

MARCH 2023 RAMROD

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.

- March 7th – business meeting
 - Presentation – Paul Mason on 17th and 18th century clay pipes.
- March 21st – business meeting
 - March find of the month meeting
- April 4th – business meeting
 - Metal Detector and Pin-pointer demonstration
- April 18th - business meeting
 - April Find of the Month meeting
- May 2nd – business meeting
 - Presentation – Jim Hammonds on personal items identified to Civil War Soldiers.
- May 16th – business meeting
 - May Find of the Month meeting
- June 6th – business meeting
 - Presentation – Roy Thompson on beach hunting detecting tips.
- June 20th – business meeting
 - June Find of the Month meeting

Note: if you would like to do a presentation at a club meeting, please let us know.

YEARLY DUES

It's that time of the year. The dues for the club remain at \$10 per year. Please see Jim Hammonds (Club Treasurer) to pay your dues or mail them to the club at:

NGRHA
PO Box 503
Marietta, Ga. 30061

Dues must be paid by March 21st meeting for you to be considered an active club member for 2023 – and thus eligible to participate in upcoming club activities (this includes our spring hunt in April).

SPRING CLUB HUNT

For those waiting for the club's Spring Hunt, scheduled for this coming Saturday - April 22nd - the wait is over

To participate in the club hunt:

- you must have attended one club meeting in 2023
- you must have signed up for the hunt at a club meeting
- your dues must be paid before the hunt. You cannot pay for your yearly dues at the hunt.

The hunt will start at 10AM, so we need for folks to be there no later than 9:30 so we can ensure all are signed in (and have paid their hunt fees) and so we can then give instructions about the hunt.

- **The fee for the hunt is \$20.** Children under 13 are free as long as they are accompanied by a paying adult family member that is participating in the hunt.
- All hunt fees must be paid before we can start the hunt
- we will start the hunt exactly at 10AM, so if arrive after that time we will already be in the field hunting for prizes and tokens

When the hunt has ended, any token for prizes that are found out in the field or that have not been turned in will become null and void.

No prizes will be given out until the hunt has ended.

If the member cannot stay until the hunt ends, you will have to forfeit your prize tokens or find someone who can turn them in at the end of the hunt for the appropriate prize.

additionally,

- you must sign a waiver (since we are on private property) at the beginning of the hunt
- you must cover your holes when digging for a prize token or actual relic
 - you will not need large shovels as items are buried close to the surface.
- you must ear headphones during the hunt. Due to the number of folks participating in the hunt, and the close area everyone will be in during the hunt, you must wear the headphones as it will be less distraction on other club members.

FEBRUARY 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 February 7th meeting, Kris Freeman won a Bayonet



- At our February 21st meeting, Ben Martin won a display case with a collection of Mercury Dimes.



FEBRUARY FIND OF THE MONTH

For the month of May, here are the winners for the find of the month.

- Single Relic – Cathy Granger with a Carbine Sling Buckle
- Multiple Relics – Levi Camp with riker of miscellaneous relics (dropped and pulled bullets, etc.) including a New York Excelsior Button
- Single Coin – Levi Camp with an 1863 Civil War Token
- Multiple Coins – no entries
- Jewelry / Miscellaneous – Cathy Granger with a ladies brooch neck pin

Pictures of the Find of the Month winning item (as selected by club members).





2022 FIND OF THE YEAR RESULTS

Our February 7th meeting was our 2022 Find of the Year meeting. Here are the winners for the 2022 Single Relic and Single Coin entries.

For Single Relic – Carl Sitherwood won for his find of a 7-inch Dyer shell.



For Single Coin – William Dorris won for his find of a 1936 Walking Liberty Half Dollar.



ARTILLERY SHELL FOUND AT GETTYSBURG

Officials at Gettysburg National Military Park briefly closed off roads near a much-visited area of the battlefield Wednesday after someone found an unexploded artillery shell.

Authorities documented the unexploded ordinance in the vicinity of Little Round Top an area of the Pennsylvania battlefield that saw heavy fighting on the second day of the three-day Civil War battle. That portion of the battlefield is currently undergoing a massive rehabilitation project that seeks to address “overwhelmed” parking areas, erosion and accessibility issues and other potential safety hazards, the National Park Service reported.

Upon finding the shell, park officials contacted the 55th Ordnance Disposal Company EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) team from the US Army base of Fort Belvoir, VA. EOD officials “safely” removed the shell and destroyed it off-site, but not before cleaning it so that park officials could document the stunning find.



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).

PICTURES OF KENNESAW

The following picture, from the Library of Congress, show views taken from Little Kennesaw Mountain sometime after the battle.



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 to 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:



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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.

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF COBB COUNTY

Another organization that you may be interested in joining is the Civil War Round Table of Cobb County. This organization meets the 1st Thursday of each month (except for July and August) at the Marietta Hilton Hotel.

As stated in the organization's bylaws, the purpose of this organization is:

- TO cultivate and preserve Civil War heritage of Georgia and to broaden the understanding of the Civil War era and its impact on our nation.
- TO explore the many facets of the Civil War from the battlefield to first-person narratives, including lectures by writers and historians and to encourage travel to locations linked to the Civil War.
- TO support historical projects and activities aimed at increasing awareness and appreciation of our Civil War history through sponsorship of various educational programs.

This club's next meeting will be March 2nd starting at 7PM at the Marietta Hilton Hotel

You can learn more about this organization by visiting the Facebook group page.

MARIETTA / SMYRNA COIN CLUB

If you are interested in coin collecting, another organization that you may be interested in joining is the Marietta / Smyrna Coin Club. This club meets once a month at the FOP lodge on Austell Road in Marietta, Ga.

There meeting are generally the 3rd Saturday of each month, starting at 3PM.

Their next meeting will be Saturday, March 18th at the FOP lodge on Austell Road (where our club use to meet in the past).