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Upcoming Meetings

February 24, 2025
March 31, 2025
April 28, 2025
May 19, 2025

Find of the Month Contest

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

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February's meeting will be at the Gateway Diner, 899 Central Ave. Albany, NY 12206. Our special guest speaker is relic cleaning expert, Gary Brosnahan.

Come out and meet with other club members, show off your finds, and possibly even win a raffle prizes.

****Detecting supplies will be on sale at a reasonable price. Ultimate Finds Boxes, Cleaning Pencils, Preserve It Wax, and Riker Boxes****

President's Messages:

****Prolonged winter**** has provided a window of opportunity to:

- Prepare and clean equipment for the upcoming spring season.

- Organize and clean stored items, potentially leading to the discovery of something exciting.

****Winter**** is also an ideal time for:

- Conducting thorough research.

- Examining maps, historical accounts, and securing new permissions.

As ****March approaches****, we can look forward to:

- More favorable conditions for detecting.

****Dutch ESMDA Prez.****

The club is asking members to see if they have any past newsletters or information about the club. Member Joe Yakel is working to compile a history of the club that we can share with the public, current and future members. Please reach out to him with anything you find, floodroad@gmail.com

Photos from our Finds of the Year:



Reports:

- Secretaries Report: Old business was read from the newsletter.
- Reports were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report:

December 21, 2024 Balance = \$4,289

Deposits = \$159

Expenditures = \$600

January 27, 2025 Balance = \$3,848

- January meeting attendance # 20.
- New members - None.

Old Business:

Discussed website improvements and yearly cost ~\$260. Google sites may be cheaper but could be a significant amount of work to convert.

New Business:

Motion made to increase spending to \$500 with approval of officers – voted on and approved.

This spending is separate from club hunt purchases, which are voted on during regular meetings.

Need to update bylaws Scott D. to assist with language change.

Joe Y. discussed history of club and asked for assistance. Club formed around 1970; we're looking for information about those early years.

Discussions started about pursuing clubs' status to non-profit.

Club sponsored relic show 2/15 charged \$25/table. No admission fee. Vendors to have coins, relics, detectors, bottles.

Some members to be in Rev War period dress.

Member participation in the monthly 50/50 and raffles is greatly appreciated and helps support club events throughout the year

50/50 Winner: Craig Wilson \$33

Finds of the Year:

Each winner received a Morgan Silver Dollar

Jewelry – Bob LaVoy 10k gold & diamond ring

Coin – Jeremy Toomey – 1796 Draped Bust Large Cent 'LIHERTY' Error

Toy – Glen Galloway – Firebird Tootsie Toy Car

Relic/Misc. – Tim Meyers – 17th Century Native American Pewter Pipe

Button – Mike Holt – War of 1812 US Artillery Button

Scavenger Hunt Winners:

Top 3 winners received a Barber Half Dollar

1st Scott Danni – 51 out of 100 possible finds

2nd Mike Holt – 41

3rd Joe Yakel – 34