

# HUDSON VALLEY EXPLORER

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## From the Vice President's Desk

### **The Long Shot**

Two feature articles in a recent local newspaper provide clues to the location of possibly productive hunt sites. "House Tour Benefits Historical Society" This tale hints of Colonial era dwellings still in use today. The tour will attract history buffs, town historians, realtors and folks interested in antique furnishings. Cost of a ticket to walk the tour \$25.00, the possible contacts PRICELESS.

"New (name of town) Tack and Gear Owner's Dream Come True". Now you say, "How is a horse stuff store going to lead to a search site"? Be creative; think outside the box. Tack is purchased by horse lovers. These folks need at least an acre per critter. They may well be interested in OLD horse gear (buckles, martingales, rosettes, stirrups etc.). Putting a display of dug equestrian treasures in the new shop just might lead to a productive contact or two. It's a long shot, but---

**The Christmas Party Date Has  
Been Changed**

**Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> see  
Christmas Party Information  
on last page for details.**

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## Club News

### **Escape to the Cape**

On September 12th. a dozen Club members joined ranks at The Cutty Sark Motel in West Dennis, MA for a long weekend of detecting and fellowship. While the weather was totally uncooperative with mist, wind and rain the norm, members persevered and several beaches were vacuumed clean of goodies. Both ocean side and bay side were searched. While the majority of those in attendance focused on the dry and wet sand areas, Vitaly, Steve and Conrad did venture into the water. Wind and tide conditions favored the bay area for in water hunting. Steve was rewarded with a 14K wedding band for his efforts beneath the waves. This find proved to be the winner in the unofficial Finds of the Cape Competition (please enjoy the [2008 Photo](#) section to view other significant recoveries). The trip was not limited to detecting. Several members drove to nearby areas to shop and procure souvenirs of the trip.

Many brought fishing rods in the hope of finding some blues or stripers in the surf. Fishing, however, was not good and there were no reports of any fillets making the trip home. In spite of the poor weather everyone agreed that the trip was fun and productive and the Board of Directors has agreed to make a repeat excursion in 2009. The Club wishes to extend its thanks to Pat of the Cutty Sark for his hospitality and generous "off season rates" and to Colleen of the Sailing Cow Cafe in Dennisport for her smile, her humor and her great breakfast. The Sailing Cow Cafe

## Club News (Cont.)

was voted "Best Meal" of the weekend!



### Potpourri at Stormville

Twenty members attended this year's outing in Stormville, New York. The brisk early air was warmed with hot coffee and home made chili complements of Joe Snow. By late morning the sun had warmed the fields and coats and sweaters were traded for light jackets. In spite of the rather dry and hard ground making digging difficult many targets were extracted and conserved. Some of the more interesting finds include:

- Ken Sterling-----Silver Pendant
- Carol Mayers----- King George Copper
- Steve Barrett----- Standing Quarter and Mercury Dime
- Conrad Rasinski----Pair of antique sterling silver spoons and sterling broach
- Todd Olson-----Three silver rings and a Civil War Navy Button
- Don Mayers-----Sterling silver scarab pendant
- Lauren Bufi-----Sterling silver ring
- Roger Young-----10K wedding band, 14K wedding band, gold watch, silver necklace
- Paul Maloney-----Sterling cuff link with stones
- Edie Maloney-----Tiger eye in sterling

Clad coins were plentiful and a conservative estimate of the amount recovered would be at least \$50.00. As the season begins to wind down all members are encouraged to continue the quest for new search sites. Successful events such as

Stormville take place only when everyone makes the effort to acquire permits to new lands.



### Summer Weather Greets Fall Classic

Warming to shirt sleeve conditions by mid-morning 27 P/WMD&AS members enjoyed the 4th Fall Classic to be held at Fairfield's Jennings Beach. Over 400 coins were planted along with 20 tokens redeemable for prizes. Todd Olson donated a roll of silver quarters and Roger Young added a box of assorted "goodies" to the treasure mix, our thanks to both members for their generosity. Member Don Carter celebrated his birthday at the Classic and the event introduced two new members (welcome aboard Linda and Joe). Club Librarian Carol Mayers donated a cake to the event for dessert and potato salad, tossed salad and 6 foot sub came from Mattie's Deli in Derby, CT. It must have been a hungry crowd for leftovers were at a minimum and no sandwich remained for the sea gulls. All 20 tokens were recovered and redeemed. Some coins remained hidden after the official hunts ended and members worked into the afternoon to make certain none were left for the beach combing crowd. Member Joe Snow assisted the Club in obtaining a Tesoro Cibola detector for the featured raffle. This highly prized machine was won by Rich Carey. Nice going Rich!



The success of the event was greatly enhanced by the generous efforts of members Larry Cohen and Don Carter who elected to plant coins and tokens and sell tickets negating their ability to participate in the seeded hunts. Non-member Lorraine Zuba who is an avid beach hunter from the Fairfield area also donated her time to help set up and get the hunt off to a good start. After lunch many members continued to hunt the beach. Many natural finds were made but none finer than Edie Maloney's silver chain with pendant still attached.

### Club Member Finds Lost Wedding Ring

While doing yard work Kevin M. lost his platinum and gold, one of a kind, wedding ring in deep leaf mulch. Kevin called his wife to tell her about his loss and asked her to search the internet for a local place to rent a metal detector because the leaf mulch was quite deep and it was impossible to sort through all the mulch. The ring was made from platinum and gold from an heirloom piece of family jewelry made by Kevin and his wife who has a matching band.

Carina M. found our website and sent us an email asking where to rent a detector. Paul Maloney, Webmaster and Newsletter Editor, responded to the email by calling Carina and arranged to meet Kevin that afternoon to search for the ring. The ring was quickly found by Paul using his White's DFX detector.



## **November 2008 FINDS OF THE MONTH**

### **USA Silver Coin**

1853 Half Dime

Joe Snow

### **USA Non- Silver Coin**

1879 Indian Penny

Brendan Nestor

### **Foreign Silver Coin**

1920 Shilling

Conrad Rasinski

### **Foreign Non-Silver Coin**

1700's Copper

Fred Shipman

### **Gold Jewelry**

18K Bracelet

Todd Olson

### **Silver Jewelry**

1 OZ .925 Tiffany Bracelet

Carol Mayers

### **Button**

Circa 1850 Navy Button

Todd Olson

### **Token**

1837 Half/Penny Bank Token

Don Mayers

### **Relic**

Fort Verde Cartridges

Ken Carlson

## **FMDAC 2008 CONVENTION OCTOBER 10 THRU OCT. 12**

By Larry & Andrea Cohen

FMDAC held a fall convention at Wildwood Crest, NJ from Oct. 10th thru the 12th.

The format was different from past conventions. Everything was held on the beach. There were no formal seminars. Instead, hunts were held throughout the weekend.

Registration and all activities were held on the beach behind the

Attaché Hotel (where most of the participants stayed).

On Friday evening (10/10) a free hunt was held for all registered hunters. The field was seeded with clad coins, wheat cents, non prize tokens and miscellaneous items.

One participant I talked to dug up a small box and in it was a fancy bottle opener.

On Saturday (10/11) there were three main hunts as well as other activities. At 11:00 AM the first hunt of the day which was a silver hunt was held. The field was seeded with silver dimes as well as tokens that were redeemed for silver half dollars.

The second hunt of the day was sponsored by First Texas. The field was seeded with silver dimes as well as tokens that were good for aprons, hats, pin pointers, detector bags, as well as a detector.

The third hunt of the day was called "The Scavenger Hunt."

The field was seeded with silver, clads, wheat cents, non prize tokens and two tokens that were each redeemable for a gold coin.

In between the hunts there were team and individual pin pointing contests as well as a team target locating contest.

Predator Tools (Lesche Tools) was the only dealer set up on Saturday. He had various digging tools for sale as well as pin pointers.

George Lesche also had a display of American Civil War relics. The display consisted of buttons, bullets, buckles and a couple of artillery shells and ball. Some of the items were for display only and some were for sale.

Throughout both Friday, Saturday and again on Sunday there were various raffles you could purchase tickets for.

There was a daily raffle for a 50/50 as well as a raffle going off every 1/2 to one hour for various coins. There were also raffles for a metal detector, coins, silver rounds, and a semi precious stone necklace that would be held on Sunday.

A banquet that was to be held on Saturday evening was canceled. However the officers of FMDAC treated all participants to a pizza, pasta and chicken wing party held on the patio of the Attache Hotel.

On Sunday (10/12) the first hunt kicked off at 10:30. The field was seeded with silver dimes as well as tokens. The tokens were redeemable for a variety of prizes. Prizes consisted of coins, pouches, packs of batteries, gold panning items and various books. A kids hunt was then held.

The last hunt of the convention was held at 1:00. The field was seeded with silver dimes as well as tokens redeemable for other coins. In this hunt there were also ten special prize tokens. Two tokens were colored orange and would each be redeemable for a metal detector. The other eight tokens were numbered one thru eight. The finders of these tokens would be called up in order of the number of their token and pick an envelope to determine their prize.

After the final hunt was over drawings were first held for the various raffles.

After the raffles, the holders of the eight tokens each picked an envelope. Six of the envelope prizes was for a "bag of treasure" The bags of treasure were six shopping bags. A participant would then pick one bag. Each bag contained a variety of coins worth \$100.00. The coins in one bag consisted of a mint set, a silver dollar, a large cent, a proof Eisenhower dollar and various silver dimes and quarters.

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One envelope was for the 2nd place prize which was a large silver round and gold coins (Mexican peso's).

The grand prize was a set of presidential silver ingots in a display case.

Once the above prizes were handed out the two holders of the orange tokens were awarded their detectors. This ended the convention. All in all it was a very good convention. The weather for each day stayed in the mid 70's. The hunts and contests were enjoyable and both Andrea and I met a group of wonderful people.

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## Metal Prices as of November 5, 2008

<b>Gold</b>	<b>\$736.90 /oz</b>
<b>Silver</b>	<b>\$ 10.25 /oz</b>
<b>Platinum</b>	<b>\$859.00 /oz</b>
<b>Copper</b>	<b>\$1.77 / lb</b>

## 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.

## Christmas Party Information

**Saturday, December 6, 7:00pm  
Annual Christmas Party, Ye Olde  
Lantern Restaurant, 728 Route 6,  
Mahopac, NY. The restaurant  
made an error and gave away our  
original date. The cost will be  
\$25/per person this year.**