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Earth Club of Central New York

Presidents Message

The July meeting had a pretty rowdy crowd for a metal detecting club! On July 30, 2018, at the Dunham public Library in Whitesboro, we had 23 members in attendance. It was great to see **Don Werz** once again as it has been a long time since he moved away from the area.

The first topic of discussion was the fast approaching annual Club Hunt and Picnic at Delta Lake State Park. The cost for each hunter is \$25. We have a TON of prizes on the line this year including Civil War Tokens, Morgan Dollars, and the coveted treasure chest for the lucky key finder (just to name a few) in addition to a Garrett AT Pro as the grand raffle prize. Lunch will be burgers and dogs, but as in prior years, bring a dish to pass or a desert so there will be plenty of food! Each person should also bring a raffle prize to add to the selection of potential winnings. It doesn't have to be anything spectacular, but something fun, interesting or related to metal detecting! Please be sure to sign up and pay the detector fee at the August meeting! The time-table for events is as follows:



Set Up	8:00- 9:00
Vial Hunt	9:00-9:45
Break and Raffles	9:45-10:15
Silver Coin/Token Hunt	10:15-11:00
Lunch and Raffles	11:00-12:15
Mystery Hunt	12:15-12:45
Key Hunt	1:00- 1:45
Raffles and Prizes	1:45-end

Our presenter for the month of July was club member **Bob Thomas** on the subject of beekeeping. Bob has been beekeeping for many years and is extremely knowledgeable on the subject. His presentation was put together extremely well with large screen views as well as some hands on tools of the trade. Bob also provided a handout that detailed numerous bee facts, and the health benefits of honey. Did you know that honey is the only food on the planet that will not spoil or rot? Did you know that honey can assist with numerous health issues

including heart disease, cholesterol, the flu, cancers and even the common cold? If anyone would like a copy of the handout, there will be more at the next meeting. Thanks again Bob for an outstanding presentation.



Our next meeting is August 27, 2018 at the Library in Whitesboro at 6:30. Be sure not to miss it!!!

David Lofgren
President

Raffle Winners:
Floyd Dygert
Mike Parker
Lisle Sanborn

50/50 Winner:
Dave Brown

MEMBER FINDS

July 2018

Margaret Ferjet: 1893 Indian head, 3 wheat back cents, \$1.50 in clad, Musket ball, silver plated spoon from Hotel Martin, star & shield horse breast plate, boy scout neckerchief slide, jewelry spill, 2 rosary beads, child's ring with stones, mother of pearl and gold plated wire pin (Frances), gold gilt rosary box wrapped in leather.

Tom Ferjet: 1818 half real, 1909 Barber dime, 1907 Indian head cent, 1918 Mercury head dime, 2 dateless Buffalo nickels, 15 wheat back cents, silver plated belt buckle, Monogramed wax seal watch fob, 9K gold ring, 2 collar studs, tiny heart-shaped lock, stainless steel boy scout knife.

Robert Thomas: 1948 Roosevelt dime, 1958 wheat back cent, 1961 Canadian cent, \$11.95 in clad, 2009 Remsen graduation ring (returned to owner), Model T commutator, brass snap, orphaned earring, US Army Zippo lighter, Stamp pin, 2 BSA neckerchief slides, BSA belt buckle.

Larry Ehlinger: 1824 large cent, 1890, 1891, 1894 Indian head cents, 1905 Barber dime, 1935-S Walking Liberty Half, 1937 Buffalo nickel, 1919 "V" nickel, 1964 Roosevelt dime, 5 wheat back cents, 4 costume jewelry pins, anchor/wheat button, toy piper comanche prop plane, toy car, tornado lighter, jackknife, kerosene burner, child's spur, bridal buckle shroud, drawer pull.

Mike Eychner: 1866 Seated Liberty Coin, 1900 "V" nickel, 1927 & 1935 Buffalo nickels, 2 Sacagawea dollars, 1964 Canadian cent, flat button, jackknife, woman's ring, toy car, brass buckle, giant safety pin, Scoville "gripper zipper", sewing needle case.

Dave Lofgren: War of 1812 Artillery Button, Buffalo Nickel, Mercury dime, 3 wheat pennies, numerous bullet shell casings

Finds Competition Winners for July 2018

Best coin

Winners (2-way tie) Tom Ferjet & Larry Ehlinger
Entries: 1818 ½ Real & 1824 large cent
Location Found: Marcy Woods & Utica Woods
Detector Used: Garrett ACE 400 & Whites Classic III
Value: ? & F-12 grade \$40.00 1918 Redbook
2nd place (2-way tie) John Gelfuso 1893 Canadian 5-cent silver piece & Mike Parker 1914-D Barber dime
Number of Entries: 8



Best Other

Winner: Dave Lofgren
Entry: War of 1812 Artillery button
Location Found: Cape Vincent NY (foundation)
Detector Used: Minelab Explorer II
Value: \$70.00 - \$80.00
2nd Place: Stu Copperwheat, silver fork
3rd Place: Mike Eychner, toy car
Number of Entries: 9



Best Jewelry

Winners (2-way tie) Tom Ferjet & Marg Ferjet
Entries: Wax Seal Watch Fob & Jewelry Spill
Location Found: Marcy Woods (both)
Detector Used: Garrett ACE 400 & Garrett AT-Pro
Values: Both unknown
3rd Place (2-way tie): Alicia Copperwheat Young ladies silver bracelet & Lori Fealey, 2002 10K graduation ring
Number of entries: 8



Mystery Category: Best Indian Head Cent

Winner: Stu Copperwheat
Entry: 1876 Indian Head
Location Found: Springfield, NY
Detector Used: Deus XP
Value: \$72.00
Number of Entries: 3



Bee-lieve It or Not

By Dave Lofgren

Like it or not, bees and metal detecting go hand-in-hand. In addition to “itchy” plants and ticks, bees are tied for first on the list of hazards to be on the lookout for while treasure hunting. I have been stung several times over the years including one incident where I received a good signal, looked down as I was pin-pointing the target only to discover a nest of ground bees was there too. I can only assume they were guarding the treasure that found its way into their realm! Generally speaking, you won’t get stung by a honey bee as they are not as aggressive as the ground bees, wasps and hornets (in this part of the country at least).



Silver Drachm-Ephesus
approx. 200 BC

Throughout the age of coins and tokens, bees and beehives have been often depicted. Honey Bees have been domesticated for thousands of years, and bee culture (or apiculture) is one of the hallmarks of the rise of civilization. Honey was such an important commodity that it would be considered significant enough to depict on a coin used in day to day commerce. Going back to ancient Greece, the city of Ephesus (present day Turkey on the Aegean Sea) commonly depicted the honey

bee on its silver coinage.

Some varieties of Patriotic tokens (1862-1865) were minted during the civil war that depicted honey bee hives. During the civil war, normal circulating coins were being hoarded by the general population due to the economic uncertainties brought about by the conflict and the resulting anticipated increase in value of precious metals. Various tradesmen produced these small copper tokens to fill the



vacant need for small coinage. These tokens were generally accepted at a face value of 1 cent. The 1863 example pictured here of a beehive and honey bees with a motto of “Industry” is very appropriate for the time period as this issue makes the point that we should be as industrious in the pursuit of manufacturing and hence victory as the honeybees are in their production of honey and protection of their hive.

Prior to the civil war, privately made tokens call hard times were issued. These large cent copper sized tokens were struck between 1833 and 1843 during a time of economic crisis and depression. The subject matter of these tokens can be broken down between economic, political and satirical. As you can see from the example on the right, this 1838 hard times token notes, “By Industry we hope to Prosper” as the honeybees do.

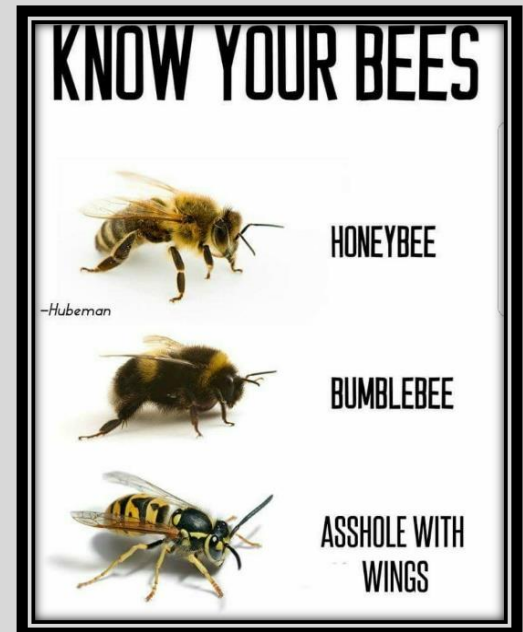


Although I have not found a “beehive” civil war token or hard times token, I did find this 1870’s German Jetton token several years ago at an old home-site in Clinton depicting a bee hive. Jetons or jettons, were tokens or coin-like medals produced across Europe from the 13th through the 17th centuries. They were produced as counters for use in calculation on a lined board similar to an abacus.

As a final note, I have included a “quick reference chart” for identifying bees in the field while metal detecting.




I am continually amazed in this hobby as to the various sizes and subject matter of tokens issued by merchants and tradesmen over the last 200 plus years in this country not to mention our counterparts across the pond. As such, the potential for finding these tokens with a metal detector is ever present. I have always considered a treasure hunt a real success when I find a token that requires some research when I get home to identify who made it and why, as well as the historical context behind it.







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

Ed Netzband is selling his Wireless system for all 1/4 & 1/8 Detectors for \$85. This will not adapt to Garrett Pro or Gold models. Send him an email at virknetz@gmail.com



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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 a couple of years now. He is very knowledgeable, courteous and also a member of the local coin club.

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			Mike E	
6/25/18		Stu and Alicia WWII Presentation	Dave Brown	
7/30/18		Bob Thomas-Bees!	Dave Zohne	Cederlands Boy Scout Camp 7/14
8/27/18				
9/9/18	Delta Lake Club Hunt	n/a	All	9/9-Delta
9/24/18		Rob Maciol, Herbert Kreiger on Farming		Camp Henderson 9/16
10/29/18	Dress up Meeting 😊	Lyle S Underwater detecting & recovery	Bob Allers	
11/26/18	Last Meeting of the Year			
12/9/18	2018 X-mas Party!	n/a	n/a	n/a

Pirates Weekend- Sylvan Beach!

July 21, 2018

This year kicked off the 5th annual much anticipated Sylvan Beach Pirate's Weekend. Our Earth Club treasure hunt on the sandy beach at 13th Ave was another huge success thanks to the many participants and volunteers who helped organize and set up the event.



Shortly before the hunt was to take place I was asked to switch our activities to Sunday rather than Saturday hoping to add more variety to the various activities already scheduled for that day. Unfortunately less than a week before our hunt the schedule was again mysteriously cancelled for Sunday so I was forced to hold the hunt both Saturday and Sunday. As I had hoped, thankfully we had a great turn out on Saturday with about thirty kids joining in on the fun. I actually had a few kids show up this year who had also hunted with me last year and their parents were very pleased to see that we were here again. Many compliments and thank-yous were exchanged and the whole day was an enjoyable experience for all!

The weather also cooperated although a little on the warm side but as a bonus we do have one of the very few areas on the whole beach that has a large shade tree over hanging the sea wall. Sunday was a total bust! I actually had to con some kids to come and hunt. C.J. and I seeded the beach earlier that afternoon with an extremely generous amount of treasure and we ended up having to retrieve most of it at the end of the day. The good news is at least we have a plentiful amount of stuff to use for next year's treasure hunt!

Thank you again to my fellow Earth Club buddies and volunteers who helped make this another successful year for the annual Pirate's Weekend treasure hunt, ARRRRR!

Sincerely,
Junkman Lori



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