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NEWSLETTER

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Earth Club of Central New York

President's Message

After a long hiatus, we finally had a meeting the last Monday in October at the Whitestown WWII Vets Club on Main Street in Whitesboro. The facility is very good for our meeting and display purposes and will be a good alternative if the library meeting room is closed for public gatherings on a more long-term basis. Several members attended and brought along their finds from 2020, see the separate section later on in this newsletter. We are scheduled to meet at the Vets Club the last Monday of November (the 30th), but that of course is subject to the status of the Covid virus and public mandates.

On the year-end/Christmas Party front, we will be having the event at Club Monarch as in previous years. Club Monarch has assured me they are taking all necessary Covid precautions. That being said, if you are not comfortable in a group setting, taking precautions, please stay at home (even though we would love to see you!!). We are reserved there from 4:00 to 8:00 w/ full buffet.

- The cost is \$20 per person
- Bring a desert
- Bring a Raffle Prize

Since many of us have been out detecting, we will still have the annual finds competition, so bring in your best finds for this year only in the following categories:

Best Gold Ring,	Best Silver Ring
Best Iron Object,	Best Toy
Best US Small Cent,	Best Button
Best Jewelry (no rings),	Best Token
Best Foreign Coin,	Best US Large Cent
Best Overall Silver Coin,	Best Dime
Best Odd Denomination (2c, 3c, ½ dime, 20c)	Strangest find
Oldest Coin with Date,	Best Quarter
Best Military Item,	Best Advertising Item

Best Display (1st, 2nd and 3rd Place)

Scavenger Hunt (1st, 2nd and 3rd Place) As Stu and Alicia are not attending the year end festivities, Lori Fealey will be taking over the duties of tallying the Scavenger Hunt results (A copy of the 2020 Scavenger Hunt list is attached for reference on page 8 or if you need to complete it)

We will also have a detector for the grand raffle prize: a Nokta Simplex

Check out the information on Page 9 for the Digstock Events inaugural hunt to be held in North Carolina this coming Spring, an amazing old property with a LOT of history (and yes, the main event in Chazy NY is still planned for the fall of 2021!) Stay safe and I hope to see you at the November meeting!

David Lofgren

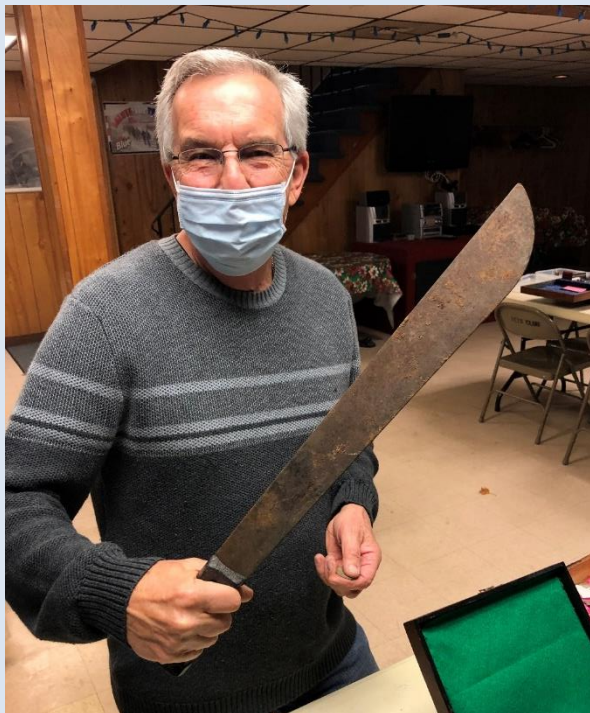
President

Cover Photo:

Spooky Cat found on Halloween

Finds for 2020 at the October 26 Meeting

Larry channeling his inner pirate with his machete find



Larry Ehlinger hittin the Silver



Mike Parker's NY Exceslior button



Mike Wusic Seated Quarter



Nice array of finds by Mike Parker



Toy gun



A sample of Matt Lenhart's finds from 2020



Lesney Car



Mike Wusic Lock & Keys



Bob Thomas



Dave Lofgren's goodies



**Margaret and Tom Ferjet
Liberty Cap Large Cent and Half Cent
And Colonial Copper**



Lake Delta Bible Conference Center Hunt

Sixteen EARTH club members showed up for a club hunt at the Lake Delta Bible Conference Center on Saturday October 17th. It was a chilly start to the day with frost in some of the low-lying areas. Most everyone arrived between 8:30 and 9:30 but a few trickled in throughout the day.

Those who attended were Pat Britton, Frank Washicosky, Mike Parker, Robert Thomas, Brandon Snyder, Lori Fealey, Ruth Bohm, Ed Netzband, Margaret Ferjet, John & Diane Hammond, Mike Wusik, Bill Wilson, Stu & Alicia Copperwheat, Sheila Himmelman and myself.

This is the second time we held this hunt here and both outings were held under ideal conditions. I always knew this place existed and about 10 years ago I sent off a letter to them asking the person in charge if we could hold a club hunt on their grounds. The director at the time wrote back and said that he would like to save the area for future campers in case anyone wished to metal detect.

Now, fast forward to 2 summers ago when Patty and I went to a garage sale near the site and to my surprised it was the home of the new director of the Conference Center, Steve Clark. Steve wasn't home but his wife was there conducting the sale. After I learned who this was, I laid out all the information on what we'd like to do so she gave me his card and I emailed him, he said okay and the rest is history.

I emailed all those who attended to let me know what they had found: Sheila Himmelman said she dug "a bunch of trash and should get an award for cleaning up the place." Pat Britten had a short day but dug some new coinage, a wheat cent and some pull tabs & nails. Alicia dug 27 modern coins, a wheat cent and a cheapo ring. Alicia dug a piece of gold last year. Husband Stu found 37 new coins, an old toy tank, a flattened Jerusalem Ring and while walking out along one of the gravel roads dug a worn 1887 Barber dime. The site is almost 100 years old.

Margaret Ferjet found 8 memorials, 1 quarter, a matchbox police pickup truck and an old Scotch tape metal dispenser. Lori Fealey dug a boat drain plug, a cake decorating tip, flattend toy helicopter, a Fugio Cent with the word "COPY" stamped on it. Lori also found \$1.50 in clad. Mike Parker found a boy's "wait" ring, 1 wheatback cent and 14 quarters. Mike is on a mission this season to dig 1000 quarters. He is in the 900s already and he's bound and determined*.

I dug 30 memorial cents, 7 wheat cents, 4 quarters and 5 dimes. I also found a 1943 Washington quarter a '43-P war nickel, a small sterling ring and a tiny toy space shuttle. I didn't hear back from anyone else but I know that Bob Thomas detecting around an abandoned horseshoe pit and dug a full set of shoes... all 4! Before we left Bob and I went into the conference center and found Steve and presented him with the shoes. He was grateful and said he'd paint 'em up.

***Mike found his 1000 quarter on October 25th at about 2:30 in the afternoon. He planted a watertight glass time capsule in the exact spot he dug his milestone quarter. Inside was "treasure" and a note explaining his feat.**

News from England

From Paul Rainford

Portland Weymouth Metal Detecting Club



Greetings to all my American friends from across the pond,

Well 2020 is a year that most of us will want to forget mainly due to the horrible virus Covid 19. In March the British Government put us all on a three month lockdown, we were not allowed to leave our homes apart from shopping, and medical treatments.

Many people did break the rules, one chap I know drove to Scotland to buy a car! There were detectorist's that I heard were still out in the fields detecting, despite the law telling us not to. Our beloved metal detecting club had their last meeting in February, and we still are not allowed to have any meetings in the near future.

We have now been put on another one month lockdown and nobody really knows when things will get back to normal, as the second wave of COVID-19 has hit this country hard. In late June things were relaxed a little, and some members did manage to get out, I will attach some photographs for you to see. We were also blessed to have eleven giant cruise liners in Weymouth bay, including all the Cunard ships that sail from Southampton to New York.

This is why I love this hobby as over here in England we have thousands of years of history just waiting to be discovered. Finds included: A 2000 year old Celtic gold stater, medieval strap ends, Roman coins, English and Scottish hammered coins from the 1300's. Our club members continue to find amazing things that we normally get to see each month, hopefully when things get back to normal we will get to see them all.

I apologize if this information has been a bit 'doom and gloom' but such is our way of life at this moment in time. May I wish you all a blessed Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year 2020

With very kind regards Paul Rainford, Weymouth England.



























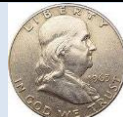















2020 Earth Club Scavenger Hunt

Name: _____

Objects Must be dug in the 2020 calendar year

Total # of Items Found _____

All entrants must bring their scavenger hunt items to the Christmas Party.
 Winner will be the person with the most items that can be verified.

				
Pencil Eraser End	Any Farm Blade	Oil Lamp Part	Any 10K Gold	Any Bobby Dazzler
				
Bolt	Spoon	Community Svc	Batwing Buckle	Buffalo Nickel
				
Any Bottle Cap	Any Clock Key	Crushed Soda Can	Any Foreign Coin	Any Half Cent
				
Draped Bust Cent	3 Cent Nickel	Dandy Button	Ringed Bullet	Lead Item
				
Beaver Tail Pulltab	Tootsie Toy	Metal Spring	Colonial Copper	Franklin Half
				
Ox Shoe	Pocket Knife	Any 1870's IH	Any Silver Jewelry	Pre 1950 Dog Tag
				
Harmonica Reed	Any Drink Token	Silver Wash Qtr	Any Hinge	Aluminum Foil Ball
				
Shotgun Shell End	Watch Fob	Old Nail	Play Money	Old Compaq Case

DIGSTOCK Mini is the first of our smaller hunts geared towards the more experienced treasure hunters, but everyone of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Our inaugural event will take place March 5-7th, 2021 near Greenville, North Carolina. Compared to our Fall hunt, DIGSTOCK 2021, this one will have less frills, but just as much fun.

The property we have acquired is rife with history dating back to before colonial times. The 2200+ acre site features fields, forests, and riverfront. With over 40+ homesites, 2 colonial plantations, a couple of bottle dumps, Native American village, and a rumored British Revolutionary War camp, there won't be a lack of places to explore. According to the landowners and our research, this property has been untouched by detectorists, a rare thing these days! The cost for the event is \$225 per person for the entire weekend, and includes a Sunday Southern BBQ lunch, 3 free raffle tickets, and is limited to 275 participants.

The adventure starts on the evening of Friday, March 5th, 2021 with our Meet and Greet/Rules Meeting. Due to the ongoing COVID 19 crisis, this may be rescheduled to the morning of the hunt. The hunt will begin at 7:30 am and all participants must be off the fields no later than 6 pm both Saturday and Sunday. There will be a food truck onsite Saturday and you will be treated to a Southern BBQ lunch that is included with your ticket on Sunday. We will be selling raffle tickets for metal detecting gear and other goodies from Friday through Sunday at 12pm, with the drawings taking place just after lunch that day. Get ready to uncover some incredible history at the first DIGSTOCK Mini. Please visit our website: www.digstockevents.com and click on the DIGSTOCK Mini heading for all the information you'll need. Tickets are selling fast!



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