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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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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 our many raffle prizes.

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	Votes
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