

OCTOBER 2020 RAMROD

CLUB MEETINGS AND COVID

Since we are still under orders from the Governor in regard to the COVID situation, we ask that all who attend observe the guidelines that have been put in place - including maintaining social distances of 6 feet apart (especially when looking at finds or in buying raffle tickets) and wear facial masks. The gym will allow us to spread out more, so this will help with the social distancing.

Please keep in mind that we have a number of elderly members and that you consider wearing a mask if possible for their safety.

We will bring a bottle of hand sanitizer to the meeting so folks can use it whenever they touch something.

Again, if you are not feeling well, or if you have been around someone who has the virus (thus exposing you to the virus) please remain home so as to not possibly spread the virus to others in the club. Remember, we have a number of individuals who are considered in the "high-risk" category, so please be considerate of them.

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.

- October 6th – business meeting
- October 20th – find of the month meeting
- November 3rd – business meeting
 - Nomination of 2021 club officers may be submitted
- November 17th – find of the month meeting
 - Nominations of 2021 club officers may be submitted
- December 1st – business meeting
 - Election of club officers for 2021
- December 15th – Club's Christmas Party

On the **first meeting of each month** we try to have a speaker to give a talk on subjects of interest to our members. Many times, these talks are given by the members of the club but we often try to bring in guests who have a specialty area to share.

- For our October 6th meeting, Carl Sitherwood will give a presentation on Civil War Artillery.

The **second meeting of each month** is dedicated to the “Find of the Month”. This is an opportunity for each member to bring in items that they have personally found since the last Find of the Month.

Here are the club rules for find of the month entries:

1. You must be a club member before the Find of the Month meeting date to enter an item.
2. Items that are submitted for find of the month are subject to board approval.
3. Items found to be ineligible for judging will be removed from the table.
4. Items submitted are for items recovered after the last month’s contest.
5. Items should be mostly dug items but an item that has been found by sight can qualify.
6. Items must be old in nature
7. Items found must be found by the person entering the items.
8. You can only enter once in each category.
9. Person bringing in an item is responsible to sign-in the item
10. The board can request an item be relisted in a different category if the board sees fit.
11. Items should be placed on the table after being signed in.
12. Place item on table according to its category and number sequence.
13. Person bringing items are responsible for items well-being; including, picking the item up at the end of the meeting.

Members vote for their favorite in each category. The winner of the single relic and single coin can then be entered into the Find of the Year event; which will be held January meeting of the upcoming year.

Here are the winning entries at our September find of the month meeting:

- Single Relic – William Dorris with a borman shell fragment
- Multiple Relic – William Dorris with a riker containing buttons, bullets, j-hooks, camp lead and shell fragments.
- Single Coin – Lynn King with an 1865 Indian Head Penny
- Multiple Coins – William Dorris with silver Kennedy Half Dollars and Wheat Pennies
- Jewelry/Miscellaneous – no entries

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, and more. All attending the meeting may purchase raffle tickets.

- At our September 1st meeting, Rod Hall won a 12-pound solid shot cannonball.
- At our September 15th meeting, William Dorris won a Confederate Script I Button.

Door Prizes - Each attending club member is also entitled to a door prize ticket, where winning numbers are pulled for various items (such as book, bottles, pictures, relics, coins, and other items). Only club members who are at the meeting can participate in the door prize drawings.

SEPTEMBER 26TH CLUB HUNT RESULTS

We held our Club Hunt at Darrel Shipp's property on Saturday, September 26th. There were 39 folks who attended the hunt. After the hunt, we had a cookout (hamburgers, chips, drinks, and desserts) and then awarded prizes to those who found tokens in the field.

Here are the items that were buried in the field (some of the items were in the form of tokens):

Description	qt
Miscellaneous Relic Items	
harmonica reeds	10
pocket knives	7
trigger guard assembly	1
stirrup	2
rifle barrel bands	3
gun tools	5
bridle ring assembly	1
rifle hammer	1
toe taps	4
old spoons	7
rope tent adjuster	1
oil wick assemblies	4
squeeze box reeds	10
bridle rings	7
reins holders	2
blanket roll shields	2
j hooks	5
claw hooks	3
j hook triangle holder	4
large grouments	4
rifle sling adjuster	2
carridge box rivets	20
bridle rings	1
suspender clips	8
iron/brass buckles	32
padlocks	3
rosette	4
umbrella ribs	4
heel plates	3
misc iron/brass items	35
bayonette	1
carridge box - remains	1
complete bayonette scabbard tips	2
saddle shield	2
brass item from saddle	4
bayontee scabbard tip (complete)	1
US Rosette	1
spur	1
period forks	2
shoulder scale in wood case	1

	Subtotal	211
Artwork		
statue of confederate soldier with flag		1
statue of confederate soldier with flag (whar's yanks)		1
Kunstler Painting Gettysburg		1
Print of Battle of Jonesboro		1
Print of Jackson and Lee		1
Print of Charleston Bay & City		1
Jackson Knife on wood stand		1
pecan wood statue - Longstreet		1
pecan wood statue - Bufford		1
	Subtotal	9
Plates		
US plate - skin only		1
Breastplate - Turkey Creek, Tn.		1
Jeff Davis Hat Pin (remains)		1
US box plate from Mobile (partial)		1
	Subtotal	4
Buttons		
Eagle C coat button - non dug		2
Eagle C cuff button - non dug		2
Mass coat - non dug		1
Block A button - no back		1
Eagle I one piece button - non dug		1
Eagle I cuff button - non dug		1
eagle D cuff buttons		4
US 1812 buttons		2
navy button		2
Navy Coat buton - non dug		1
Rhode Island Coat - dug		1
coin/flat buttons		10
non-dug college buttons		10
Eagle cuff - dug		14
Eagle coat buttons - dug		20
	Subtotal	72
BULLETS		
dropped minies		100
fired minies		100
dropped enfields		25
fired enfields/gardners		50
fired and dropped carbine bullets		50
small buckshot		30
large buckshot		13
.69 cal round balls		10
fired pistol bullets		10
.69 cal minie balls		5
french tribase bullet - dropped		1
dropped carbine bullets		25
complete spencer bullets		5
Complete Henry Bullets		1
complete burnside		1
musket ball - cold harbor (riker box)		1
Gardner bullet - cold harbor (riker box)		1

Swagged Base - cold harbor (riker box)	1
French Tribase - cold harbor (riker box)	1
Enfield/Pritchett - cold harbor (riker box)	1
.57 base enfield (in riker box)	1
.70 cal minie- cold harbor (riker box)	1
Subtotal	433
Artillery	
shell fragments	50
artillery fuses	3
shell bases	2
pieces of sabot	3
large grapeshot (3 pounds each)	2
medium size grapeshot	8
Subtotal	68
Relic Hunting Items	
Garrette Headphones	1
digging pouch	1
all purpose backback	1
sand scope tool	1
metal detection keeper boxes	2
digging tool	1
Subtotal	7
Books	
Civil War Experience	1
Civil War - Sutherland & Canwell	1
Civil War Guns	1
Bannerman Catalog of Military Goods	1
Turning Points of the Civil War	1
Schaife - March To the Sea	1
Schaife - Campaign for Atlanta	1
3 volume Shelby Foote - Civil War	1
Book - military atlas of the civil war	1
1st year of American Digger magazines	1
Subtotal	10
Currency	
Presidential dollar 8 coin set	2
1968 uncirculated coin set	1
1969 uncirculated coin set	1
proof coin sets	6
1970 proof sets	2
Confederate Bills	3
1970 - 1972 proof coin sets	2
Subtotal	17
Display Cases	
large wooden display case	1
large wooden display case	1
medium wooden display case	2
small wooden display case	1
8 by 12 in riker cases	6
Subtotal	11
Totals	
	quantity

Miscellaneous Relic Items	211
Artwork	9
Plates	4
Buttons	72
Bullets	433
Artillery	68
Relic Hunting Items	7
Books	10
Currency	17
Display Cases	11
Grand Total	842

Of these 842 items, 86 were tokens that were turned in after the hunt for additional prizes.

Of these 842 items, we left 152 relics and 15 tokens in the field. That was an estimate, based on what participants said they recovered. It should be noted that the relics left in the field will be available for someone to find at the next club hunt. The tokens, however, cannot not be redeemed but their associated prizes will be used at next year's hunt (with new token numbers assigned to each prize.

Roy Baker won the raffle prize – a complete Hotchkiss artillery shell.

HOW TO GET PERMISSION TO METAL DETECT

The following information was from an article written by CAROLYN HARWICK
[\(https://www.kellycodetectors.com/pages/ask-permission-metal-detect/\)](https://www.kellycodetectors.com/pages/ask-permission-metal-detect/)

One of the cardinal rules of metal detecting is to always obtain a land owner's permission to search an area (if it's not public property where you know it's allowed), before you start swinging your detector. Metal detecting is not one of those situations where it's better to ask forgiveness than permission. Knowing to ask is one thing, but how do you get permission to metal detect?

Obtaining permission isn't something that you do for only yourself, but for all detectorists. When people choose to trespass, it increases the chances of more regulations and prohibitions being placed on the hobby. Some detectorists find it difficult to ask for permission to search an area, and they find excuses not to do so.

However, it's simpler than you think. The worst thing that can happen is someone saying 'no.' There are plenty of other places to hunt. When you do obtain permission to search, it will make your time much more enjoyable and carefree. Many landowners would love to know more about the history of their property, and what better way to help them find out than metal detecting?

There are some simple rules you can follow to make asking for permission to metal detect easier:

Locate the Owner

The first thing you need to do is locate the owner of the site you want to search. This is important. You can't take the word of someone else (neighbor, children, tenant, etc.) who says the owner won't mind. If you can't talk to the owner for permission, don't hunt the area.

There may be situations where it's hard to **determine who the owner of the property is**, like pieces of land that are not occupied with a home or other buildings. That doesn't mean that they are unowned. If

you are dying to search a piece of land but you don't know who the owner is, a quick trip to your local County Assessor's office should be helpful. You can always try Google first – it's amazing what you can find online.

Finding property land owners is easier than ever these days with **OnXmaps Premium App membership**. This **metal detecting app** works on your phone or Garmin device and will not only show you property lines, but who that land is registered to.

Follow the Rules

Obey any signs or posted instructions you see on a property. In other words, if there is a sign that says to Keep Out, don't go in seeking permission. The answer to your question is posted there for all to see.

Ask Face-to-Face if You Can Metal Detect on Someone's Property

When you do find the owner of the property you want to search, make every effort to ask for permission face-to-face. Someone is more likely to say yes when they can establish a good first impression than when they just hear a voice or read an email. Don't be afraid to knock on doors to ask in-person. Remember, the worst-case scenario is being told no.

Be Considerate When Asking for Permission to Metal Detect

Always ask for permission on the same day you plan on your **metal detecting hunt**, but be mindful of the time. Just because you might be an early riser, doesn't mean that everyone is. Waking someone before they are ready is a sure-fire way to get a negative response.

Introduce yourself and offer contact information if you feel it's appropriate.

Sometimes having a name and phone number or email address makes people feel more comfortable allowing someone they just met onto their property. It's also a good idea to illustrate how you plan on hunting the property and work out what areas are off limits and which are OK to detect. Illustrating proper digging and how you plan on plugging holes often helps a property owner understand that you respect safety and the owner's land.

Leave Your Gear in the Car When You Ask Permission

While **metal detecting as a hobby** is gaining popularity, there are still many people who know nothing about it. A stranger approaching the front door with a weird-looking device and a tool belt that likely has sharp tools, may be a little bit overwhelming to some people. Approach empty-handed and be courteous and polite.

Final Word

Remember to work out an agreement after you are granted permission, just in case you discover something of value and don't end up in a bind. Gaining permission is something that you need to get used to if you want to be able to search in more places. It needn't be something that produces anxiety – just be friendly and straightforward and see what happens.

APPS FOR METAL DETECTING

The following information was from an article written by CAROLYN HARWICK

<https://www.kellycodetectors.com/pages/apps-metal-detecting/>

Metal Detect Using OnX Hunt GPS Maps

It's so important to be aware of property boundaries. Using the [OnX Maps Hunt](#) App shows where these lines are and what type of property you're on. This allows you to **get permission to metal detect** a private property from the landowners and keep away from federal land altogether.

Some federal property is used for conservation, and as such, digging on it is forbidden, even if you are allowed on it during designated times. Other property is used for military training and there aren't always clear signs that exercises are happening until it's too late. Even if there isn't a training exercise going on, you can still end up in a lot of trouble if you are found on military installations without permission.

iSmart Detect for Metal Detecting

[This app](#) is designed to track finds and share them easily with others. When you find something, it's as easy as snapping a picture to record the location. You can then take as many notes as you would like for future reference. It uses Google maps to place markers when you do make a record of the find.

Tect O Track Tracks Your Metal Detecting Finds

For an app that will track the path you walk, the location of finds, and storing pictures of finds with notes, check out [Tect O Track](#). If you have a large permission and want to grid it well over time, the app shows what you've detected previously. You can even color code your finds and export your data to Google Earth. This gives you another view of your hunts.

Final Words

There are not many non-detector specific apps right now for the hobby, but the ones available are good at what they do. Technology is ever-evolving, and it will be interesting to see app developers integrate it into future and new builds.

Interesting Civil War Facts

- During the Civil War, 2% of the U.S. population died. This is equivalent to 6 million [men](#) today. While rifles were the deadliest weapons during the war, disease killed more men. Camps became breeding grounds for measles, chicken pox, and mumps. One million Union soldiers contracted malaria.
- One of every 65 Federals and 1 of every 45 Confederates were killed in action.
- A Civil War soldier's chance of surviving the war was about 1 in 4.
- The most common operation performed on soldiers during the Civil War was amputation. The best surgeon could have a limb severed and discarded within five minutes. Civil War [doctors](#) were nicknamed "sawbones." There were 60,000 partial or complete amputations during the war.
- The youngest soldier in the Civil War was a 9-year-old boy from Mississippi. The oldest was an 80-year-old from Iowa. More than 10,000 soldiers serving in the Union Army were under 18 years old.

- Seven future U.S. presidents served in the Civil War: Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, William McKinley, James Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, Chester A. Arthur, and Andrew Johnson.
- The Civil War prison camp Elmira had two observation towers constructed for onlookers. Citizens paid 15 cents to look at the inmates. Concession stands by the towers sold peanuts, cakes, and lemonade while the men inside starved.
- Approximately 470,000 soldiers were held prisoner during the Civil War, which was more than the population of Arkansas at the time. About 56,000 died in prison camps.
- The average Civil War soldier was 5'8" tall and weighed 143 pounds. He was 23 years old.^[10]
- In the North, more than 1/3 of all men of military age served in the war. For the South, it was nearly 2/3.
- Fighting took place on each day of the war, which lasted approximately 1,396 days, from 1861 to 1865. Nearly 10,455 military "events" took place during the war.
- During the Civil War, diarrhea (Greek, meaning "I flow away") was the most common and deadly disease. More Civil War soldiers died from diarrhea than were killed in battle. About 1 in 40 cases was fatal. Death came from dehydration, exhaustion, or the rupture of the intestinal wall.

SPECIAL CLUB RAFFLE

To raise funds for our club, in lieu of our show being cancelled, we will have a special raffle starting at our August club meeting – and running through the year. This raffle will be for a professional framed picture (29 inches by 36 inches) entitled "The Christian General" – a painting of Robert E Lee (in uniform) reading a bible to a child.

You may purchase raffle tickets (\$0.50 per ticket) at all of our meetings, and we will draw the winner of the painting in December. You do not have to be present to win the painting, so we ask that you please print your name on the back of the ticket when you put it in the ticket-bucket.



If you have any questions about this raffle, please let me know.

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:

North Georgia Relic Hunters Association

Take a few minutes to subscribe and view this page.

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.

CONTRIBUTORS TO NGRHA

The North Georgia Relic Hunters Association (NGRHA) club and their members wish to thank the listed companies and individuals who have supported our club and the hobby of treasure seeking, metal detecting and the pursuit of history.

Through their donations and support and through responsible excavation, we are able to preserve, share and further the enjoyment of responsible collecting of Civil War relics, old bottles and coins as well as other items from years gone. We urge our members and others to support these supporters of our club. Thanks again to all!

- **Fisher Metal Detectors**
<http://www.fisherlab.com>
- **Minelab Metal Detectors**
<http://www.minelab.com>
- **Teknetics Detectors**
<http://www.teknetics.com>
- **Whites Metal Detectors**
<http://www.whiteselectronics.com>
- **Garrett Metal Detectors**
<http://www.garrett.com>
- **Kellyco Metal Detectors**
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- **Nokta Detection Technologies**
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<http://www.bulletandshell.com>
- **Fisher Metal Detectors**
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- **Minelab Metal Detectors**
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- **Teknetics Detectors**
<http://www.teknetics.com>

The following club members have made donations to our club therefore are listed here as club sponsors.

- Brian B. Waugh (Attorney at Law) – made a \$500 donation to the club
- James Grant – donated to the club the framed picture of Robert E Lee that is being used as a special club raffle.

- William McNamara donated \$100 to the Marietta Confederate Cemetery

FUTURE ITEMS

If you have items or ideas on what you would like to see added to the Ramrod, please let me know.