
18K Gold Ring- Lisa Stanco	7
St. Christopher Medal- Leo White	4
Silver Monogrammed Bracelet-Dan Fancher	3
Old Ring- Bob Francis	1
Category: Coin	Votes
1874 CC Half Dollar- Dan Fancher	6
1779 Spanish Half Reale- Craig Wilson	2
British 3 Cent Piece- Leo White	2
1787 Fugio- Gino DiCarlo	2
1907 Liberty V Nickel – Bob Diehl	2
1875 Seated Dime- James Saccia	1
1927 Buffalo Nickel- Bob Francis	0
Category: Toy	Votes
Toy Gun- Mike Holt	5
Pair of Old Toy Cars- Ray Verelli	4
Toy Soldier- Leo White	3
Barkley Toy Soldier- James Saccia	2
Tootsie Toy Car- Dan Fancher	1
Category: Misc.	Votes
1789 GW Inaugural Button With Date- Robert Hill	11
Millions For Defense Hard Times Token- Craig Wilson	1
1929 Dog Tag- Leo White	1
Tailors Thimble – Dan Fancher	1
Flat Button With Design- James Saccia	1
Old Spoon- Mike Holt	0
Horse Bit- Bob Francis	0

## Coin Raffle

**1826 Georgius IV Shilling:** James Looman  
**1846 Braided Hair Large Cent:** James Saccia  
**1904 Barber Quarter:** Bob Lavoy  
**2014 S Silver Arches Quarter:** James Looman

**50/50 Raffle:** Brenda Episcopo

## Scavenger Hunt Winners:

First Place- Lisa Stanco  
Second Place- Gino DiCarlo  
Third Place- Robert Francis

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March 2022

## Upcoming Meetings

**March 28, 2022**  
**April 25, 2022**

## Find of the Month Contest

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

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## Presidents Message

Spring is in the air, the temperatures are rising slowly, fields are thawing nicely and there is still a layer of frost under a few inches of softer soil in most of the wooded areas. I spent five days on the shore metal detecting in Maryland. No great finds but did get a lot of time learning more about my machine on the beach. I came home and received permission for a property in Saratoga. I had a great reminder of why I always bring two machines. After a day and a half out in the cold, my machine with the rechargeable battery was almost depleted. So, switched over and finished the rest of the day with a machine I had only used once before. I was almost forty miles from home and would have had to end my day very early. I'm so glad I had that back-up.

This month we will discuss the nominations, elections, our annual raffles, ways to raise money for the club, topics for speakers and a date for our May meeting. We always look for an alternate date for May because of Memorial Day weekend being the last days of the month.

Hope to see you there.

**Bob Francis**

**ESMDA President**

February Find of the Month Winner: Cheryl Huxhold



## Find of the Month

### Category: Jewelry

	<u>Votes</u>
<b>Hat pin-</b> Cheryl Huxhold	7
<b>18K Gold Charm-</b> Leo White	6
<b>Spoon ring 1934 World's fair-</b> John Colaneri	2

## Minutes: February 2022 Meeting

### Reports:

- Secretaries report was given by Bob Francis - Old business was read from the newsletter
- Treasurer's report – current balance \$3,198.45

Reports were accepted and read.

### New Business:

- The following nominations were made from the floor:
  - President – Bob Francis
  - Vice President – Gino DiCarlo
  - Treasurer – Marie Fryc
  - Secretary – Lisa Stanco
- Bob Francis accepted the nomination for President, Gino DiCarlo declined the nomination for Vice President, Marie Fryc accepted the nomination for Treasurer and Lisa Stanco accepted the nomination for Secretary. Filling the vacant Vice President position will be discussed at the March meeting.
- A concern was raised over the amount currently in the club account and if we will raise enough money to fund the annual club hunt.
  - Monies will be raised with two raffles the first currently active for 1<sup>st</sup> place a 5 oz. silver bar; 2<sup>nd</sup> place two 1 oz. silver bars and 3<sup>rd</sup> place a 1 oz. silver bar. The second raffle item or items have not been determined yet.
  - A suggestion was made to hold a smaller fee-based hunt to raise extra money for the main hunt. Locations and details were not discussed
  - Bob Francis suggested we make items available for sale that detectorists might want but don't want to buy in bulk such as cardboard coin holders and plastic capsule coin holders. The club would buy them in bulk and make smaller quantities available to members at meeting.
  - It was also mentioned that at least one other club receives coins donated from members either for the monthly coin raffles or for the annual hunt prizes.
  - More ideas are welcome.

### Coin Raffle

**1626-1708 Heri DeFourcy Token-** Dennis DeWeerd  
**1929-S Walking Liberty ½ Dol.-** Angelo Primo (Angelo donated it back to the club. Thank you, Angelo!)

**1964 Kennedy ½ Dol. –** Bill Lawton

**50/50 Raffle:** Winner- Bob Lavoy



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April 2022

## Upcoming Meetings

April 25, 2022

May 23, 2022

June 27, 2022

July 25, 2022

## Find of the Month Contest

April- Coin

May- Misc.

June- Relic

July- Jewelry

August- Toy

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## Presidents Message

Spring is here...or is it? It keeps teasing us with good weather then covers the ground in snow. The good news is that most of the ground under the snow has thawed sufficiently to dig when the opportunity strikes.

Keeping with the spring theme, we will be starting our annual Spring Silver Hunt in a few weeks. The details will be announced after the token coins are planted in the parks.

The Silver Bar Raffle drawing will be held at this meeting. It is a great opportunity to win. First place is a 5oz Silver bar, second is 2-1oz. Silver bars and third is 1-1oz. Silver bar. Please bring a little extra cash for any last-minute purchases.

We have submitted our Permit for the use of the Town of Berne Park again this year and it was accepted for Sept. 10, 2022. Please keep that date open for our 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Club Hunt and Picnic.

I will be giving a presentation at this month's meeting on Spanish Colonial Coins, specifically reales. I learned more about reales by developing this presentation and I hope to pass that along to you.

Bob Francis,

ESMDA President

## February Find of the Month Winner: Roland Ozols

### Find of the Month

Category: Toy	Votes
Airplane – Roland Ozols	8
Small cap gun – Leo White	4
Pewter Soldier – Jim Scaccio	4
Horse – Mike Holt	1
Sand shovel - Bob Francis	0

## Minutes: March 2022 Meeting

### Reports:

- Secretaries report was given by Bob Francis- Old business was read from the newsletter
- Treasurer's report – current balance \$3,381.45. Reports were accepted and read.

### New Business:

- The May meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022.
- A motion was made and passed to re-open nominations for the Vice President position. Leo White was nominated and accepted, Margaret Simmonds was nominated and declined. The nominations were closed and the nomination for Leo White for Vice President stands going into the April elections.
- A discussion over the Spring Silver Hunt took place. It was decided that this year a Barber Half Dollar would be given out for each token found and the names of those that found a token would be put in a drawing for a Silver Dollar or 1 oz. Silver Bar. Specific details of the hunt will be provided at a later date.
- The second raffle of the year was discussed and members overwhelmingly would like \$150 worth of NYS Lottery Scratch Off tickets as the main prize. That raffle will start in May and end at the August meeting.
- Additional ways to raise funds for the Annual Club hunt was brought up. Looking into selling logo badges, pins and stickers along with the logo t-shirts from previous outings. The idea of selling coin holders was also discussed.
- Topics for speaker – the ongoing request for topics and speakers yield one volunteer from the membership. Additionally, Bob Francis said he would put together a presentation for the April meeting. We will look into getting the person that did the button presentation during one of our zoom meetings. A member mentioned interest in Indian trade items such as kettle points, rings, etc. More ideas are always welcome.
- A location in the Port of Albany will take small quantities of copper, brass and more. The items should be separated to get the best price. We will look into getting more details.

### Coin Raffle

1851 Braided Hair Large Cent – Margaret Simmonds

1887 Seated Liberty Dime – Jeremy Toomey

1957 Franklin Half Dollar – Mike Genier

1972 S Eisenhower Dollar – Bob Diehl

**50/50 Raffle:** Winner- Dan Fancher

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May 2022

## Upcoming Meetings

May 23, 2022  
June 27, 2022  
July 25, 2022  
August 29, 2022

## Find of the Month Contest

May- Misc.  
June- Relic  
July- Jewelry  
August- Toy  
September- Coin

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## Presidents Message

We are quickly heading into summer and the opportunities abound to get out and detect. Soon the fields will be fertilized and planted and we will once again head to the beaches, yards and wooded areas. Please be prepared! We need to stay hydrated, protect our skin from the direct sun and don't forget the bug spray.

The Spring Silver Hunt is currently underway. Congratulations to everyone who has already found a token! There are still a few more out there. Token prizes from the hunt will be given out at the June meeting.

The raffle for \$150 of NYS Lottery tickets starts at the May 23rd meeting. A variety of different denominations of scratch off tickets will be purchased. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the August meeting.

At this time, the May meeting is an open format. A great opportunity to sit and chat with your fellow detectorists, catch up on what they are doing, maybe have dinner and also talk with any of the board members to give them your thoughts and ideas.

At the June meeting there will be a presentation on musket balls and it should be very informative. We are working on, but have not firmed up, a few ideas for topics and speakers going into July and August at this time. I hope to see many of you there.

As always Happy Hunting!

Bob Francis,  
ESMDA President

**April Find of the Month Winner: Lisa Stanco**



## Minutes: April 2022 Meeting

### Reports:

- Secretaries report - Old business was read from the newsletter
- Treasurer's report was given by Margaret Simmonds – current balance \$3,702.45. Reports were accepted and read.

### Old Business:

- Elections for Officers: The new board, that ran unopposed, was elected to office as per the by-laws.

President – Bob Francis  
Vice President – Leo White  
Secretary – Lisa Stanco  
Treasurer – Marie Fryc

- Silver Bar Raffle: The drawing for the Silver Bar Raffle took place at the April meeting. First prize was a 5-ounce silver bar. Second prize was two 1-ounce silver bars and third prize was a 1-ounce silver bar. Bob Francis's ticket was pulled as the third prize winner however he donated the prize back to the club and a fourth ticket was pulled. The winners are listed below.

First Prize- Marty Simmonds  
Second Prize- Leo White  
Third Prize- Paul Hussey Jr.

- Spring Silver Hunt: The hunt will run from April 30, 2022 and end on June 5, 2022 unless all the tokens are found before the end date. Each club member who finds a token will receive a Barber Half Dollar and all of the names of the token finders will be placed in a drawing for Silver Dollar.

### New Business:

- Annual Club Hunt: Our annual club hunt and picnic will be at Berne Town Park on Saturday, September 10, 2022.
- \$150 NYS Lottery Ticket Raffle: The raffle will start in May and end at the August meeting.

## Find of the Month

### Category: Coin

	<u>Votes</u>
1749 King George II Half Penny (Mermaid Coin)- Lisa Stanco	15
1900-1930 Cascarets Token- Bob Francis	5
1944S Walking Liberty ½ Dollar- Craig Wilson	2
1910 Barber Dime- James Saccia	2
1805 US Large Cent- Dennis Deweerdt	1
1820 US Large Cent- Robert Hill	1

### Coin Raffle

1865 3 Cent Nickel- Dennis Dewerd  
1889 Seated Liberty Dime- Bill Lawton  
1945 Walking Liberty ½ Dollar- James Looman  
1963 Franklin Half Dollar- Jeremy Toomey

**50/50 Raffle:** Winner- Charles Zitmann

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June 2022

## Upcoming Meetings

June 27, 2022  
July 25, 2022  
August 29, 2022  
September 26, 2022

## Find of the Month Contest

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

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## Presidents Message

This month Marie, Lisa, Leo and I met for dinner and had a very productive meeting. We discussed a variety of items including the Annual Hunt and Picnic, ESMDA raffles, sales of ESMDA branded merchandise, club hunt coins, future topics and more.

At the June meeting we will be starting the Gold Coin raffle side by side with the NYS Lottery Scratch off Ticket raffle. The Gold Coin raffle will end on Sept. 10, 2022 the day of our annual hunt. Additionally, we will be selling ESMDA pins, patches, magnets and introducing the first ever ESMDA Token/Coin.

Please note that this year's Hunt form is now on our website and some will be available at the June and July meetings. The EARLY BIRD pricing ends at the July meeting so sign up and pay as soon as you can. We need to purchase the coins and metal detector packages very soon, so every little bit helps.

This month's presentation is about Musket Balls. I expect it to be informative and entertaining.

Bob Francis,  
ESMDA President

## Find of the Month

<u>Category: Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Votes</u>
1860 Token: Craig Wilson	5
Lions head drawer pull: Leo White	4
Crematory tag: Jan Satterlee	3
Bale Seal: Ryan Gallant	3
Vend. machine resort penny: Mike Genier	2
Crossbow dart: Dan Casey	2
Iron spade head: Bob Francis	0

## Minutes: May 2022 Meeting

### Reports:

- Secretaries report - was given by Bob Francis. Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Treasurer's report -was read by Marie Fryc - new balance \$4,231.45  
Reports were accepted and read.

### Old Business:

- Spring Silver Hunt: the token prizes will be awarded at the June meeting. Bob Francis donated two Peace Silver Dollars. One silver dollar will be drawn for each of the parks.

### New Business:

- The \$150 NYS Scratch off Lottery Ticket raffle started at the June meeting and will end at the August 29th meeting.
- Reminder that the Annual Club Hunt and Picnic is Sept. 10, 2022 at the Town of Berne Park. Registration Forms will be available soon.
- The scavenger hunt forms for 2022 are available on the club website.
- The June topic will be Musket Balls, Bob Francis is putting together a presentation. A potential topic for July is "Hey, that's not metal". We will welcome attendees to bring in finds that they discovered while metal detecting. Bottles, marbles, pottery, etc. anything non-metal. This will be the topic not the find of the month.
- A "forum" category has been added to the esmdaclub.com website. You will need to sign-up, get approved and then be able to sign in. Please check it out and remember that this is something new we are trying, so please be patient and join in.
- It was brought up by one of the members that we should consider combining the Miscellaneous and Relic categories for "Find of the Month" since there is always confusion over each. If combined we would add a new category. Something to think about and discuss at the next meeting.
- One of our regular members is donating a shadow box and will assist in creating/organizing it. It was discussed at the meeting and decided that a ticket raffle at the Annual Club Hunt would be the best option.

### Coin Raffle

**1878 Seated Liberty Dime Love Token:** Craig Wilson

**1911 and 1912 Barber Dimes:** Barry Werndli

**1943-D Walking Liberty ½ Dollar:** Jan Satterlee

**1961 Franklin ½ Dollar:** Leo White

**50/50 Raffle:** Winner- Terry Monteau

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July 2022

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July 25, 2022  
August 29, 2022  
September 26, 2022

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August- Toy  
September- Coin

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## Presidents Message

Water, Rest, Shade. These are the universal recommendations to protect yourself from these dog days of summer. If you are driven to get out and detect in this heat, be sure to heed these tried-and-true methods to reduce your chances of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Plenty of water, take frequent rest breaks and if possible, rest in a shady area.

The Gold coin for this year's raffle has been purchased. We have a very nice 1877-S Coronet Head 2 ½ Dollar Gold piece. Also known as a Quarter Eagle. The Gold coin raffle ends at the Annual Hunt and Picnic which is Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> this year. Please note that the early bird special (reduced Hunt pricing) ends at the **July 25<sup>th</sup>** meeting. Checks must be post marked on or before July 25, 2022 to qualify. Please fill out a hunt form and return it with a check to Marie Fryc. Forms will be available at the July meeting. Checks must be made out to Marie Fryc in order for us to deposit them.

The NYS Lottery Ticket Tree Raffle will continue until the August meeting.

This month we are asking for members to bring in non-metal items that they found while metal detecting. We would like to see what other members found and discuss them.

Bob Francis,  
ESMDA President

## June Find of the Month Winner- Lisa Stanco



## Minutes: June 2022 Meeting

### Reports:

- Secretaries report - Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Treasurer's report -new balance \$4,645.74 Reports were accepted and read.

### Old Business:

- Spring Silver Hunt: the token prizes were awarded at the June meeting. The following club members found tokens: Dan Casey, Benjamin Colaneri, Mark Delaney, Marie Fryc, Jack Harbeck, Jason Harbeck, Bill Lawton, Jamie Looman, Tim Meyers, Roland Ozols, Jan Satterlee, Margaret Simmonds, Leo White, and Charles Zitzmann.

Everyone who found a token during the Spring Silver Hunt was entered in to a drawing to win a Morgan silver dollar. Bob Francis donated two additional silver Peace Dollars to be given away. The winners were Mark Delaney, Roland Ozols, and Leo White.

- The \$150 NYS Scratch off Lottery Ticket raffle started at the June meeting and will end at the August 29th meeting.

### New Business:

- Reminder that the Annual Club Hunt and Picnic is Sept. 10, 2022 at the Town of Berne Park. Registration Forms are now available. The early bird special ends at the July meeting.
- Gold Coin Raffle- Tickets are now on sale. The drawing will occur at our annual Club Hunt on September 10, 2022. You do not need to be present at the drawing to win.
- The club is now selling patches, magnets, pins, and tokens with the ESMDA logo.

### Coin Raffle

1853 Seated Half Dime- Margaret Simmonds  
1892 Barber Quarter- John Colaneri  
1898 & 1902 Barber Dimes- Mike Genier  
1964 D. Kennedy Half Dollar- Edward Rifenberg

**50/50 Raffle:** Winner- Jamie Looman

### Find of the Month

<u>Category: Relic</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Rev. War Continental Army USA Button- Lisa Stanco	13
Open Mouth Bell- James Saccia	5
D Buckle with Extra Loop- Raymond Verelli	2
NY City Hack License- Roland Ozols	2
Gecko Figurine- Jamie Looman	2
Batwing Buckle- Jan Satterlee	2
Parasol Top- Craig Wilson	1
Jews Harp- Mike Holt	1



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August 2022

## Upcoming Meetings

August 29, 2022  
September 26, 2022  
October 24, 2022  
November 28, 2022

## Find of the Month Contest

August- Toy  
September- Coin  
October- Misc.

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## Presidents Message

I hope everyone has had a nice summer so far. The weather will be cooler and more comfortable for a lot of us soon. The local colleges are already starting back up and in a very short time, the younger children will be off to school again. So, if you are out and about, please take your time and watch for the school buses and children.

The Annual Club Hunt & Picnic is about two and a half weeks away on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning on attending the hunt, please send your money in right away or join us next Monday August 29<sup>th</sup> for our monthly meeting.

The August meeting is your last chance to buy tickets for our NYS Scratch Off Lottery Raffle. They will be available for purchase at the meeting with the drawing later in the evening. Additionally, if you can't make it to the Annual Picnic, you can stop by the meeting and buy your tickets for the beautiful 1877 \$2 1/2 Dollar Gold Coin raffle. The Gold Coin raffle drawing will be drawn at the Annual Hunt.

Hope you can join us this month, maybe have dinner or just sit and chat.

Bob Francis

ESMDA President



## Minutes: July 2022 Meeting

### Reports:

- Secretaries report - Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Treasurer's report - new balance \$3,661.78. Reports were accepted and read.

### Old Business:

- The \$150 NYS Scratch off Lottery Ticket raffle will end at the August 29th meeting.

### New Business:

- Annual Club Hunt and Picnic is Sept. 10, 2022 at the Town of Berne Park. Registration Forms are still available. The early bird special pricing has been extended to the August meeting.
- 1877 2 1/2 Dollar Gold Coin Raffle- Tickets are now on sale. The drawing will occur at our annual Club Hunt on September 10, 2022. You do not need to be present at the drawing to win.
- Our October 2022 meeting will be held on Monday, October 24.

### Coin Raffle

1858 Seated Liberty Dime- John Colaneri  
1858 Flying Eagle- Tim Colaneri  
1929 S Walking Liberty Half Dollar- Mike Holt  
1964 Kennedy Half Dollar- Ed Rifenberg

50/50 Raffle: Winner- Jeremy Toomey

### Find of the Month

<u>Category: Jewelry</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Diamond studded Gemstone Ring- Tim Colaneri	7
Men's 2 Tone Gold/ Platinum Ring- Ray Verrelli	6
Braided Silver Ring- Ed Rifenberg	2
14k Gold Chain- Jan Satterlee	2
Gold Bracelet- Dan Casey	2
925 Silver Pendant- Leo White	1
Men's 2 Tone Band- Dennis Deweerdt	1
Bead Wire Ring- Bob Francis	0

### July Find of the Month Winner- Tim Colaneri

#### Category- Jewelry





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September 2022

## Upcoming Meetings

September 26, 2022  
October 24, 2022  
November 28, 2022

## Find of the Month Contest

September- Coin  
October- Misc.  
November- Jewelry

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## **Presidents Message**

Another great Annual Hunt and Picnic. The day was beautiful and I believe everyone had a good time.

I want to first thank Marie, Margaret and Lisa for the wonderful job they did at the registration table, handling the raffles, organizing the food and assisting with the prizes. Leo White helped fill in the gaps and assisted throughout the event with numerous needed tasks.

Thanks to:

- My brother Ray for taking the time out of his weekend to cook the burgers and dogs, I really appreciated that;
- Marie and Margaret for showing up to help plant the flags on Friday night;
- Bob Lavoy for donating door prizes and a pin pointer;
- Collar City Mushrooms who were the largest contributor for the second year. They donated food, coffee, soda, juice, water, all the paper goods, and numerous other items;
- Everyone that donated food. The salads, doughnuts, chips and desserts were wonderful;
- All the volunteer coin planters;
- Members that brought extra coolers and tables. They were needed;
- Tim Myers, Former President – brought the meatballs, planted coins, and provided the rope for the metal detector rest;
- The Waterhouse's, all the way from New Hampshire - one participated in the hunt while the other was taking pictures for the club;
- Garrett, First Texas (Teknetics) and MineLab for discounted hunt packages.

If I forgot anyone I apologize, it all came together because of everyone's help.

It is a lot of background work throughout the year for the board members and I want to thank them again for all their hard work.

Happy Hunting!

Bob Francis  
ESMDA President

## Minutes: August 2022 Meeting

### Reports:

- Secretaries report - Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Treasurer's report - new balance \$3,295.75 on 8/29/22.  
Reports were accepted and read.

### Old Business:

- The \$150 NYS Scratch off Lottery Ticket raffle was drawn at the August meeting. The winner was Ryan Gallant
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### New Business:

- 1877 2 ½ Dollar Gold Coin Raffle-.  
Winner:

### Coin Raffle

1851 Braided Hair Large Cent- Jeremy Toomey  
1855 Seated Liberty 1/2 Dime- John Colaneri  
1908 Barber Half Dollar- Barry Werndli  
1943 Walking Liberty ½ Dollar- Jason Harbeck

50/50 Raffle: Winner- Jason Harbeck

### Find of the Month

<u>Category: Toy</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Toy Gun- Mike Holt	9
Toy Lead Figure- Tim Meyers	8
Tootsie Toy Car- Leo White	6

### August Find of the Month Winner- Mike Holt Category- Toy



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October 2022

## Upcoming Meetings

October 24, 2022  
November 28, 2022  
January 30, 2023

## Find of the Month Contest

October- Misc.  
November- Jewelry

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## Presidents Message

Wow, only a few months before the ground will be frozen but, still plenty of time to get out to hunt. Please remember that we are into hunting season and you should pick your spots appropriately. Wear bright clothing, preferably orange so you can be seen. I use a construction vest, it adjustable to fit over any coats or hoodies I am wearing. The vest also gives me the flexibility to put on or take off apparel as the weather changes without losing the visibility protection. Let's not forget until we get a really hard freeze, those ticks will still be out there clinging to the high grasses and brush so continue to take precautions.

This can absolutely be the best time of year for some of us with the grasses dying down and the crops cut, opening up the fields. Take advantage of it and get out there.

Happy Hunting  
Bob Francis  
ESMDA President



## September Find of the Month Winner- James Looman Category- Coin



## Minutes: September 2022 Meeting

### Reports:

- Secretaries report - Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Treasurer's report -new balance \$2,134 on 9/26/22.  
Reports were accepted and read.

### Old Business:

- Reminder- The 2022 Scavenger hunt form is on our website.

### New Business:

- The Latham Fire Department contacted us stating that their community room is available for us to use again. Club members were surveyed to determine if we should go back to holding are meetings at the fire house or continue having them at the Gateway Diner. We received 29 responses. 6 for the fire house, 17 for the Gateway Diner, and 6 said either location was okay.

### Coin Raffle

1842 Braided Hair Large Cent – Todd Yerks (Large Date)  
1904 Barber Half Dollar- Jacquelyn Jensen  
1993 Bill of Rights Half Dollar- Matt Episcopo  
50 Indian Head Cents (Rolla) – John Colaneri

50/50 Raffle: Winner- Tim Meyers

### Find of the Month

<u>Category: Coin</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Civil War Patriotic Token- James Looman	5
Vermont State Copper- Robert Hill	4
Connecticut State Copper- Craig Wilson	4
1855 Seated Half Dime- Tim Meyers	3
1800 Draped Bust Large Cent- Jan Satterlee	2
1782 Half Reale- Mike Holt	1
1870 Canadian Nickel- Bill Lawton	1
1802 Draped Bust Large Cent- Leo White	1
Chinese Coin- James Young	1
1946 Walking Liberty Half Dollar- Lisa Stanco	0



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November 2022

## Upcoming Meetings

November 28, 2022  
January 30, 2023  
February 27, 2023  
March 27, 2023

## Find of the Month Contest

November- Jewelry

## 2022 Find of the Year Contest

January 2023 Meeting

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## Presidents Message

Around the United States, people are celebrating Thanksgiving. Grateful for the bounty they have harvested from the efforts they put in all year. To metal detectorists all over, our finds are our harvest. It is time to select the items that need more cleaning and more research to keep yourself busy during the cold and snowy times ahead. Don't forget your fellow members of the club are good resources for those more unique items you are curious about.

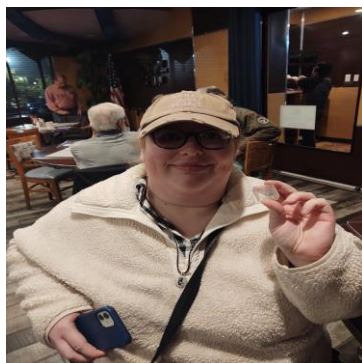
Based on when you end your season, be sure to remove the batteries and clean up your detectors, pin pointers, and diggers to prepare them for next year.

One of our long-time members, Mike Holt, has volunteered to do a presentation at this last meeting of the year. (Remember: we do not meet in December) His presentation is called "Is There Gold in Them There NY Hills?". Mike has presented to our group before and we look forward to having him speak again.

I want to wish everyone including our "snowbird" members happy holidays, safe travels and we'll see you in the next year.

Happy Hunting  
Bob Francis, ESMDA President

## October Find of the Month Winner- Ashley Jensen Category- Misc.



## Minutes: October 2022 Meeting

### Reports:

- Secretaries report - Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Treasurer's report -new balance \$2,387.30 on 10/24/22.  
Reports were accepted and read.

### Old Business:

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### New Business:

- There will be no Find of the Month contest at our January 2023 meeting.
- A motion was made and accepted to purchase 6 silver dollars, 2 Barber half dollars, and some coins for our monthly coin raffles. The silver dollars and Barber half dollars will be prizes for our 2022 Find of the year contest and our 2022 Scavenger hunt contest.
- New fundraising raffle ideas were discussed. It was suggested that we do a raffle for a 10 oz silver bar.

### Coin Raffle

1853-O Seated Liberty Half Dime- Jacqueline Jensen

1854-O Seated Liberty Half Dollar- James Saccia

1898-P Barber Half Dollar- James Saccia

1943-P Walking Liberty Half Dollar- Bob Lavoy

50/50 Raffle: Winner- Jan Satterlee

## Find of the Month

<u>Category: Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Two Piece Gold Gilt Button- Ashley Jensen	5
Civil War Union Calvary Button- Ed Rifenberg	3
Skeleton Key- Dan Casey	2
Knee Buckle Frame- Lisa Stanco	2
Old Bell- Margaret Simmonds	2
1955 Dog Tag- James Saccia	2
Rev War German/ Dutch Bayonet- Tim Myers	2

