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Wanted: New Meeting Locations

Many of us enjoy holding our monthly meetings at the Cobb County Library. However, it is becoming increasingly difficult to reserve the room. The library is very popular with other groups and is a favorite for holding meetings and special events.

We are interested in hearing suggestions for alternate meeting locations. We would like to have as many suggestions as possible. When making suggestions, please keep in mind the cost of reserving a meeting room. Once we obtain a list of suggestions, we can present these to the club members for discussion.

If you have a suggestion for a new meeting location, please notify Todd Lee or any club officer.

Club & Events Calendar:

Date	Event
July 2 nd	Business Meeting
July 16 th	Find of the Month Meeting
Aug 6 th	Business Meeting
Aug 20 th	Find of the Month Meeting



New Members

Please welcome the following new members to the club:

Fred Williams



Mike Harvey
Donald Nations
Lottie Nations
Jeff Mathis
Eric Stricker
Jim Scarr

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 and Multiple Relics:

Month	Person	Relic Item(s)
May Single	Charles Ross	Georgia Button
May Multi	Bill Mull	Assorted Bullets
June Single	James Grant	Conf. Officer's button
June Multi	Keith Cochran	Hotchkiss, bullets

Here are the results for the Single & Multiple Coins.

Month	Person	Coin Item(s)
May Single	Benny Harris	1848 Half Dollar
May Multi	Jim Kwiatkowski	Multiple Coins
June Single	James Grant	1787 French Dollar
June Multi	Lottie Nations	Pennies, dimes

To our "old" 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.

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Ideas for 2003 Relic Show

Roy Baker, Bobby Westbrook, and Carl Dimare are continuing to look for ideas for the 2003 Relic Show t-shirt. While you may think it is still early in the year to be worrying about this event, August will be here before you know it.

If you have any ideas, please let us know at a club meeting. We need your participation in making every aspect of the Relic Show a success. So bring your ideas and suggestions, and see you at the next club meeting.

Ten Commandments of Metal Detecting

Courtesy of Fisher Research Laboratory

With all of the “bad-talk” we seem to be getting lately about our hobby, I thought it might be a good time to remind everyone that sometimes, we are our own worst enemies. Therefore, here are some “commandments” that we have published in previous editions of the Ramrod that you should take a minute to read, and more importantly, remember while you are out there enjoying our hobby. These are the judgements and edicts which should be obeyed by all those who wield detectors of metal:

1. Thou shalt not leave behind unfilled excavations.
2. Thou shalt not trespass or defy in any way the lawful decrees of thy city, county, state or country.
3. Thou shalt not harm vegetation, the creatures of the field, natural resources or the personal property of others.
4. Thou shalt not covet the finds of thy companion. Nor shalt ye covet his metal detector, digging tool or the hallowed ground in which he diggeth.
5. Thou shalt not ignore nor neglect thy family whilst in the endless pursuit of thy hobby.
6. Thou shalt assist the distraught owners of lost goods, and the archeologists, and the enforcers of law, and all others who may need thy skill as a metal detectorist.
7. Thou shalt return found treasures to the proper owners whenever their true identity can be rightfully determined.

8. Thou shalt report to the proper authorities any finds relating to criminal activity or of archeological significance.
9. Thou shalt be considerate of others on the beach and in other public places whilst waving thy search coil and digging holes in the sand and the soil.
10. Thou shalt speak out against the unjust laws and stand firm against the philistines who would cast out all those who use detectors of metal.

And if thou dost not abide by these Commandments, may you be plagued with the mineral-bearing rocks, hard-cracked soil, pestilence, serpents, locusts, poisonous vegetation and great multitudes of pull-tabs, bottle-caps and rusty nails. May you spend the remaining years of your wretched life digging signals of false origin. For thy iniquities shall surely bring the overzealous wrath of the ignorant, heathen bureaucrats down upon those of us who are innocent. For we are the righteous and the just, and ye who disobey the Ten Commandments of Metal Detecting are bad.

Relic Club Hunt

On June 28th, the club held a seeded relic hunt at Jim R. Miller Park. Fortunately, the weather cooperated long enough for us get in a good hunt.

Over 20 club members participated with the top relic found being a CSA button. Congratulations to Phillip Cochran for finding this great relic!

Each participant received a prize. Prizes included, buttons, bullets, artillery wrenches, and a Federal Shenkl.

Stay tuned to the Ramrod for information about the next hunt coming up this fall!

This Month in the Civil War

July 4, 1861 – Lincoln, in a speech to Congress, states the war is...“a People’s contest...a struggle for maintaining in the world, that form, and substance of government, whose leading object is, to elevate the condition of men...” The Congress authorizes a call for 500,000 men.

July 21, 1861 -- The Union Army under Gen. Irvin McDowell suffers a defeat at Bull Run 25 miles southwest of Washington. Confederate Gen. Thomas J. Jackson earns the nickname “Stonewall,” as his brigade resists Union attacks. Union troops fall back to Washington.

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President Lincoln realizes the war will be long. "It's damned bad," he comments.

July 27, 1861 – President Lincoln appoints George B. McClellan as Commander of the Department of the Potomac, replacing McDowell. McClellan tells his wife, "I find myself in a new and strange position here: President, cabinet, Gen. Scott, and all deferring to me. By some strange operation of magic I seem to have become the power of the land."

July 11, 1862 –After four months as his own general-in-chief, President Lincoln hands over the task to Gen Henry W. (Old Brains) Halleck.

July 1-3, 1863 – The tide of the war turns against the South as the Confederates are defeated at the Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania.

July 4, 1863 – Vicksburg, the last confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River, surrenders to Gen. Grant and the Army of the West after a six week siege. With the Union now in control of the Mississippi, the Confederacy is effectively split in two, cut off from its western allies.

July 13-16, 1863 – Anti-draft riots in New York City include arson and the murder of blacks by poor immigrant whites. At least 120 persons, including children, are killed and \$2 million in damage caused, until Union soldiers returning from Gettysburg restore order.

July 18, 1863 –"Negro troops" of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment under Col. Robert G. Shaw assault fortified Rebels at Fort Wagner, South Carolina. Col. Shaw and half of the 600 men in the regiment are killed.

Relic Trivia...Test Your Knowledge!

1. Who was Frank Stringfellow?
2. Who was Emma Green?

3. True or False? Many Civil War Battles have two names.
4. The Federal ship, the *Merrimack*, was raised by the Confederates and renamed what?
5. These lyrics are from what song?

*You may talk about your Beauregard,
And sing of General Lee,
But the gallant Hood of Texas
Played hell in Tennessee.*

Answers will appear in the next *Ramrod* issue.

Answers to previous issue's questions:

1. Who was Greenville Dodge? **He was a railroad pioneer and a Spy Chief for Grant in the Battle of Vicksburg.**
2. Who was Captain Nelson Conrad? **A Chaplain in the Confederate Cavalry and also a secret agent.**
3. Where did Robert E. Lee attend school? **West Point.**
4. What nicknames for enemy soldiers did the North and South have? **The North called the Confederates "Johnny Reb" and the South called the North "Billy Yank."**
5. Who was Clara Barton? **Founder of the Red Cross.**

A Friendly Reminder

Each member should have their own name tag. Please wear these at each club meeting so our new members can get to know each person. See Todd Lee to pick up your name tag or let him know if you need a new one.

Classifieds

Metal Detector for sale

MINELAB 'Explorer XS' w/10" coil, most accurate and most powerful 2-D discrimination. Great depth with indicator. Digital Display, Rechargeable battery & headphones. Also, with a 8" and 5" coil., very good condition. --\$800.

Contact: George Miller 770-973-7286

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Wanted Newsletter Articles

If you have any Civil War articles , or any other club related items that you would like to have published in The Ramrod, please let me or the other Club Officers know. You can also email articles to me by sending them to ToddCLee@cs.com

Club Web Site

The club web site continues to be updated on a regular basis. Take a minute and view the site and let us know what you think of it, and if there is anything else you would like to see done with the site

The club web site can be viewed at the following address:

WWW.NGRHA.COM

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