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The President's Corner by William Purkey

A Note From Your Fearless Leader

It looks like we're in for a very enjoyable and exciting summer and fall. We've scheduled club hunts, seeded hunts, cookouts, picnics, gold panning, and some very interesting meetings.

This note is to remind members that when you're metal detecting there are certain things that you don't leave home without.

1. The first thing is to wear your hat or patch for identification. As our club grows, it is essential for the ONSD Sergeant-At-Arms to identify who is and who is not a member.
2. The second thing is to always use headphones. This is a courtesy to others. It is amazing how far the sound of a metal detector will travel, and how distracting and irritating that sound can be.
3. The third thing is to always wear an apron or something similar to retrieve trash. If you see a member without an apron or something equivalent, he or she is not abiding by our ONSD Code of Ethics: "I will remove and properly dispose of any trash I dig or is located in my digging area."

And while we're setting out rules, remember the cardinal one:

Always cover your holes.

Happy Hunting.

William Purkey
ONSD President



We have all seen the TV and newspaper ads or street corner signs proclaiming...



**Buying Gold & Silver
Highest prices paid
Cash in your old jewelry
NOW!!!**

What is never seen or heard is how they resolve the money to be paid for gold or silver's melt amount and value. Melt amount is the actual gold or silver content in a scrap piece of jewelry or coin. The calculation required to determine the melt value is to multiply the purity weight of the actual gold or silver content times the market price of the precious metal. Here's an example...

You have a 14K gold ring that weighs 10 grams. What is the melt amount & value?

The gold purity for 14K is 58.3%.
(14K ÷ 24K = 58.3)

The formula is the ring's weight, 10 grams, multiplied by .583 which equals 5.83 grams of recoverable gold in a 14K ring.

Now locate today's market price for an ounce of gold. To keep it simple, say today's market price is \$1,500 per ounce. Next, take that price of \$1,500 divided by 31.1 grams, which is the equivalent weight of one ounce. This would equal a market



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GUILFORD COURTHOUSE NATIONAL MILITARY PARK
MAY 25-26 JUNE 1-2, 2011



Members recently assisted the UNCG archeological staff, Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, and the National Park Service in Greensboro, NC in a search to locate the original site of the old Guilford Courthouse building which stood near the area of Stop 6 on the battleground trail. Several artifacts were found, including a piece of grapeshot by Jim Spivey during the search.

Below is a listing of participating members in photo (L-R).

Ron Washburn, Kent Riddle, Bill Bookout, Jim Spivey
James Furrage, Mac McAtee, Jeffrey Blackburn
(not pictured)
Rodney Joslin, Mike Beck, and David Payne

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GUILFORD COURTHOUSE NATIONAL MILITARY PARK JUNE 22-23, 2011

This project is completed. The archeology folks will be working the rest of this week and next week at the site. Thank you all for volunteering your time to help advance the history of the Battleground.

Linda Stine asked that a "Thank You" be passed on to all of you. For those who couldn't make it today, I am happy to report it was a good day for metal detecting. Two grapeshot, a .69 caliber fired musket ball, and a number of buckshot from fired buck and ball loads.

The Old North State Detectorists are making a name for themselves in the archeology community in North Carolina and more opportunities will be forthcoming.

Regards, Mac McAtee



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GUILFORD COURTHOUSE NATIONAL MILITARY PARK FAMILY DAY - JUNE 11, 2011

By Mac McAtee

I declare the day a great success. Julia Greer with the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park and National Park Service was very pleased and complimentary of the ONSD and our working with the children and visitors. Exactly what she had in mind for us to do. Julia expresses thanks to all.

The members who came out and gave up their time on Saturday are as follows:

Jim Spivey Kent Riddle Ron Washburn Randy Woolbright Mike Beck
Mac McAtee William Purkey Rodney Joslin Bob Fenstermacher Thom Metz

We helped 18 young people and a few not-so-young learn about metal detectors. A good number of visitors asked about the displayed metal detectors and artifacts. A few good contacts were also made with potential sites for the club to get access to. All and all, nothing but positive things for the day.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service
 Guilford Courthouse
 National Military Park
 2332 New Garden Road
 Greensboro, North Carolina 27410-2355



Dr. William Purkey
 Old North State Detectorists
 4407 Williamsburg Road
 Greensboro, NC 27410

June 11, 2011

Dear Mr. William Purkey,

On behalf of the National Park Service, I would like to thank the Old North State Detectorists for all of their time and skill during this summer's archeology season. The archeology field school from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Guilford Courthouse National Military Park was able to see a completely different view of our project with your individual experiences and input.

You all were a joy to work with in the summer heat and we greatly appreciate all that you have contributed to this effort to not only discover the forgotten, but to discover a small piece of our common history.

Your contributions will give great insight into our archeological endeavors to preserve our past.

Thank you again,

Julia Greer

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park
 National Park Service



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Minutes of ONSD Meeting – May 28, 2011

Attendance:

William Purkey, Randy Woolbright, Mac McAtee, Jerry Gilliam, Michael Beck, Jeffrey Blackburn, Thom Metz, Becky Craddock, Tim Pierce, Rodney Joslin, James Furrage, Jerry Loflin, David Payne

New Attendees/Members:

- ✓ Guest/New Members:
 - Ken Ford – joined
 - Don McCormack – joined
 - Robert Underwood
 - Jerry Barbee
 - Skylar Craddock

Old Business:

- ✓ William Purkey called the meeting to order at 10:00am
- ✓ The ONSD Code of Ethics was read by Jerry Gilliam
- ✓ The treasure's report was read by Randy Woolbright and approved
- ✓ 50/50 raffle was held today
- ✓ Randy Woolbright gave a webmaster's report.
- ✓ William Purkey discussed the success of the cookout last month

New Business:

- ✓ Jim Spivey discussed that the 2nd cookout would be held on Oct 1.
- ✓ It was approved for Jim to pay the reservation for the shelter for Oct 1
- ✓ Tim Pierce donated \$40 to the club
- ✓ Mac McAtee discussed the Guilford Battleground dig with the archeologists. They will allow only 4 people with detectors to assist. They laid out three 20 meter sites in the woods looking for the foundation and evidence of the original Guilford County Courthouse. Mac discussed that he found nails, tin cans, and some small brass pieces.

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Minutes of ONSD Meeting – May 28, 2011 (continued)

During the day, the archeologist noted that the National Parks Service may have had medal detectors in the area before. Mac did find a .50 caliber unfired rifle ball and part of a horse bridle.

- ✓ Jim Spivey and Mac McAtee to host a display at the Mendenhall Plantation Fair.
- ✓ Becky Craddock agreed to be huntmaster at a possible event at an old farm that has tales of buried gold from the Civil War.
- ✓ The club has an article written and published in Western & Eastern Treasure Magazine.
- ✓ Jim Spivey asked for donations for prizes for the October outing.
- ✓ Steve Kelton and Thom Metz will hold a gold panning outing at the Cotton Patch Gold Mine. The date and time TBD.
- ✓

Open mike....

- ✓ William Purkey displayed pistol parts he found at Hamilton Lakes. Mac McAtee thought it was a replica.
- ✓ Guest speaker Jerry Barbee discussed his years in medal detecting since 1957. He currently owns a Medal Detecting store near Burlington, NC. William and the club thanked Jerry for donating a set of headphones to the 4/30 cookout as a prize. His presentation of how and why he has been in medal detecting for so many years was outstanding. Jerry's store can be located at:

Barbee Detectors 3452 Garden Road Burlington, N.C. 27215
Phone: 336-584-9289
or email: jerry@barbeedetectors.com

- ✓ Robert Underwood showed some his better finds over the years.
- ✓ 50/50 raffle won by Bill Bookout. He donated the \$40 back to the club.

Meeting closing remarks:

- ✓ The next regularly scheduled meeting of ONSD will be at 9:00 a.m. on the last Saturday of June, the 25th at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 4404 Landview drive in Greensboro.
- ✓ Meeting Adjourned at 10:10am

Secretary additional Notes:

None

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Gilliam
Secretary ONSD

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price of \$48.23 per gold gram. Take 5.83 grams (the melt amount) times \$48.23, our example market price of a gram of gold, which will equal \$281.18.

A precious metal refiner such as Midwest Refineries will usually pay around 95% of the market price for gold with an advertised no minimum or extra fees added on. So using the example of the gold ring's melt value of \$281.18 you could expect to receive approximately \$267.12 from this refiner for the ring's gold content.

Answer: \$281.18 is the melt value of the 14K gold ring at today's market price.

Generally, Cash for Gold organizations will never use this process and instead pay something like 25% to 50% of the calculated value of the gold content to the seller. This would result in a payment around \$70.30 to \$140.59 for the same ring's gold content.

Therefore, the best approach is to use a precious metal refiner. This will give the greatest return for your precious metals. For more info see: <http://www.midwestrefineries.com>

Here's a photo of my oldest British button find. It was dug at Valley Field Plantation in Stoneville, NC several years ago and put on exhibit at the Rockingham County Historical Society open house on June 11, 2011.

The button has been verified to originate from the 1600-1700's by John Durham at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park in Greensboro, NC and Bob Spratley/Charles Harris of American Digger Magazine. Valley Field Plantation was built by Robert Galloway, who came here from Glasgow, Scotland in 1783.



Good hunting,
Robert Underwood

Historical Society of Rockingham County Open House - June 11, 2011

by Robert Underwood

I was recently invited to set up an exhibit of historical artifacts on June 11, 2011 at the open house for the Historical Society of Rockingham County in Wentworth, NC. On display were cases of relics that have been excavated.

Over twenty years of metal detecting were represented by military items (buckles, buttons, bullets, shells, etc.) from the NC and Danville, VA area, the French & Indian War, and through World War I. Also exhibited were artifacts of Rockingham County plantations such as Robert Galloway (1783) and William Dearing (1795) along with early cabin sites from 1780-1860. The British button above, documented from the 1600-1700 period, dug at the Robert Galloway site, was also available for viewing by the public.

Research was discussed on these sites as well as the typology of the collected artifacts to help educate the general population of the importance of preserving our heritage. Visit: <http://www.rockinghamcountyhistory.com> for more info.

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Saturday, June 25, 2011 at 9 am.

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ONSD website for the latest
news and events info?
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Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2011

Ronald R Washburn Treasurer

Starting Balance	Credits	Debits	155.00
4 new members	80.00		235.00
1 hat purchase	10.00		245.00
Donation-Tim Pierce	40.00		285.00
50/50 split	40.00		325.00
Donation of 50/50 Bill Bookout	40.00		365.00
Ending Balance			365.00

ONSD-TV
as seen on



www.youtube.com/user/onsdclub

Monthly Meeting Time & Location

The Old North State Detectorists meet at 9:00 am the last Saturday of each month at the left rear meeting room 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. Guests are welcome.

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. Payment is in addition to the yearly dues and needs to be given to Treasurer Ron Washburn to start the paperwork process.

ONSD Club Officers

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