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President's Corner

I am very pleased to have such a fine group of club officers working with me this year. With their help, we have the potential to have a really great year. Also, we need your involvement as club members. Let us know what you want. We welcome suggestions and ideas. As mentioned to you in our first meeting this year, for upcoming meetings we will still have speakers, but you will also see some different agendas such as a club buy, sell, and trade meeting.

2010 Club Officers

At the December meeting, the nominating committee presented to the club a slate of candidates. Nominations were also accepted from the floor. The following members were elected as club officers for the year 2010:

- President: Bill Swafford
- Vice President: Brian Copelan
- Treasurer: Jim Hammonds
- Secretary: Jean York

2010 Club Dues

It's that time again for everyone to pay their dues. You will be asked this year to confirm your address and phone number as well as an email address. Membership runs from January thru December. As a reminder your family membership of \$20 covers children under 16 years old. If they are 16 or older then they need to join as a regular member. Your dues will be the best money spent; as we have 2 hunts a year (for everyone to win a prize), you get free admission into our August show, and a free dinner at the end of the year for all those who helped out the club at our yearly show (with more great gifts to be passed out to all members).

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Besides, you get free drinks and snacks at the meeting, meet lots of nice people, and have a chance to win a raffle prize or a door prize.

So come and have a good time at the meeting.

Club & Events Calendar:

Date	Event
Jan 6th	Business Meeting
Jan 20th	Find of the Month Meeting
Feb 3 rd	2009 Find of Year
Feb 17th	Find of the Month Meeting
March 3rd	Business meeting
March 20th	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.

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

2009 Find-Of-The-Year Meeting

It's that time of year again to pull your finds off of your display shelf and bring it back to the February 3rd meeting so that the members can vote on the items they feel deserve the title of FIND OF THE YEAR 2009. If you won the Single Relic or Single Coin Find of the Month during 2009 you are eligible. You must still own the item. For 2009 the following people and

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items are eligible.

SINGLE RELIC 2007

Jan	Larry Shirah	14 th Corp badge
Feb	Ben Kendrick	US Box Plate
Mar	Greg Wingo	Flintlock lock plate
Apr	Ed Wigart Sr.	VMI cadet button
May	Roger Conant	Iron knuckles
Jun	Ed Wigart Jr.	Confederate staff button
Jul	Dan Lindstrum	12 pound solid shot cannonball
Aug	Rod Hall	12 pound Borman cannonball
Sep	Ben Martin	CS Buckle
Oct	<u>Lynn King</u>	XXIII Corp badge
Nov	Larry Shirah	CS style spur
Dec		

SINGLE COIN 2007

Jan	Bill Mull	1906 barber dime
Feb	Daniel Langley	1861 Indian head penny
Mar	Ray McMahan	1870 mother teresa coin
Apr	Larry Shirah	1838 large cent
May	Roy Baker	1964 half dollar
Jun	<u>Bill Mull</u>	1918 walker half dollar
Jul	Bill Mull	1893 Indian head penny
Aug	Paul Schilling	1929 liberty quarter
Sep	Bill Mull	1903 Indian head penny
Oct	Daniel Langley	1900 Indian head penny
Nov	Glen Daniels	1942 walker half dollar
Dec		

Metal Detecting Ethics

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, 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,

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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.

A few years ago, we lost a fine place to relic hunt (everyone who went there found dozen if not hundreds of items – and I am not exaggerating) and the main reason was the craters left behind by relic hunters. It got the owner upset and he posted the land so no one could hunt there anymore. As Ken noted, he and his friends have lost a good place in Vicksburg to hunt. With the number of places around the area decreasing (due to construction and other reasons) we don't need to loose more of them due to unethical practices.

Speakers Wanted

If you would like to be a guest speaker at one of our upcoming business meetings, please contact either Bill Swafford or Brian Copelan. 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.

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.nrgha.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.

The club web site can be viewed at: WWW.NGRHA.COM

Horseshoes for Special Olympics

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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.**