
The Ramrod

July 2007

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Club & Events Calendar:

Date	Event
Aug 1	Business Meeting Speaker Carl Sitherwood on Artillery
Aug 11 & 12	29 th Annual Show
Aug 15	Find of the Month Meeting
Sep 5	Business Meeting
Sep 19	Find of the Month Meeting
Oct 3	Business Meeting

Show Sign Ups

I am pleased to announce that the show sign up sheets for working at the show are full. If you want to help out there are always things that need to be done at the show. Often someone is unable to fulfill their commitment and we need substitutes. Please let us know if you are available. Especially when you are at the show as this often comes up at the last minute. If you can not work the slot you signed up for please try to swap with someone or find someone to take your time slot.



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.

Here are the results for the Single & Multiple Relics.

Month	Person	Relic Item(s)
May Single	Larry Shirah	Sword
May Multi	George Johnson	Spur
Jun Single	Bill Mull	US Buckle
Jun Multi	Josh Andrews	Canister Balls

Here are the results for the Single & Multiple Coins.

Month	Person	Coin(s)
May Single	Larry Shirah	Susan B Anthony
May Multi	Ray McMahan	Seated Dimes
Jun Single	Keith Cochran	1782 Reale
Jun Multi	Roy Baker	Mercury Dimes

Here are the results for the Jewelry and Miscellaneous category:

Month	Person	Item(s)
May	Larry Shirah	Pearls & Ear Rings
Jun	Ben Martin	Shooting Metal

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

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Show Raffle

Ticket sales are underway for the raffle. Here is how it appears on the web site

Parker and Snow Springfield

Drawing will be August 12th 2007.

**Wonderful Condition and Highly-Desirable
Parker Snow & Co. Made Springfield
Contract Rifle**

**Fully-Functional, Complete, and Untouched,
from a Southern Ohio Estate**

Offered here is one of the rarest and most desirable contract-made Springfield Rifles, being made and clearly marked by the "Parker Snow & Co." of "Meriden CONN". Only around 15,000 of these were ever made, with production from 1863 through 1864. Parker, Snow, & Company were actually in the lathe and machinery business, but like many industrious manufacturers in the North, they threw their lot into the highly lucrative business of making rifle parts and then, with this government contract, assembling these pieces. Like most "contract" rifles, many of the pieces were sub-contracted out to other makers, and then they'd be shipped to the final assembler, and in this case, Parker Snow & Company did most of the lathe finishing work, as well as making the barrels. This particular specimen comes out of an estate in southwestern Ohio (in Butler County, near the township of Ross by the "Big" Miami River). The "1864" date is also vividly clear, as are the "US" and Eagle emblem seen on the lockplate. The buttplate is clearly marked "US", as well as the barrel bands. The piece is fully-functional at all positions, and is "tight". The original nipple, sling swivels, and flip-up sight aperture are present. The metal retains a pleasantly mellowed appearance, with

absolutely no active oxidation and virtually no pitting whatsoever. The wood is also mellowed, and only shows the most minor "honest wear" to be seen anywhere. What is so nice about this specimen is that it is entirely untouched--no repairs, no damage, and no "Johnny Overkill" has taken sandpaper or Dremmel Tool buffer to clean anything--it's the way it came out of the estate, and has been that way for over 140 years. Many people prefer a piece that is "untouched" and "righteous".



To purchase raffle tickets please make check or money order payable to NGRHA and mail to PO Box 503 Marietta, GA 30061. Tickets are \$1 each and you may choose whatever quantity you desire. Please make sure to mail you check no later than Monday August 6, 2007. Drawing will be held Sunday August 12, 2007. We thank you for your participation and GOOD LUCK!

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29th Annual Southeastern Civil War Show Details

The 2 day show is open to the public on Saturday, August 11th from 9am to 5pm and on Sunday August 12th from 9am to 3pm. Dealers will set up on Friday afternoon August 10th starting around 1pm and will have until 7pm additionally they will set up on Saturday from 7:30am to 9am. Early entry is for table holders only. The public will **not** be allowed in during the set up hours. Police Officers will be on duty Friday through Sunday, 24 hours a day. The show Chairman is Ray McMahan. Our hats are off to Ray for taking on this **HUGE** responsibility again.

Thanks Ray!

June 6th Speaker

Jim Black provided another installment of the Generals of the Civil War. This time it was on A.P. Hill. Great Job Jim! Thanks,

Buy Swap Sell

In lieu of a speaker at the July 5th meeting a Buy Swap Sell meet was held. Lots of interesting items were brought in by club members and went from one collection to another. Thanks to all that attended and participated.

Tee Shirts

Tee shirts for the show have been designed and ordered by Keith Cochran. Thanks to Keith for volunteering his time to do this for the club.

Dealers Dinner

Just a reminder that there will be a dinner for the dealers on Saturday night after the show closes at the FOP Lodge. Final details and hours will be announced at the meeting on August 1st meeting.

SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!

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

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

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