

EARTH Metal Detecting Club

Christmas Party 2017

The 2017 Earth Club annual Christmas Party was again a smashing success. For the third year in a row, it was held at Club Monarch in Yorkville. The atmosphere, staff and food was all excellent. We had 45 members and guests attend. The Club treasury was able to subsidize the cost of the dinner so each member only had to pay \$10 (non-members; \$20). Members were also encouraged to bring a desert dish of their choosing which resulted in a wide array of delicious sweets after the meal.

As usual, there was an astounding quality and variety of finds in the annual "Best of" competition categories. The 2017 winners were as follows:

Best Gold Ring- **Ed Netzband**, 10k Ring with 5 Stones
Best Silver Ring- **Lori Fealey**, Man's sterling Ring w/Black Onyx
Best Iron Object- **Mary Lou Desrosiers**, Iron Cross
Best Toy- **Larry Ehlinger**, Wyatt Earp Badge
Best Buckle- **Margaret Ferget**, Bat Wing Buckle
Best Button- **Scott Dunham**, Military Button
Best Jewelry (no rings)- **Larry Ehlinger**, Sterling Necklace w/Clear Stones
Most Unusual Find- **Bob Allers**, Capitol Special Police Badge
Best Token- **Dave Lofgren**, 1857 Bank of Upper Canada Penny Token
Best Foreign Coin- **Ed Netzband**, 1873 Greek Drachma
Best US Large Cent- **Dave Lofgren**, 1798 Draped Bust Large Cent
Best Flatware- **Mary Lou Desrosiers**, Large Spoon- silver Plated
Oldest Silver Coin- **Margaret Ferjet**, 1795 Reale
Best Overall Coin- **Larry Ehlinger**, 1853 Three Cent Piece
Best US Small Cent- **Dave Lofgren**, 1874 Indian Head Penny
Best Dime- **Lori Fealy**, 1944 Mercury Dime
Best Quarter- **Dave Lofgren**, 1927 Standing Liberty Quarter
Best Military Item- **Bob Allers**, Navy Pilot Wings

Best Metal Detecting Display 2017 Awards:

1st Place- **Dave Lofgren**, Dave's Antiques
&
Curiosity Shoppe
2nd Place- **Stu Copperwheat**, Oak Island
3rd Place- **Larry Ehlinger**, Beauty in the
Brass

Nut Guess Results: There were 116 nuts in the jar. The winner was **Bob Allers** with 118 and a tie for second between **Darcy Puleo** and **Matt Lenhart** who both guessed 121.



Larry Ehlinger- Brass Display

2017 Treasure Hunter of the Year Award: This year marked the 15th time we have given out this prestigious award. Ex-Club member **Tom Baustert** began this friendly competition back in 2003 and it's been going on ever since. Twenty Five members took part in this year's competition, and 14 different club members got at least 1 win throughout the year. The following is a list of all winners:

Dave Lofgren	6 wins
Ed Netzband & Larry Ehlinger	5 wins
Lori Fealey	4 wins
Chris Beattie & Sarah Lenhart	2 wins

The following Members all had 1 Win:

Bill Wilson, Bob Allers, Tom Ferjet, Ralph Blencowe, Stan Blazek, Fred DeCarlo, Mike Eychner, Mary Lou Derosiers

Point totals for the top 10 members are: Points

	1 st	Lori Fealey	131
	2 nd	Dave Lofgren	
124			
	3 rd	Ed Netzband	
107			
	4 th	Larry Ehlinger	85
	5 th	Chris Beattie & Margarate Ferjet	
73			
	6 th	Tom Ferjet	37
	7 th	Scott Dunham	29
	8 th	Sarah Lenhart	24
	9 th	Mike Eychner & Matt Lenhart	23
	10 th	Bob Allers	22



Scavenger Hunt Results:

The scavenger hunt was first introduced to the club in 2013 but began as what we once called “the bucket list.” It was thought up by **Mike Parker, Chris Altmann** and **Larry Ehlinger** and was only going to be for the beginners. The way it would work would be that whenever one of them would find their very first, say, Indian head cent, or silver coin, or Barber dime or a horseshoe or whatever we happened to have on our list, they would be recognized through our newsletter and they'd get to cross it off their list. However, the more we discussed the plan the more we liked the idea of somehow having ALL members having the opportunity to play. The bucket list was dropped but it morphed into The Scavenger Hunt.

The list changes each year with an attempt to include commonly dug items consisting of easy, moderate, and difficult objects.

After Pete Sorrell has reigned champion of the Scavenger hunt for the last three years, the following are the results from this year's contest of 9 competitors:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Items Found out of 40</u>
1 st Larry Ehlinger	27
2 nd Margaret Ferget	26
3 rd Lori Fealey	25

The raffle prizes, as always are fun finish to the evening's activities. There were many great prizes brought by members (wrapped and unwrapped) including wine, home-made crafts, books and all kinds of stuff! The 50/50 of \$58 was won by **Heather Lofgren**, and the grand prize metal detector, a Garrett Ace 250 was won by **Chris Beattie**.

Now is the time to tackle all those research projects as the ground is frozen solid until spring at this point. Hope to see you all at the February meeting!

David Lofgren
President



Stu & Alicia



Dave L's Antique Shoppe Display



Bob Allers- the Nutty Professor



Grand Prize Detector Winner, Chris Beattie



Larry & Patty Ehlinger



Mike Parker & Bob Thomas



2018 Competition Winners, Lori Fealey, Dave Lofgren, Ed Netzband