



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

Got Treats?
Mike
Wusik
is
bringing
Treats



Got Money?

At Monday's meeting we will be discussing the Club Picnic. With are fund-raising at a low point we would like to start selling picnic tickets early so we can give away lots of treasure in the possible 5 hunts. This year it will be \$30 per detector. (We don't charge per person so more people can enjoy the picnic). Dues must be paid to join the fun.

Got Prizes?

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



**Get
Ready...**

**EARTH Club
Picnic
2021**



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Members Finds For June



Best Coin was this 1798 Large Cent found by Mike Wusik



Mystery Category Heaviest Iron Item Cannonball found by Mike Parker

BEST COIN:

Winner: Mike Wusik
 Entry: 1798 Large Cent (8 over 7)
 Location: Schuyler NY Farm field
 Detector: Equinox 800
 Value: \$200 AG-3 2020 Redbook
 2nd Place: Larry Ehlinger, 1824 Large Cent
 3rd Place: Dave Brown, 1937 Mercury Dime
 Number of Entries: 6

BEST OTHER:

Winner: Mike Wusik
 Entry: _ Dime Love Token
 Location: Frankfort NY Farm Field
 Detector: Equinox 800
 Value: Historical/Collectable
 2nd Place: Lori Fealey, 1880s Heart stamp heel plate
 3rd Place: Mike Parker, Musket Ball in tree
 Number of Entries: 8

BEST JEWELRY:

Winner (2-way tie): Marge Ferjet, Lori Fealey
 Entries: Engagement Ring, and a Fireman's Pin
 Location: Verona, NY Strawberry Field
 Detector: Simplex Noka Micro
 Value: ?
 Number of Entries: 2

MYSTERY CATEGORY HEAVIEST ITEM

Winner: Mike Parker
 Entry: Civil War Cannon Ball
 Location: Holland Patent, NY
 Detector: Whites XLT
 Value: \$200.00+
 Number of Entries: 3

Some confusion at the end of the meeting made photos of the winners of the categories harder than swimming in cement in the middle of January.

2021 EARTH CLUB SCAVENGER HUNT Name: _____

Objects must be dug during the 2021 calendar year. Total # of Items Found: _____

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|---|--|--|---|---|
|  Toy Plane |  Square Nut |  Homemade Fishing Weight |  Golf Ball |  Metal Detecting Community Svc. |
|  Watch Fob |  Wheatback Cent |  Barber Coin |  Pewter Spoon Bowl |  Sunglasses |
|  Ring With Stone |  Seated Liberty Coin |  Clad US Quarter |  Button w/Gold Gilt |  Civil War Token |
|  Multiple Keys on a Ring |  Silver-Plated Fork |  Silver Thimble |  Hair Fastener, Any Type |  Iron Strap Hinge |
|  Spanish Reale |  Battery |  Drawer Pull |  Any Silver Half |  Fired Lead Bullet |
|  Railroad Spike |  Gold Ring |  Charm |  Water Valve Handle |  Military Button |
|  Bottle or Screw Cap |  US Large Cent |  Ox Knob |  Zipper Pull |  Automobile Emblem |
|  Whole Sleigh Bell |  Ink Pen |  Buffalo Nickel |  Aluminum Dog Tag |  Bridle Rosette |

The John Seamon Memorial EARTH Club Picnic.

About the John Seamon Memorial Club Hunt and Picnic and why we honor him.

by Michael Parker

It has been almost 20 years since former club president John Seamon passed away from the ravages of Cancer. Many of you have never met the man. He is now just a name of our picnic. He saved the EARTH Club from ruin. He inspired and motivated club members. You may never have met him but in a way you have. He lives on in the club, before he passed away he wrote a message to club members.

Larry Ehlinger put this way at the time of his passing. "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 believe Larry was right. He meant that he would still be around giving us strength and learning from his example. We survived Covid as a club and I think it is that



John Seamon

strength, his strength that got us through it.

It isn't easy being an officer, but he taught us to have fun.

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.

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.

He also would say that it is the people in our club that makes it fun.

Everyone one who goes to our club hunts knows how often the fun part is the bull sessions.

John Seamon used to say, *"Get involved, make a difference."*

And that is what the EARTH Club is.



The club picnic is truly a family affair. Pictured here is Larry and Patty Elinger with their grandson teaching him the ropes of metal detecting at the Delta State Park beach.

Earth Metal Detecting Club Picnic.

Sat., Sept. 11, 2021

We are selling picnic tickets so we can give away lots of treasure in 5 hunts.

This year it will be \$30 per detector.
(We don't charge per person so more people can enjoy the picnic).

**Silver Hunt,
Vile Hunt for Cash,
Speed Hunt
Treasure Key Hunt
and a 5th hunt which costs \$20
The first 4 hunts are include in the \$30**

Bring a dish to pass, and an item to raffle

Finds of the Month Competition THOTY (Treasure hunter of the year)

2021 will be our 18th year. 2020 was not counted due to COVID

Rules:

1. You must find it yourself.
2. You must find it with a metal detector or eyeballed in the act of detecting.
3. A non metallic object can be entered if found while detecting.
4. Multiples, found together can be entered as one.
5. You may enter in all 4 categories but only one entry in each.
6. Members only, but members as well as guests may vote.
7. You must enter your find at the very next meeting you will be attending, no finds from months or years past.
8. You must be present to enter your find
9. Your dues must be up to date to enter.
10. No photos of entries. However, if you were asked by someone to search for a specific item, found the item and returned it, a photo then would be permissible.

Points are awarded as follows: One point for simply

entering. 10 points for first. 7 for second. 3rd place receives 5 and the winner in the "Mystery" category will receive 5.

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

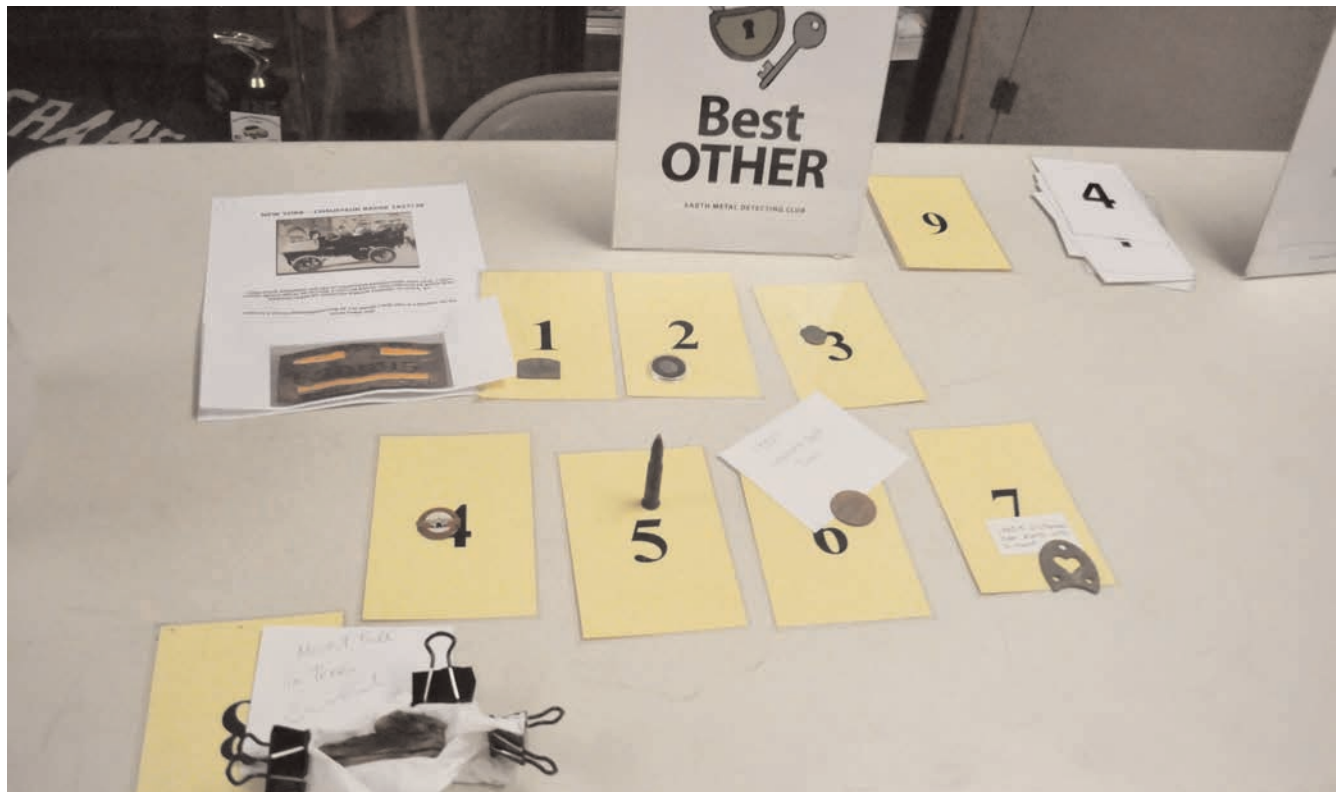
Presidential Choice Award: Occasionally members fail to recognize a deserving entry. So, each month the president will view each entry and award an additional first place prize if he feels it necessary.

Sell your item by giving it a nice presentation and description. Military button.

Vote for what YOU would like to find.

After the winners are declared Mike Parker will need you or your winning find for a picture.

I'll need all winners to fill out a yellow Category winners' sheet afterwards.





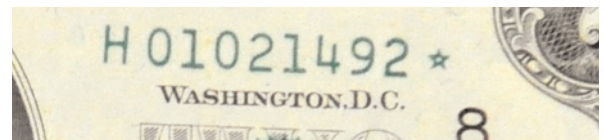
Star Notes

<https://www.mycurrencycollection.com/reference/star-notes/lookup>
 What if my star note is older than the lookup allows?

From the Star Notes Web Site

"Many of you have emailed me something along the lines of: "I tried to look up my 1963 \$1 star note, but it isn't an option for the Star Note Lookup. What's the deal?"

The purpose of the star note lookup is to help collectors identify rare modern star notes. Many star notes found in circulation are not worth over face value and can be spent without regret. Some of them can be worth a considerable amount over face value. That depends on the size of the run and the total quantity printed. That's what the Star Note Lookup can tell you. Older star notes are most likely worth more than face value regardless of the quantity printed. If you want more information about older star notes, I recommend buying a reference book like the *The Standard Guide To Small-Size US Paper Money 1928 To Date* or some of these others.



New club member John Latham talked a little about Star Notes. This is a different way to treasure hunt. Go through your bills and look for a star next to the serial number on any denomination of US Currency. I have posted some of the information that I found plus a photo of some star notes I have, so you can see where to look. Good Luck.



Some EARTH members make a wonderful display of their recent finds.

**Do you know the place
where you can buy
EARTH CLUB clothing
and assessories? A por-
tion of each sale comes
back to the club**

Here is the website:

<https://shop.spreadshirt.com/earth-club/>

**Wanted used Equinox 600/800"
Also buying silver coins at cur-
rent**

**spot price. My cell number is
315-750-0556 Or my email**

**Jlatham69@gmail.com Or my
Facebook contact John Latham**



Pull Tab Challenge- 2021

By Larry Ehlinger

When I first joined the EARTH club back in 1996 our club held contests to see how many ring pull tabs one could find in a season. Parks, playgrounds, schoolyards, and ball fields had a staggering number of these tabs buried. They are so numerous that most metal detectors have a "pull tab" icon on their displays. Detectorists have dug countless thousands of these little pesky nuisances over last quarter century, but it seems that we haven't put a dent in their numbers.

As soon as the snow melts and the ground thaws, the EARTH Club will once again be holding a Pull Tab Challenge! Here is a list of the rules: (1) We will be counting ONLY complete vintage ring pull tabs. The "beaver tail" section and the "ring" part, often found separately, cannot be counted. It must be a complete pull tab. The current square tabs that we're all used to seeing today, which were designed to stay on the cans, will not be counted. We've even added a little twist to the game. At the start of the season, every member can submit a guess on the total number of pull tabs they think the entire club will find this year.

This contest is based on the honor system so we ask that you don't team up with another member... it's every man or woman for themselves. This will be fun and we're anxious to see just how many tabs our little club can remove from the ground. We will be awarding prizes down to at least 5 places and maybe all the way to the tenth place. The prize list has not been established yet but could include U.S. mint sets, silver rounds, Franklin & Kennedy halves, along

with detector-related equipment. Members may turn in their Pull tabs at our November meeting or at our

December Christmas Party when the awards will be handed out.

Silver and Gold and Junk Update

Current Precious and Base Metal Bullion Spot Prices:
Gold, Silver, Platinum and Copper.
 Updated Daily:
 Nickel, Zinc and Manganese.
 As of July 22 2021
 06:06 AM CDT:
 Gold: \$1801.54 per Ounce
 Silver: \$25.13 per Ounce
 Platinum: \$1096.80 per Ounce
 Copper: \$4.18 per Pound
 Nickel: \$8.42 per Pound
 Zinc: \$1.33 per Pound
 Manganese: \$2940.00 per Ton

Coin value calculations use the 7:34 PM PDT silver price for July 21, 2021:
 Silver \$25.28/oz

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|---|--------|-----------|
| 1942-1945 Nickel * | \$0.05 | \$1.4122 |
| 1892-1916 Barber Dime | \$0.10 | \$1.8287 |
| 1916-1945 Mercury Dime | \$0.10 | \$1.8287 |
| 1946-1964 Roosevelt Dime | \$0.10 | \$1.8287 |
| 1892-1916 Barber Quarter | \$0.25 | \$4.5718 |
| 1916-1930 Standing Liberty Quarter | \$0.25 | \$4.5718 |
| 1932-1964 Washington Quarter | \$0.25 | \$4.5718 |
| 1892-1915 Barber Half Dollar | \$0.50 | \$9.1436 |
| 1916-1947 Walking Liberty Half Dollar | \$0.50 | \$9.1436 |
| 1948-1963 Franklin Half Dollar | \$0.50 | \$9.1436 |
| 1964 Kennedy Half Dollar | \$0.50 | \$9.1436 |
| 1965-1970 Half Dollar (40% silver) | \$0.50 | \$3.7387 |
| 1878-1921 Morgan Dollar | \$1.00 | \$19.5528 |
| 1921-1935 Peace Dollar | \$1.00 | \$19.5528 |
| 1971-1976 Eisenhower Dollar (40% silver) ** | \$1.00 | \$7.9944 |
| 1986-2013 Silver Eagle (.999 Silver) | \$1.00 | \$25.2547 |

https://www.coinflation.com/silver_coin_values.html

Lori Fealey's Junkman's Corner

Welcome back! Slowly but surely, we are gaining momentum with our club's exciting activities on the horizon! Summer is here & it looks like maybe we could have a mask burning ceremony someday soon! We also are returning to the Dunham Library and we can start feeling normal again! I just wanted to remind everyone that your junkman is still in business and collecting metal for

Camp Good Days and Special Times. Bring anything metal to our monthly meetings and I will turn it into cash!

Please separate any aluminum from your pile and rinse any food cans, this saves me precious time. Whatever you donate helps tremendously.

Thank you all and see you soon!

Did Ya Ever?

Following last month's "Did Ya Ever?" by Larry Pavese, Mike Parker was reminded of a few "Did Ya Evers".

Did you ever...

- start metal detecting around a house and have a neighbor's son come outside to weed-wack their lawn.
- have chickens, horses or cows follow you around a field?
- have some kid reach into your hole and grab your find and run away?
- asked someone if you could detect their yard and have them talk to you so long that there was no time left to detect?
- ask someone to detect their yard and have them think that you must have a treasure map that led you to their property?
- got a strong quarter reading underneath a pile of dog poop?

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.

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.

Earth Metal Detecting Club of Central New York

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Thank You for Paying Your Dues Before
We Pick You Up By the Heels

Next Meeting

Monday, July 28, 2021

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Main Street Whitesboro

Meeting 6:30pm - 8:30pm