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The President's Corner by William Purkey

Hello, ONSD Members,

It is my pleasure to welcome two new officers to the ONSD Executive Committee.

Becky Craddock has agreed to serve as our new Vice-President. Becky and her dad, Tim Pierce have been active in the club and attended every meeting since joining in February, 2011. Becky will make a fine Vice-President and greatly improve the appearance of the ExCom.

Up to now, Ron Washburn has faithfully served as both Vice-President and Treasurer. Ron requested to give up the role of Vice-President and continue as Treasurer. I am sure Becky will do a great job in her new position as Vice-President.

Thom Metz has agreed to serve as Sergeant-At-Arms. Our former Sergeant, Jim Spivey, resigned for family reasons. Jim made it clear that he will continue to be a contributor to the club. He assured everyone that his resignation would in no way interfere with his commitment to the ONSD. A special thanks to Jim for his devoted leadership and hard work.

Thom has been a real spark-plug in the club. Members will remember the club trip to the Cotton Patch Gold Mine this past year. Thom organized the trip, arranged a special deal with the mine, and served as on-site consultant for newcomers learning to pan gold. The trip was a highlight of the year. We are fortunate Thom has agreed to serve on the Executive Committee.

As we enter the new year, ONSD has the guidance of an outstanding, committed, and hard-working Executive Committee. The club is fortunate to have such leadership to guide the club in new adventures.

Laissez les bontemps roules!
(Let the good times roll.)

William Purkey
ONSD President

Recent finds by members

Top - A fired .58 cal. 3-ring miniball and roundball dug at a CSA camp in Red Cross, NC community Dec 2011

Bottom - Early American brass sash buckle with portrait holder excavated in a field of the Jeff Garrett Plantation near Reidsville, NC on Jan 8, 2012

NOTE: Look at January 2012 issue of "American Digger" magazine in "Just Dug" section to see a portrait broach with similar designs found in Ohio.

Robert Underwood



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**Treasurer's Report as of January 6, 2012
Ronald R Washburn Treasurer**

Starting Balance	Credits	Debits	\$351.06
Meeting Room Rent		38.00	
Room Rent - Members payment	38.00		
50/50	35.00		
Donation - Tim Pierce	35.00		
Donation - Marc Jurnove	20.00		
Member dues	30.00		
Ending Balance			\$471.06

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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Agenda for Saturday Meeting - January 28, 2012

Hello ONSD,

We have an exciting agenda for the ONSD meeting this Saturday morning, January 28th, 2012. There will be information on upcoming club hunts, a presentation of the Golden Detector Award pin and certificate, the election of officers, an amendment to the by-laws, and an outstanding speaker.

Annual membership dues will be collected at the meeting so be sure to bring cash or your checkbook. The dues are \$20.00 individual and \$30 family. Make checks payable to ONSD. Add \$5.00 if you want to be a member of the Federation of Metal Detector and Archaeological Club. These dues are voluntary, but members are encouraged to join FMDAC because it does a good job of protecting the rights of metal detectorists everywhere.

Our speaker will be Mary Browning. Mary is a free-lance writer and researcher specializing in local Jamestown history and genealogy. Mary has lived in Jamestown since 1969 and has written several books about Jamestown. She is now working on a pictorial history of the town which will be published this year. This should be of great interest for treasure hunters.

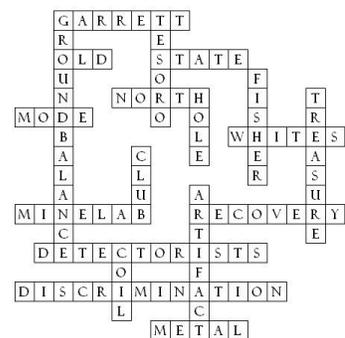
On a personal note, I am writing an article about our club hunt at the Girl Scout Camp. If you found anything of interest during the hunt, please bring it to the meeting so it can be photographed for the article.

See you this Saturday.

William W. Purkey
ONSD President



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Being Safe While Assisting People To Find Lost Items

By Thom Metz



On Thursday, 5 Jan 2012, Mr. William Purkey, President of the ONSD, hosted a meeting for those members nominated to serve as Old North State Detectorists club officers for the upcoming year. This group is referred to internally as the Executive Committee or “ExCom” for short.

Several topics were discussed during that meeting, many of which will be relayed to members at future club meetings. One subject, which was discussed at length, is the safety of those members that volunteer to assist the public in recovering lost items.

Most detectorists know they should maintain an awareness of their surroundings while out detecting. We are often alone when hunting in parks, school grounds, or at the beach. Most all of us have either read about or heard “war stories” concerning detectorists that were accosted while pursuing their hobby.

When we volunteer to assist a person in locating an item which **they say**, they have lost, we “jump to some conclusions!”. Some of those conclusions may be reasonable, some **may be**, flat out, wrong! Now, understand, I don’t want to be an alarmist. I just want to say that we need to be “aware and vigilant” as we move forward. In a lost item search, the detectorist will usually be in an area not typically frequented, **and** in the company of one or more persons they do not know. I have carried out such searches on several occasions and not had any problems. One only needs to watch the evening news or scan the internet to know that there is a potential for these situations to turn into a catastrophe.

The Old North State Detectorists metal detecting club encourages its members to assist the public-at-large to locate their lost items, and will recognize successful efforts with the Golden Detector Award pin and certificate.



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To do so helps the image of the metal detecting community in general, and specifically the ONSD organization in the Piedmont area. Based on the discussion at the ExCom meeting, the Executive Committee strongly recommends to all members that when you volunteer to locate a lost item for a person or persons, please seek another member to accompany you on the hunt.

The routine way the club learns about the need for a lost item search is via a group email from a club officer. A quick reply to the email will start the process in motion. The email should include that you are willing to search for the lost item and would like to team up with another ONSD member to accompany you. Once the original email is sent, a flurry of responses which follow put the actual hunt into place. A request for a team mate should be a relatively easy process.

If you learn of a search request from another source such as craigslist or a friend of a friend for example, please seek out another detectorist to accompany you on the search. Either call a friend, or group email the club mailing list requesting help to assist you.

To hunt for, and particularly, to find a lost item for a person, is something a detectorist will remember for a long time. It's one of those stories you tell your grandkids, or other detectorists while "around the campfire". If we approach these hunts with **safety in mind**, that story is far less likely to be a "scary story"!

I wish you . . . Successful and Safe Hunting.

T. E. (Thom) Metz
Old North State Detectorists – Sgt at Arms, nominee



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For driving directions to the next hunt, be sure to check the ONSD website News or Calendar pages. Click on the interactive map, enter your address, and directions will be displayed along with an option to print them out to take along with you.

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Please make sure your yearly dues and
membership form has been filled out
and given to Treasurer Ron Washburn.

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user/onsdclub](http://www.youtube.com/user/onsdclub)



Monthly Meeting Time & Location

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

The meeting location is the Mendenhall
Plantation Annex building located at 603 West
Main Street in Jamestown, NC. This is the
house at the left end of the parking lot. The
yearly membership fee is \$20.00 per year for
individuals and \$30.00 for families which in-
cludes an embroidered hat and iron-on patch.

Guests are welcome to attend. Driving in-
structions are available on the ONSD website
[Calendar of Events](#) page.

The next club meeting will be held on
Saturday, January 28, 2012.

Election of officers for the
year 2012 will be held.

Classified Ads...

"White's Classic II Coinmaster" metal detector originally purchased from Barbee's Detector Sales several years ago and slightly used, is for sale at \$250.00. Contact Robert Underwood at: robertunderwood32@yahoo.com or (336) 427-7013 for more information.

ONSD Club Officers

President - William Purkey
Vice-President - Becky Craddock
Secretary - Jerry Gilliam
Treasurer - Ron Washburn
Sergeant at Arms - Thom Metz
Special Projects Liaison - Mac McAtee
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