



Greensboro, North Carolina

# Club Newsletter

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### The President's Corner by William Purkey

Hello, ONSD Diggers,

Many metal detecting clubs around the United States have community service projects. They collect soup labels, pull tabs, sinkers, foreign coins, scrap metal, and other items that can be donated to worthy causes. They also volunteer to present programs to schools and community groups.

I think our club would benefit from a public service project. One idea I have is to work with visually impaired people and teach them how to use metal detectors. Metal detecting is primarily a listening hobby.

Please be thinking of ways that our club can be of service to the community. I think we have a moral responsibility to give back to the community what it has given us.

Let me know your ideas.  
Happy Hunting.  
William



See William's latest article in the current issue of:

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TREASURES  
MAGAZINE**

### WHAT CAN SMARTPHONES DO ?

Smartphones enable today's metal detectorists to carry a device that not only makes phone calls, but can provide a GPS device to track and store locations, a camera to record the event by photo or HD movie, email a friend or a group with photos attached, and a recorder to store an audio clip of an event without the typing.

Taking care of the device in the field is as simple as using an "OtterBox" enclosure or equivalent, which effectively shields the unit against day to day bumps and drops. Use of a protective cover is highly recommended due to the cost of having a Smartphone replaced for physical damage.

Specific metal detecting apps such as Minelab's "Treasure Tracking", and "Metal Detecting Organizer" are available for the iphones. Android unit programs are in development. All these programs enable you to track, label, identify, and share your finds.

Used for business or pleasure, a Smartphone is a wise investment in its ability to manage your emails away from the office and also look at aerial maps of search areas when out with your favorite detector.

In time, there will be more apps introduced and more opportunity to find additional uses in the area of metal detecting.

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## Minutes of ONSD Meeting – July 28, 2012

### In Attendance:

Jim Spivey, Mac McAtee, Jeffrey Blackburn, Miles Miciotto, David Payne  
John Young, Jeremy T Brown Sr, Jackie Dollar, Tracy Smith, Tim Pierce  
Skylar Craddock, Becky Craddock, Robert Underwood, Bill Bookout, Bob Grazioso  
Ken Kirk, T.E. Metz, Ron Washburn, William Purkey, Randy Woolbright

William Purkey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library located at 1420 Price Park Road in Greensboro, NC.

Guests visiting with us today were welcomed:

Shane White (joined as member)  
Jerry Dorsett (joined as member)  
Timothy Cummings  
Pam Cummings

The ONSD Code of Ethics was read by Robert Underwood.

### Old Business:

- The treasurer's report was given by Ron Washburn and approved.
- The Newsletter/Website/Facebook/Twitter report was given by Randy Woolbright. Members were asked to submit some articles of interest for publication in the Newsletter.
- The Village Fair at Mendenhall Plantation was held on July 21st. Jim Spivey reported it was a huge success. Jim, Mac McAtee and Robert Underwood also provided displays for the booth.
- William reported the club should probably confine its activities such as fairs and booths in the future to our local area in order not to over-extend the club's resources.
- The Best Find competition is ongoing. Members were urged to keep all their finds and bring them to the club meeting on September 29th when judging will be held. The First Place award is a Mexican silver coin.
- Local area author Julia Ebel will give a presentation at the club meeting on August 25th to discuss local area and Jamestown, NC history. Her books will be available for purchase.

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#### New Business:

- The club had an opening for the Secretary position. The Nominating Committee chairman, Ken Kirk, reported that Robert Underwood had accepted their nomination and was elected ONSD Club Secretary by voice vote.
- The club had been notified by an individual who lost a ring in his backyard area. The owner will be contacted and a hunt set up in September. Directions will be emailed to club members after the property owner approves a date for the hunt. Finds will be the property of the land owner unless otherwise informed.

#### Open Mic:

- Robert Underwood invited all members to attend the August 11th Open House of the Museum & Archives of Rockingham County (MARC) from 10 am - 4 pm.
- Robert also brought in several display articles and photos about the Confederate treasure buried near McLeansville, NC and other items of interest.
- Jim Spivey said the ONSD patches are back in stock and to see him if you didn't receive one along with a cap when joining. He also mentioned William's article will be out in Western & Eastern Treasures magazine this coming month.
- Jeremy Brown advised members to frequent the website in order to keep our viewing numbers up, resulting in being listed at the top, making it easier for prospective members or those needing lost items recovered to contact the club. Jeremy also displayed a program on his iPad tablet entitled "Metal Detecting Organizer", which can keep track of your finds, including photos and maps, personal information, and compare photographs of known coins to what you have recovered. Jeremy also mentioned other areas of interest the club can broaden its scope into, such as gem hunting and rock hounding.
- Miles Miciotto brought in a U.S. Calvary Civil War belt buckle for display.
- Bill Bookout asked if a member list was available to be sent to members. After some discussion, it was decided to send out a list with name, city and email address.
- Jim Spivey noted that Google Images has the first picture of the ONSD club posted.
- Jeffrey Blackburn advised the club he had found a pewter button in SC and was researching it. Recovered at the same site were pottery pieces, twenty flat buttons, three coins, two of which were 1770 British Copper Farthings, and the third a 1790 U.S. Mint Large Cent.

#### Reminders:

- Members were encouraged to be on the lookout for new places to hunt and submit some articles to be published in the newsletter and website.
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am

#### Submitted by:

Randall Woolbright  
Acting ONSD Secretary



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### My First Silver Coin by Rodney Joslin

I recently went to Harrisburg, PA for a one-week business trip and decided to drive, in order to take my detector along, just in case. On Tuesday, I was talking to a co-worker who asked why didn't I fly up. When I told him about wanting to detect a couple of other co-workers properties which were built in the late 1800's, he mentioned his house was built in 1858. He has owned it for twenty-five years. Asking if I could detect there, he said a co-worker of his wife had searched the area about six years ago. That detectorist thought that someone else must have gone over it already because he did not find a thing. I said it didn't matter to me if I found anything; I just enjoy the time hunting and would like the opportunity. He said it would have to be Wednesday after work. Wednesday morning when we saw each other, he said "oh, by the way, I also own the cabin next door which was built in 1795". It had been purchased about four years ago. Now I am even more excited about the chance to search this location.

Arriving at his house around 6:30 pm, there was a large back yard including what may have been a horse barn in the very back and a fair-sized side yard. I walked in the back gate and felt that was a good place to start working my way across the yard. Turning on my White's MXT Pro, I took two steps, and got a good signal, digging to find a 1951 Wheat Penny within a couple of minutes of starting my hunt. What a way to quickly see there was potential at this site! I continued working the area over the next couple of hours. The property has a lot of iron. I dug quite a bit of it just to be sure it was junk. I was getting tired and the sun was going down, but didn't want to stop. I was making my way back and forth when I heard another good signal, dug it, and found an old thimble. Before filling in the hole, I ran the detector over it again and there was another good signal. I took another handful of dirt out and there was an 1862 Indian Head Penny. I had worked just over half-way across the yard and had not even made it to the cabin yet. It was about 9 pm when I sat down with my co-worker and his wife to show them what I found. They said I could come back Thursday after work to finish.

I arrived Thursday at about 5:30 pm and decided to start behind the cabin. Unfortunately, sixty percent of the back yard was filled with 10 inch deep gravel to make a parking lot (the cabin is rented to businesses). I found some matchbox cars along the back walk and a lot of junk near the far end building (a horse barn?). I decided to go back to the house and continue working my way back. About 7 pm I got a good signal, dug, and pulled out a silver piece about the size of a dime, only thinner. It was well worn. I could not make out a date and could only read a few letters and the word HISPAN. I put it in my pocket and continued on. I was there until dark again. The



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only other items of interest recovered were a horseshoe that was different from others I have found, as it was flat and wide in the front, and an old spring, probably from a carriage.

The property owners were shown the finds and told I would research the worn coin more (my only guess at that time was Mexican). Returning later to the hotel room, I was able to examine the coin closer and found it is a ½ Spanish Reale. The letters on it indicate being minted in Mexico City between 1772 and 1777. I am very excited about this find and even though its value in this condition is \$10-15, it is priceless to me!

Happy Hunting.

PS: Did you happen to note that each significant find was about 90 years older than the one before it?



Back of 1795 cabin



Possible stable behind cabin

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### A Day Out With Dad In Tyrrell County, NC By Becky Craddock

My dad and I were in Gum Neck, which is located in Tyrrell County, NC. It was really hot and we had been fighting the rain all weekend long. Bugs, mosquitoes, chiggers, dragon flies, wild bear, and wild turkey were our only companions.

This is near the coast on some property owned by our relatives. We were on the shore line but could not get our metal detectors to that area due to the rain and sloppy conditions. We had to watch our step, while jumping mud holes. It wasn't safe to be carrying anything in hand because of the terrain.

This particular piece of property has not been a home for anyone over the last 60 years other than my cousin and the timber company a few years back.

We decided to do some searching in an area where the timber had been cleared and could see a place where the land was raised. It looked like where a road had once been.

We each picked a spot and got busy...

We found lots of farming equipment, but NO real "trash"...

I was in the area that looked like it was once the old road and my detector started beeping "pull tab". I debated on whether or not to dig. I thought to myself "I don't think pull tabs were around much 60 years ago", so I went ahead and decided to dig...

Glad I did, because I found a cute little bell. Honestly, I have not researched it, so I can't tell you much of anything about it.

At the end of the day, the bell was the most interesting item my dad and I had recovered.

Also found were three shotgun shells, including two Remington and one Winchester. These were researched and found to be about 100 years old. Cool, huh?!



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**TREASURER'S REPORT  
AS OF AUGUST 20, 2012**

**RONALD R WASHBURN  
TREASURER / KAYAK FISHERMAN**



Starting Balance	Credits	Debits	\$800.24
Income - 2 patches sold	2.00		802.24
Income - 2 new memberships/after mid-year	30.00		832.24
Donation	5.00		837.24
Expenses		0.00	837.24
Ending Balance			\$837.24

### 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.

Robert Underwood was elected at the last meeting to fill the vacant position as Secretary of the Old North State Detectorists. Robert brings many years of metal detecting experience to the club. He also serves on the board at the Museum & Archives of Rockingham County located in Wentworth, NC.

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

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The next club meeting will be held on  
Saturday, August 25, 2012 at 9 am.

Meeting location, driving directions, and  
weather forecast

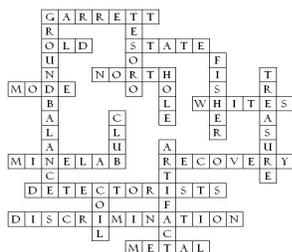
For driving directions to the next hunt,  
be sure to check the ONSD website  
[Calendar of Events](#) pages.

Click on the interactive map, enter your  
address, and directions will be dis-  
played along with an option to print  
them out to take along with you.

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### Monthly Meeting Time & Location

The Old North State Detectorists meet at 9:00 am on the last Saturday of each month at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library Community Room located at 1420 Price Park Road in Greensboro, NC.

Occasionally, a club meeting may be held at the hunt site. 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 - Robert Underwood  
Treasurer - Ron Washburn  
Sergeant at Arms - Thom Metz  
Special Projects Liaison - Mac McAtee  
Editor/Webmaster - Randy Woolbright

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