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The President's Corner

by William Purkey

Hello, ONSD Members,

Now that we're coming into our second year as a club, I want to check the roadmap to make sure we're heading in the right direction. We're all interested in treasure hunting. However, within the broad category of treasure hunter, what are your responses to the following questions? Please elaborate:

1. Should we continue to work with archeological and historical authorities?
2. Should we have a picnic or cookout at some future hunt?
3. Should we spend money to advertise our services?
4. Should we try to recruit new members?
5. Should we have a "best monthly find" competition at meeting?
6. Should we continue to schedule our meetings on Saturday mornings?
7. Should we invite specialists to speak at our meetings?

Your thoughts on the above will be of great help to your ONSD Officers.

On a personal note, I'm thinking about buying a new detector, but don't know which way to turn. I would greatly enjoy a meeting program where members tell about the good and bad features of their detectors. Looking forward to hearing from you.

William Purkey - ONSD President



First Anniversary Meeting Old North State Detectorists Club

May 29, 2010

Greensboro, NC

In attendance are Mac McAtee, Jim Spivey, Tina Sides, David Payne, Dennis Sides, William Purkey, John Hanes, Ron Washburn, Jeffrey Blackburn, and Jerry Gilliam



Happy Birthday USA

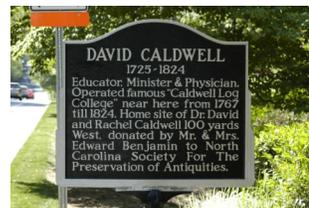
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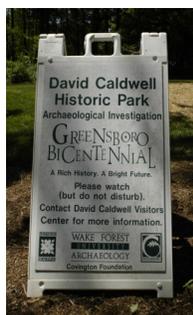


Caldwell Historical Center in Greensboro, NC

The David & Rachel Caldwell Historical Center in Greensboro was recently the site of an archeological excavation which uncovered two coins, a variety of pottery and other items.



In the summer of 2008, a team led by Wake Forest University archaeologist Ken Robinson unearthed over 11,000 artifacts from the David Caldwell Historic Park. Pieces found are now on rotating display in the interpretive center, such as buttons, pipe stems, student slates, cufflinks, pieces of iron and pottery items. An earlier archaeological study in 1971 was reviewed and new areas were worked in the hopes of mapping out a portion of the grounds to identify building locations and trash pits. The exact layout of the buildings on the land is unknown, but progress was made in the targeted area identifying and recovering hundreds of early American artifacts.



The source of the greatest finds was apparently a trash pit which contained the remains of many discarded and broken items. Included in the finds were nails, some buttons, broken plates of colorful designs and other materials that could be directly related to the Caldwell's. So many items were recovered that a laboratory was set up on-site to clean, analyze and classify what was found, at times even using the public's help with the workload.



The latest dig has only touched a small portion of the park and much work remains to be done. Hopefully, in the upcoming phases, the ONSD club can be utilized in a group effort to locate metal objects to assist the continuing archeological discovery at the Caldwell site. Two coins found during the dig were an 1823 penny and a Spanish 1721 quarter-cut Two Real.

Check the David Caldwell Facebook page to see more information and photos of the site. Should you want to visit, the street address is 3211 W Cornwallis Drive in Greensboro. The hours are Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am till 4:00 pm.

Our thanks to Site Superintendent Adrienne Byrd for taking the time to explain the ongoing archaeological work being performed at the site.



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

Starting Balance	Credits	Debits	\$268.30
Income	56.00		324.30
Payment for hats – William Purkey		-30.00	294.30
Ending Balance			\$294.30

Minutes of Last Meeting - May 29, 2010

Present were: Jim Spivey, Dennis Sides, Tina Sides, Ron Washburn, Mac McAtee, William Purkey, Randy Woolbright, Jeffrey Blackburn, Jerry Gilliam, John Hanes, and David Payne

- The meeting was called to order by Acting President William Purkey at 9:00 am.
- A guest, John Hanes (now a member) was welcomed.
- Randy Woolbright read the ONSD Code of Ethics.
- Ron Washburn presented the treasurer's report. Ron will arrange an audit of our finances.
- A 50/50 raffle was conducted and won by Jeffrey Blackburn.
- Jim Spivey reported on a highly successful ONSD display at the High Point Library Genfest. Jim also reported that he is working with the Greensboro Library to set up a display which will run for two months.
- William Purkey announced that ONSD has been invited back to Alamance Battlefield on Saturday, June 26, 2010. The meeting will take place in the Visitors' Center auditorium at 9:00 am, to be followed immediately by a hunt. It was decided not to have the cook-out during the Alamance hunt.
- Officers were elected by unanimous vote of ONSD members.
 - William Purkey - President
 - Ron Washburn - Vice President/Treasurer
 - Jerry Gilliam - Secretary
 - Jim Spivey - Sergeant at Arms
 - Randy Woolbright - Newsletter Editor
- The ONSD By-Laws do not specify term length and will be voted on at our June 26 meeting.
- Jim Spivey provided a door prize which was also won by Jeffrey Blackburn.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
William Purkey
Acting Secretary

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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.

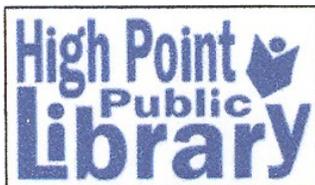
I will work with and support professional archaeologists and historians to protect national treasures.

I will remove and properly dispose of any trash I dig or is 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.



ONSD member Mac McAtee has sponsored a Catawba Indian Pottery Display in the High Point Library Heritage Research Center during the month of June. Here is a sample of the displayed items.

Heritage Research Center



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News about the Alamance Battleground dig on June 25-26, 2010

By Josh Howard

Members,



Once again we are planning to embark on a weekend of archaeological digs at the Alamance Battleground. On April 23-24, 2010 we had some wonderful finds at the site, including musket balls, musket tools, buttons, etc. Those artifacts are still being analyzed by the Office of State Archaeology and we will provide a preliminary breakdown for everyone on Saturday of what we've recovered so far.

On the weekend of June 25-26, we hope to have such luck, as we continue to investigate the site. We will be working towards the Visitors Center and the Allen House on Friday and Saturday as well, and if possible, cross the road and begin work on the south side of the field. We will begin work both days around 8:30-9:00 am and finish up by 3:30-4:00 pm.

The ONSD have asked and been given permission to have a cookout Saturday afternoon at the completion of our work. The site does have picnic tables, but no grills, so if you are intending on doing so, please bring one from home. Keep in mind, with the temperatures as they are, it will be hot out there. We will have plenty of water on hand, as well as snacks, but if you'd like to bring more, feel free. We will have two tents set up to allow a rest in the shade. We don't want any heat casualties, so let's be careful out there. No need to add more casualties to the Alamance battleground than may already lie there. Look forward to seeing any and all of you on Saturday June 26, and if you'd like to come out on Friday, feel free to do so.

Best,
Josh

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Poison Ivy, Ticks, Mosquitoes, and Snakes



It's that time of the year to be aware and take precautions against the four items above which can very quickly ruin what was a nice outing into an itching and burning nightmare. For Poison Ivy, the obvious protection would be to bundle up in throwaway clothing but that's not too practical. The alternative is, after you're finished outside, be sure to wash your arms and hands with soap thoroughly several times initially in COLD water. Warm or hot water will just open your pores and cause a much greater chance of being affected. Wash your soiled clothing in HOT water separately from the rest of the laundry. The resin, urushiol in Poison Ivy, has been known to be potent enough to cause problems several years later to an unsuspecting person. Remember, your pets can also transfer the resin from an outside environment back into your home. Several repellants for ticks and mosquitoes are available containing Deet, such as the Cutter© brand of products. You should check for ticks when you shower and remove immediately. Concerning snakes, be aware they are trying to avoid you too, so look over logs before crossing them and scan the ground ahead of where you're walking. Be aware that brush and trash piles make excellent warm weather dens for snakes. Copy and paste these links in your web browser for more information if you like:

<http://www.gemplers.com/docs/tailgate-training-tip-sheets/106-poison-ivy-en.pdf>
<http://www.gemplers.com/docs/tailgate-training-tip-sheets/101-mosquitoes-en.pdf>
<http://www.gemplers.com/docs/tailgate-training-tip-sheets/69-sun-protection-en.pdf>
<http://www.gemplers.com/docs/tailgate-training-tip-sheets/7-heat-stress-en.pdf>

Summer Safety - Prepare a Hunting Plan Before You Go

With full-time warm weather here now, it's time to check your emergency equipment needs for the summer months. If you're cruising the tot lots around town, you might skip this, but if research has led you to locate that long-forgotten ghost town far off the beaten path, there are preparations you should make before going. At a minimum you should carry some sort of GPS device and/or cell phone with fresh spare batteries for both, an adequate supply of water, some protein snacks such as peanuts or nabs, waterproof matches, a flashlight, a jacket, and possibly some sort of emergency shelter kit depending on how far into the wilds your plan may take you.

For safety, plan a trip with a fellow hunter or two and leave detailed directions of the area where the group will be hunting. Establish a firm time to return home before darkness. If you know you can't cover it all in the time allotted, plan a return trip. The best part is to be safe, have fun, take some photos and share your finds with the club members.

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Letter of Commendation

Dear Mr. Purkey,

I just wanted to thank the ONSD team for finding my husband's lost wedding ring. There really are not enough words to express how truly grateful we are. It was just about a year from when we lost it at a work luncheon at Bur-Mill Park. We had many doubts that we would ever find the ring. The ONSD team was wonderful! They were successful, understanding, helpful, and very, very, nice. My husband and I sincerely appreciate the ONSD working with us quickly and efficiently in the return of the wedding band. Thank you all so much for your efforts. It warms our hearts just knowing that there are people out there who are willing to put their own lives on hold and help other people. It is such a wonderful blessing. October 3, 2009 was a remarkable day for us (as I am sure it was for the team as well!). We wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season and wish you luck with all your future "searches". If you ever need anything, feel free to contact me via email at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Hamilton".

Julie Hamilton

ONSD Future Hunting Sites

by William Purkey

Keep your eyes and ears open for good sites for a group hunt. Let us know and we will write and seek permission to hunt. This approach has been highly successful thus far. Letters of recommendation and appreciation, plus our ONSD Code of Ethics, are attached to the request. Be thinking of old churches, youth camps, VFW and American Legion Posts, construction sites, relatives' property, and many other opportunities.

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Have you checked out the ONSD website for the latest news and events info?

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Members...

Please make sure your name is matched up to your email address in the club records. Secretary Jerry Gilliam has the email list to check.

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 a hat. Guests are welcome.

Golden Detector Award

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

Ron Washburn is the first recipient of this distinguished award, which comes with a gold pin to wear with pride.

Congratulations, Ron!

Attention Members

The next monthly meeting of the ONSD club will be held Saturday June 26, 2010 on-site at the Alamance Battleground Visitors Center Auditorium at 9:00 am. Following the meeting, we will continue to assist the NC Division of State Historic Sites & Properties in the archaeological survey of the battleground. Items recovered will be inspected, mapped and bagged by state personnel in the on-going study of the Battle of Alamance.

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

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

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