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NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

Earth Club of Central New York President's Message

We had a great meeting on Monday, April 29 at the Dunham Public Library in Whitesboro. We had some new members sign up including Randy Cowles of Carthage and Scott Hastings of Whitesboro. In total, there were 26 members in attendance.



Our speaker for the month was Ben Simon. Gentleman farmer Ben Simons delighted the members of the Earth Club with insights on his profession. "Farmers appreciate you asking to metal detect on our properties," he said. "And if you find something, share it with him even if it is an old horse shoe." Simons and his son own over 1,000 acres of land with much of it being on top of Starr

Hill which was part of the Patent awarded to Baron Von Steuben for his services in the Revolutionary War. Both French and British armies have traveled over his land. Ben talked for over a half hour answering questions like how deep does a plow go when you turn the soil and talked about no till plowing and crop rotation. He welcomes people to metal detecting his property and he added that you should always fill in your holes, even though you are in a middle of a farmer's field. Ben could have talked for another half hour and nobody would have been bored. Perhaps he can come again and tell the club more about his adventures in farming.

It always pays to keep your eyes open for wildlife when you are out swinging the coil around fields and homesteads. Some animals can be dangerous such as a poisonous snake (very uncommon in our area) or deer ticks, but most are harmless and will keep out of your way given the chance. This porcupine that Pete Sorrell spotted while we were detecting up in the 1000 Islands region was keeping an eye on us. He (or she, we didn't check) didn't seem to care about our presence and did not perceive us as a threat. I for one had no intention of petting him.



**David Lofgren
President**

Snow Ridge Hunt

By Larry Ehlinger

Twelve members of the EARTH club showed up for the Snow Ridge Ski Area Hunt in Turin on Saturday May 4th. According to the sign-in sheet attendees were: **Larry Ehlinger, Patrick Britton, Robert Thomas, Ed Netzband, Mike Parker, Margaret Ferjet, John Bradlinski Jr, Randi Cowles, Dave Dylis, Dave Brown, Dave Zohne and Lori Fealey.**

The weather and conditions for a day of detecting could not have been any better. The temperature hit 60, the day was overcast, just a bit of a breeze, easy digging and not a black fly anywhere.

Our finds were modest with the “recovery of the day” being a 1938 Walking Liberty Half dollar found by Mike Parker. He also found some newer coinage and a National Ski Association pin. Margaret Ferjet took home \$3.50 in clad, Lori Fealey also found new money “and nothing else very exciting.” Dave Dylis dug \$5.20 in new money, a cell phone, a vintage aluminum and leather ski pole basket and a newer style padlock. Besides clad, Dave Brown pulled a Canadian two dollar coin and a nice gold colored snow flake shaped pin with the words Snow Ridge written across it. Pat Britton only had a short hunt but came up with \$1.87. John Bradlinski Jr. found a wheat-back cent and a handful of clad. Larry Ehlinger found a 1950 & 1953 Washington quarter, a 1942 Mercury dime and a 1953 Roosevelt dime.



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		Mystic Stamp (tentative)	Darcy P	Camp Kingsley 6/2
6/24/19		John Taibe Bottle Diving	Bob T	West Canada Campground (pending)
7/29/19		Coin Club (tentative)	Dave L	
8/26/19				
9/8/19	Delta Lake Club Hunt	n/a	All	9/8 - Delta
9/30/19				
10/28/19	Dress up Meeting 😊			
11/25/19	Last Meeting of 2019			
12/8/19	2019 X-mas Party!	n/a	n/a	n/a

Members Finds for April 2019:



Dave Lofgren ~ Lord's Prayer medallion, 1774 – 1792 King Louis XVI 1 Sol Coin, 1943, 1946 (2), 1947, 1951 (2) silver quarters, 2 buffalo nickels (no dates), 1859 & 1899 Indian Head cents, 12 wheat back cents, 1870s Clinton Liberal Institute script button, cow cookie cutter, vintage fishing reel, silver buffalo charm, vintage silver brooch, batwing buckle, 2 ox knobs, padlock, lead soldier, "Princess Pat" makeup compact tin, tire pressure gauge, play money coin, several flat buttons.

Ed Netzband ~ U.S. half cent (no date), Bag o' clad, mysterious iron plate with figure, hammered silver bracelet, coral bracelet, part of arrow shaft, cheapo bracelet.

Robert Thomas ~ 1894 Indian Head cent, 1924 wheat-back cent, Buffalo Head nickel (no date), 1988 Canadian dime, \$6.94 in clad, flattened Howe Cavern cent, small heart locket, WWII pocket button by the Austin Co. Providence, RI, Elcaya cold cream jar cover, BSA Neckerchief slide, cell phone, pepper shaker, pocket knife, fish stringer, cross w/stones earring, dog tag, Albany NY, iron "D" buckle frame.

Peter Sorrell ~ 1783 2 Real (Mexico), 1806 Draped Bust quarter, 1780s Connecticut State copper, 1800 & 1822 Draped Bust large cents, 1830s Matron Head large cent, "V" Nickel (no date), numerous "War of 1812" buttons, 1 lb. cannon shot, small crotal bell, War of 1812 musket balls, aluminum child's toy plate and knife, 1940s Midget toy car, 1950s Tootsie Toy jeep.



Lori Fealey ~ Numerous clad coins, 8 Match Box cars, 1 toy tractor, eye glasses frame, several glass and pottery shards, American padlock USA, transparent blue marble, 2 earrings, half of a strap hinge, small ceramic doll head w/date, rocking horse & Teddy Bear Christmas ornament, "house #7" tag, Jack Daniels cigarette lighter, wireless house phone, small sleigh bell, 3 boy scout pins, 4 neckerchief slides, Boy Scout pen, 2 antique phoebe fishing lures, match safe (pat. Date 1900), Battle of Gettysburg token, 2007 necklace, small flag pin, musket ball & bullet, fancy silverware handle, Victorian lady jewelry box decoration.

Larry Ehlinger ~ 1862 & 1900 Indian Head cents, 4 wheat-back cents, 1 flat button, mangled sterling thimble w/initials, junk ring w/red stone, silver-plated butter knife, "Cats-eye" truck taillight lens, Slaymaker Super padlock, 1950s Dinky Toys fire engine, pocket watch parts, 5 various size buckles and buckle frames, small buckle shield (pat. Date 12/16/79).

Finds Competition Winners for April 2019

Best Coin

Winner: Peter Sorrell
Entry: 1808 Draped Bust quarter
Location Found: Clayton, NY pasture
Detector Used: XP Deus
Value: \$200
2nd Place: Dave Lofgren, 1774 - '93 King Louis XVI, 1 Sol

3rd Place: David Brown 1864 Indian Head cent

Number of Entries: 11



Best Other

Winner: Lori Fealey
Entry: Victorian lady jewelry box decoration
Location Found: Fort Plain, Victorian-era home
Detector Used: XP Deus
Value: Unknown
2nd Place: Peter Sorrell, War of 1812 Officers cuff button
3rd Place: Ken Price, Eagle Pin
Number of Entries: 13



Best Jewelry

Winner: Dave Lofgren
Entry: Vintage sterling silver brooch
Location Found: Clinton, NY home-site
Detector Used: Minelab Explorer II
Value: Unknown
2nd Place: Ira Tisch, Man's gold & silver wedding band
3rd Place (tie): Marg Ferjet, brooch / Peter Sorrell 1870s brooch
Number of Entries: 10



Mystery Category

"Best Farm-Related Object"

Winner: Marylou DesRosiers
Entry: Hand Sycle
Location Found: Clay, NY woods
Detector Used: Garrett AT-pro
Value: Historic
Number of Entries: 7



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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 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 Blasek 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!





Don't overlook hunting the grassy area between sidewalks and streets. New member Scott Hastings recovered a lot of history doing just that in April!



Junkmans' Corner

Welcome back all you treasure hunting addicts! Hopefully winter is finally over! Now we gotta work on the reverse rain dance! Weeds are growing way too fast! Shortly we will be sending out our annual donation money to our favorite charity, Camp Good Days and Special times. We seriously thank you all again for your generous commitment to this worthy cause honoring John Seamon's wishes to keep his legacy alive and help those in dire need of some summer rest and relaxation despite the harsh reality of their illnesses! We genuinely wish all those involved with this endeavor a fun, happy and successful "2019" season.



**Sincerely,
Junkman Lori**



Hey folks! It's that time of year again, planting season. Soon our great plowed farm fields will be seeded and forbidden until Fall. That's when we gravitate towards the hay fields, cellar holes, and yards. If you've been in the woods or tall grass anytime in the last few years, you will have noticed the bigger presence of ticks. Those little bloodsuckers will get on you and cause all sorts of problems if you're not careful. Over the years I have tried many different types of sprays and homeopathic methods to ward them off. About 2 years ago someone recommended Sawyer's Permethrin Insect Repellent and I've never looked back. It is a

full clothing/gear insect repellent that you spray on. According to them, it is for use on clothing, tents, sleeping bags, and other outdoor gear. Sawyer Permethrin Clothing Insect Repellent not only repels insects, it actually kill mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, mites, and more than 55 other kinds of insects on contact. Odorless after drying, Permethrin will not stain or damage clothing, fabrics, plastics, finished surfaces, or any of your gear. If you throw on your regular insect repellent, you'll have a great chance of keeping the creepy crawlies off. Follow all the instructions and it will last several washes. It comes in an aerosol or spray bottle and can be found at most outdoor stores or large online retailers like Amazon and eBay. Happy hunting!

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