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BILL'S GOOD DEED

I went hunting with Bill Logue at South Beach Park last Sunday, 7/31/11. Bill was approached by two men at the beach. One of them had lost an elaborate and heavy gold chain with a large gold cross.

Bill went to work at their request trying to find this lost item. In a short amount of time...Bill and his Minelab did the deed! They found the jewelrv!!!

The two men were very happy, they left Bill with a big Thank You!

Bill's Thank You from the Universe was also immediate he went on to find 2 nice rings! (Nice work Bill...all I found that day was lots of trash and some clad coins...).

As a follow up, Bill, Colin and I went hunting at the same beach this past weekend. The Parks Department Security Officer came over to chat and we showed him a lot of the trash we remove from the beach. He told us that the next day after Bill found and returned the chain and cross, the guy came back to the beach, specifically to tell the Parks department how helpful a metal detectorist was in finding a valuable item of extreme sentimental value.

The item was given to him by his (now deceased) Grandfather and was one of the few things he had to remember him by.

So...good deeds don't go unnoticed!

Nice work Bill! ~Tom Rate/

CLUB MEMBERS TEACH BOY SCOUTS TO METAL DETECT AT POUCH CAMP



SIHH would like to thank all the Volunteers that showed up on this beautiful hot dav!

We had two groups of scouts, that had a great time. Lots of finds, some old, some new, with the help of our volunteers we seeded the ground, but the kids always seem to find other items like many metal tent anchors and an old rusted ax without the handle. So thanks again for all the help Bill L, Colin H, Fred D, Jim P, Mike B, Tom R, Jerry & Bonnie and their two grandchildren and Pouch Camp.



More photos on page 4

SIHH MEMBERS DIVING FINDS



Mike Burns with the Anchor he found while diving off Brooklyn

From the murky waters off Brooklyn. I don't know how to date these but circumstances would lead me to think this anchor, from the location it came from and size of it and the size of the boat it must've come off of, it had to be there for at least 80+ years.



On the day of this dive the water was in the comfortable low 70's, but was so cloudy you had trouble seeing the coil (less than 2 feet). The weather was changing so we got thrown around a little on the bottom and decided not to do a second dive that day. ~*Mike Burns*



Beautiful West Point hat badge recovered at New London, CT by Charlie Salerno



IN THE NEWS

Man realises 30-year quest with discovery of old bomber

From the Cambridge-news.co.uk, 15 August 2011

For history enthusiast Julian Evan-Hart a 30-year labour of love has borne fruit after he uncovered remains from a rare Second World War German bomber during an excavation.

The author, who has written nine books on metal detecting and the Second World War, was delighted when he found the exact place where a Heinkel He-177 crash landed in a field at Butlers Farm, Little Walden, in 1944. Broken metal and glass from the aircraft's cockpit were all that remained of the plane. However, the discovery of its final resting place during an organised dig on Saturday was enough for Mr Evan-Hart.

The 48-year-old, who obtained the required MOD licence in order to carry out the dig, said: "I initially found out about the crash in 1981 and have been researching it for the past 30 years. It has taken until now for me to excavate the site as the previous landowner wasn't interested.

However, the current one is quite proactive.



Julian Evan-Hart shows a shard of metal from the four-engined German bomber that crashed in Little Walden in 1944

"We were beginning to lose hope that we would find out but then we found it near a high concentration of fragments of metal. As you uncover the top layer of soil you find the scorch marks where the aircraft landed."

Mr Evan-Hart conducted the excavation with the help of nine volunteers and he marked out trenches to look for the remains of the plane.

He added: "This is so interesting because it is one of only four or five of this aircraft that ever touched down in the UK during the Second World War. This is the only remaining site which hasn't been excavated before."

The historian, who lives and works as an assistant care manager in Stevenage, admitted that his interest in the past and specifically the Second World War goes back to his childhood.

He said: "I used to get a lift to school from my neighbour and he used to always point out where a bomber had come down during the war and so once I got my O-Levels out of the way I started looking into it and have loved it ever since.

"I think it's vital for people to be aware of their history."

POUCH CAMP PHOTOS













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TASK FORCE UPDATE

The hated 50' rule has now become the hated 25' rule. This is still unacceptable as 1962.5' of parkland, around each and every tree in the park, is still off-limits to metal detecting, and metal detecting is still a prohibited use. The Task Force has once again put out a widespread request to everyone in the metal detecting community to contact Commissioner Adrian Benepe and Assistant Commissioner Mike Dockett to let them know that this is unacceptable. Everyone's participation in this effort is critical to the future of metal detecting in New York City and eventually even in your own backyard.

The Task Force issued document, distributed via email, includes a listing of facts and some observations which will aid in your communication with New York City. This document is a recipe to formulate your own communication with New York City, you just need to put these facts into your own words.

The Task Force has on July 7, 2011 forwarded a list of additional parks which are requested to be added to the permit. The Task Force is following up on this request with Assistant Commissioner Mike Dockett. This item is still open, but your Task Force will keep the pressure on.

Harold Lowenfels Co-Chair TFMDR

CLUB UPDATES

*There have been reports of SIHH E-mails that are being sent to people who don't want them. We are presently working to resolve this issue.

The email list will be updated this month, if there is anyone that wants to be taken off the list please let Tom Ratel know.

Please be patient with us until we get this under control. All current and new members, if we have your E-mail address you will start getting the SIHH news and updates very soon.

*WARNING! DUE'S ARE DUE—OVERDUE IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID THEM YET! Any members who haven't paid their 2011 dues will be removed from the E-mail list. Please get your dues up to date to continue receiving the SIHH E-mails and Newsletters.

*The club is planning a hunt for November, details to follow at a later date.

*Unfortunately because of time/distance factors, I can't be at the meetings to photograph your finds, but your fellow club members want to see what treasures you've found, so email them to detectorista@gmail.com for inclusion in the newsletter.

Calendar of Events

August 31, 2011

SIHH Club Meeting 7:00 pm Sea View Hospital & Home Rehab Center, Staten Island, NY

Sep 17-22, 2010

Harrisburg, PA All-Dairy Antiques & Collectibles 13th Annual Show & Sale, (Fri. 12 noon to 5 PM, Sat. through Wed. 8 AM to 5 PM), at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, Harrisburg, PA. Info: GARY GOJSOVICH, PH: (717) 635-5067 or LOLLY LESHER, PH: (717) 787-2905.

October 16, 2011

The Findlay Bottle Club's 35th Annual Bottle Show. At "The Old Barn", Findlay, OH 9am-3pm Www.finbotclub.blogspot.com

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Staten Island History Hunters meet on the last Wednesday of each month with the exception of November and December. We meet at 7:00 PM at the Sea View Hospital and Home Rehab Center at 460 Brielle Avenue, Staten Island, NY. All information contained on this form is for the confidential use of this club only and shall not be distributed or used by anyone else.

Please carefully print all parts of this application and return to above address or come to a meeting.

Name:	D.O.B.:		
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip	:
Home phone number :	Cell Num	ber:	
E-Mail:			
Type of Detector:	How long detecting?		
Where do you prefer to detect: Bea	ach Parks	Trails	Other
If other please identify:			
How did you hear about this club?			
Do you have a NYC Dept of Parks me	etal detecting permit?	Yes	No
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