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The President's Corner by William Purkey

Hello, ONSD Members,

This note is to encourage everyone in the club to reach out and start forming friendships with fellow members they don't know. A treasure worth more than silver or gold is a good friend.

One of the most significant purposes of the Old North State Detectorists is to bring together like-minded people who enjoy metal detecting. This togetherness is often the source of forming friendships. For example, we have five members from High Point. I'll bet that most of these five members do not know one another. We also have 14 members from Greensboro. If I asked one of these fourteen to name four other members from Greensboro, I bet they couldn't do it. This is sad business. Not everyone has a friend. In an earlier meeting I said that "Your dearest friend was once a total stranger". It all starts with an invitation.

The next time you go hunting, pick up the phone and call one or two fellow members to go along with you. It makes the hunt far more enjoyable and it doubles the chance of finding something interesting.

Happy Hunting.

William



ONSD 2012 Seeded Hunt Champ - Bob Fenstermacher

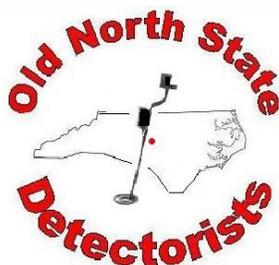
We've Relocated...Again

Due to a continued increase in members, the club has been forced to relocate once again. Our new monthly meeting home will be the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library Community Room located at 1420 Price Park Road in Greensboro, NC.



The library opens at 9:00 am, but early arrivals can take advantage of walking trails or a near-by shelter to talk with other members before the meeting. A map with driving directions can be found [here](#).

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Minutes of ONSD Meeting – May 26, 2012

In Attendance:

Susan Spoon, William Purkey, Vicki Spivey, Jim Spivey, Mac McAtee, Bob Fenstermacher
 Jody Sanders, Ron Washburn, Carole Kaplan, Mal Kaplan, Christine Forrest
 Gail Sheffield, Bill Bookout, Herbert Griffis, Bob Stewart, Robert Underwood
 John Cutrell, Tim Pierce, Becky Craddock, Skylar Craddock, Jeffrey Blackburn
 Bob Grazioso, T.E. Metz, Rodney Joslin, Ken Kirk, John Young, Randy Woolbright

Guests visiting with us today:

Tracy Smith
 Millie Smith
 Brent Beville

Old Business:

- William Purkey called the meeting to order at a special time of 10:00 am at Oak Hollow Lake Shelter #5 in High Point, NC.
- The ONSD Code of Ethics was read by Susan Spoon.
- The treasurer's report was read by Ron Washburn and approved.
- No 50/50 raffle today.
- The upcoming metal detecting training classes with the Greensboro Police Department were discussed. Training class dates will be June 5th and 12th from 10 am - 12 pm. Meeting location information and any details will be emailed to those who signed up to attend. Robert Underwood made mention he had discussed that the same program could be made available to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department if they so desire.

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Old Business - continued from page 2

- William Purkey discussed the upcoming GenFest event on June 2nd at the High Point Library. Jim Spivey, Mac McAtee, and Robert Underwood will be on hand to represent the club. Village Fair at Mendenhall Plantation will be upcoming in July. The club will have a booth at the event.

New Business:

- Pouches to wear to store dug trash was discussed.
- The Blue Ridge Metal Detecting Club was contacted about a possible co-operative hunt in their area at a Girl Scout Camp. No response as of yet.
- The Heritage Fair will be held in Raleigh on July 21. The Club will have a booth. More information to come.
- Herbert Griffis was welcomed back after recovering from critical injuries suffered on foot when hit by a car.
- Robert Underwood's display showcase at the Reidsville, NC Public Library entitled "*Artifacts of Early American Homesites in Rockingham County, NC*" can be seen now through the end of May.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am in preparation for the seeded hunt and cookout.

Meeting closing remarks:

- Members were advised that the club has outgrown the Jamestown site, and will probably gather at a new location for its June 30th meeting. The new location will be the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library Community Room located at 1420 Price Park Road in Greensboro, NC. A map is available on the club's [Calendar of Events](#) website page.
- Members are encouraged to be on the lookout for new places to hunt.

Randall Woolbright
 Acting Secretary ONSD

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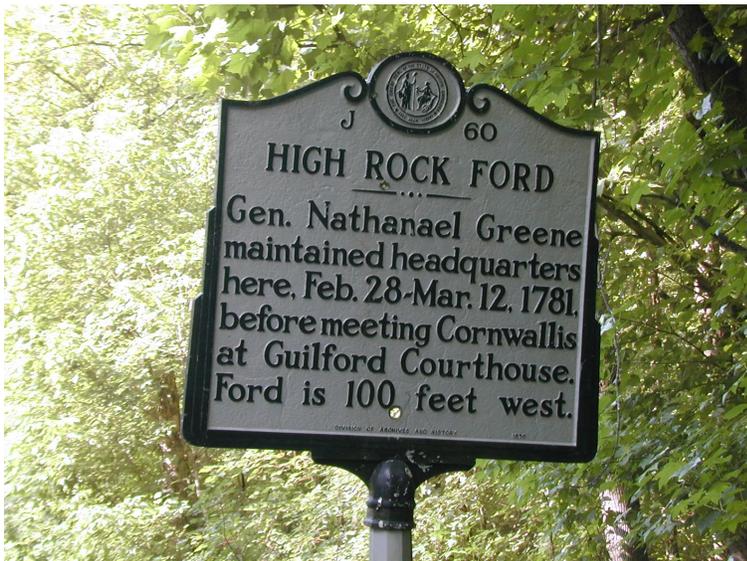
TREASURER'S REPORT
AS OF MAY 26, 2012

RONALD R WASHBURN
TREASURER



Starting Balance	Credits	Debits	\$1,049.67
Membership Dues Collected	20.00		1,069.67
Hat sale	10.00		1,079.67
Interest on account	.02		1,079.69
Donation from Terri Laughlin	25.00		1,104.69
Cost of new hats		-139.88	964.81
Cost of new patches		-193.00	771.81
Picnic costs		-35.57	736.24
Ending Balance			\$736.24

Do You Know Your Local History?



This famous site is in Rockingham County just over the NE Guilford County line. The campsite of General Greene, which was somewhere in a one mile radius north of High Rock Ford, is reliably reported to have never been located.

This site is also just below the ancestral home of a present-day U.S. Senator. Can you name the Senator?

Courtesy of Robert Underwood

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GPS Units Now The Norm In Helping Metal Detectorists



Be it used for camping, hiking, or Geocaching with family and friends, hand-held portable GPS units are indispensable for those trips out into the field. The ability to mark your starting location, take off into unfamiliar terrain and return to your starting position is a simple operation. Geocachers have long used the GPS devices to locate caches hidden by coordinates. No digging is required in Geocaching as all targets are hidden only by natural foliage or ground cover.

Metal Detectorists have also found the devices to offer several advantages when out hunting. Not only can your start and return trip be mapped out, but while hunting a large area, you have the ability to later look at your tracks and see areas that may have been missed. Locations of finds can also be recorded and used to plot the boundaries of old home sites or other possible areas of past habitation. As with all electronic devices, one should have a thorough understanding of the unit's operation before depending on it in what could escalate into an emergency, such as being lost and not knowing how to follow the GPS unit back to your camp site or other hunting companions.



As always, be safe. Carry water, a snack, a small first-aid kit, and extra batteries for both your detector and GPS unit.

Purple Paint Means "No Trespassing"

If you've been out traveling the county roads, you may have come across a tree like the photo on the right. Simply put, **DO NOT ENTER THIS AREA!** This is equivalent to a "Posted" sign.

Member Jim Spivey created a reference sheet concerning the latest NC Trespass Laws for ONSD members and the PDF can be accessed [here](#).



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Member Robert Underwood discussed his recent display of historic and relic items recovered from Rockingham County loaned through the month of May to the downtown Reidsville, NC public library. The display was titled, "Artifacts of Early American Homesites in Rockingham County, NC".



A long time metal detectorist, coin shooter, relic hunter, researcher, and historian, Robert showed items recovered from several local plantations as well as old home sites since destroyed by development in the Rockingham County area. Items dated from the French and Indian War period to U.S. issue military buttons of 1918.

A detailed video of the exhibit will be upcoming on the club's YouTube channel at ONSD-TV.

GenFest 2012



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Robert Fenstermacher
Grand Prize Winner - ONSD Seeded Hunt - May 26, 2012

Oooh, lookie what I found...



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ONSD website for the latest
news and events info?

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The next club meeting will be held on
Saturday, June 30, 2012 at 9 am

Classified Ads

For sale: One 12 inch coil and coil cover for a Minelab Sovereign made by Sun Ray Detectors and in great working condition. Sun Ray Detectors are the leader in making after market items for Minelab Detectors. This coil has proved to be outstanding for finding deeper targets. I have used it to find many old homesites and Civil War relics. I just have no need for it anymore and would like to pass it on to someone at a great bargain and deal of \$ 25.00

Any questions you may email me at:

jimbodie@northstate.net

Jim Spivey

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The ONSD Club
is on ONSD-TV



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 at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library Community Room located at 1420 Price Park Road in Greensboro, NC. A map of the location is available [here](#).

The club membership fee is \$20.00 per year for individuals and \$30.00 for families which includes an embroidered hat and iron-on patch. FMDAC membership is available through the club at a reduced rate of \$5.00 per person, per year.

Occasionally, a club meeting may be held at a hunt site. Check the [ONSD website Calendar of Events](#) page for the latest information. Guests are welcome.

ONSD Club Officers

President - William Purkey
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