

FEBRUARY 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.

- February 7th - business meeting
 - 2022 Find of the Year
- February 21st - business meeting
 - February find of the Month meeting
- March 7th – business meeting
 - Presentation – Jim Hammonds on personal items identified to Civil War Soldiers.
- 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
 - Buy, sell, trade, swap meeting
- May 16th – business meeting
 - May 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 before our March 7th meeting for you to be considered an active club member for 2023 – and thus eligible to participate in upcoming club activities.

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 3rd meeting, Lynn Ficquette won a Fisher pin-pointer
- At our January 17th meeting, Jim Martin won a US Breastplate

2022 FIND OF THE YEAR

As noted in our calendar of events, our February 7st meeting will be our 202 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	10 pound parrott shell	Carl Sitherwood
February	20 pound parrott bolt shell	Carl Sitherwood
March	7 inch Dyer shell	Carl Sitherwood
April	US Buckle	Ed Travis
May	One-half of Borman Shell	Rod Hall
June	Fired Whitworth Bullet	Ed Travis
July	Partial Bayonet	Jim Martin
August	No entry	No entry
September	Cast I Button	Jim Martin
October	no entry	no entry
November	Borman Shell Fragment	William Dorris
December	10 pound parrott shell	Levi Camp

SINGLE COIN

MONTH	WINNING ENTRY	FOUND BY
January	no entry	no entry
February	no entry	no entry
March	1906 Liberty Nickel	Tony Watson
April	1936 Walking Liberty Half Dollar	William Dorris
May	no entry	no entry
June	1945-P Jefferson Nickel (WWII nickel that contained 35% silver)	Gary Pass
July	1968-S Lincoln Penny	Lynn King
August	1962 Silver Roosevelt Dime	Carl DiMare
September	Standing Liberty Quarter	Jim Berry
October	no entry	no entry
November	no entry	no entry
December	James Monroe Token	Roy Baker

January Find of the Month Winners

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

- Single Relic – Hannah Martin with a Snake Buckle
- Multiple Relics – Jimmy Berry with case of bullets, buttons, and shell fragments
- Single Coin – no entry
- Multiple Coins – Levi Camp with a Mercury and Barber Dime
- Jewelry / Miscellaneous – Anna Wing with a silver ring with Agate setting.

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



Multi Coin



1



Agate ring



Jewelry/Misc.

3

SPRING CLUB HUNT

At our January 17th club meeting, we decided to have our spring club hunt on April 22, 2023. We will post more information about the club hunt (including location, time, and hunt rules at later meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Here are some upcoming events relating to our hobby that may be of interest to club members.

- This Dalton gun show will be held on **Feb 4th-5th, 2023**. The Chickamauga Civil War Show is held at the Dalton Convention Center and is promoted by Mike Kent & Associates (MK Shows). All federal, state and local firearm laws and ordinances must be followed. 500 tables
- The next Greater Atlanta Coin Show will be held February 12th. The monthly coin show's location is the Hilton Atlanta/Marietta Hotel & Conference Center located at 500 Powder Springs Street just south of the historic Marietta Square in Marietta, Georgia.

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).

Here is the research that was recently done for one of our club members.

Captain John Cornelius "Jack" Curtright Sr.

Born – September 11, 1830
Residence [Troup County](#) GA;
Enlisted on 3/4/1862 as a Captain.



CAPT. JOHN C. "JACK" CURTRIGHT
COMPANY E, 41ST GEORGIA REGIMENT

Captain Curtright commanded Company E of the 41st Georgia Regiment. He owned a plantation east of LaGrange, Georgia. A member of the LaGrange Light Guards, Captain Curtright was killed in the battle of Perryville, Kentucky on October 8, 1862.

Family tradition maintains that Curtright's slave, Berry, found the captain's body and buried him, marking the spot with a cedar board. Berry returned to LaGrange and gave the captain's sword and epaulettes to Curtright's widow, Mary.

The captain also left behind three small children. One of them, Antoinette, eventually married Methodist minister Warren A. Candler, who became a prominent bishop. In 1919 Bishop Candler, speaking at the Annual Methodist Conference at Lexington, Kentucky, remarked that his father-in-law had been killed at the Battle of Perryville and buried somewhere near there.

After the service a listener told Candler that he knew a person who was a child in 1862 and might have some details about the battle. The elderly man remembered a slave bringing an officer's body from the field and insisting that he have a separate grave; he also recalled the long vanished cedar marker.

The grave was then part of a horse lot, but after some digging the men found the bones of a large man (Curtright) was over six feet tall) and several Confederate uniform buttons. The remains were then removed and interned in his home town of LaGrange, Georgia.

Here is a copy of a letter he wrote to his wife while stationed in Camp McDonald (located in Kennesaw, Georgia).

Camp McDonald March 15/62

My Dear Wife

I received your kind letter this morning and was glad you had taken the determined action to be as well centered as possible. I know you are as much interested in the success of the Cause we are fighting for as any one and hence can be satisfied to see me do my humble part in the work. I much prefer home by all means if it were possible but as it cant be so I prefer the camp and so try to understand my feelings. I think we will go into Cobb's Legion and if so will be sent back to Atlanta into a camp of instruction. We have not yet organized & don't know when. McDaniel will be Col. Bradley or Ja H Fannin Lieut Col probably Knight major. This seems to be the most probable combination. It may turn out different. Dr. Ashford will be surgeon if McDaniel is elected. Grady is better all the boys are well with the exception of colds – It has been raining all the time here and with the full tents have been very much crowded – all in fine spirits. – I cant write I have answered a thousand questions since I came and must make out the letter from the facts you find about. When we get quiet will write fully – I am well - Kiss the children over for me and tell them Papa will come back.

Your husband

J.C. Curtwright

Direct your letters Camp McDonald Capt J.CC

Troup Light Guard

50 TIPS FOR METAL DETECTING IN GEORGIA

The following information was taken from the following website:

[50 Exciting Metal Detecting in Georgia Tips You'll Love \(discoverdetecting.com\)](http://discoverdetecting.com)

- 1) Georgia has a long and rich history, meaning there are artifacts from hundreds of years of Native American and European colonization.
- 2) Georgia has many rules and regulations for metal detectorists. Always ensure you are following the law to the letter to avoid fines.
- 3) It is illegal to metal detect on any state lands.
- 4) Federal permits are necessary to metal detect on any federal lands in Georgia.

- 5) Metal detecting and artifact collecting can be done on private property with written permission from the landowner.
- 6) When detecting in waterways or on beaches, you must determine who the landowner is, whether private or government, and obtain the proper permissions prior to metal detecting.
- 7) Check with the Georgia Archaeological Site File to determine the locations of known archaeological sites.
- 8) Report archaeological finds to the property authorities. This can be done by contacting the University of Georgia Laboratory of Archaeology.
- 9) Professional archaeologists using metal detecting equipment are exempt from certain restriction if they have the proper permits and permissions.
- 10) If you need help identifying an artifact you have found while metal detecting, you can contact a university anthropology department, contact the Society for Georgia Archaeology, send a photograph to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, or search a local library for similar objects.
- 11) Check with each town, city, or county to ensure you have the proper permits and permissions to metal detect.
- 12) Try metal detecting in city parks. Always ensure you check with the city, county, and individual park to obtain the proper permit and that you are following all rules and regulations.
- 13) No digging tools are allowed in city parks when metal detecting. This means you are relegated to whatever you find on the surface only.
- 14) Try detecting in National Forests in GA. Certain areas of the forest are off limits to detectorists, but there is still plenty of land to scan.
- 15) Consider joining a [metal detecting club](#). These clubs are full of members with a wealth of knowledge to help you become a better detectorist and learn the laws and regulations.
- 16) Georgia soils contain clay, sand, silt, and loam. It is highly mineralized in many locations.
- 17) You will need the right kind of metal detector to compensate for soil mineralization.
- 18) If you are metal detecting an area near the ocean, you will need a metal detector that is not only water resistant or waterproof, but also counteracts the effects of saltwater. [Saltwater](#) is highly conductive and can throw off a metal detector.
- 19) Don't abandon iffy signals. If your detector keeps hitting on a signal briefly, investigate it further. It could be a deep or small treasure!

- 20) At one time, Georgia was the biggest gold producing state in the country. Prospecting is a great way to utilize a metal detector in Georgia.
- 21) Try metal detecting in Lumpkin County near Dahlonega. This is where gold miners and treasure hunters have found gold nuggets.
- 22) The gold deposits in Georgia are vast and typically digging along [rivers and creeks](#) will yield some gold.
- 23) Some rivers known to contain gold are Etowah, Little, Chattahoochee, Tallapoosa, Chestatee, and Nacoochee. As mentioned above, make sure you know who owns the waterway and seek proper permissions.
- 24) Gold nuggets are commonly found with metal detectors in Georgia since many old gold mines still contain gold.
- 25) Check tailings piles near gold mines. Sometimes bits of gold are left over as the old timers were looking for larger nuggets.
- 26) Georgia is a great place to find Native American artifacts.
- 27) Georgia is also home to many early Spanish and English artifacts.
- 28) Civil War relics are commonly found while metal detecting in GA.
- 29) Bullets are one of the most found items in Georgia.
- 30) There are many historic homes in Georgia. See if you can get permission from the landowners to metal detect on old home properties.
- 31) There are many stories of lost treasure in Georgia.
- 32) Stories state that the north forks of Mule Creek and Okapilco Creek are home to 2700 pounds of pure silver that French explorers buried during the late 1700s.
- 33) Near Kingland, legend states that Union troops buried \$2 million in gold and silver coins in 1865.
- 34) According to an enduring myth, it's believed by some that Confederate President Jefferson Davis [buried roughly millions in gold](#) in Georgia.
- 35) During the Civil War, \$100,000 in gold was supposedly buried 300 yards northeast of Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railroad track in a hollow near a spring in the Cobb County area of the Chattahoochee River.

- 36) There are said to be millions of dollars in buried treasures in Savannah. The citizens are said to have buried their valuables before the arrival of Sherman's troops when the city fell into ruin.
- 37) Old coins are commonly found in Georgia. One pair of detectorists came upon a 1772 – 1789 Carlos III ½ real minted in Mexico for Spain.
- 38) Dig every target you find.
- 39) Be prepared to find trash. All metal detectorists find more trash than treasure. But when you do find treasure, it is worth every soda can and pop tab.
- 40) Try detecting after rainfall. The freshly moistened soil seems to conduct better, and the freshly moved soil can yield new treasures.
- 41) Be sure to take plenty of water when metal detecting. Summer months are hot and muggy, so you will need to take extra water during this season.
- 42) Make sure you do plenty of research before metal detecting. There are lots of rules, laws, and regulation, and you need to learn about the history of the area you want to detect.
- 43) Be a respectful detectorist. Be courteous to those around you.
- 44) Pick up and pack out any trash found while detecting.
- 45) Remember to report any historical or archaeological finds.
- 46) If you are a new detectorist in Georgia, make sure you have a metal detector that matches your capabilities. You will do yourself no favors by buying a detector that is too advanced.
- 47) Bring your kids along for a day of fun in Georgia's beautiful landscapes!
- 48) Always be aware of your surroundings.
- 49) Always plug all holes you have dug and leave the area as undisturbed as possible.
- 50) Most importantly, HAVE FUN!

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 February 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, February 18th at the FOP lodge on Austell Road (where our club use to meet in the past).