

**Next Meeting**  
Dunham Library  
Main Street  
Whitesboro  
**AUGUST 30**  
6:30pm -  
8:30pm



# EARTH

*Metal Detecting Club of Central NY • Since 1990*

## AUGUST SPEAKER

### Real Buried Treasure Found! First Hand Account at August Meeting

While detecting on a warm summer afternoon in 2005, deep in an old growth woods, veteran Club member Larry Ehlinger dug what he later would call the best monetary find in his 26 years of detecting. Attend the August meeting in the Dunham Library and hear this fantastic story of his recovery, authentication, appraisal, selling his full-length article and eventual learning that Western & Eastern Treasures voted it as one of the year's "Best Finds!"

### Got Money?

Monday's meeting we will be the last one before the Club Picnic. With are fund-raising at a low point we have to collect for hunt tickets so we can give buy lots of treasure to give away. This year it will be \$30 per detector. Look inside for more information on our **AWESOME CLUB PICNIC AND HUNT!**

### Got Prizes?

We need some nice items to raffle off at the meetings so we can raise some much needed cash.

## LAST CALL for EARTH

## Club Picnic 2021



The club picnic is truly a family affair. The picnic is designed to encourage family and friends to share a day and find silver and prizes!



**Not only did Stu and Alicia Copperwheat take first place in all four categories, Stu also won the 50/50 raffle! Story inside**

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# Finds Competition Winners for July 2021



**Stu and Alicia had fun as the pair  
shared a winning streak!  
4 Best ofs and Stu's 50/50 raffle win!**

## Count Down to DIGSTOCK

The name of the event is DIGSTOCK. Just like Woodstock brought together the world of music, we aim to bring together the world of outdoor diggers in one place. Whether you're just starting out or you have 30 years under your belt, we aim to provide a world-class experience at an affordable price. With an excellent team of fellow detectorists at the helm and the support of the local communities, we will be hosting the affair in, our event will be unrivaled. DIGSTOCK 2021 taking place in rural Upstate New York, will feature 3.5 days of natural detecting, bottle digging, and magnet fishing on a historic property where colonial, Revolutionary War, and War of 1812 relics have been recovered, an extremely large-seeded hunt filled with coins and relics, major manufacturers support, vendors of metal detecting machines and accessories, local food, entertainment, and a festival-like atmosphere. This will be a family-friendly event, where detectorists and people of all ages and skill levels will feel welcome. The first DIGSTOCK will take place on the weekend of October 8-11, 2021. This event will feature a couple of thousand acres of property to detect and explore. A full weekend ticket will only cost \$150 (\$154.79 after processing fee) and children under the age of 12 are FREE with a paid adult ticket. There will only be 600 total tickets available! Due to the very small number of single-day tickets sold at the last event and the distance, most will travel for this event, we will only be selling 3.5 day tickets. Proceeds from ticket sales will go directly into making this event even better! The more

Only 115 Tickets Left!

### BEST COIN

**Winner:** Stu Copperwheat  
Entry: Large Cent  
(Merchant Stamped)  
Location: West Winfield, NY  
(Cellar Hole)  
Detector: XP Deus  
Value: Unknown  
**2nd Place:** Mike Wusik  
(1907 Barber Dime)  
**3rd Place:** Ruth Bohm  
(Religious Coin)  
Number of Entries 5

### BEST JEWELRY

**Winner:** Stu Copperwheat  
Entry: Gold Charm Bracelet  
Location: Utica, NY  
(Site type not given)  
Detector: XP Deus  
Value: Unknown  
**2nd Place:** Lori Fealey  
(Heart Earring w/stone)  
Number of Entries 2

### BEST OTHER

Winner: Alicia Copperwheat  
Entry: Woman's Military Keepsake Case  
Location: Winfield, NY (Site type not given)  
Detector: Deus  
Value: \$0.00  
**2nd Place (2-way tie)**  
Larry Ehlinger  
(Tin Type Photo Frame);  
Stu Copperwheat  
(Eagle Cannon Button)  
Number of Entries: 9

### MYSTERY- BEST TOY

**Winner:** Alicia Copperwheat  
Entry: Die Cast Toy (Manure Spreader)  
Location: Winfield, NY (Site type not given)  
Detector: XP Deus  
Value: Collectable  
Number of Entries: 4

# Ticks and Lyme Disease

## Lyme Disease and other Tick-borne Diseases

We all need to be careful when we go out to do yard work, clean up or just a leisurely stroll through the woods. Below are some helpful hints regarding ticks and Lyme disease.

The New York State Department of Health (NYS-DOH) and local health departments continue to investigate the spread of Lyme disease throughout New York State. Lyme disease is a bacterial infection caused by the bite of an infected deer tick. Untreated, the disease can cause a number of health problems. Patients treated with antibiotics in the early stage of the infection usually recover rapidly and completely. Since Lyme disease first became reportable in 1986, over 95,000 cases have now been confirmed in New York State.

The NYSDOH and local health departments also investigate several other tick-borne diseases, including babesiosis, ehrlichiosis (both human granulocytic anaplasmosis and human monocytic ehrlichiosis) and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. These tick-borne diseases are most frequently found on Long Island and in the lower Hudson Valley region. The number of cases of these diseases is much smaller in comparison to the cases of Lyme disease but their numbers are also increasing.

### Other Diseases Spread by Ticks

- Anaplasmosis
- Babesiosis
- Ehrlichiosis
- Rocky Mountain spotted fever

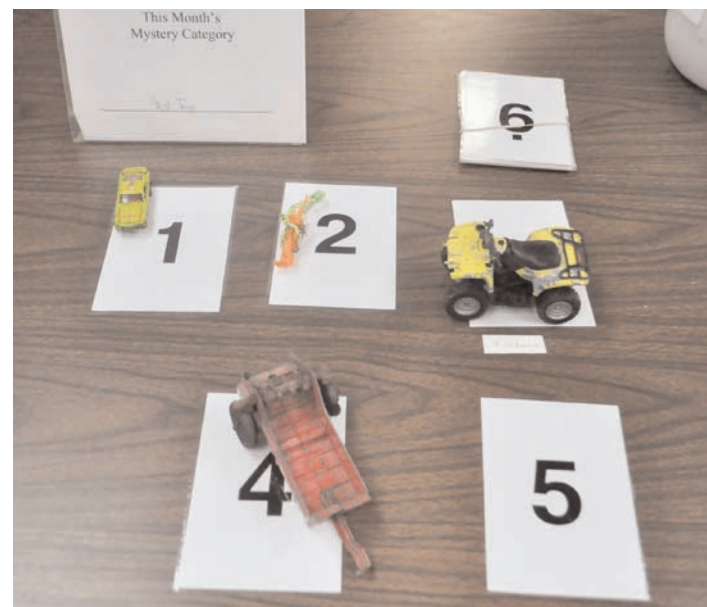
### Tick and Insect Repellants

### Personal Protection

There are many different products on the market, with different ingredients, concentrations and effectiveness. The most effective contain DEET, permethrin (only to be applied on clothing), picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. If you decide to use one, be sure to follow label directions and apply repellent carefully.



**EARTH Vice President Larry Ehlinger and President Dave Lofgren study one of the artifacts during the break for voting for best finds.**



**Do you know the place where you can buy EARTH CLUB clothing and accessories? A portion of each sale comes back to the club**

Here is the website:  
<https://shop.spreadshirt.com/earth-club/>

# The John Seamon Memorial Earth Club Metal Detecting Picnic/Hunt Sat., Sept. 11, 2021

**This year it will be \$30 per detector.**

You may pass your detector to a family member or friend to hunt.

This is one reason we charge per detector  
so the whole family can have some fun

## **Hunt Schedule**

Set Up Starts at 8a.m.

Silver Hunt - 9a.m. to 9:45

Speed Hunt - 10:15- 11:00

Lunch from 11a.m to 12:15p.m.

Vile Hunt for Cash 12:15 -12:30

Treasure Key Hunt - 1:00 - 1:45

This year there will be  
3 keys to treasures

**NEW THIS YEAR!**

5th hunt, 15 minute  
speed hunt costs extra \$20

WIN A METAL DETECTOR.

The first 4 hunts are  
include in the \$30

Schedule is subject to change

## **On The Menu**

The club provides hot dogs and ham-  
burgers along with the trimmings,  
cooked by volunteers.

Members are asked to bring in a dish if  
they can. So far on the list are:

Cole Slaw

Beans

Deviled Eggs

Pulled Pork

Baked Beans

Chips and Dip

Sausage & Pepper Rolls

Tomato Pie

and Seafood Salad.

We will like to have some desserts.

Some other ideas that  
are not on the list are....

Potato salad, macaroni salad, or any  
salads for that mater. Pickles, cheese,  
shrimp, donuts. No mater what  
we will have a great time.

## Do You Want to Work the Sign In Table?

Ed Netzband has been running the raffle and sign-in table for a decade or so. He recently announced that he will be stepping down so the club is looking for someone to take over his duties. The person that takes over will have to sell raffle tickets, see to it that everyone signs in, see to it that name tags are available, and keep inventory of raffle prizes. Whoever takes over can still participate in the meetings activities and if you cannot attend a meeting arrangements can be made for your replacement.



**Bob Thomas's Finds in July**

## Latham Will Buy Your Silver

With silver prices over \$23.00 an ounce, now may be the time to sell those silver dimes and quarters with high mintage or worn dates that only have a melt value. Club member John Latham is the man to see and he's looking to buy silver! John recently told the club that he is willing to pay spot price for your silver coins, so you'd be hard pressed to find a better deal than that. John will gladly make most transactions during our monthly meetings, or if it's a large amount, just send him an email @ [jlatham69@gmail.com](mailto:jlatham69@gmail.com) to make other arrangements.



**Lori Fealey's Finds in July**

## Members Finds for July

Ruth Bohm: Religious Coin; glass bottle bottoms; 3 toys, zebra, letter "Y"; button, brush; 3 iron pieces; 2 pieces of pottery.

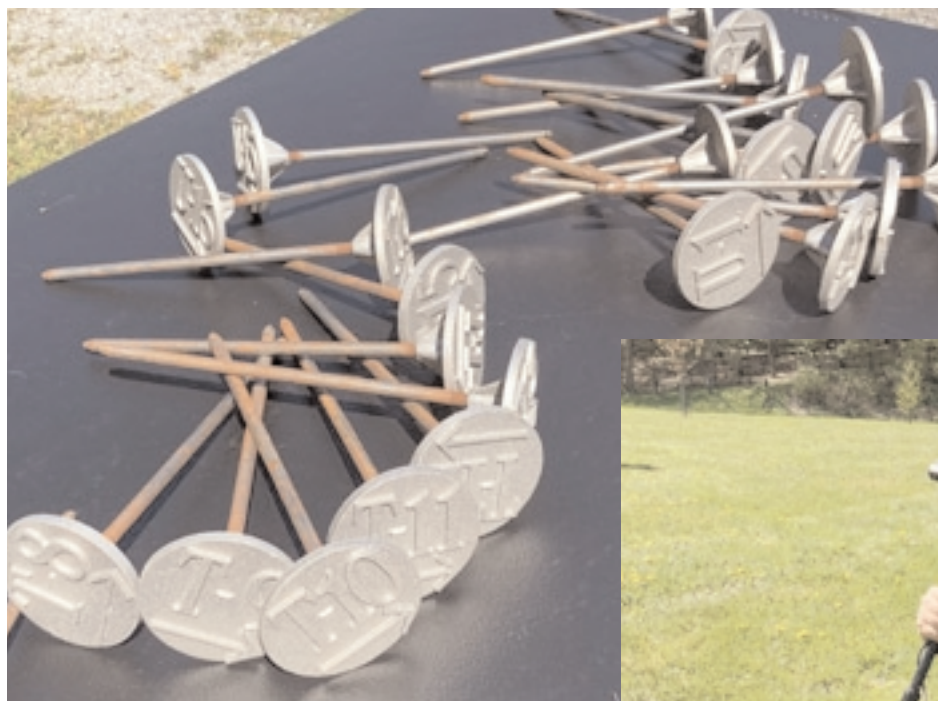


**Dave Dylis and Dave Brown enjoying Mike Wusic's wonderful treats.**

**Nothing Like  
Local Honey,  
It Goes On  
Anything!**



**Bob's Honey  
is  
Available at Our  
Monthly Meetings**



## ALUMINUM GRAVE LOT MARKERS



**Mike can be seen finding lot markers for the Holland Patent Cemetery Association. When found, the location was sprayed with florescent paint.**

### Cemeteries Make a Good Spot for Community Service

EARTH Club member Mike Parker was called in by the Holland Patent Cemetery Association president Tom Furlong this spring. Mike was asked to help find grave markers at the village's cemetery. They recently opened a new section for burials and had a few radon markers placed and they needed to finish the placement so lots could be sold. However the markers were quickly covered by the growing grass. The association had purchased new cast aluminum lot makers that light up under a metal detector easily. Once one was found you could walk in six paces and lower the detector's coil and bingo, there it was. Parker used to have to pass the job of finding markers to someone else because he had a hard time finding them.

Last year, Larry Ehlinger agreed to help the South Trenton Cemetery Association when they were looking for the corner markers of a large lot they were going to use for expansion. However, they were not getting the requests for burial plots that they had been expecting, so they were going to sell off the land. They said that many people were being cremated and not being buried.

As Holland Patent village historian, Parker has performed service for the cemetery. One time he found a sunken limestone walkway at a family burial site.

The cast aluminum markers range in price from \$3 to about \$12. The sizes range from two to four inches across.

If you need community service, a cemetery can make a good spot, but call them first.

## COVID Concerns at Meetings

The Dunham Public Library board of directors has asked us to submit to them a list of individuals who attend our meetings. Next to your name note whether or not if you have had a COVID vaccine. If you haven't you are asked to wear a mask while at the meeting.

**John Seamon, who he was, as a tribute to the man our annual picnic is named for!**

## A FINAL REMEMBRANCE JOHN SEAMON 1947-2002

By Larry Ehlinger

With the hardest part of winter behind us and the days growing longer and brighter, I find myself daydreaming of spring once again, and being able to swing my detector in selfish abandonment. But every once in a while an event grabs hold of my priorities' gives them a good shake and presents them in a new rearranged manner. Life has a way of doing that.

I knew John for only five short years but that was more than enough time to understand what kind of person he was. His life was never about him, but what he could do for others. John had a special way to use metal detecting as a medium, reaching across to help, educate and to serve others. To him it was more than a hobby, and it extended far beyond the finds, touching and changing the lives of others.

The last story he wrote for our newsletter was not about some magnificent find he had made, but of being able to once again use this wonderful medium and reach out to help a total stranger. I firmly believed this is how he defined his purpose in life, his priorities were lined up the way they should be.

It was refreshing that he never bragged or exaggerated an event or story, but simply told it in a forthright manner. It wasn't very long after I met him that I discovered he was an incredibly honest and conscientious individual, not flashy but sincerely down to earth.

The January meeting was the last time I saw and spoke with John. As I sat a few feet away from him I couldn't help but notice all the weight he lost, and how gaunt his face looked, and how horrible cancer is. But I also became aware of something strange, if I looked away

and listened to his words, they were incredibly strong, unwavering, and full of spirit, not at all what I expected. The disease that had ravaged his body could not touch his soul.

When John made his announcement that he would be stepping down he also said something that at the time didn't mean that much. "I'm not going anywhere," he said, "I'll still be around." Those simple words spoken in a physical sense, now have taken on a far deeper meaning. I believe John will be around, and profoundly impacting our club, and our lives for years to come.

I will always hold an image of John as a strong, vibrant, look-you-square-in-the-eye kind of guy who continually worked for the betterment of our club. He was the real deal and I am fortunate to have known him, and so very proud to have called him a friend.

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### by Mike Parker

As we honor the life and passing of John Seamon, we of the E.A.R.T.H. Metal Detecting Club will remember him for his tireless efforts to make the club a success.

In John's message in the last issue of the "Searchers Along the Mohawk," he had said that he didn't want to "hold the club back," as he announced he would be stepping down as president.

I think that I speak for everyone when I say, that despite his pain and his daily struggle with his illness, what he did for the E.A.R.T.H. club was above and beyond the call of duty. John never could have been accused of holding the club back. If anything, John inspired members to participate as he said, "Get involved, make a difference."

It is obvious that these were the words that John lived by.

One of his lessons to the members of the EARTH Club was to not take the hobby of metal detecting too seriously, that there were other things in life far more important.

Often you will see a member come in with a lot of old silver to show at a meeting. After a recent meeting, while cleaning up, he told me that it would be nice to have a club hunt in an area that had a lot of old silver. I forgot

how he exactly said it because I had a chair in my hand and not a pencil, but he reminded me again how what we find are just things, that it is our relationships that are more important. How true. Sometimes the items we find are over a hundred years old and will long outlast us here on this earthly plane. At a club officers' organizational meeting once we talked about how the fun part was finding and showing what we find, but after that, the items go into a closet.

Often when I go out detecting it is on a spur-of-the-moment whim. What this means is that I often go alone. Being self-employed I never really know when a window-of-opportunity will open. But one day I had to get permission to hunt on a beach which meant that I had to plan ahead. I knew John loved to hunt in the water so I called him up and we went on an outing together. We didn't find much of anything exciting except for sharing the beauty of the outdoors. This is one of the fringe benefits of our hobby. The sunset that day was beautiful and the remoteness of the beach was emphasized with the number of wild life we saw.

Little did I know how important this outing would be. John and I were able to share many thoughts, experiences and dreams in the half-hour drive and the 10 minute walk

to the beach. It was almost like Tom and Huck on their way for a few hours of playing hooky. On the way home we stopped for ice cream. (how glad I was that John wasn't the type who would rather stop at a bar for one too many drinks).

But that is what John was like. One part humor, two parts of the adventurous kid, and three parts of not taking life too seriously, and yet, he was never afraid to roll up his sleeves and work hard.

As every E.A.R.T.H. club member who has ever attended a meeting knows, John always listened, always encouraged, and never put people down for any idea no matter how goofy. (I think he is still trying to figure out my "Catch and Release" idea for the club.)

In closing, I do not think we need to mourn John (miss him, yes) but we should celebrate his life and how it has impacted the members of E.A.R.T.H., even for those who will have never meet him. When John became president, it was a club on the edge of disaster. There were no officers and the club was deep in debt and membership was falling.

John led, inspired and encouraged, making everyone feel welcome. Truly, who ever takes his place as president has some big shoes to fill.



## News for the Junkman

Hello Earth Club members, we sure are happy to finally return to the Dunham Library! We're really hoping to see more familiar faces before years end. Our attendance is down and we are struggling to survive. Our charitable donations are also lacking due to low attendance and I'm sure the crew at Camp Good Days is also in survival mode too! We know it's been a tough year for all of us but let's not abandon the ship. This pirate is certainly not yet ready to give up and walk the plank! I am still faithfully collecting any unwanted metal for Camp Good Days and want to remind you all that we are lacking in that area too. I recently made a trip to the salvage yard and now have plenty of room in my storage area for more junk! Bring it on! August will be our last meeting before our annual E.C. picnic and we are excited to be able to gather together again for a much anticipated fun filled day! We're hoping to have wonderful weather and a great turn out again this year. We miss you! See you all soon.

Junkman  
Lori

# 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 5:35 PM PDT silver price for August 17, 2021: Silver \$23.67/oz -0.01

Description	Face Value	Silver Value
1942-1945 Nickel *	\$0.05	\$1.3317
1892-1916 Barber Dime	\$0.10	\$1.7122
1916-1945 Mercury Dime	\$0.10	\$1.7122
1946-1964 Roosevelt Dime	\$0.10	\$1.7122
1892-1916 Barber Quarter	\$0.25	\$4.2806
1916-1930 Standing Liberty Quarter	\$0.25	\$4.2806
1932-1964 Washington Quarter	\$0.25	\$4.2806
1892-1915 Barber Half Dollar	\$0.50	\$8.5613
1916-1947 Walking Liberty Half Dollar	\$0.50	\$8.5613
1948-1963 Franklin Half Dollar	\$0.50	\$8.5613
1964 Kennedy Half Dollar	\$0.50	\$8.5613
1965-1970 Half Dollar (40% silver)	\$0.50	\$3.5006
1878-1921 Morgan Dollar	\$1.00	\$18.3075
1921-1935 Peace Dollar	\$1.00	\$18.3075
1971-1976 Eisenhower \$1 (40% silver) **	\$1.00	\$7.4852
1986-2013 Silver Eagle (.999 Silver)	\$1.00	\$23.6463

\* 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)



## The Glitter of Gold on a White Sandy Beach

by Marg Ferget

I took my grandkids to a kids discovery type place and there was a meandering brook in the woods with a white sand bottom that the children were allowed to play in. So I got down on my stomach with them, and started running my fingers in the sand, when I see a glint of gold. I pick it up and start pulling a gold chain up out of the sand. On the end of it there is a one dollar gold coin. I think to myself that some kid must have lost it when they were busy playing around upside down. So of course I dive right back in there while hiding my first find from all the people around me in my sweatshirt pocket. You won't believe it but I pull out a gold ring with what looks like a diamond, pop into the pocket it goes. I move to a different spot and find another chain, but I can't really look at the stuff because of all the folks around me. I spent at least an hour moving around and finding jewelry and a few gold colored coins. I feel the bulge in my sweatshirt and tell the kiddies well we better get heading home. The suspense is killing me I finally get the kids settled in the car buckled up and ready to go, but I can't wait any longer. So I feel the bulge in my pocket and go to reach inside just then ..... I wake up waaaaaaa I'm still looking for that sweatshirt. ....true story

## 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

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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.

### Next Meeting

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