

FEBRUARY 2022 RAMROD

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our club continues to grow, and it is nice to see man new members. We have lots of activities planned for this year, such as our Club Hunts, our annual Relic Show, and other planned activities. However, if you do not attend our club meetings on a regular basis, you may be missing out on other items. Take advantage of these meetings. Not only will you learn from our monthly speakers but also you will see what folks are finding at our monthly Find-of-the-Month meetings, as we as get to socialize with your fellow club members.

We would hope to see everyone get more involved in our various club activities. Let us have your ideas or thoughts on what we can do to make our club more appealing to our members.

CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Here are the dates for our upcoming club events. A reminder note will be posted to club members before each event, or you may go to our club website or Facebook page for additional information.

2022 1st Quarter Meeting Schedule

- February 1st – business meeting
 - 2021 Find of the Year Selection
 - Buy – Sell – Trade – Swap meeting
- February 15th – general meeting
 - Find of the month meeting for February finds
- March 1st – business meeting
 - Guest Speaker – Steve Strickland on Civil War buttons
- March 15th – business meeting
 - Find of the Month (March Finds)

IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION

It should be noted that currently, our area is seeing an increase in COVID cases, so we ask members coming to the meeting to please follow standard COVID instructions. Additionally, we ask if anyone who is running a temperature or not feeling well to please refrain from coming to the meeting so as to not possibly affect others (remember – we have many seniors in our club who are most at risk to the virus).

CLUB DUES REMINDER FOR 2022

Club dues for 2022 will continue to be \$10 per person – those 75 and older will continue to receive free membership.

Please see the club treasurer to pay your dues, or mail them to:

NGRHA
P/O Box 503
Marietta, Ga. 30061

2021 FIND OF THE YEAR MONTHLY WINNERS

As noted in our calendar of events, our February 1st meeting will be our 2021 Find of the Year meeting. To be eligible to win, you must be present at this meeting and still in possession of the item that won for single coin or single relic so it can be displayed and voted on by club members present at this meeting.

SINGLE RELIC

MONTH	WINNING ENTRY	FOUND BY
January	GMI coat button	Steve Cowart
February	Eagle Breastplate	Hannah Martin
March	Apothecary weight from early-mid 1800s; used to measure medicine	
April	Eagle I cuff button (with Guild)	Dana Riddle
May	Model 1840 Sword Pummell	Dana Riddle
June	Hotkiss Shell (Nose)	Brad Leatherwood
July	Cast I button	Dana Riddle
August	Allen Wheelock bullet	Ed Travis
September	Bajo Show	Jim Martin
October	Carved Bullet	Ed Travis
November	Louisianan Coat Button	Ed Travis
December	Shell Fragment	Anna Wing

SINGLE COIN

MONTH	WINNING ENTRY	FOUND BY
January	no entry	no entry
February	1818 Large Cent	Bill Gilmore
March	1818 Large Cent	
April	1865 Indian Head Penny	Carl Dimare
May	no entry	no entry
June	no entry	no entry
July	1923 Peace Dollar	Ed Travis
August	no entry	no entry
September	Silver Dime	Anna Wing
October	Roosevelt Silver Dime	Carl DiMare
November	1898 Barber Dime	Ray McMahan
December	no entries	no entries

BUY – SEEL – TRADE – SWAP MEETING

As noted in the club calendar, our December 7th meeting will be a combined business meeting and a Buy-Sell-Trade-Swap meeting. However, **you cannot bring modern weapons** to this event (it is against the policy of the Church, which is allowing us to use their facilities for our club meetings).

We ask that you limit items you bring to those relating to our hobby – that is; relics, coins, books, prints that other club members may wish to have in their “collections”.

JANUARY RAFFLE PRICE WINNERS

Raffle Prize - At each meeting, we will have a raffle (\$0.50 per ticket) with two or three choices for the winner of the raffle to select. These items may include (but not limited too) Civil War Breastplates, Box plates, Bayonets, Union and Confederate buttons, artillery shells, Civil War reference books, silver coins, and more. All attending the meeting may purchase raffle tickets.

- At our January 4th meeting, Daryl Houston won a Breastplate found in Arkansas Post
- At our January 18th meeting, Ben Martin won an Eagle Breastplate.

JANUARY FIND OF THE MONTH WINNERS

- Single Relic – Carl Sitherwood with a 10lb Parrott Shell
- Multiple Relics – Carl Sitherwood with miscellaneous relics and a 12 lb Borman Shell.
- Single Coin – no entries
- Multiple Coins – no entries
- Jewelry and Miscellaneous – Carl DiMare won with a gold star pin and diamond pin





ATLANTA CIVIL WAR PICTURES

Atlanta, Ga. Confederate palisades and chevaux-de-frise near Potter house]



Atlanta, Georgia. Confederate fortifications (Shown is George N. Barnard, photographer and his dark room)



COIN CORNER

One of the most scarce coins, the Confederate half dollar was produced at the New Orleans Mint when taken over by the Confederacy. There are only four originals and none have changed hands in many years. Confederate Secretary of the Treasury Christopher G. Memminger ordered the Mint to prepare a new design for a half dollar in April 1861. The engraver, August Patterson, retained the obverse US 1861 die captured with the mint but created new reverse which featured the Confederate shield, an Liberty cap, and Wreaths of sugan canes and cotton encircled by 'CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA' and 'HALF DOL'.

In Mid-April, four proofs were struck by screw press. One of the coins went to Memminger, one to a mint melter and refiner, one to a local doctor, and the fourth went to Jeff Davis. Amazingly, all four coins can be accounted for today, with three being in private hands. Jeff Davis' coin did not turn up until 1930 coming from a man whose father purchased it from a Union soldier (possible one who guarded Davis). One coin is in the American Numismatic Society.

What would one be worth today? One can only wonder, but it would most likely be an enormous amount.



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CIVIL WAR SOLDIER RESEARCH

If you have a Civil War ancestor that you wish to have more information about (ie; personal information relating to the soldier), then bring your request to the club's board. The club has access to some Civil War databases (which the club has paid for with a yearly subscription) and one of the benefits of being a club member is that we can do research to find information on Civil War soldiers (Union and Confederate).

CLUB WEB SITE

The club web site can be viewed at the following address:

WWW.NGRHA.COM

This site is continually updated with club-related information, so we encourage you to visit the site to learn about the latest club activities and events.

CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE

More club information can be found on the club's Facebook site. This site not only includes information on club activities, but also a variety of information regarding the Civil War and articles of interest relating to history and our hobby.

You can subscribe to our site on Facebook by going to our page at:

North Georgia Relic Hunters Association

You can also make posts to this page with anything that you think will be of interest to other club members – including online articles and information from other Facebook sites.

Happy Hunting !!!