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Note from the Acting President

It's hard to believe that the Old North State Detectorists will celebrate its first year of existence on Saturday, May 29, 2010. From a very humble first meeting at the Golden Corral Restaurant, ONSD has grown into a well-organized and energetic club. Congratulations to everyone in the club for their contributions to our success.

A special thanks is due to those ONSD members who have provided strong leadership. This includes Jerry Gilliam and Randy Woolbright for printing materials, designing certificates, and establishing a website, Ron Washburn for setting up our bank account, Jeff Brown for taking the minutes, and Jim Spivey, who has contributed many hours in organizing library displays. Jim has gone above and beyond his duties as Sergeant-at-Arms in providing door prizes and a keen vision of what our club can be.

My hopes for our second year is that it would result in closer cooperation with law enforcement agencies, local and state archeological and historical groups, and owners of

private property. I also hope that ONSD can create and maintain some form of philanthropic activity, such as contributions of pennies, pull tabs, soup labels, etc. to worthy and needy organizations.

Thanks for allowing me to be your acting president during this exciting first year.

William Purkey

Alamance Battleground Hunt #2

Members showed up in force for the Alamance Battleground Hunt #2 on April 24, 2010. The weather cooperated both Friday and Saturday resulting in finds from percussion caps, minie and musket balls to re-enactment-era items such as tent stakes, a musket tool and Boy Scout pin. In addition, clad and some silver coinage were found.

Lanes were assigned to detect and recover objects, leaving the item at the hole for examination, mapping and bagging by members of the NC Division of State Historic Sites & Properties.

On Friday, ONSD members Jeremy and Nichole Brown unearthed a 61 caliber musket ball near quitting time. The next day, members Ron Washburn had finds of a musket and minie ball, plus the musket tool, William Purkey and Jim Spivey both found musket balls with Jim also coming up with

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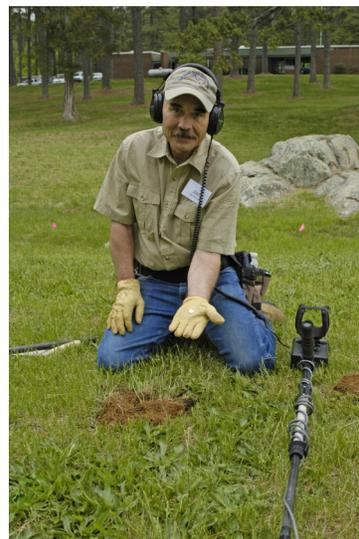


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two colonial-era buttons and three silver coins, a 1962 quarter and a '59 and '64 dime. Other items found include a strap buckle, a horseshoe and molten scrap lead. More photos of the hunt can be found at this link:

[Alamance Battleground Hunt #2 Photos](#)

The ONSD club is being invited back in June of 2010 to continue the excavation work at the Alamance Battlefield. Details will be listed on our website and the next issue of the newsletter.



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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.

Genfest 2010

Saturday May 15, 2010 at the High Point Library

By Jim Spivey

Gen Fest was a great success. There were 270 people attending the festival from all over the Piedmont area of NC. There were 43 vendors in total, 42 of which displayed items for sale or give-away ranging from free literature on family genealogy to the selling of historical books and maps on North Carolina counties.



ONSD members who assisted the Gen Fest display were Dennis & Tina Sides, Mac McAtee and Jim Spivey. The ONSD display included artifacts, relics, coins and other items from the past and were provided by Mike Wilson, Dennis Sides, Mac McAtee, William Purkey and Jim Spivey. The ONSD display was viewed by many people and received a great review from the public as well as other vendors there. Some attendees had never seen actual civil war relics, historical buttons, old coins, etc., and were very impressed by what had been found and was displayed. We handed out lots of information about the club and flyers on joining and also how to contact the club for lost item recovery. It was a great show and the ONSD display received lots of attention of the items and of the club itself. More photos of the display can be viewed online at the ONSD website under the [Recent Events](#) tab.

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Coming In Next Month's Issue...



We'll have a story about the David Caldwell Historic Site in Greensboro and the recent 2008 archeological dig that found a couple of coins and numerous other non-metallic items. This is an ongoing investigation and may resume as early as 2011.

We'll talk to Site Superintendent Adrienne Byrd about the history of the property, what has been done to protect it and what future excavations may be planned.

Treasurer's Report as of April 24, 2010

Ronald R Washburn Treasurer

Starting Balance	Credits	Debits	\$217.30
50/50 split	18.00		235.30
Donation – Jeffrey Blackburn	13.00		248.30
Membership dues received	50.00		298.30
Payment for hats – William Purkey		-30.00	268.30
Ending Balance			\$268.30

Classified Ads...

Have something to sell or looking for an item? Send your listing with a short description, price, contact information and photo, if available, to the newsletter editor. Your ad will run in the next three issues at no charge.

Anti-Metal Detecting Laws Being Proposed in South Carolina



In another attempt to shut down or severely restrict the hobby, a bill is winding its way through the South Carolina legislature that would in effect ban metal detecting throughout the state and provide stiff penalties for violators. Due to an enthusiastic call-in response from fellow MD'ers and Relic Collectors, the matter will be brought up to allow the public to comment on the proposal. For more information and details, try a web search on the various articles.

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Letter of Commendation



Historic Jamestown Society, Inc.

603 West Main Street
 Post Office Box 512
 Jamestown, North Carolina 27282
 Phone: 910 454-3819

November 4, 2009

William W. Purkey
 4407 Williamsburg Rd.
 Greensboro, NC 27410

Dear Mr. Purkey:

On behalf of Mendenhall Plantation and its board, I'd like to express my thanks to you and your organization, the Old North State Detectorists, for coming to our site on two occasions recently and probing for long-buried artifacts.

With Mendenhall's 200 years of history as a farm and home we felt certain that a number of secrets lay buried just beneath the surface. With the help of your fine team we were not disappointed. Your group did a great job of going over the grounds, digging for relics and discovering everything from bottle caps and buckles to bullets and bolts. We were also impressed at how you made the grounds look basically untouched when you left.

We plan to make an exhibit of the items your team unearthed. The brass padlock, the colonial buttons, the harness buckles, the Civil War era bullets, the plow pieces and wagon parts will all be of interest to our visitors. Even the strange unidentified pieces of metal will raise an eyebrow or two.

Again, thank you for your team's time and effort. We appreciate your help in uncovering more of Mendenhall's past.

Sincerely Yours,

Thomas A. Netsel
 Board Member
 Historic Jamestown Society

PURPOSE . . . To investigate, preserve, and make available, knowledge of the history of Jamestown and its environs and of the inhabitants thereof, to encourage the preservation and maintenance of the historic character, dignity and cherished beauty of Jamestown . . .

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Have you checked out the
ONSD website for the lat-
est 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. Ron Washburn 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 inter-
change. 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!



Alamance Battleground Hunt #2 at end of day Saturday April 24, 2010

The May 29th 2010 meeting will be held on
-site at Hamilton Lakes in Greensboro at 9:00
am. A hunt will directly follow the meeting.
Directions are posted at the ONSD website on
the [Calendar](#) page.

Club Officers

President - William Purkey
Vice-President - Ron Washburn
Secretary - Jeff Brown
Sergeant-at-Arms - Jim Spivey

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