

# HUDSON VALLEY EXPLORER

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Spring 2008

## From the Vice President's Desk

### FALL CLASSIC DEFIES THE ODDS AND GOES ON AS SCHEDULED

Neither threat of snow nor sleet nor dark on night was sufficient warning to cause the P/WMD&AS Board of Directors to postpone the long awaited Fall Classic. The thirty members who attended the event held at Fairfield, CT were rewarded with clearing sky's and light winds. Two seeded hunts were held, the first rewarded hardy detectorists with V nickels, Buffalo nickels, Indian pennies, and US Dollar Coins. In addition to the coins, tokens were found which could be redeemed for prizes. Following the initial hunt raffles were held for a Morgan Dollar and a 1350 Garrett Detector. Todd Olson held the winning number for the Morgan and Ted Izzo went home to Mahopac with his new Garrett.



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Don Mayers



## Putnam/Westchester Metal Detectorists and Archeological Society

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### Finds of the Month

Todd Olsen

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Paul Maloney

Lunch was provided by Mattei's Deli of Derby, CT. No one went home hungry after enjoying a six foot sub, potato and macaroni salad, tossed salad and soft drinks. While members and guests ate, the sand was reseeded with silver dimes, Barber quarters, halves and assorted tokens. No "stone" was left unturned and many collectible coins and prizes were retrieved by all involved.

The club owes a special "Thank You" to Roger Young, Todd Olson and Joe Snow for their help and generosity which lead to the success of this annual event. Donations and discounts from Garrett, Kellyco, Gary Storm, Minelab and Valley Coin are gratefully acknowledged.



### INCIDENTAL CATCH

Dolphins find their way into tuna nets and short fluke with hooks in their bellies end up as crab fodder. Both are real good things but due to

## INCIDENTAL CATCH (cont.)

circumstance they fall into the category of "incidental catch", un-respected discards of an effort to recover items of "greater value". In the day of \$3.00/gal. gas and a falling dollar it is getting harder and harder to justify those long trips to the beach in the midst of a cold northeast winter to harvest gold rings and silver coins. Especially true when these "good things" are no sure bet. Years ago at the end of the day the trash section of the old treasure pouch got dumped in the nearby refuse bin. Gone were the old sinkers, that brass door knob and those little sections of copper pipe; gone with the pull tabs and bottle caps and those old broken Matchbox Cars. They were naught but unwanted incidental catches. But times they are a changin! Check the internet folks. Scrap lead is nearly a dollar a pound, copper goes for three times that. Sure gold is nearly \$900 per troy ounce and silver is bringing about \$16.00. Only problem is my pouch is heavy with sinkers and a bit light on the gold and silver. Time to rethink what goes into that trash barrel.

Many a day sees the sunset come with 5 to 10 pounds of sinkers and a pound or 2 of copper junk sitting in the back of the truck. Let's not forget those beer cans and bottles too. Add 'em up and there is \$5.00 to \$10.00 to go toward gas money and the next trip when, for sure, we will find gold. Now if we can only exchange those zinc pennies for Euros.

## Club News

### Putnam/Westchester Christmas Party is Always White

As President Ted Izzo predicted there was plenty of snow for the December 7th Christmas Party. Undaunted over 40 members and guests made their way to the Lantern Pub in Mahopac, NY. As always the buffet was excellent and there was enough wine and beer at the tables to guarantee a Merry Christmas to all.

Those members assisting this year's highly successful Pawling Seminars were recognized by the board for their generosity and hard work. Patty Osmer was presented with a silver round for her diligent efforts behind the scenes publicizing the club in its efforts to increase membership. Paul Maloney also received a silver round for generating a truly great club website. Although sadly, Todd Olson will no longer be able to continue his post as Newsletter Editor, his outstanding work in the past earned him a shiny silver dollar.



A special award was presented to Sean Shaunessy for his positive spirit and generosity in providing hunt sites to individual members of the club.

Thanks to the generosity of many club members along with gifts and discounts from the Club's many sponsors over \$1400 in prizes were raffled off. The 50/50 drawing of \$108 was won by Richard Farnell.



Not to be out done the brand new M6 White's Matrix detector went home with Richard Markert.



By the end of the evening the snow had ended and driving home with visions of sugar plumbs in their heads were 40 happy, full, gift laden TH'ers.

### Call for Volunteers

We have an opening for a newsletter editor anyone interested contact Don Mayers or Ted Izzo.

The Club needs a Hunt Site Committee to help find and secure search locations. Interested parties contact Don Mayers or Ted Izzo.

### Website additions

A chat room has been added to the website for your use. Create your ID, a password, and enjoy.

Real time Precious Metal Value Charts, from Kitco, have been added to the bottom of page 1 of the Newsletter on line version.  
<http://www.greattreasure.com/page9.html>

### Precious Metal Value Calculator

Weigh and then calculate the value of your finds at this web link.  
<http://dendritics.com/scales/metal-calc.asp>

### Metal Prices as of February 6, 2008

Gold	\$898.50 /oz
Silver	\$ 16.47/oz
Platinum	\$1804.00 /oz
Copper	\$3.25 /oz

### In Memoriam

We would like to express our condolences to the families and friends of two members who passed away last year.

John M. Anderson

Vinnie Arrigali

### Items from the February Meeting

Ralph Langham will speak at the March meeting on topics relevant to metal detecting and the Civil War.

Patches (100) will be purchased for resale from Patches R US. Should be available by the April meeting.

First hunt of 2008 will be in Ossining NY on April 26th.

Ground work was laid for a fall Search Outing to Cape Cod.

### Call for Classified Ads

Have equipment you are looking to buy, sell, or swap? Want to arrange a car pool to the Membership Meetings?

Run your metal detecting-related classified adds in the Hudson Valley Explorer (the online version is included). It's free, and your ad will run for two issues (6 months) before it needs to be renewed.

For inclusion, Please send your ad to:

Paul Maloney  
26 N. Third St.  
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

Or email the information to [pemalon@optonline.net](mailto:pemalon@optonline.net)  
Include pictures if you have them, hard copy or digital acceptable.

## Support Those Who Support Us

**American Digger Magazine**  
P. O. Box 126  
Acworth, GA 30101

**Lost Treasure Magazine**  
Box 451589  
Grove, OK 74345  
<http://www.losttreasure.com>

**Western & Eastern Treasures Magazine**  
P.O. Box 219  
San Anselmo, CA 94979  
<http://www.treasurenet.com>  
1-800-999-9718

**Hudson River Metal Detectors Detector Pro™**  
Innovative hunting concepts since 1996  
1447 Route 44  
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569  
<http://www.detectorpro.com>  
[info@detectorpro.com](mailto:info@detectorpro.com)  
1-845-635-3488

**Minelab USA**  
871 Grier Dr., Suite B1  
Las Vegas, NV 89119  
<http://www.minelab.com/consumer>  
1-702-891-8809

**White's of Long Island, Inc.**  
240 Route 112  
Pachogue, NY 11772  
Phone/Fax 1-631-447-7196

**Snows Metal Detectors**  
Authorized Tesoro Dealer  
1-860-488-5694 – Joe  
<http://stores.ebay.com/snows-metal-detectors>

**Kellyco Metal Detector Superstore**  
1085 Belle Avenue  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

**Valley Coins**  
Ed Zehall, Owner  
37A New Haven Road  
Seybridge Plaza, Rt. 67  
East Seymour, CT 06483  
[http://www.angelfire.com/planet/valley\\_coins/index.htm](http://www.angelfire.com/planet/valley_coins/index.htm) [zehallco@aol.com](mailto:zehallco@aol.com)  
1-203-888-1186  
Buy – sell – trade US & World Coins, Paper Money, Gold & Silver Coins, Bars & Scrap..Confidential Appointments  
Mon-Wed, Fri 10am – 5pm  
Thur 10am – 8pm  
Sat 10am – 4pm

# NOVEMBER 2007 FINDS OF THE MONTH

## **USA Silver Coin .**

1853 US Half Dime  
Brendan Nestor

## **USA Non Silver Coin**

1857 Flying Eagle  
Lauren Bufi

## **Misc.**

I Pod  
Ken Carlson

## **Foreign Silver Coin**

1802 Two Reale  
Conrad Rasinski

## **Foreign Non Silver Coin**

1746 King George Copper  
Steve Barrett

## **Gold Jewelry**

14K White Gold Bracelet  
Sean Shaunessey

## **Silver Jewelry**

Antique Sterling Ring With Stones  
Don Mayers

## **Token**

Louis XII Jeton 1610-1643  
Carol Mayers

## **Button**

NY Militia Civil War Button  
Ernie Burchetta

## **Relic**

Colonial Sugar Spoon  
Edie Maloney

## **Medal**

Sterling Silver "Miraculous  
Medal" Carol Mayers



# FEBRUARY 2008 FINDS OF THE MONTH

## **USA Silver Coin**

1896-O Dime Sean Shaunessey

## **USA Non-Silver Coin**

1877 Indian Head Penny Conrad  
Rasinski

## **Misc.**

Purse top & 31800's coins Sean  
Shaunessey

## **Foreign Silver Coin**

1855-D French 5cent piece Don  
Mayers

## **Gold Jewelry**

14kt Diamond Ring w/5  
diamonds Fred Shipman

## **Silver Jewelry**

Antique Silver Locket Carol  
Mayers

## **Button**

Gold gilt flat button Carol  
Mayers

## **Medal**

St. Ignatius medal Sean  
Shaunessey

## **February Meeting 50/50 Raffle Winners**

\$46 Todd Olsen

Finds bag Jimmy Connors

JW Fishers \$500 coupon Paul  
Maloney

Digging Tool Kit Jimmy  
Connors

American Digger & 2006 Red  
Book of Coins Sean Shaunessey

Mine Lab Hat & Rain Gear  
Lauren Bufi

## **Silver Dollar Drawing Winner**

1884 Morgan Dollar Wayne  
Homan

# Treasure in the News

## **Last of three Civil War battlefield looters sentenced in federal court**

**By RUSTY DENNEN**

Date published: 11/9/2007

The last of three men caught illegally relic hunting on Spotsylvania Court House battlefield has been sentenced in federal court.

Jeremy Burroughs, 30, of Spotsylvania, was sentenced Monday in U.S. District Court in Richmond. He received two years in jail, a year of supervised probation, and was ordered to pay \$28,600 in restitution to the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

In March, Burroughs and two other Spotsylvania men, Fenton E. Terembes Jr., 28, and Vincent E. Williams, 37, were caught by a park ranger who saw them digging in the national park on a Sunday, during the day. Their metal detectors and the relics they unearthed were confiscated.

Among the items recovered were bullets, and a Confederate belt buckle. According to evidence in the case, the men had found the buckle during an earlier foray into the park and had sold it for \$3,300. The buckle was recovered and is now in the park's collection.

"These are public property and owned by future generations. Once these artifacts are gone and in private collections, they cannot be replaced," said Keith Kelly, military park's chief ranger.

"If someone is poaching deer or cutting trees, those can be replaced. With Civil War artifacts, once every bullet is

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removed there's no way we can have that back."

Terembes was sentenced on Sept. 24. He received two years in jail, one year of supervised probation, and ordered to pay \$28,600 in restitution.

Williams, who authorities said had a lesser role, was ordered to pay \$1,400 in restitution.

The men were charged with felonies under the Archaeological Resource Protection Act. It's a federal crime to damage archaeological sites on or remove property from federal lands. It is illegal to collect or search for artifacts on federal land without permission.

Violators can be fined up to \$250,000 and sentenced to two years in prison.

A week after Burroughs, Terembes and Williams were caught, two juveniles were

caught metal detecting in the Hill-Ewell Drive area of the Wilderness battlefield.

They were from Orange and Spotsylvania and pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges in federal court in Charlottesville. The 16- and 17-year-olds were sentenced to community service and ordered to pay restitution.

The Fredericksburg area is home to some of the nation's most significant Civil War sites. The park commemorates four battles--Spotsylvania Court House, Chancellorsville, Wilderness and Fredericksburg--and encompasses more than 8,000 acres.

## FMDAC Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics

I will always check federal, state, county, and local laws before searching.

It is my responsibility to know the law.

I will respect private property and will not enter private property without the owner's permission. Where possible, such permission will be in writing.

I will take care to refill all holes and try not to leave any damage.

I will remove and dispose of any and all trash and litter that I find.

I will appreciate and protect our inheritance of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I will, as ambassador for the hobby, use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times. I will leave gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only.

I will report to the proper authorities any individuals who enter and/or removes artifacts from federal Parks or state preserves.

### TT's meeting of the minds January 11, 2008



## Metal Detecting Permit Information

Take the time to renew your permits now for Spring! See the list of locations where you may send to receive yearly metal detecting permits below. If possible, call first for any updates or instructions.

1. Palisades Interstate Park Commission  
Permit Section  
Bear Mountain, NY 10911-0427 .....\$20.00  
For: Harriman State Park (845)-786-2701

Lakes: Sebago, Tiorati & Welch

2. Long Island State Park Region  
Beaches  
Permit Office  
PO Box 247  
Babylon, NY 11702.....\$20.00  
(631)-669-1000 ext. 223

3. City of New York Parks & Recreation  
Arsenal North  
234 Fifth Ave. Room 213  
New York, NY 10029.....FREE  
(212)360-2778  
(MUST SEND IN COPY OF YOUR DRIVERS LICENCE)

4. Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation  
Taconic Region  
Staatsburg, NY 12580.....\$10.00  
(845)889-4100  
For: Lake Taghkanic, Rudd Pond & Canopus Beach

5. NY State Offices Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation  
Central Region  
6105 East Seneca Turnpike  
Jamesville NY 13078-9516  
(315)-492-1756

Tentative Schedule  
of Events for 2008\*

**\*contingent on finalization of  
search agreement**

Tuesday, March 4, 7:30pm  
Membership Meeting,  
Carmel, NY  
Ralph Langham will speak at  
the March meeting on topics  
relevant to metal detecting  
and the Civil War.  
Remember there will be no  
Finds of the Month at this  
meeting.

Tuesday, April 1, 7:30pm  
Membership Meeting,  
Carmel, NY

Saturday, April 26, 9:00am  
Rain Date Saturday, May 3,  
9:00am  
Search Outing Ossining, NY\*

Tuesday, May 6, 7:30pm  
Membership Meeting,  
Carmel, NY

Saturday, May TBD, 9:00am  
Search Outing TBD

Tuesday, June 3, 7:30pm  
Membership Meeting,  
Carmel, NY

Saturday, June TBD, 9:00am  
Search Outing TBD

Tuesday, September 2,  
7:30pm  
Membership Meeting,  
Carmel, NY

Saturday, September TBD,  
9:00am  
Search Outing TBD

Tentative Schedule  
of Events for 2008\*

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search agreement**

Tuesday, October 7, 7:30pm  
Membership Meeting,  
Carmel, NY

Saturday, October TBD,  
9:00am  
Search Outing TBD

Tuesday, November 4,,  
7:30pm  
Membership Meeting,  
Carmel, NY

Saturday, November TBD,  
10:00am  
Fall Classic Seeded Hunt,  
Fairfield, CT\*

Friday, December TBD,  
7:00pm  
Annual Christmas Party,  
Mahopac, NY\*