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The President's Corner

by William Purkey

Hello, ONSD Diggers,

Almost every week I receive notes and calls from metal detector hobbyists who want to learn more about our club. Fortunately, our talented Newsletter and Web Master, Randy Woolbright, has provided the club with both a ONSD YouTube Channel information outlet:

www.youtube.com/user/onsdclub

and an ONSD website:

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All I have to do is share this information with those who wish to learn more about ONSD. However, the interest of potential members raises an important question: "How big do we want to become?" Some clubs have over 100 members!

We have just about outgrown the Golden Corral meeting room, which can hold about 20 people. If we wish to continue our growth, we will need to find a larger meeting room. Any suggestions for a larger space? I guess the growth in membership is a good problem to have. Your ideas will be appreciated.

Happy dig.

William Purkey
ONSD Emperor



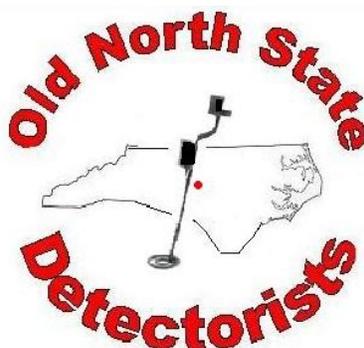
Finding a diamond ring... LOST FOR 65 Years!

In the 1870's, my great great great grandmother emigrated to the USA from Paris, France with a couple of trunks, a diamond ring, and lots of hope for a new life. Her family was very wealthy and had sent her away when she became pregnant and unwed.

When she died in 1940, at the age of 92, she bequeathed her most prized possession to her oldest granddaughter (My grandmother). In 1943, my newlywed grandmother and grandfather moved into a new home in Mill Valley Ca. My grandmother loved to garden and work in her yard. One day, she took off the ring and placed it in her pocket while gar-

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Minutes of ONSD Meeting – January 29, 2011

Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Purkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Spivey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vickie Spivey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ron Washburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Woolbright	<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Gilliam
<input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Sides	<input type="checkbox"/> Tina Sides	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mac McAtee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Furnage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thom Metz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeffery Blackburn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R.H. Stewart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Kelton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Kirk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> Herb Griffis
<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Payne	<input type="checkbox"/> Danny Shoffner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nichole Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Moloney
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Hanes	<input type="checkbox"/> Tony Stevenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kent Riddle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thom Metz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Beck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy Beck

New Attendees/Members:

- ✓ The meeting was called to order by President William Purkey at 9:00 a.m.

Guest/New Members:

- ✓ Mike & Tammy Beck attended and joined as a family membership.
- ✓ Vickie Spivey attended and joined as a family membership.

Old Business:

- ✓ William Purkey read the ONSD Code of Ethics
- ✓ Last months minutes were approved.
- ✓ Ron Washburn read the treasure's report.
 - Beginning Balance \$309.80
 - Ending Balance \$181.30

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New Business:

- ✓ William Purkey discussed and asked for a motion to add changes to bylaws
 - ONSD will affiliate on a voluntary and individual basis with FMDAC. Motion passed.
 - Each ONSD member may choose to join FMDAC on an individual basis. Motion passed.
 - Motion to eliminate Family membership and have a flat rate of \$20 to include spouse and children. Motion failed.
 - Dues will remain the same: Individual \$20 and Family \$30.00 to be payable in January. Dues to be paid yearly in January. Motion passed.
- ✓ Motion by Mac McAtee that the club donates \$100 towards the construction of the artifact display at the Alamance Battleground. Motion passed.
- ✓ Gold Panning Project – A report by Thom Metz and Steve Kelton discussing having a panning project in a couple of months. Several members showed an interest and have experience in panning. Locations discussed included Cotton Patch and the Uwharrie NF. Different methods of gold extraction and recovery were mentioned. Another report will be delivered at the next club meeting.
- ✓ David Payne brought in several finds over the Christmas holidays. An assortment of minie balls, an 1889 Indian Head penny, and a small belt buckle, all found in Virginia.
- ✓ Ron Washburn described finding a lost ring after a short hunt with William Purkey. The owner had a short “thank you” article in the Greensboro newspaper a few days later.
- ✓ New Hunting Sites – Member Kent Riddle talked about “Southside”, located just south of downtown Greensboro and its historic links to the area. He stated there might be an opportunity to obtain permission from the homeowners association to perform some searching there.
- ✓ Jeremy Brown mentioned a possible hunting site on the Yadkin River at I-85 which was a known Confederate Army crossing spot. Jim Spivey advised from his research that the site was strictly off-limits.
- ✓ The hunt at the old Pilot Life property is still in the works, although permission has not yet been granted.
- ✓ William Purkey has written the Guilford County Sheriff’s Dept notifying them that the ONSD are available if needed. The club has received no response. Ron Washburn advised he could distribute ONSD literature directly to the GCSD district offices.

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dening. Later that day she realized it was gone and had lost it somewhere in her large yard. I heard my entire life how she spent months and years, sifting through the dirt, searching in vain for her lost diamond ring. She was heartbroken and the ring became a family legend and a story she told us every single time I saw her.

My grandparents sold the house in Mill Valley in 1979 and moved to a nearby town. I visited San Francisco last June and brought my Minelab Excalibur to search the beaches around the Bay Area. My cousin Robert reminded me about the Diamond ring our grandmother had lost 65 years before. We went to the house to ask for permission to search and to our surprise, the owners were not only the same people who had bought the house from my grandparents in 1979, but said the yard had not been changed at all during that time. The first hit I had was a silver Franklin 50 cent! I gave it to the owners. I found a few pieces of trash and a few clad coins from the 60's and 70's. My grandmother must have lost a lot of things out of her pocket gardening through the years!

After about an hour of searching, I picked up a strong tone next to a rose bush. I dug down a few inches and it was a tangle of roots. The owners, who were excited and watching me since I arrived, begged me to rip the plant out! I pulled the rose out, getting cut up in the process. I ran the detector over the uprooted plant and then noticed on the very edge of the root ball the glimmer of diamonds! I couldn't believe I was staring at something I had always heard about. The people were really nice and made us lunch and we exchanged info and still stay in touch.

I went to see my 90 year old grandmother and presented her with the ring. She was so touched and knew immediately it was her ring, even after 65 years. She could not slip it on her swollen fingers, but enjoyed looking at it for a few days before passing it on to my mother, who now wears it every day. I'm so happy to have returned to my family a ring with so much history. Metal detecting has helped me find friends, some valuables and has been totally rewarding and fun.

Sharitz

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The original story can also be located at the Friendly Metal Detecting Forum
<http://metaldetectingforum.com/showthread.php?t=54016>

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The room was overflowing at the regularly scheduled ONSD club meeting on January 29, 2011, and members stopped long enough afterwards to have their picture taken for inclusion in an upcoming edition of Western & Eastern Treasures Magazine featuring the ONSD club. The article will be penned by our own President, William Purkey.

The club welcomed three new members today. Long time gatherer and provider of the door prize, Vickie Spivey, joined her husband Jim as a family member. Also, the club welcomed newcomers Tammy and Mike Beck from Burlington as full-fledged members.



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Treasurer's Report as of January 29, 2011 Ronald R Washburn Treasurer

Starting Balance	Credits	Debits	\$181.30
Donation to Friends of Alamance Battlefield		100.00	81.30
Membership dues received	360.00		441.30
Ending Balance			\$441.30

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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Have you clicked on the
ONSD website for the latest
news and events info?

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Members...

Please make sure your yearly dues have been paid and the liability release form filled out with any updated information.

See club Treasurer Ron Washburn if you have any questions.

Classified Ads

WANTED: One Sun-Ray X5 5" Stealth coil for Minelab Safari. Same coil fits Explorer and Quatro machines.

Mac McAtee
mac4@mindspring.com

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 for individuals and \$30.00 for families. Guests are welcome.

The next regularly scheduled club meeting will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 9 am.

The ONSD-TV channel is on



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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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