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NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019

Earth Club of Central New York

President's Message

Another stellar meeting of finds was had on June 3 at the Dunham Public Library in Whitesboro where 25 members were in attendance. As usual, the May meeting was pushed to the first Monday in June due to the long Memorial Day weekend. I hope everyone took a moment to give proper remembrance to those who have served our country.

On the Club hunt front, there were 7 members that attended the Camp Kingsley hunt. Several Boy Scout related items were found along with several silvers including a stunning Walking Liberty Half Dollar found by **Bob Thomas**. We intend on hunting the Cederlands site again, but we need to do it before Aug 9 when the property changes hands. Mike Parker will keep the club posted on the date through email communications. Mike is also coordinating potential dates and locations with his farmer friend **Ben**

Simon who spoke at the April 2019 meeting. Keep us posted Mike!

Member Pete Sorrell had some exciting news for the Club regarding a 1,000 plus acre national hunt that he is assisting in coordinating in the northern Adirondacks for the first weekend in October. See the separate article in this newsletter.

Congratulations to all our members who donate to our charity, Camp Good Days and Special Times. We were able to make a contribution of \$530 from scrap metal and generous member donations. Thank you all so much.

See you soon at the next meeting which is June 24 at the Dunhman Public Library at 6:30. We have John Taibe as a guest speaker, and Bob Thomas will bring along the snacks!

David Lofgren
President



2019 Calendar of Events:

Date	Comments	Speaker	Snacks	Club Hunt Site/Date
Jan 2019	Board & Officers Meeting	n/a		n/a
2/25/19	Meeting Cancelled due to Weather			n/a
3/25/19	Initial Meeting, Admin Matters Etc.	n/a	M Ferjet	n/a
4/29/19	First Competition Meeting Officer Elections	Ben Simon; Farmer, historian	Dave Brown	Proctor Park: 4/6 & 7 Camp Henderson 4/27
May 2019	No Meeting in May due to Memorial Day. Meeting June 3	n/a	n/a	Snow Ridge: 5/4 Vandercamp 5/11
6/3/19			Darcy P	Camp Kingsley 6/2
6/24/19		John Taibe Bottle Diving	Bob T	
7/29/19		Coin Club (tentative)	Dave L	The Cederlands (tentative)
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 Adirondack Coast			Chazy, NY
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

Members Finds for May 2019:

Randi Cowles ~ 1899 Barber quarter, 2007 George Washington Presidential Dollar, \$4.50 in clad, pocket knife, fish net weight, musket ball, snap fastener.

Ed Netzband ~ Matron Head Large Cent (no date), draped bust cent (no date), wheat back cent, handful of newer coinage, silver ring, 2 watches, set of keys on a ring, pocket knife, tiny thimble, flat button, belt buckle.

Mike Eychner ~ Thailand coin, 1947 Roosevelt dime, 1964 half dollar, \$.94 in new change, Woman's Canadian hockey token, toy car, broken jewelry, hand-made cow chime, sleigh bell.

Dave Lofgren ~ Mercury head dime, 3 Rosies, 10 wheat back cents, sweetheart locket, 1850 Bank of Upper Canada halfpenny token, Sterling silver ring, brass ring with "F", 3 partial pocket watches, pewter spoon bowl, porcelain Dalmatian.

Larry Ehlinger ~ 1849 half-dime, 1864 2-cent piece, 1902 Barber dime, 1942 mercury head dime, 1953 Roosevelt dime, 1950 & '53-D Washington quarters, 2 wheat-back cents, Blue Tootsie Toy (1939 Mercedes), clock pendulum, harness buckle, 1910 date nail, pewter spoon bowl, small pliers, truck tire valve stem cap, WWI lead soldier, drawer pull, 1981 G.A.F.B. dog tag, 2 heavily rusted traps (beaver & musket)

Bob Thomas ~ Walking Liberty Half, 1944, 5 wheaties, 1910, 12, 16, 47, 56; 7 Canadian Pennies, 9.26 in clad coins, Model T Valve Stem Cover, Episcopal church necklace shield, snuff case, Mentholetum cream tin, brass knee buckle, rosary, metal toy airplane, 3 horseshoes, harmonic a reed, 22 assorted tokens, 2 brass spoons, a steel fork, flat button.



*This month's animal encounter:
Scottish Highland Cows in Cape Vincent!*

Finds Competition Winners for May 2019

Best Coin

Winner: **Larry Ehlinger**
Entry: 1849 Half dime
Location Found: Camden NY picnic grove
Detector Used: Whites Classic III
Value: VF-20 \$58.00 (R.S. Yeoman Red Book 2019 edition)
2nd place: Scott Hastings, 1894 Barber half
3rd place (4-way tie) Ed Netzband, Draped bust cent, Pete Sorrell, 1915-D Barber quarter, Alicia Copperwheat, 1859 Canadian cent, Robert Thomas, 1944 Walking Liberty half dollar.
Number of entries: 14



Best Other

Winner: **Mike Parker**
Entry: Utica Motor Club badge
Location Found: Stittville, NY lawn
Detector Used: Whites VX3
Value: Collectable
2nd Place: Lori Fealey, Heart shaped heel plate
3rd Place (5-way tie) Ed Netzband, pocket knife; Dave Lofgren, 1850 Canadian Bank Token; Peter Sorrell, 1843 New Brunswick Halfpenny token; Alicia Copperwheat, 1899 George Dewey token; Stu Copperwheat, 1852 halfpenny token
Number of Entries 13



Best Jewelry

Winner: **Alicia Copperwheat**
Entry: 1926 Ozmite Club Badge
Location Found: Bridgewater NY farm field
Detector Used: Deus XP
Value: \$900. - \$1000.
2nd place: Brandon Snyder, Key Pendant
3rd place (2-way tie) Ed Netzband, Silver ring; Stu Copperwheat, gold & diamond bracelet
Number of entries: 13



Mystery Category Best Silver Coin
Winner: Marg Ferjet
Entry: 1928 Standing Liberty quarter
Location Found: Marcy NY woods
Detector Used: Garrett AT-Pro
Value: F-12 \$9.00 (R.S. Yeoman Red Book 2019 edition)
Number of Entries: 8



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 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!



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!

2 Day Natural Hunt For \$100 or \$150 For Natural/Seeded Hunt

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Food Trucks Will Be On Onsite Both Days

Metal Detectors, Prize Raffles, Giveaways And A Massive 50/50 Raffle

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1926 OZMITE Club Badge – Ultra Rare

This Wizard of OZ Ozmite club badge was issued in 1926, 13 years before the movie as a promotional book club item of the 1900 writing of L. Frank Baum's novel, *The Wizard of OZ*. It is considered to be ultra rare. Prior to this find, there were only 7 documented examples of this pin known to exist. An intact example with the pin attached on the back sold in 2016 for \$2000. Another example without the pin sold in 2017 for \$974.99.



Value of this pin today as is, is estimated to be between \$950 to \$1,000.

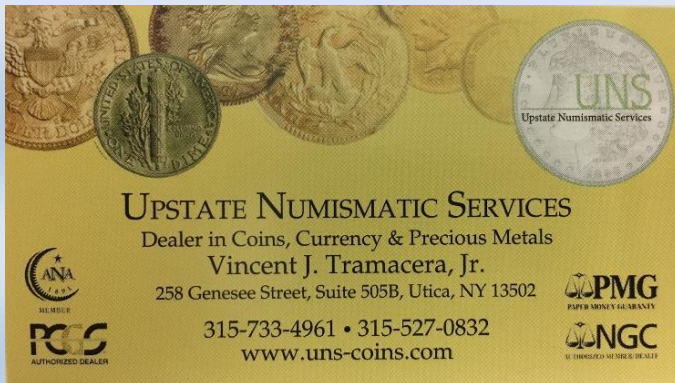
History of the Ozmites

The *Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was written by L. Frank Baum and first published in 1900 by the George M. Hill Company. The book was so popular that a lengthy series was continued by publishers Reilly & Lee. After Baum's passing in 1919, the Oz book series was continued by Ruth Plumley Thompson. Baum had two OZ books published posthumously in 1919 and 1920 and Thompson's first Oz book, published in 1921, was credited to Baum but "enlarged and edited" by Thompson to ease the transition.

In 1925, a musical play titled "A Day in Oz" toured the country performing in book departments of major retailers and from this, the Ozmite Club developed the following year. Aside from informal local neighborhood or newspaper-sponsored groups, the Ozmite Club is believed to be the first official organized society of Oz enthusiasts, albeit limited to juvenile fans. It is unknown just how long various Ozmite Club sectors continued, but it is likely not much longer than the late-1920s. The Ozmite Club was made known to department store and book seller patrons via a leaflet announcing it. Young Oz book lovers filled out the survey on the leaflet, indicating which Oz books they had already read from the list printed on the back, or (Heavens!) whether they hadn't yet read any Oz books but were still interested in becoming an Ozmite.

The form also requested the name, age, birthday, address, telephone number, and parents' names of the child filling it out. The instructions next indicated that the completed form should be handed "to the lady in the book department and she will give you the beautiful Ozmite Pin and Ozmite Secrets." The "secrets" must have been quite secretive, for no known examples of them have surfaced, but the Ozmite pin, while exceedingly rare, is known by only a few examples that remain today. It is a scarce souvenir representing the "Golden Age of Oz" at the height of the Oz book series' popularity prior to the famous 1939 MGM Technicolor film.

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!



Junkmans' Corner



Hey all you treasure hunters, summer's finally here despite the annoying raindrops. The anticipation of the season's exciting events are on the horizon. The weddings, parties, graduation celebrations, family reunions, etc. are all perfect opportunities to bring me MORE JUNK! Unfortunately I'm still baffled by the lack of participation by some of our members and you know who you are who are still not on board. I'm aware that some of you do not swing the coil as often as others but there's always other opportunities to take action. As I have stressed several times in the past, "everyone eats" including your pets and those empty cans are worth more to us than the garbage man. \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Rinse them out please and bring them to me at the monthly meetings! It only takes very little time and effort on your part to make a big difference! The events you all may be enjoying this summer could truly bring in some

serious cash for Camp Good Days. Get creative, bring your own garbage bags to the party and inquire about donations like the bottles and cans that may be discarded. Tell them about our charity and how they can help, who wouldn't want to give to these deserving kids. Give them my information if they ask, maybe I could pick up these items in the future, like I suggested, use your imagination! Come on everyone, step up the pace and let's see how successful this season could truly be, even the smallest effort all adds up! The fun is just about to start, let's make this our best year ever! Thank you all, and I'll see you at the June meeting.

Sincerely,
Junkman Lori

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