



Greensboro, North Carolina

# Newsletter

## August 2011

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### The President's Corner

by William Purkey

Hello, ONSD Members,

On Saturday, July 23, ten tough members of the ONSD traveled to the Cotton Patch Gold Mine. The 100° heat wave didn't bother us. We were in the shade, a breeze was blowing, and we were panning in cold water. Many thanks to Thom Metz for planning and heading up the visit. Tom even had door prizes of little vials of gold flecks. Members also found a number of gold flakes. Many thanks Thom, for a great excursion.



Our next regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Saturday morning, July 30 at the Alamance Battleground Visitor Center. Following a brief meeting at 9:00 AM, members will adjourn and go immediately

to a farm adjacent to the Alamance Battlefield and hunt for Revolutionary War artifacts. (Some years ago a cannon ball was found on the site.) All items found during the dig will belong to the property owner, "Grandmaw Sharpe", age 93, who you will probably meet. She intends to loan all battle relics to the museum in honor of the Sharpe family.

Tammy Sharpe, our host for the hunt, is planning a noon hot dog cookout at the farm. ONSD members are cordially invited to join the extended Sharpe family for lunch. Many thanks to Tammy for arranging this exciting event.

#### Directions to Alamance Battleground

From Greensboro, go east on I-40, take Exit 138, which is NC 61. At the top of the ramp take a right onto NC 61, on which you will stay for about eight miles until you come to NC 62. Turn left onto NC 62 and drive about three miles and you will see the Battleground on the left. Pull in the driveway and park down by the Visitor Center. See you this Saturday, July 30, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

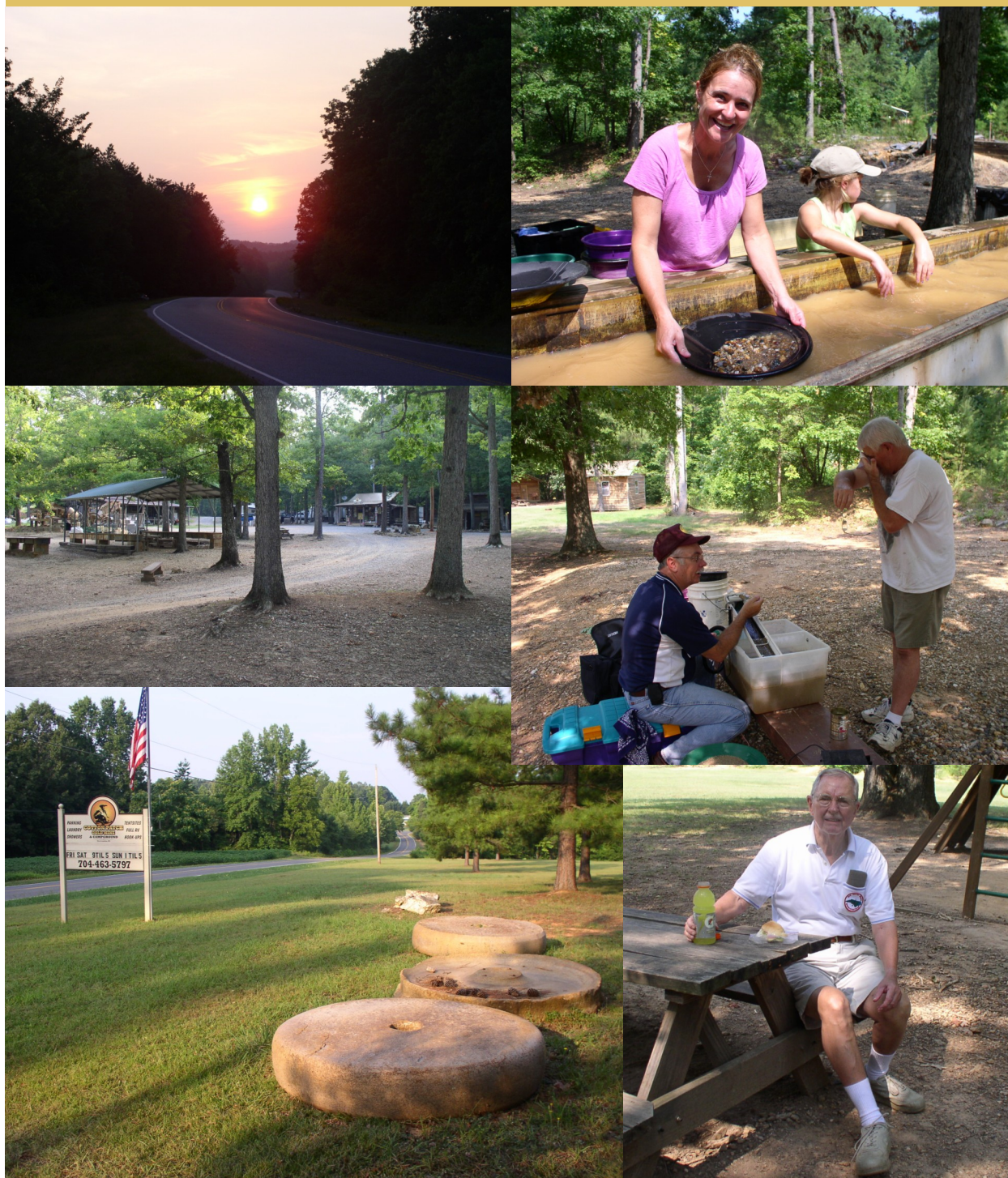
William Purkey  
Fearless Leader



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## Minutes of ONSD Meeting – June 25, 2011

### Attendance:

William Purkey, Randy Woolbright, Mac McAtee, Jerry Gilliam, Jim Spivey,  
Bob Stewart, Ken Kirk, Don McCormick, Mike Beck, Jerry Loflin,  
Susan Spoon, Robert Fenstermacher, James Furmage, Becky Craddock,  
Tim Pierce, Thom Metz, Bill Bookout, Jackie Dollar

### New Attendees/Members:

- ✓ Guest/New Members:
- ✓ Harry Sibbs
- ✓ Alan Kits
- ✓ Jeff Jessup and family

### Old Business:

- ✓ William Purkey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
- ✓ The ONSD Code of Ethics was read by William Purkey.
- ✓ The treasurer's report was read by Randy Woolbright and approved.
- ✓ 50/50 raffle was held today.
- ✓ Randy Woolbright gave a webmaster's report.
- ✓ Mac McAtee discussed the conclusion to the project looking for the Guilford County Courthouse at Guilford Battleground Park.
- ✓ Dr. Larry Babits voted an honorary member.

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### Minutes of ONSD Meeting – June 25, 2011 Continued

- ✓ William Purkey discussed locations we are looking to get permission to hunt.
- ✓ No update on the Southside project.
- ✓ Jim Spivey asked for donations for the seeded hunt/cookout in October.
- ✓ Thom Metz discussed the upcoming Gold panning outing on 7/23/11.

#### New Business:

- ✓ Jim Spivey discussed that new membership cards are to be distributed.
- ✓ William Purkey asked all members to keep on the lookout for activity at Pilot Life.
- ✓ Tim Pierce donated the money for the shelter in October.

#### Open mike....

- ✓ Several members brought and discussed some of their findings.
- ✓ 50/50 raffle won by Jeffrey Blackburn. He donated \$30 back to the club.

#### Meeting closing remarks:

- ✓ The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ONSD will be at 9:00 am on July 30. We will meet at the Alamance Battleground Visitor's Center Auditorium before proceeding nearby for a dig on private property.
- ✓ Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 am.

#### Secretary's additional notes:

None

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Gilliam  
Secretary ONSD



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### Boy Scouts of America - Camp Shenandoah - Camp Week Archaeology Merit Badge By Robert Underwood

I recently returned on June 25, 2011 from Camp Shenandoah after joining my Boy Scouts of Troop 98 near Stanton, Virginia for Camp Week. During this time I was an adviser and assisted with the Archaeology Merit Badge class under Seth Dotson, a recent James Madison graduate in the field.

Some of my display cases of Indian, Civil War, and early American artifacts were brought up to illustrate and educate our youth on historical cultures.

The class also took a field trip on Friday to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello home at Charlottesville, Virginia. They met with archaeologists conducting a random grid dig search at a slave cabin on the property. Here's a photo of my display cases at the class site.



### Treasurer's Report as of July 7, 2011 Ronald R Washburn Treasurer

Starting Balance	Credits	Debits	\$365.00
50/50 Split	35.00		
Donation - Jeffrey Blackburn	30.00		
Ending Balance			\$430.00

### Notes On the Recent ONSD Work at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park By Mac McAtee

The metal detecting team at Guilford Courthouse recovered at least 710 items. That is the bag count of metal detector targets. Some bags could have more than one item, if they were in the same hole.

Regards, Mac

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### Club Meeting for July 30, 2011

On Saturday morning, July 30, 2011, at 9:00 A.M. the club will meet at the Alamance Battleground Visitor Center Auditorium. We will not meet at the Golden Corral Restaurant.

The club has been invited to hunt for artifacts and relics at a farm that is in close proximity to the Alamance Battlefield. The farm is a very short distance from the center. We will travel to the farm immediately following our regularly scheduled meeting at the Visitors' center. The club has also been invited to join the farm family for a hot dog cookout at noon.

Anything found at the site will belong to the farm owner and will probably be displayed at the Alamance Battleground Museum.

There is a permanent display of the club's items found at the site located in the visitor's center. Be sure to look it over and join us for a great outing on July 30th.

Directions to the battlefield: If coming from Greensboro, go east on Interstate 40, take Exit 138, which is NC 61. At the top of the ramp take a right onto NC 61. Stay on 61 for about eight miles until you come to NC 62. Take a left on NC 62 and drive about three miles. You will see the battlefield on the left. Pull in the driveway and park down by the Visitors' Center.

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### Monthly Meeting Time & Location

The Old North State Detectorists meet at 9:00 am the last Saturday of each month at the

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ing in the Golden Corral Restaurant located at 4404 Landview Drive in Greensboro, NC. This is just south of the I-40 and Wendover Avenue interchange.

Membership fee is \$20.00 per year for individuals and \$30.00 for families which includes an embroidered hat. FMDAC membership is available through the club at a reduced rate of \$5.00 per person, per year. Guests are welcome.

### ONSD Club Officers

President - William Purkey  
Vice-President/Treasurer - Ron Washburn  
Secretary - Jerry Gilliam  
Sergeant at Arms - Jim Spivey  
Special Projects Liaison - Mac McAtee  
Newsletter Editor - Randy Woolbright

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