

The Old North State Detectorists Club Newsletter for September 2012



A Day Out With Dad In Tyrrell County, NC By Becky Craddock

My dad and I were in Gum Neck, which is located in Tyrrell County, NC. It was really hot and we had been fighting the rain all weekend long. Bugs, mosquitoes, chiggers, dragon flies, wild bear, and wild turkey were our only companions.

This is near the coast on some property owned by our relatives. We were on the shore line but could not get our metal detectors to that area due to the rain and sloppy conditions. We had to watch our step, while jumping mud holes. It wasn't safe to be carrying anything in hand because of the terrain.

This particular piece of property has not been a home for anyone over the last 60 years other than my cousin and the timber company a few years back.

We decided to do some searching in an area where the timber had been cleared and could see a place where the land was raised. It looked like where a road had once been.

We each picked a spot and got busy...

We found lots of farming equipment, but NO real "trash"...

I was in the area that looked like it was once the old road and my detector started beeping "pull tab". I debated on whether or not to dig. I thought to myself "I don't think pull tabs were around much 60 years ago", so I went ahead and decided to dig...

Glad I did, because I found a cute little bell. Honestly, I have not researched it, so I can't tell you much of anything about it.

At the end of the day, the bell was the most interesting item my dad and I had recovered.

Also found were three shotgun shells, including two Remington and one Winchester. These were researched and found to be about 100 years old. Cool, huh?!



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