



cleaning up the environment.

Guests are always welcome, allowed to attend two meetings before deciding whether to join officially. Each new member is introduced to and expected to abide by the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics. SIHH places a strong emphasis on stewardship of the land, respect for history, and serving as ambassadors of the hobby.

Events and Outreach

The club's biggest annual event is its open beach hunt, "Diggin the Big Apple." During this well-attended hunt, Indian and Wheat cents, Buffalo nickels, silver coins, tokens, and jewelry are buried in the sand for participants to recover and exchange for prizes. Adding to the excitement, in the Treasure Chest Challenge 100 keys are also hidden, but only one key will open a treasure chest filled with silver coins valued at well over \$150. The hunt draws detectorists from across the tri-state area and enjoys sponsorship from numerous companies in the hobby including *American Digger*® magazine.

In addition to the annual hunt, SIHH recently launched a public training event, Metal Detecting 101: Basics & Hands-On Workshop. This course covers detector operation, pinpointing, proper recovery techniques, detecting etiquette, and responsible hunting. After instruction, attendees practice in the field under the guidance of experienced club members, a hands-on approach that is well received by the participants.

The club also organizes member-only group hunts throughout the year at parks, beaches, and private permissions. These outings offer the chance for new members to learn directly from seasoned detectorists, test different machines, and discover sites that are both legal and productive.

Staying Connected

The History Hunters maintain a strong online presence with a Facebook group at [facebook.com/groups/statenlandhistoryhunters](https://www.facebook.com/groups/statenlandhistoryhunters) and a comprehensive website at sihistoryhunters.com, which includes club information, where to obtain

permits, safety and detecting hazards, and more than 100 carefully curated links to help guide detectorists through every aspect of the hobby. The club can be reached directly at SIHHMDC@gmail.com or by phone (917) 287-3688.

Looking Ahead

With a growing membership and renewed energy, the Staten Island History Hunters continues to thrive as a hub for detectorists in the New York City region. Whether it's helping someone recover a lost ring, unearthing a relic from the Revolutionary War era, or introducing newcomers to the hobby, SIHH remains true to its mission: Detect and Preserve. -Mike Di Trani, President, Staten Island History Hunters Metal Detecting Club, Inc.

The Staten Island History Hunters: "Detect and Preserve"
Quick Facts:

- Founded: 2006
- Motto: Detect and Preserve
- Membership: 60+ across New York and New Jersey
- Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
- Location: New Dorp Moravian Church Parish House, Staten Island, New York
- Annual Event: Diggin the Big Apple – open beach hunt with silver, coins, jewelry, and a treasure chest challenge
- Website: sihistoryhunters.com
- Facebook: [facebook.com/groups/statenlandhistoryhunters](https://www.facebook.com/groups/statenlandhistoryhunters)
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Each meeting features a club information table.



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