
The Ramrod

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Who Are The Members of the North Georgia Relic Hunters Association

Since 1972, the North Georgia Relic Hunters Association has dedicated itself to the preservation of artifacts of the American past. Through the use of electronic detection devices members have collected coins, jewelry and other memorabilia that illustrate in a tangible way, the history and progress of a growing new nation. Each member is a student of American history and collectively we strive to pass on the knowledge we have gained through school lecture programs, living history presentations, and relic shows – to mention a few.

From the beginning the founders of the association stressed the importance of respect for the property of others, reverence for federal lands and obedience of local and federal laws. Today, these ideals are still paramount.

Members of the association cover a wide range of vocations including law enforcement, attorneys, executives, blue-collar workers, technicians, and teachers, to name a few. All are dedicated to the idea that our local, state and national heritage is vitally important and that each person should make an effort to preserve what we can for future generations to enjoy. To this end, association members participate in historical organizations of many types and provide period relics – on a loan basis – to museums and libraries. They also give of their time and energy to preservation programs on a voluntary basis. The association is always ready to assist organized groups whenever possible.

Fund-raising efforts by the association (a non-profit organization) provides money for a variety of charities each year and budgeting for club events and functions. Integrity, honesty, and respect for the property and the rights of others is a code each member lives by. Those who don't are in the minority and are not welcomed in the North Georgia Relic Hunters Association.

Metal Detecting Ethics

As Ken noted in his President's Corner, there is probably no one thing that can rile you more than anything else when you are out metal detecting. And that is coming across someone's dig holes (or craters). We have all seen it at one time or another,

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those holes with dirt thrown up all over the place looking like someone just set off a bomb in the ground. How many of us have been to a place that reminds you of the face of the Moon?

The person who digs these “craters” is doing all of us a disservice. Next time you see the holes, think of the following jingle (from a poem from Ray Duane Ruggles):

While you are leaving those holes,
When you go out detecting,
You are saying good-by,
To relic collecting.

Leaving deep holes,
Where you dig your finds,
Is only going to lead,
To more “Posted” signs.

So when you see any holes take a second and cover them up. And if you happen to see the person leaving them, remind them what they are really doing to our hobby.

Club & Events Calendar:

Date	Event
Feb 3 rd	2009 Find of Year
Feb 17 th	Find of the Month Meeting
March 3 rd	Buy-Trade-Swap-Sell meeting
March 20 th	Find of the Month Meeting

Find-Of-The-Month

For the benefit of new members, at the second meeting of each month members bring to the meeting items recovered since the prior month’s award. Members then vote for the item they feel is the best find in the respective category. A prize is given to those members who win. The find of the month in the single category then becomes eligible for the find of the year award.

To all of our members – think about bringing in all of your finds from the previous month. Besides showing new members what kind of things can be found, it may give the rest of us some hope.

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Month	Person	Relic Item(s)
Jan Single	Greg Wingo	Cast "I" Button
Jan Multi	Brian Smith	Bullets and misc items

Month	Person	Coin/Jewelry Item(s)
Jan Single	Vic Deaton	1937-D buffalo nickel
Jan Multi	Glen Daniels	Coins and tokens

Note: Pictures of recent club finds can be found on the Club Web Site at WWW.NGRHA.COM

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Speakers Wanted

If you would like to be a guest speaker at one of our upcoming business meetings, please contact either Bill Mull or Bill Swafford. The club is looking for speakers who would like to talk about items relating to the Civil War or other issues relating to our hobby.

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Club Forum

The club now has a forum on the internet. You can find it at: <http://www.mytreasurespot.com/forums/list.php?20> This forum is being furnished free of charge from Donnie at mytreasurespot.com. You can post messages and pictures about anything club related that you want. In order to post you will need to register with a users name and password. You do not have to be registered to look at the post. Please take a look.

Also, please take a look at the other forums to see what people are doing in other areas. We will post a link to the forum on our web page also. If you have any questions please contact me and I will be glad to help you get set up. cwspur@gmail.com

Besides this forum, you can also reference the clubs original website at www.nrga.com for the most up-do-date information relating o our club – as it is updated weekly.

Club Web Site Survey

On the bottom of the clubs homepage is the question “WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?” Please click on this link and give us your answer. The club web site continues to be updated on a regular basis.

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Horseshoes for Special Olympics

As many of you know Jim is always asking club members to bring to club meetings any horseshoes that they have dug. Jim works hard to clean these and donated them to a very special group. Once again Jim was able to donate 40 horseshoes the 2008 Special Olympics this year.

The children who receive these horse-shoes are thrilled when they get them, and they are grateful to the club.

**That’s all for this issue.
See you at the next club meeting.**