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NEWSLETTER

Earth Club of Central New York Presidents Message

The Earth Metal Detecting Club of Central New York had its annual "Yard Sale" meeting on Monday, March 26, 2018 at the Dunham Public Library in Whitesboro. Several members brought in various treasure hunting supplies, books, equipment and coins to trade or sell. It was very successful! In all, we had 24 members and 4 guests in attendance, **Emily Greene, Mark and Anthony Giacona** and **Guy Gazilli**. Of the guests, Emily (referred to us by **Chris Beattie**) and Guy, (referred to us by Fred **DeCarlo**) became full time members! Welcome to the club, and lets continue to bring more members in! That is 4 new members so far this year.

Many members paid their dues and received their 2018 membership cards at the meeting, but there are still several who have not paid. Please be sure to come to the April meeting and stay current!

Bob Allers is stepping down as club Secretary and Mike Parker will fill his shoes in the interim. If anyone else is interested in this role, please let me know.

Web Page- Dave Zohne has successfully assumed the website responsibility. The new web address is earthclubmetaldetecting.com. Please check it out and let us know comments and suggestions! We will continue to update pictures, add newsletters and articles as well as make other improvements on a month to month basis. If you have any pictures of finds you would like to see on the web page send them to earthclubcny@gmail.com.



Civil War Snake Buckle- Dave Zohne

Monthly Speakers. We are in the process of lining up various speakers for the 2018 meetings. In addition to Bob Thomas doing a presentation on beekeeping, we have the following opportunities that we should be locking dates for:

- **Dave Dittler** on metal detecting streams
- **Matt Lenhart** will follow up with the bottle club for a speaker
- Board member **Lisle Sanborn** on underwater photography
- **Bob Allers** will try and line up a local farmer to talk about the equipment they use, crop cycles, and anything else farm related. I think this will be very informative as we are on farm fields quite often!
- **Mike Parker** is following up with an individual from the County on map reading.



- **Dave Lofgren** reached out to the NY 137, a Civil War re-enactment group that expressed interest in doing a presentation this year.
- Last but not least, **Alicia Copperwheat** would like to give a talk about two of her uncles who were killed overseas defending our freedoms in WWII.

Club Hunts. We have several club hunts scheduled or being coordinated for the 2018 season (see also the Calendar of Events).

- Vandercamp April 14, 15 (organized by **Lori Fealey**)
- Proctor Park Apr 21, 22 (organized by **Larry Ehlinger**)
- Snow Ridge (coordinated by **Floyd Dygert** on April 28th)
- Boy Scout Camps (coordinated by **Mike Parker**)
 - Camp Kinglsey May 5
 - Camp Henderson May 12

Additionally, Lori Fealey is working on a large 300 acre site in Middleburg NY

Whenever a hunt is planned, the date will be announced through a group email. In this email there will be directions, times, the contact person and any special instructions. Club hunts are not standardized, each being slightly different. All will have a sign-in sheet, only club members can attend and dues must be up to date. Someone tries to take a group picture at some point during the day so it's pretty much hit or miss. Anyone who finds a site, receives permission, signs members in, and takes control of the event will be given a silver round as a reward.

Don't forget to bring in some old dog tags at the next meeting as **Larry Ehlinger** is working on an article. Take a look at your finds, and bring any dog tags in dated prior to 1915 so Larry can photograph them for his article.

Our next meeting is April 30 at the Library in Whitesboro at 6:30. The refreshments for the meeting will be provided by **Darcy Puleo**. Don't forget, our annual club photo will be taken at this meeting!

Raffle Winners:

- Maureen Netzband
- Fred Decarlo
- Robert Thomas
- Charles Ray

50/50 Winner, Bill Wilson

David Lofgren
President

2018 Finds Competition to kick off at the April Meeting

Our 18th annual finds competition will begin at our April Meeting. Any item you found after our November 2017 meeting can enter it at this time. The following is a quick review of our rules and reminders:

A first-place tie will be broken by a show of hands. The loser of the tie will be dropped to second place, with second going to third. A tie for second or third place will both be given the same number of points. Points will be awarded as follows: Everyone gets one point for simply entering, so, if you enter in all 3 categories you will be given 3 points. Ten points is awarded to first place; 7 points to second and 5 points to third. The only points awarded in the “mystery category” will be 5 points for the winner. There must be at least 2 entries in the mystery category, if not, a new item will be picked.

President Dave Lofgren can implement the “Presidential Choice Award.” If he believes an entry was deserving of first place but did not win. He can award it first place along with the item that won by popular vote, both entries will be given 10 points.

Also, items that club members are specifically asked to search for throughout the year, such as a wedding band or class ring, may be entered in the competition. However, the actual item must be presented and no photograph of the object will be allowed.

When displaying your entry, consider a description of what it is members are looking at. If it's a rare coin you may want to write down its value, or mintage number. Some members may copy a photo from the internet of a better example of their find. The more information members have, the better potential to accumulate points!



The member with the most points at the end of the year – November meeting – will be given the distinction of “Treasure Hunter of the Year.” There will also be awards for the 2nd and 3rd places. Any guests attending meetings are encouraged to vote.

Here are the 7 Finds Competition rules:

- 1 You must find it yourself.
- 2 You must find it with a metal detector or “eyeballed” while metal detecting.
- 3 A non-metallic object can be entered if found while detecting.
- 4 Multiples from the same hole, may be entered as one.
- 5 You may enter items in all 4 categories, but only one item in each.

- 6 You must enter your find at the very next meeting you will be attending; no finds from prior months' or years past are allowed. Your slate is wiped clean after each meeting.
- 7 Any find recovered after the November meeting (2017) may be entered in the first competition meeting the following spring.

Larry Ehlinger

VP, Earth Metal Detecting Club of Central New York

RESPONSIBLE METAL DETECTING RECOVERY

The following is an article from the latest issue of Western & Eastern Treasures that we received permission to reproduce. We all need to be aware of how our hobby is perceived and be as careful as possible during target recovery.

I once enjoyed watching YouTube metal detecting videos, especially during the off-season here in Wisconsin. Unfortunately, I now end up shutting down at least 85% of them as I witness the flagrant and considerable damage to our city and county parks by metal detectorists using shovels to recover targets in manicured lawn areas. For the record, in most public parks, the use of shovels for target retrieval is strictly illegal. Frankly, as a hobby veteran, it is aggravating to see this type of careless retrieval, that will likely result in the closing of most, if not all, public parks, to metal detecting in coming years. Not only are most of the YouTube performers digging, and then prying up, large, unattached dirt clumps in our parks, but also in private lawns. I suspect, down the road, we will have to write-off those potential metal detecting sites as well.

What's with these irresponsible diggers? Are they in that much of a frenzy to get to their next targets? Are they in too much of a hurry, or too lazy to use a hand digger to cut a small, neat, and hinged plug? Yes, I realize it's tougher to bend down and get back up as we get older. However, at 77 years of age, I still manage with the assistance of a small trekking pole. It works perfectly for me, and has become a permanent part of my metal detecting gear.

Another problem with using shovels in parks is the perception this portends to other park visitors. Most people are curious about metal detecting, and when they see someone detecting they will generally observe the action for some time. If a detectorist is down on his/her hands-and-knees cutting a small plug to recover a tiny coin (or pull-tab), an observer will likely not be alarmed or give it a second thought. However, that perception is totally different when a park user sees a detectorist cutting a large circle in the ground with his shovel, and then prying the massive clump (or clumps) of dirt from the park lawn. In the latter case, you can be certain a city or county commissioner will end up getting a call from the park user about a detectorist causing significant damage to the pristine turf in their park.

As a proud member and officer of the Four Lakes Metal Detector Club of Madison, Wisconsin, our club has worked closely with park officials on metal detecting policies and permits. Because of that cooperation, we provide information to all new members on the

accepted and legal methods of target extraction, especially since most cities and counties in our area of Wisconsin prohibit the use of shovels for detecting in public parks. Our club also provides outdoor demonstrations on the careful and responsible technique(s) for target recovery and turf repair. If our hobby is to grow and prosper we must police ourselves to insure public and private areas remain open to the invigorating, peaceful, and exciting world of recreational metal detecting.

JIM KLEIN, 77, is a retired educator now living in Edgerton, Wisconsin. He is the Secretary of the Four Lakes Metal Detector Club of Madison, WI. His hobby of choice is metal detecting which he has enjoyed for 45 years.

Earth Club Classifieds

Former club member Ed Dragulski is selling his Detector Pro Water Machine with a standard size coil. Purchased new for \$650.00, will take \$300.00. Contact Ed at 315-724-6046



*Regiment Artillery Button War
War of 1812- Pete Sorrell*

2018 Key Date Schedule:

Date	Comments	Speaker	Snacks	Club Hunt Site/Date
1/29/18	Board & Officers Meeting	n/a		n/a
2/26/18			Dave/Marg	n/a
3/26/18	Yard Sale Meeting Officers Elections		The Lenharts	
4/30/18	First Competition Meeting		Darcy P	Vandercamp 4/14-4/15 Proctor Park 4/21/4/22 Snow Ridge 4/28
May 2018	No Meeting in May due to Memorial Day. Meeting June 4			Camp Kingsley 5/5 Camp Henderson 5/12
6/4/18			Margaret F	
6/25/18			Dave Brown	
7/30/18		Bob Thomas-Bees!	Dave Zohne	
8/27/18				
9/9/18	Delta Lake Club Hunt	n/a	All	9/9-Delta
9/24/18				
10/29/18	Dress up Meeting ☺		Bob Allers	
11/26/18	Last Meeting of the Year			
12/9/18	2018 X-mas Party!	n/a	n/a	n/a

Scavenger Hunt

The 2018 Scavenger Hunt sheet can be found on the following page and copied for your use. Hard copies will be available at the next several meetings for those of you that cannot make a copy from your computer. A third of the items are easy, another third moderate and the remainder fairly hard. Attempts were made not to list items that have been used in recent years. This will be the 5th year for the scavenger hunt. Last year only 9 members submitted entries, the highest number of participants we ever had was 15. The purpose of the game is not to try and win, but simply see how many items you can accumulate throughout the season, then compare your totals from year to year.

2018 EARTH CLUB SCAVENGER HUNT Name: _____
 Objects must be dug during the 2018 calendar year. Total: _____

 Buffalo Nickel	 Makeup Tin or Compact	 Junk Ring	 Jackknife	 Mercury Dime
 Pepsi Screw Cap	 Iron Buckle	 1960s Clad Quarter	 Complete Harmonica Reed	 Gold Ring 14K, 18K, etc.
 Metal Detecting Community Service	 Silver-Plated Knife	 Shotgun Shell End	 Key Fob	 Axe Head
 Any Large Cent	 Smart Phone	 "V" Nickel	 Fishing Weight, Any Type	 "Seated" US Coin
 Scout Pin	 Identification Bracelet	 Transportation Token	 Toy Soldier	 Lipstick Tube
 War Nickel (Silver), 1942 to 1945 Only	 Bridle Rosette	 Aluminum Doggy Tag	 Sacagawea Dollar	 Item w/Patent Date
 Earring	 Metal Button	 Any Silver With .925 Mark	 Military Item	 Any Bank Token
 Spanish Reale	 Marble	 Indian Head Cent, Fatty (1859-1864)	 Square Nail	 Flying Eagle Cent

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Wolf Button- Ken Willams

Junkman's Corner

I am so pleased with your generous contributions for Camp Good Days at our March meeting. We collected a total of \$91.00 just by passing the bag which doesn't include all the metal stuff you have been blessing me with each month.

We have two goals we would like to achieve this year if possible. We hope to send a \$500.00 check to Camp Good Days by early June to allow them more time to plan for their summer activities as well as add to the funds they desperately need to adjust their budget. Our total thus far is \$161.00 toward our \$500.00 goal. We plan to pass the bag again at our April meeting. Get creative and bring me all your junk you may have stashed away and maybe your neighbors too! Please give what you can! Thank you everyone!

Keep the trash coming!!!

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