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The President's Corner by William Purkey

Hello, ONSD Diggers,

Too bad it's been so cold. The ground is perfect for digging.

I want to make another plea for you to come up with some interesting places for us to hold a club hunt. Most of us are members of organizations (church affiliations, youth groups, military retirees, swim clubs, etc) that offer great possibilities for a club hunt. Many of us have deep roots in North Carolina and know of family farms, properties, and historic locations. Some of us have connections with local, county and state parks. I'll be glad to write letters seeking permission. Please come up with some promising ideas for an enjoyable club hunt.

Many of us are ex-military, so I want to share some rules of engagement.

- It is inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed.
- If you hear the pilot yell "Eject, Eject, Eject" the last two will be echoes.
- Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword never encountered an AK47.
- Six-second fuses last three seconds.
- Never tell the platoon sergeant that you have nothing to do.
- If you see an EOD Specialist running, try to keep up with him.
- The easy path is always mined.
- When in doubt, empty the entire magazine.

Happy dig.

William

This issue features some information on Geocaching, a 10-year old hobby which uses handheld GPS receivers to locate hidden caches placed around the world. Unlike metal detecting, this hobby requires no digging tools or pin pointers. In fact, burying a cache is prohibited.

Geocachers also sponsor local CITO (Cache In Trash Out) events to clean up parks, trails, and other outdoor locations.



Event caches are a version of a get-together where a group or organization of geocachers meet to discuss the treasure hunting aspect of the hobby as well as meet other local cachers. You might find a hunting partner as well.

From a small beginning in Oregon, geocaching has quickly spread to presently include over 1.2 million worldwide locations and 5.4 million geocachers. Visit the main site at www.geocaching.com and see page 2 for some more details about this hobby.



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Geocaching Fact Sheet

In the Beginning

Geocaching is a term – coined in 2000 – that describes the enthusiast hobby of locating a treasure somewhere in the world with the help of a GPS-enabled device and GPS coordinates that are listed online.

Geocaching combines location-based gaming, social networking, treasure hunting, GPS navigation, and outdoor recreation. The hobby was started in 2000 by a GPS enthusiast, Dave Ulmer, seeking to test the accuracy of the improved GPS signal available to civilians. Ulmer shared the coordinates of his first hidden geocache online. Mike Teague found this geocache and shared his experience online. The online chats spread, and soon, 75 other caches were hidden around the world. One was found in July by Jeremy Irish, who shortly thereafter, founded Geocaching.com as the first portal for the hobby.

Dozens of press articles and millions of online conversations later, Geocaching.com is the world's largest location-based gaming portal.

Geocaching around the World

Today, more than 1.4 million geocaches have been hidden, and found by more than 4 million people worldwide. More specifically, the United States and Germany lead the world in this activity, with the Czech Republic, Canada and the United Kingdom following.

Geocaching continues to grow in popularity across the United States from California and Texas to New York and Florida. Some of the cities with the highest geocaching activity (based on visits to the Geocaching.com website) include Seattle, New York, Los Angeles and Phoenix.

The Rules of Geocaching

1. If you take something from the cache, leave something of equal or greater value.
2. Write about your find in the cache logbook.
3. Log your experience at www.geocaching.com.

The Contents of a Geocache

A geocache always contains a logbook or logsheet for finders to sign.

Larger geocaches may also contain items for trade. These are generally small trinkets. If someone takes an item, he should leave something of equal or greater value in its place for the next geocacher to find.

A geocache may also contain Trackable items. Trackables are geocaching "game pieces" bearing a tracking number - a unique series of letters and numbers – that allows geocachers to follow the items' real-world travels on Geocaching.com. Some of the most popular trackable items are "Geocoins" and "Travel Bugs®."

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Treasurer's Report as of December 29, 2010 Ronald R Washburn Treasurer

Starting Balance	Credits	Debits	\$309.80
Payment for hats – William Purkey		178.50	131.30
Hat sale	10.00		141.30
50/50 raffle	16.50		157.80
Donation - William Purkey	16.50		174.30
Donation - Extra	7.00		181.30
Ending Balance			\$181.30

ODDS and Ends

**If you are interested in Coin Photography,
here are some links courtesy of William Purkey.**

From an article in the January, 2011 issue of The Numismatist magazine.

Page 25, article by James M. Bucki Sr. who discusses the following links
on Coin Photography:

<http://www.coinimaging.com/> (somewhat advanced)

http://www.tabletopstudio.com/documents/coin_photography.htm

<http://www.tabletopstudio.com> The home page for the above article on coin photography

<http://www.sigma-2.com/camerajim/cjgcoins.htm>

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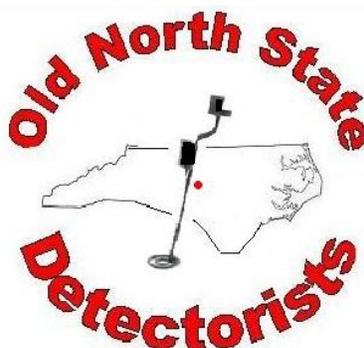
If anyone has a copy of the newspaper write-up of the Alamance dig and the finding of the Revolutionary War button please bring it to our January 29th meeting. Thanks.

William Purkey

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Minutes of ONSD Meeting – November 20, 2010

Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Purkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Spivey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Washburn
<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Sides	<input type="checkbox"/> Tina Sides	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mac McAtee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Woolbright	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Gilliam	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Blackburn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R.H. Stewart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Kelton	<input type="checkbox"/> Kim Kirk
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herb Griffis
<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Payne	<input type="checkbox"/> Danny Shoffner
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> Nichole Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> Steve Moloney
<input type="checkbox"/> John Hanes	<input type="checkbox"/> Tony Stevenson	<input type="checkbox"/> James Furmage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thom Metz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kent Riddle	

New Attendees/Members:

- ✓ The meeting was called to order by President William Purkey at 9:00 a.m.
- ✓ Guest/New Members – Kent Riddle attended and joined. Vicky Spivey attended.

Old Business:

- ✓ Bob Stewart read the ONSD Code of Ethics
- ✓ Last months minutes were approved.
- ✓ Ron Washburn read the treasure's report. Beginning Balance: \$266.80, Ending Balance – \$131.80
- ✓ Jim Spivey reported on special projects. Nothing new to report.
- ✓ Randy Woolbright gave an update on the Newsletter, Website, YouTube.

New Business:

- ✓ William Purkey discussed locating sites in and around Greensboro to get approval to hunt.
- ✓ A motion to possibly donate \$100 for the display in January to the Alamance Battlefield in the name of ONSD was discussed but not yet finalized. Mac McAtee will discuss with Josh at the state.

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- ✓ Randy Woolbright asked for a list of all findings from Alamance Battlefield so he can compile a list for the upcoming article in American Digger magazine.
- ✓ William Purkey asked what members wanted out of the club. Options are hunts, a cookout, or maybe a yearly dinner.
- ✓ Thom Metz discussed setting up a gold panning outing.
- ✓ Thom Metz and Steve Kelton will research a gold panning outing.
- ✓ Mac McAtee discussed that there is supposed to be a gathering at Alamance Battlefield before January for showing all the finds.
- ✓ Thom Metz discussed that the group join FMDAC.
- ✓ Jim Spivey discussed a Bottle Show on 11/21/10
- ✓ A 50/50 raffle was conducted and netted \$33.00. William Purkey was the winner and donated his half of the split back to the treasury.
- ✓ Jim Spivey had the door prize drawing and it was won by Jerry Gilliam.
- ✓ The meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m. and was followed by a hunt at the Mendenhall Plantation in Jamestown, NC.

Meeting closing remarks:

- ✓ The next regularly scheduled meeting of ONSD will be at 9:00 a.m. December 18 at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 4404 Landview drive in Greensboro.

Secretary additional Notes:

None

Respectfully submitted: Jerry Gilliam
Secretary ONSD

Code of Ethics

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

ONSD 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 dug or 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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Have you clicked on the
ONSD website for the latest
news and events info?

www.onsd.club.officelive.com

ONSD-TV
as seen on



www.youtube.com/user/onsdclub

Golden Detector Award

The Golden Detector Award is presented to the member who recovers and returns a valuable item to its rightful owner.

Our latest winners are Ron Washburn and James Furmage who both recovered and returned lost rings.

Congratulations, Ron and James!

Monthly Meetings

The Old North State Detectorists Club meets at 9:00 am the last Saturday of each month at the rear meeting room in the Golden Corral 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 which includes an embroidered ONSD hat. Guests are welcome.

The next regularly scheduled club meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 9 am. Please bring your yearly dues payment.

Classified Ads

Send in your metal detecting items
wanted or for sale to the Editor.
You'll have the items posted in the next
3 issues of the ONSD newsletter.

ONSD Club Officers

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

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