

JANUARY 2022 RAMROD

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is our club, and we make it what we want it to be. Get involved in our activities. Don't be just a club hunt participant. We have some good speaker./educational meetings where you can learn, and the Find-of-the-Month meetings can be really interesting.

We are also getting a lot of new members to the club, so let's make them feel welcomed. If you see someone at the club meeting that you do not know, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the club.

Here is to a successful 2022 year for the club; and good health to all 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

- January 4th – business meeting
 - Review of 2021 club finances
 - Discuss 2022 club budget
 - December, 2021 Find of the Month
- January 18th – general meeting
 - Find of the month meeting for January finds
- 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 – Jim Hammonds; Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia
- 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

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2022

Here is the list of club officers - as voted on at our December 7th meeting – for 2022.

- President – Brad Leatherwood
- Vice-President – Ed Travis
- Secretary – Lynn Ficquette
- Treasurer – Jim Hammonds
- Sergeant at Arms – Jan Houston

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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

The club held its annual Christmas party at its December 21st club meeting. The event was catered from Williamson Barbeque – with club members bringing in a variety of desserts. We had 40 club members at the dinner, and there was lots of food (and take-home food) for all. Each club member also received a door-prize at the event.

DECEMBER RAFFLE PRIZE 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 to) 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 December 7th meeting, Steve Strickland won a Cast I button
- At our December 21st meeting, there was no raffle as it was our Christmas Party, and everyone got a “prize from Santa” at the event.

METAL DETECTOR'S CODE OF ETHICS

- **I WILL** respect private property and do not metal detect without the owners' permission.
- **I WILL** fill all excavations.
- **I WILL** appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.
- **I WILL** use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.
- **I WILL** leave gates as found.
- **I WILL NOT** destroy property, buildings, or what is left of deserted structures.
- **I WILL NOT** tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.
- **I WILL NOT** litter.

LOST HUNTING GROUNDS

During most of June 1864, General Kenner Garrard's 2nd Cavalry Division, on the left flank of the Union army, kept up daily skirmishing with the Confederate Cavalry under Joe Wheeler.

Much of the action was in the vicinity of Noonday Creek, and both sides had camps and bivouacs near that creek. One of the larger camps covered several wooded knolls off old Roberts Road.

Old-time metal detectorists reported that before this area was developed, the camps yielded thousands of Sharps, Spencers, Burnside's, and other carbine bullets, buttons, spurs, stirrups, insignia, guns, and plates were among many good recoveries (back in the days of the 80s).

This area was completely destroyed by Town Center Mall – another of Cobb County's "lost Civil War" sites.

COIN CORNER

There has been 2 coins minted to commemorate Civil War battles. The Antietam half dollar was struck in 1937 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the famous battle to stop Lee's invasion of Maryland. The opposing Generals McClellan and Lee are featured on the obverse (front), while the Burnside bridge is shown on the reverse.



The Gettysburg half dollar was authorized in 1936 to commemorate the famous battle. The obverse shows a portrait of a Union and Confederate Veteran, with the two shields representing the Union and Confederate armies on the reverse.

50 cent	
United States	
Years of minting	1937
Obverse	
	
Designer	Frank Vittor
Reverse	
	
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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

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 !!!