

**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday,**  
**April 27 @**

**Whitestown Veteran's  
Club 174 Whitesboro  
St., Yorkville, NY  
6:30pm - 8:30pm**

# EARTH

*Metal Detecting Club of Central NY • Since 1990*



**Lori Fealey, A.K.A. The Junk Man, gave a presentation on her visit to the Mel Fisher Treasure Museum. Mel Fisher is famous for his discovery of the largest underwater treasure find in history. After years of searching he found the main pile of the Nuestra Senora de Atocha in July 1985, a Spanish treasure ship that sunk in 1715 off the shore of Florida. She also showed a map that marked the spot of many other sunken ships.**

*Newsletter April 2022*

## 2022 THOTY (Treasure Hunter of The Year) Competition Coins, Jewelry, Other, & Mystery

This April meeting will begin our 20th year for our find's competition. Here is a reminder on our rules and our point system:

Rules:

- You must find it yourself.
- You must find it with a metal detector or eyeballed in the act of detecting
- A non-metallic object can be entered if found while detecting
- Multiples, found together can be entered as one
- You may enter in all 4 categories but only one entry in each.
- You must be an EARTH Club member to enter. Members as well as guests may vote
- You must enter your find at the very next meeting you will be attending, no finds from months or years past.
- A photo of an entry may be used only if the item had to be given back to its owner.
- Objects found while magnet fishing may also be entered.

### Dues

When the virus hit 2 years ago many members had already paid their dues for a year that never happened. We allowed members that paid to roll the dues over to the following year. Now, with the virus behind us and holding regular meetings, the 2022 dues need to be paid by the meeting in May.

**If dues are not in by then that member will be dropped from the club.** If there is any issues, let us know and the Board may extend your membership until a said date. For new members that join in September, prior to the picnic, that payment will also take care of the 2022 dues.

You may also pay by sending payment directly to our Treasurer. Kathy Lenhart, 5770 Norton Road, Vernon Center, 13477. It was also decided to keep the cost the same, \$30.00 for a single and \$35.00 for in-house family.

Points are awarded as follows: One point for simply entering. 10 points for first. 7 points for second and 5 points for third. New in 2022, the mystery category will be treated the same as the other 3.

We will break a tie for first place with a show of hands. The losing entry will be dropped to second, and second place dropped to third. Members who tied for second or third place will both receive the same points.

Presidential Choice Award: Occasionally members fail to recognize a deserving entry. So, each month the president will view each entry and award an additional first place prize if he feels it necessary.

Tips: (1) Promote your item by giving it a nice presentation and description. Members and guests would like to know what it is they are voting on. (2) If you vote on what YOU would like to find, it makes your decision easier. (3) After winners are decided, Mike Parker will want to take a photo of you, so don't run off. (4) All winners will need to fill out a yellow "category winners" sheet afterwards.

### Display What You Found

Don't forget to bring in what you have found since our last meeting. In this case all the way back to November 2021! Trays will be available for you to set your items in. Be sure your name is visible. Some members show their finds in large converted wooden jewelry boxes.

If you want your items listed in the next newsletter it is up to you to send the list to Mike Parker. You don't have to list every single item you dug, only the better finds are necessary.

Reminder: Because of Memorial Day falling on our scheduled Monday meeting day, it will be moved up to Wednesday, May 25 at the Vet's Club in Whitesboro.

**2022 EARTH CLUB SCAVENGER HUNT** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Objects must be dug during the 2022 calendar year. Total # of Items Found: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sheets must be handed in at the NOVEMBER MEETING or at the CHRISTMAS PARTY.**

				
Cigarette Lighter	Any US Dollar Coin	Award Pin	Brass Rivet	Pewter Button
				
Monogrammed Flatware	Fishing Lure	Holed Coin	Suspender Buckle, Any Style	Chinese Coin
				
"D" Buckle Frame	Roundball	Brass Thimble	Horse Rein Terret	Metal Detecting Community Svc.
				
Oxen Shoe	Class Ring	Rifle Bullet Casing	Iron Ring	Post-1982 Zinc Cent
				
Any Half Cent	Half Reale	Conestoga Bell	Alum. Condom Tin	Any State Quarter
				
Toy Gun or Part	Old Lead Toothpaste Tube	Pre-1940 Dog Tag	Water Hose Nozzle	Commemorative Token
				
Any Half-Dime	Coin w/Mint Mark	Mobile Phone	Copper Wire	Any Rev. War Relic
				
Draped Bust Cent	Vaping Pipe	Any Tag w/Number	Eyeglasses	Indian Head Cent

# CLUB HUNTS



## April 30: Labrador Mountain (Map Above)

The Labrador Mountain Ski Area was opened in 1957 by the Wilson family on their property near Truxton, NY, along NYS Route 91. The area opened initially with two rope tows followed by a T-bar added in 1959. During those first years, a first aid patrol provided coverage.

Labrador Mountain Ski area is about an hour and 15 min. From Utica and starts at 9am.

## May 1st is the Snow Ridge Ski Area hunt in Turin starts at 9am.

If anyone is interested in having another club hunt at Song Mountain that can be arranged as there was so much snow on the slopes we were unable to hunt other than the parking lot.

**Club Hunts:** A few of the officers are working on securing springtime hunt sites for our club. Several ski areas and campsites are being considered. Whenever we have a specific date, it will show up in the calendar in the newsletter. A mass emailing will also be sent out to members a few days before the hunt which will include location, time, where to park and anything else that you would need to know.

**Scavenger Hunt:** The 2022 scavenger hunt sheet is finished and can be found and copied in this month's newsletter. If you want to compete, but are UNABLE to print out a copy, Larry will have a copy for you. Remember this contest is based on the honor system.

**Members Monthly Finds:** Larry Ehlinger is giving up the monthly task of collecting your finds sheets, typing them out and sending them to Mike Parker for the newsletter. If anyone is interested in taking this duty over, see Larry.

**News****Releases**

The Following is a News Release that was sent to area media to help promote the club: We will be sending a release for each meeting to see if we can draw new blood...

Please announce the following information be April 25th:

The EARTH Metal Detecting Club of Central New York has had to change the date and location of our meetings. The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27 at the Whitestown Veteran's Club 174 Whitesboro St., Yorkville, NY 13495 starting at 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Normally we meet at the Dunham Library in Whitesboro, the last Monday of the month. Currently, the construction in the meeting room doesn't allow enough room and so we had to change both the date and location until further notice.

**Each  
Month We  
Will Print A  
Classified  
Section for  
Members  
With  
Things to  
Sell.**

**Silver & Gold & Junk Update**

Silver coin values below are based on live silver prices at the CME. These coins were in standard circulation until silver was removed from all coinage in 1965 and 1970 (40% silver half-dollars). The values below only reflect the silver value, not rarity or numismatic value. This table should only be used as a guide for buying and selling silver coins. These coins are sometimes called "junk silver", but I really dislike that term. All values shown in USD.

Coin value calculations use the 3:19 PM PDT silver price for April 21, 2022: Silver \$24.67/oz -0.01

<b>Description</b>	<b>Face Value</b>	<b>Silver Value</b>
1942-1945 Nickel *	\$0.05	\$1.3880
1892-1916 Barber Dime	\$0.10	\$1.7846
1916-1945 Mercury Dime	\$0.10	\$1.7846
1946-1964 Roosevelt Dime	\$0.10	\$1.7846
1892-1916 Barber Quarter	\$0.25	\$4.4615
1916-1930 Standing Liberty Quart.	\$0.25	\$4.4615
1932-1964 Washington Quarter	\$0.25	\$4.4615
1892-1915 Barber Half Dollar	\$0.50	\$8.9230
1916-1947 Walking Liberty Half	\$0.50	\$8.9230
1948-1963 Franklin Half Dollar	\$0.50	\$8.9230
1964 Kennedy Half Dollar	\$0.50	\$8.9230
1965-1970 Half Dollar (40% silver)	\$0.50	\$3.6485
1878-1921 Morgan Dollar	\$1.00	\$19.0810
1921-1935 Peace Dollar	\$1.00	\$19.0810
1971-76 Eisenhower (40% silver) **	\$1.00	\$7.8015
1986-2013 Silver Eagle (.999 )	\$1.00	\$24.6453

\* The U.S. Mint issued two compositions of the nickel in 1942. The standard copper-nickel composition used today and the 35% silver version listed here.

\*\* The 40% silver version of the Eisenhower dollar was issued as a collectible only, they are generally not found in circulation. The best way to distinguish the two versions is by weight. The copper-nickel version weighs 22.68 grams, the silver like dollar weighs 24.59 grams. [https://www.coinflation.com/silver\\_coin\\_values.html](https://www.coinflation.com/silver_coin_values.html)

# Song Mountain Club Hunt

Because of brutal weather conditions on Sunday April 10th only 9 EARTH club members showed up at Song Mountain in Tully for the second club hunt of the 2022 season. According to the sign in sheet Mike Parker, Dave Dylis, Dave Brown, Dave Zohne, Larry Ehlinger, John Bradlinski Jr. Ed Netzband and Tom & Marge Ferjet were in attendance.

Surprisingly, all trails were still covered in deep man-made whiteness. The edges, parking lots and bottom areas were clear giving everyone plenty of area to search. We discovered early that the parking lot we were in, provide the easiest and best hunting on the entire mountain. It was clear that this area had never been searched. Most of us cherry picked the dime/quarter signals and everyone dug about the same number of coins. Because Song Mountain has been noted for handing out dollar coins instead of paper one's for transactions in their rental shop, cafeteria and ticket windows many found their way out on the hill. All of us found at least one.

Weather predictions for the afternoon was supposed to be warmer with a let up in the snow squalls but that never happened. The wind was relentless, and the temperature never got above 35. We all surrendered somewhere between 2:30 and 3:00, and left. Results for the day are as follows:

Dave Brown: \$11.00 in clad along with \$8.00 in folding money.

Dave Dylis: found \$4.00 in clad and would have gladly used it to buy a warm pair of gloves.

Mike Parker: dug 25 quarters



**Dave Zohne, Dave Dylis, Dave Brown and Mike Parker at Song Mt. Right: Dave Brown found a \$5 bill to bribe the photographer.**

along with some pennies and dimes, 3 dollar coins, a Franconia ski apparel fob and a G.E. cigarette lighter. Mike also found a piece of silver, a 1943-D Washington quarter.

Larry Ehlinger: \$13.80 in clad which included 4 dollar coins.

Marge Ferjet: 3 dollar coins, \$7.38 in change, silver war nickel, vape pipe, spoon, dog tag

Tom Ferjet: 2 dollar coins, \$5.59 in change.

Ed Netzband: Some dollar coins, many quarters, dimes and pennies, wristwatch, golf ball & tees, pot pipe, car & house keys, conibear trap

Dave Zohne: A few dollars in change and a Winchester folding knife.

John Bradlinski Jr. Pocket change,



dollar coins, bits & pieces of various metals John had trouble with his machine.

The next club hunt will be on Sunday May 1st at Snow Ridge Ski Area in Turin.

# Steuben Fish & Game Club Hunt

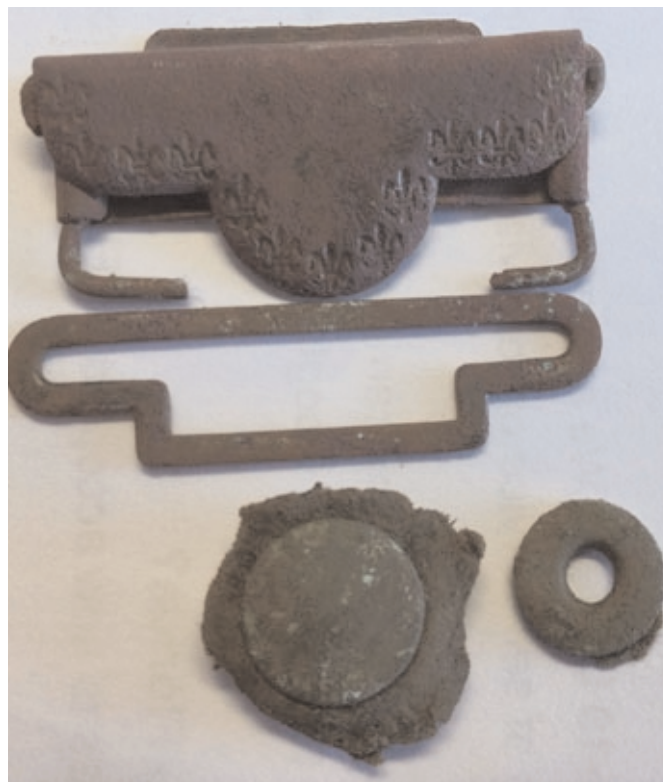
April 16th started out as a wet rainy day but it cleared up by around 1PM. Apparently no one dared brave the elements except me. I donned my rain jacket and trusty AT Gold and went at it.

I made a pass around the barn foundation and found the usual nails, bolts and horseshoes. I did come across a large steel wheel (about 36" diameter) but decided to let it be.

Proceeded to scour around the old house location. Found a whole .26 cents in clad and an ax head to start out with. Came across part of a steamer trunk lock by H. C. Faber & Son Co., Utica, NY. The company was established on Sep. 14, 1883 on Meadow St. in Utica. They specialized in theatrical and trunks for salesman. Dug a tube of Unguentine Burn Ointment from the Norwich Pharmaceutical Co. They were established in 1887 in Norwich, NY and still have offices there. In 1893 they introduced the Unguentine Burn Ointment. They also produced Pepto Bismol. Went down the roadside area near the house and dug a suspender buckle made by the H & P Make Co., Patent # 481,213, patented on Aug 23, 1892.

After the rain quit I decided to head off through the woods toward the second pond. Came across some shell casings and shotgun headstamps. In the middle of a wet area was a booming signal. Went down a good foot and in standing water brought up a rust laden horseshoe. Didn't find much else worth mentioning but collected up what trash I could carry. Was a good hike and good exercise.

Might possibly have a second hunt after turkey season closes.



## Bottle Show & Sale

The Mohawk Valley Antique Bottle Club will host its 26th Annual Utica Bottle Show & Sale, Sunday, May 1, 2022 at the Utica Maennerchor, 5535 Flanagan Road, Marcy, NY. The show runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30p.m. Admission is \$3. Visit [www.mohawkvalleybottleclub.com](http://www.mohawkvalleybottleclub.com)

## Raffle Table

We will be alternating the 2 raffle contests holding one every other month. One month it will be a 50/50 and the next month will be a raffle drawing. We're just splitting the same size pie in a different way. By doing it this way will make our raffle prizes go further.



## News for the Junkman

Hey everyone, welcome to the first month of our exciting best finds competition for "2022"!

Mother nature has not been kind to us this spring but hoping for better weather very soon. We're SO READY, BRING IT ON!

These tips are great for anyone just starting out and also a reminder to our seasoned members to SLOW down your swings. We're all so anxious to get back in the dirt that we may forget that patience, persistence and a slower pace can really pay off! We know the good stuff is out there, go get em!

I also would like to again remind EVERYONE to bring me all your unwanted metal junk to our monthly meetings. I am still hoping that all our members will participate in this cause for Camp Good Days. It's such an easy thing to do instead of giving it to your garbage man, bring it with you to our meetings and I will turn it into \$\$\$\$\$! I desperately need your donations to be sorted appropriately and all food & cat food cans need to be rinsed out. All aluminum cans, lids & pull tabs can

go together. Nickel deposits must also go in separate bags, all other odd metals & cans can be mixed together, pretty simple for you but extremely time consuming for me if I have to inspect & sort your donations before heading to the salvage yard. I have an extremely busy summer schedule taking care of my seasonal rentals on Oneida Lake and any time & effort you can save me will certainly lighten my load and give me more pre-

vious time to enjoy my favorite hobby!

I searched through some of our old newsletters and came across this informative article written by our buddy Ralph Blencowe back in August 2015. Mike will run that in the next issue

*Thank you everyone! See you soon!*

## Calendar

- \* **April 27** ..... **Earth Club Meeting @ Vet's Club**  
Refreshments Stu & Alicia Cooperwheat
- April 30**..... **Club Hunt at Labrador Mountain.**
- May 1** ..... **Club Hunt at Snow Ridge Ski Center**
- May 15** ..... **Club Hunt at McCully Mt, Old Forge**
- \* **May 25** ..... **Earth Club Meeting**  
Refreshments Mike Wusik
- \* **June 29** ..... **Earth Club Meeting**  
Refreshments Matt & Cathy Lenhart
- July 25** ..... **Earth Club Meeting**  
Refreshments Marg Ferget
- August 29** ..... **Earth Club Meeting**
- September 10** ..... **Earth Club Picnic**
- September 26** ..... **Earth Club Meeting**
- October 24** ..... **Earth Club Meeting** Date is a change from normal
- November 28** ..... **Earth Club Meeting**
- December** ..... **Christmas Party**
- \* **Meet dates and location changed to Weds. & MV Vets Club, We hope to be back at Dunham Library by July.**



## Sorrell Creative Works

Club member Pete Sorrell has started a web page titled Sorrell Creative Works. The site features a variety of items for sale with the theme of artwork that appears on coins and military items. Products range from apparel, homeward, accessories and drinkware which includes anything from stickers, to mugs to t-shirts and the like. [www.sorrellcreativeworks.com/](http://www.sorrellcreativeworks.com/)



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## Metal Detecting Code of Ethics

1. Respect the rights and property of others.
2. Observe all laws, whether national, state, or local, and aid law enforcement officials whenever possible.
3. Never destroy priceless historical or archeological treasures.
4. Leave the land and vegetation as it was; fill in all holes.
5. Remove all trash and litter when you leave.
6. All treasure hunters may be judged by the example you set; always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration of others.



**Thank You for Paying Your Dues  
Before We Pick You Up By the Heels.**  
If we have to pick you up by the heels, we charge more. You you like being picked up by the heels, we double the dues.

**Earth Metal Detecting Club of Central  
New York**

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**"Get involved, make a difference,"**

**Former EARTH President John Seamon**

### Door Prizes

Please take a bit of time to look around the house for something that you could donate as a door prize. Anything new or nearly so can be used. Homemade crafts, books of a historical nature or anything related to our hobby make excellent prizes.

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