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NEWSLETTER
JULY 2019

# Earth Club of Central New York President's Message

We had a great meeting on June 24, 2019 at the Dunham Public Library in Whitesboro. In total we had 35 members in attendance along with a guest, **Dave Culver** from Deerfield. Dave has recently purchased a Garrett Ace 300.

Our guest speaker was John Taibe who has presented to the club before and we will always welcome him back. John once again capitvated the audience with his knowlegde of local railroad history and his ability to identify (and find!) objects related to railroad transportation. Thank you again, John.

**Ed Netzband's** stockpile of monthly meeting raffle prizes is becoming depleted. He would appreciate it if every one of you would take a few minutes

and look around your house for something you would donate to the club. Local books of historical nature, metal detecting accessories, trowels, tools, mint set coins, and local maps are just a few of the items we could use. The money the club makes on these monthly raffles helps us tremendously!

Our next meeting is Monday, Jul 29 at the Library in Whitesboro at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you all there!

David Lofgren
President

## **2019 Calendar of Events:**

|           |                        |             |         | Club Hunt            |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------|---------|----------------------|
| Date      | Comments               | Speaker     | Snacks  | Site/Date            |
| Jan 2019  | Board & Officers       | n/a         |         | n/a                  |
|           | Meeting                |             |         |                      |
| 2/25/19   | Meeting Cancelled      |             |         | n/a                  |
|           | due to Weather         |             |         |                      |
| 3/25/19   | Initial Meeting, Admin | n/a         | М       | n/a                  |
|           | Matters Etc.           |             | Ferjet  |                      |
| 4/29/19   | First Competition      | Ben         | Dave    | Proctor Park: 4/6 &7 |
|           | Meeting                | Simon;      | Brown   | Camp Henderson       |
|           | Officer Elections      | Farmer,     |         | 4/27                 |
|           |                        | historian   |         |                      |
| May 2019  | No Meeting in May      | n/a         | n/a     | Snow Ridge: 5/4      |
|           | due to Memorial Day.   |             |         | Vandercamp 5/11      |
|           | Meeting June 3         |             |         |                      |
| 6/3/19    |                        |             | Darcy P | Camp Kingsley 6/2    |
| 6/24/19   |                        | John Taibe  | Bob T   |                      |
|           |                        | Bottle      |         |                      |
|           |                        | Diving      |         |                      |
| 7/29/19   |                        | Coin Club   | Dave L  | The Cederlands       |
|           |                        | (tentative) |         | 7/21                 |
| 8/26/19   |                        |             |         |                      |
| 9/8/19    | Delta Lake Club Hunt   | n/a         | All     | 9/8 - Delta          |
| 9/30/19   |                        |             |         |                      |
| 10/5-10/6 | Pound The Ground       |             |         | Chazy, NY            |
|           | Adirondack Coast       |             |         |                      |
| 10/28/19  | Dress up Meeting ©     |             |         | West Canada          |
|           |                        |             |         | Campground           |
|           |                        |             |         | (pending)            |
| 11/25/19  | Last Meeting of 2019   |             |         |                      |
| 12/8/19   | 2019 X-mas Party!      | n/a         | n/a     | n/a                  |

## PIRATES WEEKEND



Pirates Weekend at Sylvan Beach was another successful event for the EARTH Club Team. Plenty of pirate booty was dug up by sun drenched children and teens.

Participation seemed to start out slower than other years, but soon escalated to a point where participants were waiting their turn to dig treasure. No one went away empty handed and a good time was had by all. Even as we were closing down and clearing the beach, we had latecomers that enjoyed the hunt.

Many thanks go out to our longtime host, Kathy and Mike. The beach was set up larger this year to take up their whole beachfront. They provided hamburgers and hotdogs to us

after our event, but unfortunately the weather forced us to move quickly inside. We all scrambled to secure everything before the thunder and lightning along with strong winds came rolling across the lake. I can now say that I have seen a flying unicorn (large inflatable float).

We can look forward to next year's event and introduce more of the younger generation to our exciting pastime. Anyone wishing to donate some of their excess tokens, buttons, toys, jewelry, keys etc., can bring it to the meetings and pass it to Lori so we can seed the beach and make more children happy.

#### **2019 Pirates Weekend Volunteers:**

Lori Fealey
Patty & Larry Ehlinger
Randi Cowles
Bob Thomas





## Members Finds for June 2019:

**Ed Netzband** ~ 1883 Indian Head cent, 1764 half Reals, handful of new money, sterling ring with stone, false tooth, St. Christopher Medal, gold ball, several flat buttons

**Mike Eychner** ~ 1899 silver dollar, 1885 Indian head cent, Canadian quarter & cent, \$1.85 in new money, necklace with cross, bracelet part, horse shoe, horse rigging buckle, 2 fish hooks, 4 pull tabs, Chapstick tube, light end fixture, 2 bottle caps.

**Larry Ehlinger** ~ 1956-D Roosevelt dime, 1 wheat back cent, crushed brass thimble, dress button & common flat button, .25 Chuck E. Cheese Token, Single key, charm, yellow cat eye marble, fishing sinker, Victorian-era mirror handle, 5 match box cars, 1 match box motorcycle, Tootsie toy jet plane, old brass water valve, pocket knife, New York Central RR Uniform Button.

**Dave Lofgren** ~ Hose Nozzle, Spoon and 3 Memorial pennies ⊗

## **CLUB HUNTS**

Mike Parker

On Sunday, July 21st, 2019 seven members of the EARTH Club attended the club hunt at Cedarlands Scout Reservation not far from Long Lake. Attending the club hunt were **Tom and Marg Ferjet**, **Brandon Snyder**, **Dave Dylis**, **Dave Brown**, **Dave Zohne** and **Mike Parker**. The Reservation has been sold and will be changing hands on August 9th.

One of the most unusual finds ever found at a club hunt was one we couldn't keep as it had two legs. While waiting at the gate of Cedarlands for other members to arrive, Mike and Brandon met Sigourney Weaver as she was closing the gate. I suppose if the EARTH members were wearing ties she wouldn't have been locking the gate. After a short conversation both parties moved on. Brandon recognized her and soon had her film history on his iPhone, which included Ghost Busters, and a treasure hunting movie titled "Holes".

There were Boy Scout items found, a pocket knife, a fork, slides, to name a few, and a lot of change including an undisclosed about of silver.

## **Finds Competition Winners for June 2019**

**Best Coin** 

Winner: Alicia Copperwheat

Entry: 1787 Connecticut Copper Cent

Location Found: Springfield, NY Farm field

Detector Used: XP Deus

Value: \$40 - \$75 (2019 R.S. Yeoman's Red Book

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ed Netzband, 1764 ½ Reales

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Stu Copperwheat, 1818 Large Cent

Number of Entries 8



Winner: Marge Ferjet

Entry: Sewing Scissor's Sheath

Location Found: Steuben, NY?

Detector Used: Garrett AT-Pro Value: Historic,

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (2-way tie) Stu Copperwheat, 1800's Lighter; Lori Fealey,

State of NY Brass Belt Buckle

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Larry Ehlinger, New York Central RR Uniform

Button

Number of Entries: 8

#### **Best Jewelry**

Winner: Ed Netzband
Entry: Silver Ring w/stone

Location Found: Kirkland, NY Town Park

Detector Used: Whites MXT Value: ?

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Stu Copperwheat, 1700's Pendant 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Lori Fealey, Unicorn Necklace

Number of Entries: 6

**Mystery Category** Best Military Item

Winner: Lori Fealey

Entry: Lead German Toy Soldier Location Found: Rotterdam, N.Y. Lawn

Detector Used: XP Deus

Value: Collect or Display

Number of Entries: 3



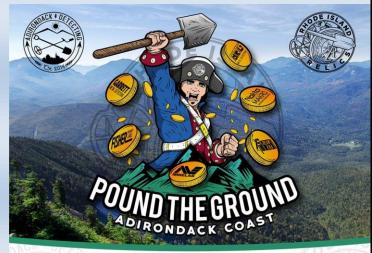




## **POUND THE GROUND 2019 NATIONAL HUNT**

By Pete Sorell

Hey folks! I'm excited to give you all the details you will need to enjoy the Pound the Ground event I'm helping out on this October. Due to the large amount of people coming, we need to order all of our tickets at the same time to get our discount as a club. Therefore everyone that is planning on going will need to bring their \$75 entry fee (which is good for all hunts) to the next meeting, Monday, June 24th. Dave will then get us a coupon code from the hunt organizer and tell him the total number of members that will be attending. We are expected to bring a table, have our banner, display finds, and sell swag if we want to. My wife Amanda will probably cover the table while people are hunting. There will be 2 food trucks on site, a beer vendor, craft/accessory vendors, and many other detecting clubs from around the country. Our main sponsors will be Nokta/Makro, Garrett, and XP, along with several smaller contingents from other manufacturers. Garrett will have many of the YouTube stars we know and love at the event, including The Hoover Boys, Jocelyn Elizabeth (Relic Recoverist), and Beau Ouimette (Auquachigger) among others. For XP they're



#### Saturday, Oct. 5th, 2019

A Natural Hunt On Over 1200 Acres Of Prime Farm Fields Along Historic Lake Champlain And The Great Chazy River

#### Sunday, Oct. 6th, 2019

The Largest Seeded Hunt In The Usa!!! There Will Be Thousands Of Silver Coins, Gold Coins And Gold Nuggets!

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bringing in Gary Blackwell from the UK. He does all of their XP Skills School videos and we're very excited he will be joining us. At this time, I can tell you with certainty that over 40 brand new metal detectors, countless accessories, and lots of swag will be given away at the event. With the outreach that is forthcoming, we think the tickets are going to sell fast, so if you want a guaranteed spot at the discounted rate, now is your chance! The flyer above will be attached so you can choose a place to stay. We have many hotels and a state campground nearby. Book early to make sure you can get a discounted rate (tell them to book you under the Detecting Event block). I've also seen quite a few people get an AirBnB which is a rental, but you can go as a group and save money. I look forward to seeing a lot of our members there!

# **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 Blazek 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!





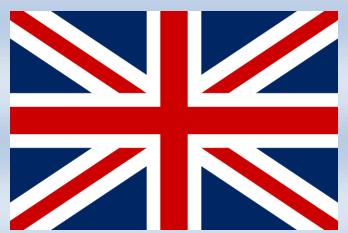


## Portland & Weymouth Metal Detecting Club News

Hello Earth club members,

Greeting to you all from a sunny and warm United Kingdom where we are all enjoying the English summer. We live on a latitude of 50 degrees, where it wasn't for the Gulf Stream we would get the same harsh winters as Canada.

This time of the year is a busy one in the Rainford household, each September I organize a charity metal detecting rally in the nearby County of Wiltshire. The village is called Urchfont about 18 miles north of Salisbury and very close to the historic Stonehenge. You may have heard of Salisbury for it was in the World news last year, it was the town where an ex Russian spy lived and agents were sent over to kill him with the deadly Novichok poison. Thankfully only one British lady died as a result of this poison, it could have been far worse.



The farm at Urchfont covers 1100 acres and we have had some spectacular finds over the years. These include gold and silver staters, hundreds of medieval silver hammered coins, Roman coins and many valuable artefacts. We normally have just over a 100 people attending which is fine as there are vast amounts of land to detect on. We only invite specially invited detectorists, all from local detecting clubs, and all are hopefully very honest. Urchfont is the land where the stones for Stonehenge were carried through, and every year it is walked on by people following the Sarstone trail. We have strict treasure laws over here, where any item over 300

years ago made of silver or gold, or more than two valuable coins in the same hole have to by law be declared to the Crown.

If an item or coins are declared as treasure, then a committee decide its value and a reward of 50/50 is split between the land owner and the finder. People start turning up at 3pm on the Friday, and we normally find a field for them to detect on before the main rally at the weekend. There is a great atmosphere as year on year something special will turn up and be the talking point of the rally. At 5pm on the Saturday we have a massive raffle where money made is given to our club, usually to buy Spink coins of England books for the next year. The land owner always attends to see the finds that have turned up, he is always amazed at the finds. His wife always bakes cakes and coffee for the detectorist's which is always appreciated.

We have been blessed to have some of your club members attend in the past, and one year Stu Copperwheat dug up a gold Celtic stater. An open invite is always there for any of you to come over and enjoy the delights of England and our detecting fields.

May I wish you all a happy detecting season, and one year I hope to visit you all again.

With very best wishes,

Paul Rainford.

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