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NEWSLETTER

Earth Club of Central New York Presidents Message

The June meeting was certainly one not to miss. In total we had 24 members in attendance and 4 guests- **Laura Novak** of Verona, **Terri Knight** of Verona Beach, **Joe Mercadante**, also of Verona Beach, and **Michael Wusik** of Utica. An amazing presentation was given by Stu and Alicia Copperwheat on their trip to England and associated research on relatives that were killed while defending our freedoms during WWII. A separate article in this newsletter follows.



Our next meeting is July 30 at the Library in Whitesboro at 6:30. The refreshments for the meeting will be provided by **Dave Zohne**, and a presentation will be made by **Bob Thomas** on beekeeping. Don't miss it!!!

David Lofgren
President



June Meeting

Raffle Results:

Dave Brown (Twice!)

Terri Knight

Pirates Weekend is fast approaching!

Written by Lori Fealy

Just wanted to update you all about Pirate's weekend. Somehow the website scheduled our treasure hunt on Sylvan Beach for Saturday and Sunday July 21 and 22. Saturday starts at 3:00 and Sunday starts at 1:00. This was a mix up that I cannot change because we have less than two weeks before this event. I will be setting up on the beach at 13th Ave on Saturday at about 1:30 so if anyone could possibly help me out with that I sure would appreciate it! I can

leave the caution tape up for less work. I also desperately Saturday's hunt. This last on the spot and I don't want be counting on pawning off had a meeting with my friend on her property and I found



Sunday's hunt so that will be a lot need volunteers to help with minute schedule change puts me to disappoint any tourists that may their kids for a couple of hours. I Kathy who also sponsors this hunt out that Sylvan Beach amusement park has closed down their rides on certain days due to money issues. They also have no lifeguards on the main beach area and are closing down that part of the beach for swimmers. This has severely affected the locals whose rental incomes depend on the summer tourism. This is why I feel I should try to cover both days hoping to keep the tourists returning to this area. Please call me if anyone can help or if you have any questions. 315-675-8615 is my home phone #, leave message if no answer or try my cell at 518-376-5453. Thanks everyone for anything you can do to help and also for your generous donations. See you soon, Lori

MEMBER FINDS

July 2018

Mike Eychner: Canadian Cent, 3 Washington quarters, 2 wheat back cents, 1 Jefferson nickel, 2 old style valve stems, length of copper tubing, cast toy car part, lipstick tube, Raid fly sticker, dental floss pick, 300 Savage casing

Robert Thomas: 1880 Canadian dime, 11 wheat cents, (1913, '18, '23, '31, '41-S, '44, 3 '46, '50, '57, \$1.75 new money, Flat button (C&R Imperial Standard 1790 – 1820, Pocket knife, Harmonica reed, Brass reigns guide, compact cover, thimble, 2014 dog tag, Model "T" hot shot points, fountain pen tip, horse bit, hay fork

Margaret Ferjet: 23mm silver coin (no detail), 1843 Mexican 1 real, 1899, 1901, 1905, 3 1914s, 1917 Mercury dime, Buffalo head nickel (no date), 1904 Indian head cent, 15 wheat cents, .73 in new money, 1920s lipstick tube, engine points for model "T", ladies compact, pocket knife, pocket watch, skeleton key, junk ring w/green stone, lapel stud (Swifts Golden West Fatted Foul), 1920s cracker Jack dog toy, aluminum religious medal, ladies leaf & vine brooch, 2 musket balls

Thomas Ferjet: 1 real (no date), 1900 Barber half dollar, 2 Standing liberty quarters 1928 other w/no date, 1864 2-cent piece, 1899, 1901, 1912 Barber dimes, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 3 1920s, 1926 Mercury dimes, buffalo nickel (no date), King George halfpenny (no date), 5 Indian head cents, 28 wheat back cents, 1930s "kiss-proof" lipstick tube, silver religious cross, gold-plated medallion (shield on eagle), ladies pin w/rose, aluminum religious medal, musket ball, buggy break.

Chris Stockton: 1897 Indian head cent (his first!), 1945 mercury dime, 1950 Roosevelt dime, .925 eagle pendant, sterling ring w/green onyx, small caliber musket ball.

Ruth Bohm (Camp Kingsley finds): Neckerchief slide, belt buckle, 1 bullet, 2 shotgun shell ends, old spoon, 2 numbered tags, 2 pocket knives, 1 ring, fish head (surface find I'm guessing), lead & nails

Larry Ehlinger: 18?? Canadian dime, 1946 Roosevelt dime, 5 wheatback cents, Tornado cigarette lighter, ox knob, 1950s era rotary phone dial, lipstick tube, small brass harness buckle, harness buckle cover

Lori Fealey: 1886 "V" nickel, 1891 seated dime, 1909 Barber dime, 1917 & 1947 wheat-back cents, 1985 Mexican 50 Peso coin, 2009 "Lincoln on a log" coin, bag o' clad, 2 silver-plated spoons (Oneida LTD & Community SS), Old straight razor handle, Belt buckle w/ornate leather design, old kitchen knife in pieces, Carrier Co. AC Mfg. plate, numerous glass shards including Cleveland green glass, live 16 gauge shotgun shell, pieces of toy cap gun, vintage clock winding key, broken gold nose ring, toy steam roller & yellow pickup truck, small antique button, Victorian-era decorative feather motif, 1951 aluminum rabies tag, electric fence insulator, NYS Police badge, woman's compact (Gimonet de Paris)

David Lofgren: Lead WWI Soldier, pocket watch, 2 Mercury Dimes 1941, 1944, Silver Washington quarter 1945, 2 Buffalo nickels, War Nickel, 2 Good Luck Tokens from the 1930's- a Worcester Salt Token and a Congolium Rug token, 1906 V Nickel, 1906 Indian Head Penny, and a sleigh turret.

Finds Competition Winners for July 2018

Best Coin

Winner: Peter Sorrell
Entry: Counter Stamped 1875-S 20-cent piece
Location: Peru, NY old house
Value: \$100 G-4 W.O. counterstamp (Y.S. Yeoman Red book)
2nd place Marge Ferjet, 1 real (Mexicana)
3rd place Fred DeCarlo, 1737 King George II
Number of entries 10



Best Other

Winner: Peter Sorrell
Entry: 1887 Bulldog Cap Gun
Location: Altona, NY old house
Detector: XP Deus
Value: \$350
2nd place: Lori Fealey, Vintage NYS Police badge
3rd place: Bob Thomas, War of 1812 Infantry button
Number of entries: 13



Best Jewelry

Winner: Fred DeCarlo
Entry: WWII sterling ring "military police Hawaii)
Location: Plainfield NY field
Detector: XP Deus
Value: Unknown
2nd place: Tom Ferjet, Rose under glass brooch
3rd place (2-way tie) Dave Lofgren, pocket watch, Chris Beattie, ladies barrette



Mystery - Best Silver Coin

Winner: Tom Ferjet
Entry: 1900-S Barber Half
Location: Floyd Woods
Value: \$12.00
Number of entries: 4



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 virchnet@gmail.com

WWII Presentation

Written by Stu Copperwheat

If you missed our Earth Club meeting on Monday, June 25th, you missed a wonderful, once in a lifetime presentation by Stu and Alicia Copperwheat.

Alicia began their presentation by explaining the back story of how her mother Dolores tragically lost two of her older brothers in WWII when she was just 9 years old and the effects that this had on her mother growing up without them.

Stu and Alicia then presented a home movie composed of pictures and actual footage from Alicia's mother's and Uncle Tony's life all done to the very touching songs "Wind beneath my Wings" by Bette Midler and Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA".

The following is an overview of the film. One of the brothers, SSgt Cosmo Cecere was killed by a falling tree during a storm on Bougainville Island in Papua New Guinea while the other brother, TSgt Anthony Cecere (Tony), died just two months later when his plane disappeared into the North Sea just 12 miles due east off the coast of England near Cambridge.



Tony (Anthony) was returning to Thurleigh Air Field from a bombing mission in Kassel, Germany when his plane went down. He was later listed as Missing in Action and his body was never recovered. Alicia added that the deaths were especially hard on her grandparents Vito and Maria Cecere and explained that Dolores's life became even more complicated when just 4 years later her father Vito Antonio died at the age of 63 citing the loss of his two sons as a contributing factor.

Alicia further explained that while Dolores had a special bond with both of her brothers, Tony's death was especially difficult because not only did she not know much about what had happened to him but at the time the cemetery would not allow his head stone to include anything but his last name since there was no body in the grave which upset her greatly. Dolores would unfortunately spend the rest of her life futilely trying to change that and sadly

in 2000, Dolores passed away at the age of 64 without ever fulfilling her wish or knowing much else about her brother Tony other than that his plane went into the sea.

Because of Dolores's love and commitment to her older brothers, Alicia grew up with her uncle's lives being a continual influence on her. Especially Tony's, whose mission diary Alicia recalled fondly as it became a window into his daily life. When Dolores died, Alicia decided that she would honor her mother's memory by carrying the torch to learn all she could about her uncle. Nearly fifteen years after Dolores's passing in 2015, Alicia's father Rocco Piccione along with the help of Russell Miller were successful in getting a long overdue bronze plaque added to Tony's head stone fulfilling Dolores's wish.

A couple of years ago, Alicia discovered the Cambridge American Cemetery and Museum. It is the only American WW2 cemetery in the United Kingdom. The cemetery was first opened on December 7, 1943 as one of three temporary American cemeteries in the United Kingdom. After the war, on land donated by the University of Cambridge, it was chosen as the only permanent WW2 American cemetery in Britain. It is the final resting place of 3,812 men and women who gave their lives in the Battle of the Atlantic, the strategic bombing campaign over Europe, those who died in the invasion of Europe, and those who were killed in training exercises on British soil which are the white crosses you will see. The lives of another 5,127 men and women whose bodies were never recovered are commemorated on the wall of the missing. Among the names listed was TSgt Anthony Cecere.

Alicia said this new information sparked a firestorm of communications between the museum in Cambridge, and US Archives to learn all the information she could about her uncle. She also contacted many metal detecting clubs throughout Great Britain in the hopes of locating Tony's dog tags. Although the dog tags were never found, Alicia did uncover loads of information regarding her uncle and after one final call to the curator of the museum, a personal tour and ceremony was offered and it was decided that England's Cambridge American Cemetery and the wall of the missing would become an integral "must visit" part of their 2016 trip to England.

One of the most touching stories was about a dragonfly that began "visiting" them the summer prior to the trip. At first they were amused by the daily visits when Stu and Alicia were having breakfast on their deck. However, it became much more significant when Alicia had a chance encounter with a psychic who offered a very special reason for the visits as well as a spot on explanation of Tony's death. "It's your Uncle Tony" the psychic said. Alicia said from that point on the dragonfly followed them everywhere and just prior to their trip an unusual swarm of dragonflies descended on them at their home when Alicia joked that it must be Tony bringing the whole family.

When Stu and Alicia arrived in England, Stu was having breakfast one morning at their cottage when a dragonfly flew up to the window he was sitting near and hovered there watching him. When Stu and Alicia later told the hosts about the dragonfly, they were intrigued because it was rare if ever they saw dragonflies there. The day of the Cambridge Memorial trip, the hosts met Stu and Alicia at their car as they were getting ready to leave and excitedly told them that the night before they had also seen a dragonfly which the host's husband thought extraordinary. Alicia then said to Stu and their friends on their way to Cambridge that "if the dragonfly showed up there to get a picture of it".

After a wonderful overview of the memorial, the curator was beginning the ceremony at the wall of the missing where Tony's name was when Stu turned around for a split second and uttered "Oh my God would you look at that" as he pointed to the reflecting pool behind them. There hovering right in front of them was – the dragonfly. Stu and Alicia as well as their friends began taking photos and movies of the moment. Alicia said the curator stopped the ceremony to find out what all the fuss was about. She exclaimed that she had been at the museum for nearly 60 years and had never seen a dragonfly there. Needless to say there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Alicia then added that there are 40 hymns that rotate throughout the day on the grounds outdoor chapel speaker system and as the curator was performing the ceremony of pressing special sand from Omaha Beach into Tony's name on the wall, "Amazing Grace" began to play which was Alicia's mother's favorite hymn.

As the ceremony ended, Alicia added that the dragonfly made one last pass at them before exiting out an open doorway in the wall of the missing and disappearing. Above the wall was the word "free". Now if that doesn't give you chills I don't know what would! As the movie was wrapping up there was one particularly astonishing thing. There was a picture Alicia brought of Tony that had hung for decades at her parent's home. Alicia was walking out after the ceremony and the sun happened to hit the picture just right when she noticed an inscription on the picture that no one, not even her father had seen before. It said "To mother, from your son Tony".

At the very end of the movie an actual vintage WWII biplane is seen flying overhead as the ceremony at the Cambridge wall of the missing ended and then one final somber moment where a picture of Anthony is shown along with his birth and death dates. Needless to say, there were few dry eyes in the room.

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				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

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Junkman's Corner

My recent trip to the salvage yard netted \$50.00 toward our club fund for Camp Good Days. I'm so glad I'm retired since I spent a whole day just sorting all that great stuff you guys keep bringing me every month. I would love to hear any ideas you may have to possibly speed up the process in the future. I have unlimited space to use for this and there is no schedule that I have to follow. Please see me at our July meeting if you have any brainstorming ideas that would help. Thanks everyone and see you soon.

Your favorite junkman. Lori

