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The President's Corner by William Purkey

Hello, ONSD Diggers,

This column is about our Code of Ethics. I've reviewed a number of club ethics. They vary greatly, from very specific: "Close gates after leaving", to very general: "Be an ambassador for metal detecting". I think our code hits in the middle. It is specific: "I will make a reasonable effort to return identifiable items to their owners", and it is general: "I will conduct myself with courtesy and seek to set an example for other detectorists".

One unique feature of our club is that the Code of Ethics is read aloud at each regularly scheduled meeting. To my knowledge, no other club does this. The reason for reading the code is to remind ourselves that we have a code of conduct. Much like flight attendants giving instructions on what to do in emergencies, our club reminds its members of what to do while hunting.

I am surprised that many clubs do not have a code of ethics. This is too bad. A code of conduct helps guide our behavior in a variety of situations. I'm proud that we have a code of conduct, and that it is read aloud at each meeting.

This is one of many reasons why ONSD is becoming one of the best metal detecting clubs in the nation.

Happy Hunting.

William Purkey
ONSD President

Mac's Cannonball

by Mac McAtee

This is a one pound colonial or pre-colonial era cannon ball that I found in early 2011. It is likely from a swivel gun that General Cornwallace or Lord Tryon was trucking around. Its weight is 18.5 ounces and 2 inches in diameter. The ball might have been slightly larger and heavier when new in that I did clean off a layer of scale rust in the process of preserving it. There is evidence of it possibly hitting something when fired, as it has a flat spot with the metal slightly deformed. Found in ----- North Carolina.

Regards, Mac



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An Opportunity Arises

By Ronald R Washburn



In the middle of March, I received information that my son had a soccer game in Wilmington, NC scheduled for April 3rd. My wife thought we might drive down Saturday afternoon, spend the night, look around town, go to the soccer game, then return home. (My wife is not into metal detecting.) I, on the other hand, had a different plan. So, Friday afternoon I headed down I-40 with my metal detector packed and the Holiday Inn in Wilmington locked into my GPS.

After checking-in at the hotel, I gathered my equipment and headed for the beach. I'd not been down to Wrightsville Beach in over 10 years. In the past I had found this area to be a great place to attend training conferences, make scuba diving trips, and fly my kites on the beach. After crossing the bridge over the causeway to Wrightsville Beach I immediately noticed something different. Parking meters had been placed all along the sides of the roadway. I pulled into a space in front of the Blockade Runner Hotel and got out of my car to inspect the meter more closely. "Two dollars per hour" and "quarters only," was printed plainly on the meters. Or, I could call a phone number (also printed on the meter) and give them a credit card number. (Not "no" but "NO, NO.") It looks like the town of Wrightsville Beach has figured out a way to make up for the deficit shortfall. A quick inspection of my pocket change revealed two quarters on me at the time which would only give me 15 minutes. OK, I can do this I thought. Fifteen minutes should give me more than enough time to pop into the hotel, get some change, and return without losing too much daylight.

When I entered the lobby the bellboy asked if I needed assistance. As I explained my dilemma, he informed me that the hotel would not give out change for the meters. In fact, none of the businesses would. My best bet was to call the number on the meter and use my credit card, or drive back across the bridge to the town hall and get change there. With the sun sinking quickly in the west I headed back to my car. Approaching it, I happened to glance up at the meter several spaces away. Could I be seeing that right? The digital display on the meter displayed seven hours of time remaining on the meter for that "empty" space. Never let it be said that I passed up a good opportunity. After safely parking, I grabbed the detector and scoop and headed down the public access path to the beach.

The first clue that conditions might be a little challenging came when I had to put headphones on in order to hold a cap on my head. As I walked onto the beach, I realized the wind was gusting between 30 and 40 mph. The sun was still bright, so I had worn my sunglasses when exiting the car. That was a good thing because now the wrap-around lenses were

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protecting my eyes from the blowing sand. I brought my wetsuit and large scoop on this trip thinking that I might try to brave the cold water. With the surf being as heavy as it was, (and the water being quite cold, still) I decided to search the sand on the beach and not to venture out into waist deep water. (There is something about being beaten to death by the cold ocean waves and having my metal detector broken in half as I fight to keep from drowning, that is just not appealing to me.) I pondered for a moment wondering if this is a sign that I'm getting old?.....Nahhhhh! I hated scuba diving in cold water when in my 20's. Do you know how a scuba diver makes his wet suit warm in the cold water? Yep! He puts warm water in it. Which is something else I don't feel like doing today. (You may need to think about that for a minute.) So, the dry sand it is.

After adjusting my Surf Pro PI to my satisfaction, I started down the beach dragging my heavy scoop behind me. (It was kind of nice to have an anchor in the heavy wind.) Seeing a volleyball setup on the beach nearby, I headed straight for it. At last I got my first signal. Digging down about eight inches I discovered that I had located an old, rusty, sharp, tent stake. This thing was about twelve inches long. Knowing that I could not just leave it lying on the beach, I placed it in my apron pocket as best as I could. Undaunted by this disappointment, I continued on a few feet when my detector put out another strong signal. A shallow dig with my scoop revealed what appeared to be a very sharp, rusty, needle. Oh man! I need some better luck. I placed the needle in the left pocket of my apron as safely as I could. (I usually store trash in the left pocket for later disposal and anything that I want to keep goes into the right pocket.) After searching for an hour or so I had found nothing but a few coins, and lots of very sharp rusty pieces of metal. Old hairpins were everywhere. That's the thing about a pulse induction metal detector, neither the black sand nor the damp sand seems to have any negative affect on this metal detector. But the item it locates might be on the surface or two feet down.



My trash pocket was getting full of dangerous sharp pieces of metal and I had very little in the right pocket to show for my evenings endeavor. About this time, I noticed the small shorebirds that usually flew around me were missing. The plovers were usually darting back and forth from the waves searching for food in the wet sand. Instead, the little birds were all hunkered down avoiding the strong wind in some deep tire tracks that had been left by a vehicle traveling down the beach earlier.

It was getting late, so I decided to call it a day with only a few coins, a dog tag and lots of sharp dangerous looking metal items in my pouch. Walking back toward the public access path, I heard another strong, loud signal. Zeroing in was a little difficult, but could tell it wasn't a small piece of valuable jewelry. After digging up all the sharp pieces of metal found earlier,

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I was afraid to just walk away and leave it there for someone to injure their foot on, so I started digging. After about eighteen inches, I struck metal. A few more scoops of sand were removed and out came what appeared to be an old, rusted-out ring from the top of a fifty-five gallon metal barrel. Here again the edges were very sharp and dangerous. This piece of metal was not going to fit into my apron. In fact, it wasn't going to fit in the garbage can at the head of the path to the public access. Feeling a little frustrated by my lack of success, I propped

the metal ring up against the garbage can and headed for my car.

After packing up my gear, I realized I was feeling a little down by the lack of success. You know what they say, "After a couple of hours of beach hunting it's time for the next best thing, some really good seafood." If that's not an old saying, we should really think about making it a new one. I checked with some of the locals for their best recommendation and then made my way to the Bluewater Waterfront Grill on Marina Street which is right on the causeway. (They even had free parking.) The hostess seated me at a table with a beautiful view of the water and marina. There, I had one of the best seafood meals that I've ever eaten. Blackened Mahi Mahi, Tuna and Shrimp with beans, rice and vegetables. Once again, I found myself facing yet another danger there at the beach. I ate too much!

As I was leaving the restaurant and walking back to the car I started thinking about the Wrightsville Beach from years past. After remembering today's finds, I could not help but say to myself, "You know.....I may never go walking barefoot on the beach again." I wondered if that was a sign that I'm getting old?

Nahhhhh..... I hated cutting my feet up when I was a kid too.

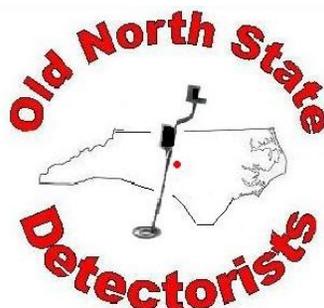
Ronald R. Washburn
April 3rd, 2011



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Minutes of ONSD Meeting – March 26, 2011

Attendance Sheet

Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> William Purkey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Spivey	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Jim Furnage	<input type="checkbox"/> Thom Metz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeffrey Blackburn
<input type="checkbox"/> R.H. Stewart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Kelton	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Kirk
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herb Griffis
<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Murphy	<input type="checkbox"/> David Payne	<input type="checkbox"/> Danny Shoffner
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Brown	<input type="checkbox"/> Nichole Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Moloney
<input type="checkbox"/> John Hanes	<input type="checkbox"/> Tony Stevenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kent Riddle
<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:
 - Bob Fenstermacher and Susan Spoon family - joined
 - Tim Pierce and Becky Craddock family - joined
 - Rodney Joslin – joined
 - Scott Royals, Eleanor, and Sara, family – joined

Old Business:

- ✓ William Purkey called the meeting to order at 9:00am.
- ✓ The ONSD Code of Ethics was read.
- ✓ Ron Washburn read the treasurer's report. Approved.
- ✓ Ron Washburn asked for the Executive Committee to run a yearly audit of club funds.
- ✓ 50/50 raffle was held today – winner was Herb Griffis.
- ✓ Randy Woolbright gave a webmaster's report – asked for new articles to publish

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- ✓ William Purkey asked for members to list their detector makes for sharing information with club members
- ✓ Mac McAtee discussed FMDAC memberships
- ✓ Kent Riddle discussed a possible upcoming Southside hunt site, maybe for a June search
- ✓ Guest Speaker Craig Koretoff discussed his previous gold panning experiences in California, Colorado and North Carolina as well as what situations could be expected at the upcoming club gold panning hunt.
Craig is the 2007 World Open Gold Panning Champion.
- ✓ William Purkey reminded the group of the April 30th hunt/cookout

New Business:

- ✓ Steve Kelton gave a medal detecting lecture at the Temple of Emanuel
- ✓ William Purkey discussed upcoming amendments to the bylaws for voting next meeting. They include:
 - 1) special projects liaison
 - 2) Officers term of 1 year
 - 3) Official naming of the committee members as "Executive Committee"
- ✓ William Purkey asked for discussion on looking for a larger meeting place. At this time, Golden Corral will suffice.
- ✓ William Purkey would like for the Executive Committee to try to attend meetings early for any pre-meeting discussions necessary.

Open mike....

- ✓ It was noted we have lots of club patches available for \$2 each

Meeting closing remarks:

- ✓ Next month's meeting will be held in High Point on April 30th beginning at 10:00 am. A short meeting will be held before the hunt. Directions will be sent to members by email.
- ✓ The club cookout at our shelter is scheduled to begin at 12:00 pm. You can continue hunting after lunch if you wish.

Secretary additional Notes:

None

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Gilliam
Secretary ONSD

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Mac's Civil War Bullet

by Mac McAtee

This is an old house brick with a Confederate Civil War bullet strike with the bullet that did the deed. The brick was found in an area where a house may have been in the line of fire during a skirmish. Two weeks after finding the brick on the site, I was detecting about 75 feet away from it's location and struck the bullet with my machine. I took the bullet over to the pile of brick and tried the bullet in the hole and it fit like a glove. Flat spots on the bullet match flat spots in the brick, a finger print with the finger so to speak. Mac



ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND 240TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION - MAY 14-16 2011

The new exhibit and refurbished displays will be unveiled at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, following a seminar scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at nearby historic Brick Church.

The seminar, entitled *The Battle of Alamance: A Historical and Archaeological Reassessment*, will feature Marjoleine Kars (tentatively), Dr. Carole Troxler, and Dr. Lawrence Babits as guest speakers.

We want to extend an invitation to you and your membership to the seminar and exhibit dedication. Of course, you all are welcome to come at any time during the three days and enjoy the numerous planned activities, including living history demonstrations of 18th-century domestic and military life.

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Treasurer's Report as of March 26, 2011 Ronald R Washburn Treasurer

Starting Balance	Credits	Debits	\$262.20
FMDAC dues paid for 2 members		10.00	252.20
New member dues	110.00		362.20
New member FMDAC dues	10.00		372.20
50/50 split	26.00		398.20
Donation from member	6.00		404.20
Ending Balance			\$404.20

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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NOTICE...NOTICE...NOTICE

The next regularly scheduled club meeting will be held in High Point starting at a special time of 10:00 am on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Members have been emailed driving directions.

After a short ONSD club meeting, members will be free to hunt in the designated secret area until the shelter rental time expires at 3 pm.

There will be a cookout at noon for those wanting to eat lunch, but you are free to continue hunting if you wish.

Here's a look at the ONSD Banner poles which were constructed by Steve Moloney and donated for use by the club at events.



Monthly Meeting Time & Location

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 which includes an embroidered hat. FMDAC membership is available through the club at a reduced rate of \$5.00 per person, per year. Guests are welcome.

The ONSD Club is on

www.youtube.com/user/onsdclub



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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