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NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD NORTH STATE DETECTORISTS



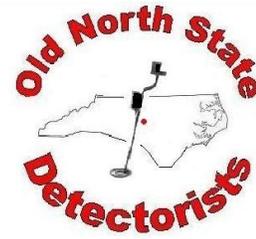
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Club Newsletter

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The President's Corner

By Rodney Joslin

President's Corner

Hello ONSD Members,

I want to thank everyone who attended last month's meeting and especially the participants in the "Find of Summer" competition. We had fantastic submissions and it is great to see fellow club members having success in the field. It was extremely difficult to judge but ultimately the winner was Wayne Clodfelter with a gold coin ring. Congratulations Wayne.

I hope everyone will be able to attend the upcoming meeting on October 25th. We are going to have a discussion on Civil War finds led by Robert Underwood. Robert will have displays of his Civil War finds which he recently showcased at the MARC Heritage Day. Please bring your own Civil War finds to share with the club. The meeting is at East Coast Wings Bar and Grill restaurant, 1579 A-B, New Garden Road, Greensboro, 27410 at 9:00 a.m.

Odds & Ends:

- * Keep on the lookout for a club hunt location. An American Silver Eagle will be awarded to any member who secures a club hunt at a qualifying location.
- * If you find and return a valuable item to their owner you are eligible for the Randy Woolbright Community Service Award.

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Agenda: Oct. Meeting

**50/50 raffle (buy tickets before meeting - see
Becky Craddock)**

9:00 a.m. - Call to Order

Introduce guests

Read Code of Ethics

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports.

Web page - Carole Kaplan

Newsletter - Jim Prettyman

Liaison - Mc McAtee

Annual Picnic & Seeded Hunt - Jim Spivey

Orientation - Robert Underwood

Club Hunt - Robert Underwood

By Laws - Jeffrey Blackburn

Membership - Rodney Joslin

President's Report – Rodney Joslin

**Civil War Finds Presentation – Robert
Underwood**

50/50 winner

Adjournment

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Minutes for ONSD Club Meeting,
Saturday, September 27, 2014

Attendees:

Jim Spivey, Chris Smith (joined today), Becky Craddock, Skylar Craddock, Tim Pierce, Tracy Smith, James Prettyman, Mac MaAtee, Jerry Gilliam, Joe Rappa, Carole Kaplan, Robert Underwood, Rick Volinski, Maddie Volinski, Gerald Reel, Rodney Joslin, Susan Neubauer, Wayne Clodfelter, Jody Sanders, Thom Metz, and Pete Nowack.

- Request to account for silver eagle coins with the treasurer. As one is given away, needs to be deducted from the assets. 7 half dollars
- Carole Kaplan volunteered for the Communications Committee
- Read Code of Ethics
- No old business to discuss
- Treasures report. \$2597.19 starting. \$20 from 50/50 last month. 10 interest. \$2617.29 total income
- New business
- Thom Metz volunteered and will head the prize committee
- Joe Rappa volunteered for the Nominating Committee
- TV Fox 8 wants to video a seeded hunt
- Dates for the seeded hunt are: May 16 – 1st choice, June 6 – 2nd choice, June 13 – 3rd choice
- Jim Spivey will be in charge of the seeded hunt and Becky Craddock will volunteer for the picnic
- Facebook and web site are up and running
- James Prettyman is in charge of the newsletter
- Robert Underwood would like to host a class on historical research in the new library in Mayodan, NC. Has to sign up for the room space. He will get a date to us later. Anyone interested in attending, please let Robert

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know. The meeting will be on a Saturday but not a ONSD Saturday.

- Upcoming hunt in Burlington hopefully in October. 3.24 acres, dates back to 1848, owned by the Scott Family. Rodney Joslin will update when he secures a date
- Carole will send members an email when more information is available
- Suggested using Survey Monkey for committee voting next January
- Decided to do "Best Find" every month
- 50/50 collected \$52.00 total

New member joined today – Chris Smith from Jamestown

Best find for this summer was a gold coin ring found by Wayne Clodfelter

Name tag winner was Jerry Gilliam

Winner of 50/50 was Tim Pierce. He won \$26.00 and donated his winnings back to ONSD

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OCTOBER TREASURER REPORT 2014

INCOME:

DUES COLLECTED: 20.00

50/50 RAFFLE: 36.00

SEPT. INTEREST .10

TOTAL 56.10

There were no expenses this month

STARTING BALANCE: \$2597.19

ADD INCOME: \$56.10

ENDING BALANCE: \$2633.29

Susan Neubauer
Treasurer

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CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR- ROBERT F. McCOLLUM

Robert F. McCollum, my second great- grandfather, was born about 1832 and grew up in southeast Rockingham County, NC on his father Daniel's farm on the Haw River. A cabin site probably built by Robert for Eliza C. Irvin, the wife he married in 1867 after the American Civil War, still stands on the Brooks farm along the Candy Creek Road. The 1760 Haw River Presbyterian Church site is nearby. According to the NC census and civil war roster records, Robert was a farmer and store trader around 1860. On May 22, 1861 he enlisted as a Private in Rockingham County at age 28 in Co. K, 13TH Regiment of NC Confederate Troops. The company, nicknamed the "Dixie boys", was sent to join the regiment camped at Suffolk, Virginia. After being promoted to Sergeant in 1862, Robert fought and was captured on May 6 that same year in the Battle of Williamsburg. He was later exchanged as a prisoner at Aiken's Landing on the James River, Virginia and rejoined his company. In 1863 Robert was promoted to 1st Sergeant and later appointed 2nd Lieutenant in August. He was present or accounted for until he resigned on February 15, 1865.

After the war Robert and Eliza continued farming their land tract inherited through Daniel McCollum's will in the Williamsburg Community. They had only one child to survive them, a daughter named Minnie born in 1872, who later married my great- grandfather William Thomas Underwood (1863-1956). There are no photos or burial records of Robert and his wife. They were most likely laid to rest on their Haw River farm in the late 19th century since no census records or deed transactions mention their names after 1890. Minnie died very young at age 26 in 1898 after birthing three sons; my grandfather Edward Lee (1891-1972), and later his two brothers, James and Robert. Minnie and William Thomas Underwood moved to their home in Caswell County, NC after their marriage in 1890, and are both buried beside each other at Camp Springs Methodist Church.

Military service in America continued through the McCollum and Underwood descendants with my grandfather Edward fighting trench warfare in World War I France. My father, Howard Lee Underwood (1923-2006), served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II and was later promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He was a waist machine gunner on a B-25 Mitchell airplane bomber in the 1945 Italian Brenner Pass Campaign. Soon after I was born in 1953, a four generation group picture was made at the Underwood farm in Caswell County with me (Robert), Howard, Edward, and William Thomas.

**** Reference Sources: NC Troops 1861-1865 A Roster, NC census, deeds, wills, and marriage records.**

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PHOTOS FROM 10-11-2014 MARC CIVIL WAR 150TH
ANNIVERSARY EVENT



Robert's cousin Larry Stanfield's Enfield Bayonet from Reidsville, NC



Robert's Civil War Bullseye Canteen

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Some of Robert's collection



Robert Underwood at the MARC event

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Cannon fired with blank by reenactors

MARC stands for Museum & Archives of Rockingham County in Wentworth, NC at 1086 NC HWY 65. The event had reenactors, cannons, Robert's display, one large, and one small cannon. The small cannon was the one that was fired. The bayonet that Robert is holding was found 50 years ago by Larry Stanfield on the top of the ground without a metal detector. The location was Lowes Church below Reidsville, NC. This is one of the few Civil War artifacts found in Rockingham County as there were no battles in Rockingham County.

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CODE OF ETHICS

The Old North State Detectorists (ONSD) encourage responsible conduct and strict compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations and restrictions.

The club takes pride in adopting this Code of Ethics.

I will respect private property and do no metal detecting without the owner's permission.

I will fill in all excavations and do no damage to property.

I will work with and support professional archaeologists and historians to protect national treasures.

I will remove and properly dispose of any trash I dig or is located in my digging area.

I will make a reasonable effort to return identifiable items to their owners.

I will conduct myself with courtesy and seek to set an example for other detectorists.

Adopted by unanimous vote of ONSD members, February 6, 2010



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Carole Kaplan – Webmaster
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Monthly Meeting Time & Location

The Old North State Detectorists usually meet at 9:00 am on the last Saturday of each month at East Coast Wings & Grill, 1579 A-B, New Garden Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410

Occasionally, a club meeting may be held at a hunt site prior to a dig. Be sure to check the ONSD website at www.onsdclub.com

Calendar of Events page for the latest information.

The club membership fee is \$20.00 per year for individuals and \$30.00 for families which includes an embroidered hat and iron-on patch.

Guests are welcome to observe our hunts, however, you must be a club member to participate in the activities.

Have you clicked on the ONSD website for the latest news and events info?
www.onsdclub.com

Board of Directors: Carole Kaplan, Ron Washburn(Chairman), Pat Romano, Jim Spivey, Norm Birdsall.

HERITAGE DISPLAY CASES & RIKER MOUNTS

We have had many requests for sources for display boxes. The company is Heritage Display Box Co.

This is the manufacturer for Riker Mounts and Heritage Display Cases and they are made in Hickory, NC. Their website is only a home page and does not list prices or show individual items. If anyone is interested, we can make copies of the price sheets we received.

These are their phone numbers 888-851-6557
fax 888-216-6282 local 919-496-7847