



Newsletter for May 2010

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The President's Corner

by William Purkey

Many thanks to Randy Woolbright for taking the lead in providing ONSD with this excellent newsletter. We're on our way to becoming a top-notch club.

Here are some reminders.

ONSD meets on the last Saturday morning of each month. Locations to be announced.

On Saturday, May 15, 2010, ONSD will have a display at the High Point Library "Gemfest." Jim Spivey and his volunteers will demonstrate the use of detectors and exhibit artifacts and found items. Jim also arranged to have a month-long display at the library. Many thanks Jim!

After our Alamance Battlefield meeting and hunt on April 24th, the next regular ONSD meeting is Saturday, May 29th at 9:00AM at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 4404 Landview Drive in Greensboro. The meeting will be followed immediately with a group hunt at Hamilton Lakes Park in Greensboro. Hamilton Lakes is privately owned and contains a former swimming area that dates back to the 1930's.

Locations suggested for future meetings include a covered shelter in a Greensboro Park and the meeting room at Gander Mountain Sports, located close to Four Seasons Mall in Greensboro. Please suggest other interesting places to meet.

Editor's Desk

by Randy Woolbright

Welcome to the first edition of The Old North State Detectorists Club newsletter. Its purpose will be to inform members of club business and activities, and report on past and upcoming events.

Each month will feature a message from the club President, the minutes of the last meeting, a treasury report, news of past and future hunts and events, member comments, and photos of club activities.

Please submit your items, stories or photos about metal detecting to the newsletter editor Randy Woolbright or email randwool@hotmail.com

The Old North State Detectorists Club

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 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.

On-Line Sites

The ONSD Club Social Site is up and running at the Friendly Metal Detecting Forum. Several pictures have been posted at the site from the last hunt at Travis Creek School as well as letters of commendation received by the club. If you have a question on this site please email Randy Woolbright at randwool@hotmail.com.
You can register for the FMDf at <http://metaldetectingforum.com>

Jeff Brown reported that an ONSD Club site was now on Facebook too. Please check with Jeff if you have any questions.

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Minutes of Meeting March 27, 2010

Meeting brought to order by Club President William Purkey. The following members in attendance: William Purkey, Ron Washburn, Jeff Brown, Jim Spivey, Jerry Murphy, Dennis and Tina Sides, Bob Stewart, David Mayne, Randy Woolbright, Jerry Gilliam, Mike Wilson, and Mac McAtee.

Old Business:

Code of ethics read by Mac McAtee.

Treasurer's Report: Ron reports we have \$ 212.30 in funds. The club still owes \$170.00 for ball caps.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Randy Woolbright reported on web site update. We have a forum site that needs members to sign up. Jeff Brown reported we now have a Facebook Group on Facebook. Members can go to Facebook and look up the group page. Jim Spivey reported that we have a nice display at the High Point Library.

New Business:

Election of officers for a 2-year period will be brought up at the May 2010 meeting, which will be the club's 1-year anniversary.

Honorary memberships given to Carol Brooks, Tom Netsel and Will Ragsdale by vote of the membership.

Mac McAtee gave the club a demonstration on several different types of pin pointers and their uses.

Recent Past Events Discussed:

Today's (March 27, 2010) hunt will be the Potter House, a circa 1719 former Harness shop and home until 2000. The club will be looking for artifacts and relics.

April 10th will be the Travis Creek School hunt for artifacts and relics for display in the school after restoration by Elon University.

Upcoming Events

April 24th will be a continuation of the research hunt at the Alamance Battleground and Historic site. We will conduct a short meeting beforehand.

Jim Spivey was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle. Jim graciously returned most of his prize money to the ONSD Treasury. Thanks, Jim.

Mike Wilson won the door prize.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeff Brown - Secretary ONSD Club

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Letter of Commendation



*North Carolina Division of State Historic Sites & Properties
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September 23, 2009

Dear Mr. Purkey,

On behalf of the Division of State Historic Sites and Properties of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, I wanted to thank you for your participation in the Alamance Battleground State Historic Site archaeological survey on Friday and Saturday, September 4-5, 2009.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated and, as we move forward with this project, the service and expertise you provided will be helpful in our efforts to enhance our interpretation at the battleground. Future plans include an interpretive trail with informative wayside exhibits and an update of the exhibits in the visitor center.

Again, thank you for your assistance with this exciting project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Keith A. Hardison".

Keith A. Hardison
Director

*Division of State Historic Sites
Department of Cultural Resources*

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A Sign of the Future?



It seems time and again there is a new story about Metal Detecting being outright banned or severely restricted in areas around our state, country and even the world. Recently, the U.S. Forest Service issued a metal detecting ban for the nearby Uwharrie National Forest, while still allowing recreational rockhounding, gold panning, and the use of ATV and off-road vehicles in the same area. The ban was reported to have been brought about by some detectorists "looting" sites and leaving holes and trash where they had dug in another National Forest near Asheville. Only by writing, emailing, or visiting your elected officials can you educate them about our Code of Ethics and make them aware there are detectorists who enjoy the hobby of Metal Detecting and do so in a responsible manner.

Member Comments

Jim Spivey has located a web site for Relic & Treasure Hunting decals and lots more items. Click on:
www.deerfielddetectors.com
click icon – deerfield detectors store
click on pro sticker decals

Contact Jim for further info.

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!

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. Guests are welcome.

Did You Know???

Regardless of the MD machine, most Indian Head pennies read as a zinc penny. Therefore, if you get a zinc reading at 4 inches or deeper, DIG!



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Genfest by Jim Spivey

Genfest is a genealogical festival put on by the High Point Library yearly. It is for genealogists, historians and families from around the state to display and give out information about their county, society, family or club pertaining to genealogy or history.

During the Month of January 2010 and while at the HP library, I was telling the staff about our ONSD club. They were so interested that they inquired about ONSD doing a display on artifacts found. On behalf of ONSD, I and three other members set up a display March 1st of some artifacts and relics found in Guilford Co. The library liked it so well and there was such a good response from the public, that the library staff asked ONSD to set up a display at Genfest to show some historical artifacts we have found. I consider this invitation to be an honor as it shows the true professionalism and credibility of our club.

This year's Genfest will have 43 vendors from across the state displaying information in all aspects of history and genealogy. We are only allowed so much space for our display so I had to limit who could participate. I, along with Mac McAtee and Dennis & Tina Sides will be heading up the display showing artifacts and relics found in the Piedmont area of NC. If any one else has an artifact they would like to put on display, they can see me for arrangements.

Genfest will held inside the High Point Library at 901 N Main St High Point, NC Saturday May 15, 2010 from 10:am to 4:00pm. All ONSD members are welcome to come by and see the club display and all other displays on site.

Club Officers

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

Travis Creek School Hunt Campus of Elon University



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