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From the Vice President's Desk

MOVING FOREWORD

The national elections are in the news on a daily basis. After months of debates, primaries and caucuses a dozen or more candidates have been reduced to 3 soon to be 2. It would be a positive step if folks were as eager to run for office in service organizations and clubs throughout the country as they are to become heads of state. New ideas, youthful enthusiasm and the joy of serving have lead this country foreword.

Small organizations like P/WMDAS and similar groups need the same infusion of "new blood". In its' more than ten years of existence P/WMDAS has had one president, 2 vice presidents and 2 treasurers.

That's a long time to expect a small number of individuals to make "all the right decisions" and to be blessed with enthusiasm and dedication. While there is a lot to be said for the value of experience there is also much to be gained by building a new guard. P/WMDAS has been very fortunate to have seen a number of individuals step up in recent years to fill necessary

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MOVING FOREWORD (cont.)

positions in the club. Rich has begun work establishing the Search Site Committee; Paul has rebuilt the web-site into a forum to be proud of. Todd can be counted on to conduct the Finds of the Month every meeting. It has been a most positive sign in recent months to see more and more women becoming members. Several youngsters are now attending meetings. These are progressions that may well be harbinger of good things for the future of our organization. But time marches on. Club elections are still 6 months away. In all probability there will not be a rush of new candidates fighting for the opportunity to serve. Hopefully there will be some who will be motivated to sit at the front table, some that will consider chairing a new committee (Annual Youth Hunt, Ladies Night Out, P/WMDAS Speakers Group, Let's Detect in England Planning Forum). Home Depot's motto is: YOU CAN DO IT WE CAN HELP. Perhaps our's should be **WE CAN DO IT I CAN HELP.**

**It's your Club Get
Involved it's Fun**



**P/WMDAS NEEDS
YOU!**

Club News

SPARSE RETURNS AT OSSINING OUTING

Seventeen club members participated in this year's Search Outing held in Ossining, New York. While there were rain showers in the forecast the weather remained mild and dry. Those in attendance split up into multiple groups allowing several different sections of the available domain to be detected. At the end of the day only two items of note were recovered. John Demaio dug a Connecticut copper near the lake and Conrad Rasinski salvaged a nearly complete kaolin pipe from a disturbed site deep in the woods. Several members reported the occasional clad found deep in the woods but no further Colonial artifacts were recorded.

High School Class Ring Returned

Ken Carlson found a class ring on Cocoa Beach and returned it to the owner. The ring was found at COCOA BEACH on March 16, 2008 while metal detecting. The tide was low and the ring was in shallow water.

Well done Ken you are a credit to the hobby.



Classified Adds

Anyone who has/wants something metal detecting related to buy, sell, trade or give away can post it on the web contact:

Paul Maloney

26 N 3rd St.

Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

Email: pemalon@optonline.net

Club Website Voted Website of the Month by Talk Treasure



Join the Talk Treasure Forum and enter the Find of the Year contest to win a detector you can see the contest information at the link below; <http://treasuretalk.proboards105.com/index.cgi?board=contest&action=display&thread=2552>

Shark Tooth Hunting In New Jersey

By Lauren Bufi

There are many rivers & streams in New Jersey which were flooded with sharks 60 million years ago. Today you can find the teeth left behind with ease.

The only equipment you need is a sifter, a shovel or trowel, waterproof boots or water shoes, & a 5 gallon bucket.

The sifter is easy to make. Get a 6'-8" piece of 1/2" x 1" wood & cut it into 4 even sizes.

Attach them with nails or staples. You can also use right angle brackets on the corners.

Then just staple or nail on some 1/4" chicken wire to cover the bottom

You are ready to go.

Jump onto the internet & type in "Shark Teeth New Jersey" and you will be flooded with resources.

Once you get to your destination, just put your bucket in the water & take a seat.

Get a shovel full of the gravel on the stream floor & put it into your sifter. Wash it back & forth as if you were panning for gold to get rid of the sand & dirt.

Look carefully the first few times, because until you get used to what the teeth look like you may overlook them as stones or twigs.

Once you see all of the varieties, you will be amazed at each shovel full giving you 1 or 2 teeth. This just goes to show you how many sharks were in this region millions of years ago.

This is a great way to spend a day for kids & adults.

If you have any questions, please ask our club shark tooth hunter veterans: Todd Olson & Lauren Bufi.

Happy Hunting!

Shark tooth hunting in Big Brook area in NJ.



Check out this website for more information

<http://www.fossilguy.com/sites/bbrook/body.htm>

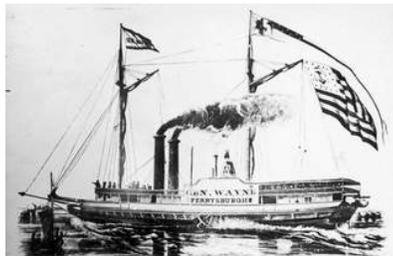
New Member Finds in May



Chris Brown our newest member found these great coins in May, 2008
5-31-08 Finds: (Putnam)
1727 2 Reale - Mexico City Mint, R assayer mark. (very nice condition)
1749 King George II 1/2 pence. Both photos are posted on the Whites Metal detecting Forum (made the banner)

<http://forum.treasurenet.com/whites/index.php?topic=18092>

Treasure in the News



The A.B. Wayne was discovered just last year offshore in the Lorain and Vermilion area. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

LORAIN -- Shipwrecks litter the bottom of Lake Erie. For those curious about those hundreds of vessels -- many yet to be found -- there's a new resource to quench that interest.

The Ohio Sea Grant has launched a new interactive Web site, Shipwrecks and Maritime Tales of the Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail, at www.ohioshipwrecks.org. The site was designed to promote protection of Lake Erie's shipwrecks and increase awareness of its rich maritime history.

With the help of Sea Grant Extension, divers now have the information necessary to explore shipwrecks in Lake Erie.

"There was a pressing need for a Web site such as this," said Joe Lucente, Ohio Sea Grant Extension educator. "Now an online database of Lake Erie shipwrecks exists for people to access and learn about Lake Erie's maritime history or find a wreck."

The site provides access to details of wrecks in a convenient location. The hope is that people will be inspired to go out and explore the shipwrecks and enjoy the history and opportunities Lake Erie has to offer.

"Ohio Sea Grant has been around for a long time, and is a very reputable, scientifically oriented

organization," said News Journal outdoor writer thingy Martin.

The site features the locations of many of the 277 known wrecks and more detailed information on 28

specific wrecks, including GPS coordinates and the history of each ship, plus photographs. The interactive map allows users to browse and discover the locations of every known wreck, including the Morning Star, whose remains lie 70 feet under water after a collision with another ship in 1868. Some of the shipwreck listings feature underwater videos, so a Web site visitor can get a glimpse at the sites beneath the surface.

"Whether you are a seasoned scuba diver or a maritime history aficionado, we believe you will not only learn more about Lake Erie's maritime heritage but will also gain an increased respect for the need to preserve and protect Ohio's historic shipwrecks," said Dave Kelch, Ohio Sea Grant Extension specialist.

The project is linked to the Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail, one of 126 national scenic byways designated by the Federal Highway Administration. This signed route travels from Conneaut to Toledo and celebrates natural resources and historic treasures.

Lake Erie claims more shipwrecks than any other Great Lake, with more than 1,700. To date only 277 have been found or salvaged. The remains of these wrecks lay scattered across the Lake's floor and provide an exciting opportunity for outdoors people, tourists and scholars.

This project was jointly funded by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Office of Coastal Management.

Kelch and Lucente are two of 11 Ohio Sea Grant Extension agents located across Ohio's Lake Erie counties.

Ohio Sea Grant Extension is part of The Ohio State University Extension and the Ohio Sea Grant College Program, one of 32 NOAA Sea Grant programs dedicated to the protection and sustainable use of marine and Great Lakes resources.

<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/apps....STYLE/805190304>

Important Notice: Public Hearing on DEP Rules for Use Of Water Supply Lands & Waters

Public meetings and an opportunity to comment on proposed amendments to Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York: Rules for the recreational use of water supply lands and waters will be held as follows:

Putnam County Training & Operations Building, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00pm – 9:00pm

NYCDEP – 6th Floor Lecture Room, 59-17 Junction Blvd., Flushing, NY on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 10:00am – 12:00pm

Belleayre Ski Mountain (Garden Room), 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount, NY on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Anyone wishing to pre-register to speak must give written notice to Melissa Siegel, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Bureau of Legal Affairs, 19th Floor, 59-17 Junction Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11373. Please include a telephone number where you can be reached during normal working Hours. Speakers will be limited to 10 minutes.

Persons who wish to comment on the proposal in writing must submit written comments to Melissa Siegal at the above address on or before July 7, 2008.

Our opportunity to be heard and maybe open up lands to detecting. We are no different than hunters, fisherman and hikers. The more of us that attend one of these meetings the better. The proposals can be found at this web address;

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/watershed_protection/html/wsrules.html

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Acworth, GA 30101

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<http://www.losttreasure.com>

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P.O. Box 219
San Anselmo, CA 94979
<http://www.treasurenet.com>
1-800-999-9718

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Innovative hunting concepts since 1996
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Pleasant Valley, NY 12569
<http://www.detectorpro.com>
info@detectorpro.com
1-845-635-3488

Minelab USA
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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
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Confidential Appointments
Mon-Wed, Fri 10am – 5pm
Thur 10am – 8pm
Sat 10am – 4pm

**APRIL 2008 FINDS OF
THE MONTH**

USA Silver Coin .
1806 25 cent piece
Sean Shaunessy

USA Non Silver Coin
1798 Flowing Hair Cent Conrad
Rasinski

Misc.
Chicken Leg Letter Opener Todd
Olson

Foreign Silver Coin
3, 2 Reales in one hole
Al Williams

Foreign Non Silver Coin
1749 Half Penny (King George)
Joe Snow

Gold Jewelry
14K Bracelet
Tito Arguinzoni

Silver Jewelry
Sterling Spoon Ring
Conrad Rasinski

Button
1850 71st Reg. Army Button (US)
Sean Shaunessy

Relic
Solid brass Eagle Lock Pad Lock
Carol Mayers

Medal
St. Christopher Catholic Medal
Don Mayers

**MAY 2008 FINDS OF THE
MONTH**

USA Silver Coin
1906D Barber Half Dollar
Steve Barrett

USA Non-Silver Coin
1787 Copper
Steve Barrett

Foreign Silver Coin
Spanish Half Reale
Conrad Rasinski

Gold Jewelry
Pendant - diamonds & green
stone
Steve Barrett

Silver Jewelry
Sterling Silver Ring with Black
Onyx
Carol Mayers

Button
Circa 1810 round button
Don Mayers

Relic
Kaolin Pipe
Conrad Rasinski

Buckle
Rev. War era shoe buckle
Dave Franz

**JUNE 2008 FINDS OF
THE MONTH**

USA Silver Coin
1875 CC Seated Dime
Conrad Rasinski

USA Non-Silver Coin
1839 Large Cent
Conrad Rasinski

Misc.
Plated Charm Bracelet
Ernie Burchetta

Gold Jewelry
1966 10kt Class Ring
Don Mayers

Silver Jewelry
Silver wedding band
Conrad Rasinski

Button
Large Colonial Cloak Button
Lauren Bufi

Relic
Circ 1805 pewter spoon
Don Mayers

Buckle
Brass Suspender Buckle (pat. 1884)
Don Mayers

Medal
Mathmatics League Award Medal
Conrad Rasinski

The Use of Metal Detectors on National Forest Land

The use of metal detectors has become a popular hobby for many people. Here is direction on how or when metal detectors can be used on the Chequamegon-Nicolet.

Metal detector use is allowed in developed campgrounds and picnic areas if they are not specifically closed to such activity. If archaeological remains are known to exist in a campground or picnic area, a closure to metal detecting would be posted. It is permissible to collect coins, but prospecting for gold would be subject to mining laws. However, you should know that agencies have not identified every archaeological site on public lands, so it is possible you may run into such remains that have not yet been discovered. Archaeological remains on federal land, known or unknown are protected under law. If you were to discover such remains, you should leave them undisturbed, stop metal detecting in that area, and notify the local FS office. I have included the legal citations below for your information.

The Forest Service has conducted numerous projects in conjunction with metal detectorists and metal detecting clubs through our volunteer archaeological program, Passport In Time (PIT). The cooperation has been fun for both the detectorists and the agency's archaeologists. Locating archaeological sites becomes a joint endeavor and we learn a lot! You can receive the PIT Traveler, our free newsletter advertising the PIT projects each year, by calling 1-800-281-9176. Look for the ones where we request metal detecting expertise!

Here are the legal citations:

Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR 261.9: "The following are prohibited: (g) digging in, excavating, disturbing, injuring, destroying, or in any way damaging any prehistoric, historic, or archaeological

resources, structure, site, artifact, or property. (h) Removing any prehistoric, historic, or archaeological resources, structure, site, artifact, property."

USDA Forest Service Manual

Direction (draft): "Metal Detector Use. Metal detectors may be used on public lands in areas that do not contain or would not reasonably be expected to contain archaeological or historical resources. They must be used, however, for lawful purposes. Any act with a metal detector that violates the proscriptions of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) or any other law is prosecutable. Normally, developed campgrounds, swimming beaches, and other developed recreation sites are open to metal detecting unless there are heritage resources present. In such cases, Forest Supervisors are authorized to close these sites by posting notices in such sites."

ARPA, 16 U.S.C. 470cc: "No person may excavate, remove, damage, or otherwise alter or deface or attempt to excavate, remove, damage or otherwise alter or deface any archaeological resources located on public lands or Indian lands unless such activity is pursuant to a permit. . ."

For more information, contact Mark Bruhy, Supervisor's Office, 68 S. Stevens St., Rhinelander, WI 54501, 715-362-1361, or email mbruhy@fs.fed.us.

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Above is from the US Forest Service web page; http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/rec/heritage/metal_detectors.html

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.

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

Friday - Sunday, June 6 - 8, Search Outing, 9:00am Blackthorne Resort, 348 Sunside Road, East Durham, NY Contact royhandelwithcmt@yahoo.com or <http://www.blackthorneresort.com/> Reservations Required -- Everyone with a valid email address on the membership list has been sent a flyer with all the information. Anyone who does not receive the info in their email is requested to email the webmaster. PLEASE NOTE THE RESORT HAS CHANGED THE DATE FROM THE MAY DATES CALL THE RESORT TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AT (518)634-2541.

Saturday, August 30, 9:00am Search Outing, Holmes, NY this is to take the place of the May hunt.

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

Friday – Sunday, September 19 – 21, 2008 Search Outing
Location: The Cutty Sark Motor Lodge at Raycroft Beach, West Dennis, MA.

Directions: Take I-95 to Providence, RI. Follow I-95 east to Route 25 east and follow the Sagamore Bridge. Cross the bridge and follow Route 6 to Exit 9A. Go right on to Route 134. Take left on Route 28 and then take a right on Depot St. Follow to Old Warf Rd. and turn right onto Old Warf Road. The Cutty Sark is 1/4 mile on right.

Phone: (508) 398-9116.

Reservations: Call and make your own arrangements, rates are very reasonable and restaurants are near by. To get best rate please inform the lodge that you are with P/WMDAS.

Attractions: Water detecting in salt and freshwater. Detecting soft beach

sand. Golf, stripped bass fishing and antiquing. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. Approximate drive time from Brewster NY 3-1/2 to 4 hours.

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

Saturday, October 18, 9:00am
Search Outing Stormville, NY

Saturday, November 1, 10:00am
Fall Classic Seeded Hunt, Fairfield, CT - Rain Date November 8

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

Friday December 5, 7:00pm
Annual Christmas Party, Mahopac, NY

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 June 4, 2008

Gold \$881.30 /oz

Silver \$ 16.77/oz

Platinum \$2003.00 /oz

Copper \$3.64 /lb