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The President's Corner by William Purkey

Hello, ONSD and Happy New Year.

2010 has been a good year for ONSD. We've visited the Revolutionary War Alamance Battlefield four times and Mendenhall Plantation twice. (Both groups will have displays of our historic finds.) We've also mounted attractive displays and staffed display tables at a number of locations and events. Three "Golden Detector Awards" have been presented to members who returned lost items to their owners. More importantly, we have developed a strong leadership team that is committed to making ONSD an enjoyable, productive, and ethical club.

Looking ahead, we are exploring opportunities to work with various police agencies on crime scenes, and with Pilot Life Insurance Company to search for Civil War artifacts on their Sedgefield area property in Guilford County. It should be a very good year.

See you on Saturday morning, January 29th at 9:00 a.m. We will meet at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 4404 Landview Drive in Greensboro.

William Purkey
ONSD President

In next month's issue we'll feature a story 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.

From a small beginning in Oregon, geocaching has quickly spread to presently include over 1.2 million worldwide locations and 5.4 million geocachers. For a look, visit the main site at www.geocaching.com



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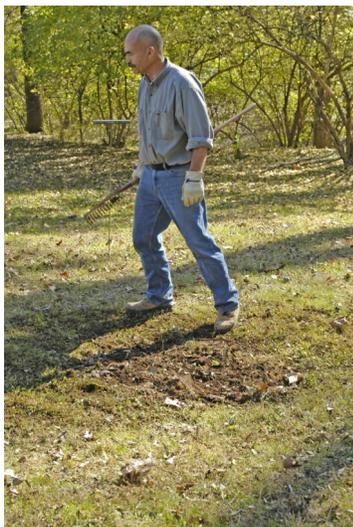
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Mendenhall Plantation Privy Dig

Jamestown, NC - November 20, 2010



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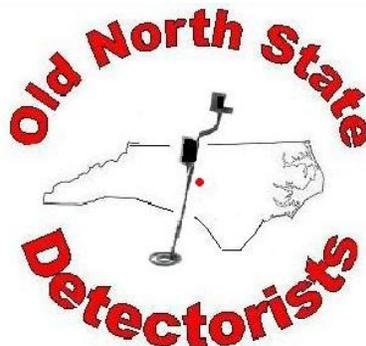
ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUNDS HUNT #6 - DECEMBER 3, 2010



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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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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

“DROP ZONE SICILY”

BY

JAMES FURMAGE

Hello All,

I thought I would submit for a golden detector award and tell a story in doing so. It was early, and cold on Nov 26th 2010 when my children and I went for a little TREASURE hunt. While visiting my in-laws In Fayetteville NC we decided to go detecting. With permission from the base security C.O. we were off to Fort Bragg a well known drop zone for paratroopers "Sicily Drop Zone". Thousands and thousands of yards to search, so we fired up the Fisher F2 and Garret ACE 250 and went to work. Right from the start multiple targets in the iron class showed up, as we dug them we found shrapnel, blank fired casings, M60 links, well you get the idea. So much in fact we had to discriminate iron out to prevent us from needing a back hoe to excavate quicker.

As we made our way through the open areas we found chem-light sticks, MRE wrappers, pencils, pens and trash that we luckily had a trash bag for us

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to discard at the end of the hunt. Then much to my delight I dug a target that showed between tab and penny that was pale gray/white ball. I have seen this before I thought and showed my sons the MUSKET BALL I dug. They were pretty hyper about it. Well as time went I noticed we were finding these MUSKET BALLS every where, then I find a pile of them about 20 balls in all. Now this is strange, so I ask my father in-law who is a retired 1StSgt Division Artillery if they still fired any artillery that used lead balls. He answered not during his time in service which dated back to Vietnam. Then my sons called for us because they found something and they were instructed not to pick up anything without an adult. Well they had found a base plate of a fired artillery round, I finished digging to find it covering about 25 pounds of lead balls.

Ok now one would ask, why do you SHELL troops who are PRACTICE jumping into a TRAINING drop zone? The answer is you don't, so this area must be an old artillery/bombing range. So we gathered our fair share of lead balls and continue for another hour or so. Now to the award part of this story, while doing this hunt, I found a soldiers dog tags with wedding band attached to the chain. Dog tags have full name, social security number, blood type and religious preference. So with this info in hand I contacted the one person on base I thought would be the most helpful in finding the owner, the base CHAPLAIN. I gave him the name and social security number of the soldier and asked if he could see if he was still at Fort Bragg so I may return it to him.

The Chaplain returned my phone call and said the soldier had since relocated to Fort Campbell Kentucky and the Chaplain e-mailed the soldier with my info. Saturday afternoon I get a call from Darren the soldier and told him what I had and that if he could identify I would send it to him. As you may have guessed he was able to ID it SSN was match and told me that the ring was his wedding ring that he put it with tags so as to keep around his neck when he parachuted out of the aircraft. So with a little postage it is enroute to its owner.

And now my research into artillery has lead (no pun intended) me to WWI or WWII artillery. My father in-law and I both are researching this, so for now that chapter is TO BE CONTINUED.

Thanks
James Furmage

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**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.

During the winter months, if not using your detector and other battery operated equipment regularly, remember to remove the batteries.

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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