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The President's Corner

by William Purkey

Hello, ONSD Members,

The club is enjoying an exciting year. Thanks to Jim Spivey, Mac McAtee, and their committees, ONSD will have a booth at GenFest 2012, being held on June 2, which focuses on the history, genealogy, and culture of the Piedmont. The club will also be at the Family History Fair in Raleigh on August 11. The Raleigh fair is sponsored by the Heritage Research Center. Thanks to our dedicated members, ONSD is developing an outstanding reputation as a responsible and talented organization.

The club is also enjoying a fun year. The white elephant auction will take place at the conclusion of the April 28 meeting, and a seeded hunt and picnic are scheduled for May 26. There is talk of a Myrtle Beach hunt and a return to the Cotton Patch Gold Mine. Members are also having fun returning valuables to their owners. Two club members will receive their Golden Detector Award at the April 28 meeting.

There is a growing (and I mean growing) concern regarding a suitable meeting place. We are quickly outpacing the space of our meeting room at the Madison Lindsay House. Please be thinking of another location, such as a church, Boy Scout lodge, VFW, AmVets, Marine Reserve, American Legion, Subdivision clubhouses, libraries, and public meeting rooms. The Club needs your suggestions, otherwise we'll be meeting under a bridge on I-40.

Happy Hunting.

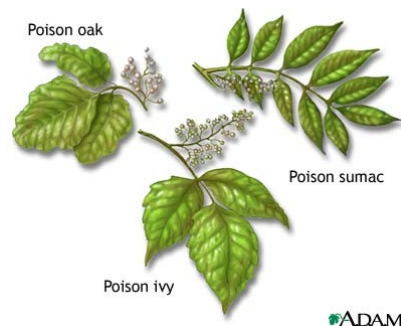
William Purkey
ONSD President

BE AWARE OUT THERE!

It's that time to be on the lookout while in the woods metal detecting with friends or family.

Only the oil (urushiol) from poison ivy, oak, or sumac plants can cause a rash (allergic contact dermatitis).

Learn to recognize these plants as they may look different depending on the season and the area where they are growing. While their appearance changes with the seasons, the plants usually contain the same amount of urushiol year-round, even in the winter, when they only appear as bare sticks. Black areas on the plants may help you identify them in the winter (urushiol turns black when exposed to air). Never handle these plants without vinyl gloves. Heavy clothing (long pants, long sleeves, enclosed footwear) may help prevent the oil from contacting your skin. Clothing or any other object that has touched the plant must be handled carefully and washed thoroughly. Products such as Tecnu or Zanfel are designed to remove the plant oil from your skin. Barrier creams and lotions can also be used to prevent the oil from contacting the skin or to reduce the severity of a reaction.



If you suspect that your skin has touched poison ivy, oak, or sumac, rinse the area with cold water immediately (within 10 to 15 minutes) to help prevent a reaction. Most of the oil is absorbed into the skin within 30 minutes. Clothing should also be thoroughly washed right away. Contaminated surfaces should be cleaned with rubbing alcohol. So, be aware out there!

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Minutes of ONSD Meeting – March 31, 2012

Attendance:

Jerry Gilliam, William Purkey, Jim Spivey, Mac McAtee, Bob Fenstermacher
 Randy Woolbright, Ron Washburn, Christine Forrest, Gail Sheffield, Bill Bookout
 Tim Pierce, Becky Craddock, Jeffery Blackburn, Bob Grazioso, Mike Beck
 John Young, David Payne, Alan Kitts

New Attendees/Members:

M. Lassiter
 Tracy Smith
 Irene Kittrell
 Ken and Sharon Key
 John Cutrell (joined)

Old Business:

- William Purkey called the meeting to order at 9:00am
- The ONSD Code of Ethics was read by Bob Fenstermacher
- The treasurer's report was read and approved
- 50/50 raffle was held today, won by Bill Bookout and he donated \$20 back to the club hunt. Club proceeds of \$30.50
- Club donated \$35 to fix the Club banner.
- Randy Woolbright gave a webmaster's report
- No Sergeant at Arms report
- William Purkey discussed the Mendenhall Fair, GenFest, and working with the Greensboro Police Department.
- By-Law amendment approved for wording change
- No Secretary's report

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New Business:

- 4/28 – White Elephant auction, proceeds to club hunt prize fund
- 5/26 – Club Hunt (seeded)
- Thom Metz had an article in Western & Eastern Treasures May issue on finds at the Girl Scout campgrounds

Open discussion:

- Bring and Brag – Robert Underwood and Jeffery Blackburn
- Meeting adjourned at 10:10am

Meeting closing remarks:

- Thanks to Jim Spivey for bringing Coffee and Donuts
- Jim Spivey noted that we are getting many new people expressing interest in the club. It was noted that only 'active' members with current dues and release forms are allowed to participate in club hunts. Guests are allowed to attend and observe, but may not participate in the use of a metal detector on any hunt.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the ONSD will be at 9:00 am on May 26 at Shelter #5 at Oak Hollow Lake in High Point. This is the same location as our last seeded hunt back on Oct 1, 2011. Directions will be on the website [Calendar of Events](#) page.

Secretary additional Notes:

None

Respectfully submitted:

Jerry Gilliam
 Secretary ONSD

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Photos of a colonial period Adze tool recently preserved that was dug in March 2012 at an early cabin still standing in Alamance County, NC.

Robert Underwood



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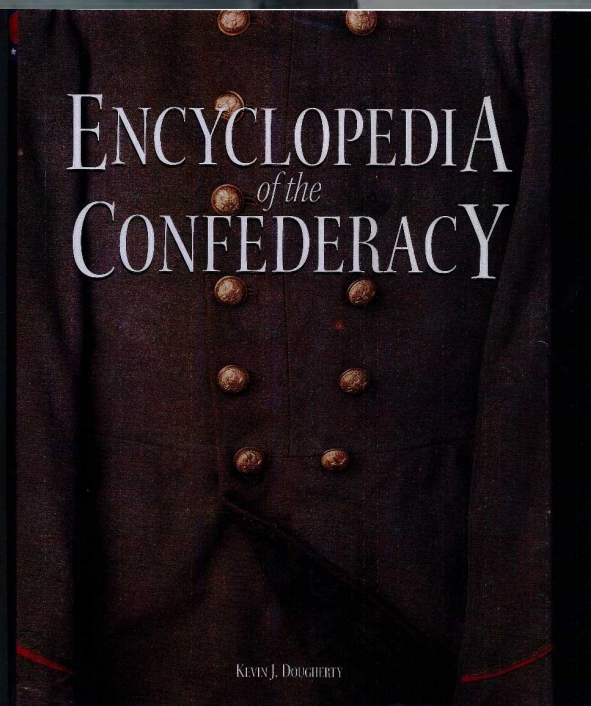
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MORE FINDS FROM THE AREA

My relic hunting partner, Brent Beville, forwarded a photo of his best find last year in McLeansville, NC. He excavated a early militia sword from the Buffalo Creek area with a Garrett 250. --Robert Underwood



I scanned the cover of the book on the right by Kevin J. Dougherty (2010). It has a C.S.A. Frock coat worn by Rockingham County's son, Lieut. Eugene Morehead - 55th NC Regiment, son of John Motley Morehead (Eden, NC). The buttons are General Staff Union Staff (Eagle wings turned up with U.S. Shield in center). Evidently he could not get CSA-made buttons for his uniform yet. Compare these buttons with the one I dug at the Crowder Site Inn, Wentworth, NC. The coat is now in the Museum of the Confederacy (Richmond, VA)

Robert Underwood



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TREASURER'S REPORT
AS OF APRIL 5, 2012

RONALD R WASHBURN
TREASURER

Starting Balance	Credits	Debits	\$889.07
Membership Dues	60.00		949.07
50/50	30.50		979.57
Rent Collected	50.10		1029.67
Donations	20.00		1049.67
Banner Adjustment		-35.00	1014.67
Rent		-50.00	964.67
Purchase prizes for seeded hunt		-100.00	864.67
Ending Balance			864.67

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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The next club meeting will be held on
Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 9 am.

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ONSD website for the latest
news and events info?

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ONSD-TV at**



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 Mendenhall Plantation Annex building located at 603 West Main Street in Jamestown, NC. At times, meetings may be held at the hunt sites. Check the ONSD website [Calendar of Events](#) page for the latest information.

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. Guests are welcome.

ONSD Club Officers

President - William Purkey
Vice-President - Becky Craddock
Secretary - Jerry Gilliam
Treasurer - Ron Washburn
Sergeant at Arms - Thom Metz
Special Projects Liaison - Mac McAtee
Editor/Webmaster - Randy Woolbright

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