



EARTH

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NEWSLETTER

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Earth Club of Central New York

President's Message

For the first time in my history with the club (14 years), the February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. It was really great to see so many of you at the March meeting after what seemed like an endless winter. There were 23 members in attendance and 4 guests. Brandon Snyder of Rome, **Dave Dylis** of New Hartford, and **Ed & Andrea McFadden** of North Utica. Unfortunately, being the first meeting of the year, much of the ground we covered was on administrative matters. Dues for the year remain unchanged at \$30 for a single membership and \$35 for family.

Scavenger Hunt – **Stu Copperwheat** has taken over the annual Scavenger Hunt. Included in this newsletter is the list of items for 2019 to find. As you find them during 2019, cross them off the list. At the year-end Christmas Party in December, bring the form and your finds in for Stu to verify!

Monthly Speakers are a very important component of our monthly meetings. We have a few lined up for 2019 but, we always need more to fill the pipeline. Take a few moments to think about it and see if you can come up with ideas in the areas of detecting or local history.

Mike Parker is setting up several hunts at Boy Scout Camp locations, at this point, we have the following:

Camp Henderson, April 27, contact Mike Parker (315) 271-3445.

Camp Kingsley (date Pending)

An e-mail will be sent to all members concerning the details of each club hunt.

Obtaining permission to detect is one of the many keys to success or failure in the field. Many club members create their own business cards to give to property owners when seeking permission. I think this is critical as the property owner has a tangible point of reference with contact information and we appear more professional. There are several websites where these types of cards can be created and they are very inexpensive. Two such examples are vistaprint.com and goprint.com.

As a final note, **Larry Ehlinger** has been doing a fantastic job as the club's historian for many years. He has been maintaining 2 complete sets of newsletters, one for himself and one for "the archives". If anyone would like to assume the archived set and continue to keep it up to date, please see Larry at the next meeting.



**Dave Brown with SLQ
and 2c Piece!**

David Lofgren
President



2019 THOTY (Treasure Hunter Of The Year) Competition

(by Larry Ehlinger)

This April meeting will begin our 17th year finds competition. Here is a reminder on our rules and our point system:

1. You must find it yourself.
2. You must find it with a metal detector or eyeballed in the act of metal detecting
3. A non-metallic object can be entered if found while detecting
4. Multiples, found together can be entered as one
5. You may enter in all 4 categories but only one entry in each.
6. You must be an EARTH Club member to enter. Members as well as guests may vote
7. You must enter your find at the very next meeting you will be attending, no finds from months or years past.
8. No photos of your entry may be used
9. You must be present to enter your find.

Points are awarded as follows:

One point for simply entering. 10 points for first. 7 points for second and 5 points for third. The winner in the "Mystery" category will receive 5 points. If we do not have at least 2 entries in the mystery category, another will be drawn.

We will break a tie for first place with a show of hands. The losing entry will be dropped to second, and second place dropped to third. Members who tied for second or third place will both receive the same points.

Presidential Choice Award:

Occasionally members fail to recognize a deserving entry. So, each month the president will view each entry and award an additional first place prize if he feels it necessary.

In Addition: (1) Sell your item by giving it a nice presentation and description. Members and guests would like to know what it is they are voting on. (2) If you vote on what YOU would like to find, it makes your decision easier. (3) After winners are decided, Lisle Sanborn will want to have a photo of either you or your winning find for the newsletter. (4) All winners will need to fill out a yellow "category winners" sheet afterwards.

2019 Calendar of Events:

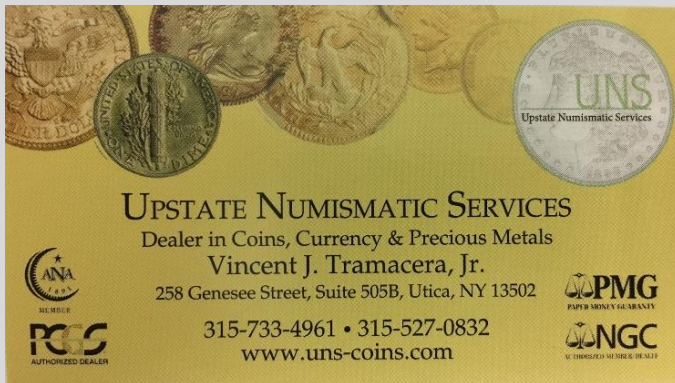
Date	Comments	Speaker	Snacks	Club Hunt Site/Date
Jan 2019	Board & Officers Meeting	n/a		n/a
2/25/19	Meeting Cancelled due to Weather			n/a
3/25/19	Initial Meeting, Admin Matters Etc.	n/a	M Ferjet	n/a
4/29/19	First Competition Meeting Officer Elections	Ben Simon; Farmer, historian	Dave Brown	Proctor Park: 4/6 &7 Camp Henderson 4/27
May 2019	No Meeting in May due to Memorial Day. Meeting June 3	n/a	n/a	Snow Ridge: 5/4 Vandercamp (pending)
6/3/19		Mystic Stamp (tentative)	Darcy P	
6/24/19		John Taibe RR (tentative)	Bob T	
7/29/19		Coin Club (tentative)	Dave L	
8/26/19				
9/8/19	Delta Lake Club Hunt	n/a	All	9/8 - Delta
9/30/19				
10/28/19	Dress up Meeting ☺			
11/25/19	Last Meeting of 2019			
12/8/19	2019 X-mas Party!	n/a	n/a	n/a

Proctor Park Club Hunt

Approximately 15 EARTH club members turned out for our annual spring refresher hunt at Proctor Park in Utica last Saturday and Sunday. Those in attendance included (but not limited to) Bill Wilson Margaret Ferjet Ralph Blencowe, Ed Netzband, Ed McFadden, John Bradlinski Jr. Mike Parker, Dave Brown, Dave Zohne, Lorie Fealey, Brandon Snyder, and Mike Wusik There was no sign-in sheet so those mentioned were simply based on observation. Several veteran members helped all those that needed some guidance while many simply hunted on their own re-learning their machines and loosing up there swinging arm.



EARTH Club Classified Section



If you are looking to buy or sell any coins, contact Vincent at Upstate Numismatics. The Club has been acquiring coins from this organization for the past few years. He is very knowledgeable, courteous and also a member of the local coin club.

Looking for a metal detector or metal detecting accessories? Contact Stan Blasek at S&B Metal Detectors, 315-732-5212.

Larry Ehlinger has numerous topographical maps or area towns. Touch base with him to see if he has one of a town that you are interested in!



2019 Earth Club Scavenger Hunt

Name: _____

Objects Must be dug in the 2019 calendar year

Total # of Items Found _____

All entrants must bring their sheets and scavenger hunt items to the Christmas Party.

Winner will be the person with the most items that can be verified.

 Pull-tab	 Horse Tack	 Horse Shoe	 Chauffer License	 Bobby Pin
 Screw	 Fork	 Community Svc	 Brass Buckle	 Coin Spill 3+
 Sleigh Bell	 Car Key	 Pottery Shard	 Fish Hook	 Pre 1920 Wheat
 US Large Cent	 Skeleton Key	 Military Button	 Cow Tag	 Religious Artifact
 Clay Pipe/Stem	 Ox Knob	 Tombac Button	 Toy Pistol	 Barrel Tap
 Pocket Watch/Part	 Hem Weight	 Brooch	 Eagle Cent	 Gold Ring
 Stamped .925 Silver	 Two Cent	 Three Cent	 Reale	 Seated Coin
 Hard Times Token	 Walking Liberty	 Padlock	 Shield Nickel	 Advertising Token

News from our friends at the Weymouth and Portland Metal Detecting Club



Paul Rainford was kind enough to send us an update from across the pond as follows:

We are truly blessed here in the U.K. to detect on land that gives us coins and artifacts that date back 3,500 years. One piece of gold torc was dated back to the middle Bronze Age 3500 years ago, it is on display in Dorchester Museum.

Every month we have a finds table that members bring in their finds from the previous month, some of these finds are truly spectacular. Last meeting was our A.G.M. where finds from the previous twelve months are on display. We have awards for coin of the year, artefact of the year, and hoard of the year if there is one. The detectorist of the year is awarded to the member who has gained most points from finds throughout the last year.



At our last club meeting, one of our members Tom brought in a truly spectacular find. It was a Roman ring with a previously unknown gold coin in the center. Provisional estimates think that it could be worth in excess of \$30,000. Of course, it will have to go through our strict Treasure laws where the find will normally be 'seized by the Crown', and declared treasure. The finder and the landowner will then split 50/50 the value of the find which is decided by a treasure valuation committee. I have always said that the next detector swing in this country can change your life forever.

I wish you all a great detecting season and a great new year.

With very kind regards,
Paul Rainford

Earth Metal Detecting Club of Upstate New York General Metal Detecting Code of Ethics

The following is a list of Metal Detecting Ethics that we should all review periodically to ensure we all put our great hobby in the best light possible in the public eye as well as maintain a level of fairness and honesty will all club members. The overall theme is to detect with integrity and leave a site BETTER than when you started detecting it.

- 1) I will obey all Federal, State, County and Local Laws before searching. It is my responsibility to KNOW and UNDERSTAND THE LAW.
- 2) I will not enter private property without the owner's permission, whether it is posted or not.
- 3) I will not enter cemeteries for the purpose of metal detecting.
- 4) I will protect natural resources, waterways and wildlife while metal detecting.
- 5) I will fill all holes, regardless of how remote the location.
- 6) I will remove and dispose of any and all trash and litter that I dig.
- 7) I will not destroy or tamper with any structures on public or private property
- 8) I will not tamper with signs, maintenance facilities or equipment and leave all gates and access points to the property as found.
- 9) I will not detect on property whereby permission was granted to other club members without the permission of the club member who secured the original permission.
- 10) I will approach and educate those who do not follow good metal detecting practices.
- 11) I will make every effort to return found property to its rightful owner without requesting a reward or compensation.
- 12) I will report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum.
- 13) I will adhere to the rules of the Earth Club monthly competitions. These competitions are based on the honor system and must be followed.
- 14) I will be an ambassador for the hobby, be thoughtful, considerate and courteous at all times to others and their property.

As a metal detecting club and as individuals, we must adhere to the above to ensure the integrity and continuity of the hobby. Violations of any of the above brought to the attention of the Board may result in disciplinary action up to and including membership revocation.

Thank you, and lets all continue to be ambassadors of the world's greatest hobby.

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