
The Ramrod

July 2006

From The President

My how time flies as the year is half over. The relic club has had a good year so far. Many great relics have been found, the club's finances are in good shape, and we hope to continue to give away some nice prizes for the rest of the year. Preparations are under way for our annual Civil War Show. As all of you know the show is our biggest fund raiser of the year. We need everyone's participation, so please volunteer. Anyone who works a shift at the show, or helps in any way, will be rewarded by a free dinner at our annual banquet in November. Also, we have gone out on a limb this year with our raffle. This year's raffle prize is a beautiful CS tongue. Anyone selling/buying more than 100 tickets will be rewarded with a prize. Tickets are only \$1 each, so everyone please remind all the folks you bought Girl Scout cookies, or holiday wrapping paper from, they need to help you out this time. The club has some exciting events going on for the rest of the year such as a club picnic, a fall coin hunt, and a future meeting at the Kennesaw Museum, etc. etc. To make sure you do not miss a thing, attend the meetings. Until next time, cover your dig holes!!
Steve Beaver

Club & Events Calendar

July 5	Buy Swap Sell Meeting
July 19	Find of the Month Meeting
July 30	Picnic
August 2	Mtg at Kennesaw Museum
August 12	Annual Relic Show
August 16	Find of the Month Meeting
September 6	Business Meeting
September 20	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.

Here are the results for the Single & Multiple Relics.

Month	Person	Relic Item(s)
May Single	Dave Pashko	Possible Corp Badge
May Multi	Dave Pashko	Spencers & misc items
Jun Single	Jim Hammonds	Breast Plate
Jun Multi	Dave Pashko	Spencers, spur, Bumsides

Here are the results for the Single & Multiple Coins.

Month	Person	Coin(s)
May Single	No Entries	
May Multi	Glen Daniels	Ga Tech token & misc
Jun Single	Steve Strickland	Shield Nickel
Jun Multi	Paul Schilling	Dimes & Pennies

Here are the results for the Jewelry and Miscellaneous category:

Month	Person	Item(s)
May	Ben Martin	Gold fob
Jun	Glen Daniels	Ring

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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28th Annual Southeastern Civil War Show Details

The 2 day show is open to the public on Saturday, August 12th from 9am to 5pm and on Sunday August 13th from 9am to 3pm. Dealers will set up on Friday August 11th from 1pm to 7pm and 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 from 1am Friday to 3pm Sunday, 24 hours a day. The show Chairman is Ray McMahan. Our hats are off to Ray for taking on this **HUGE** responsibility. Thanks Ray!

Sign Up Sheets

The sign up sheets, for the show, were made available at the June 21st meeting. There are many slots still open for club members to volunteer their time to man one of the many slots available for the show. Contact Ed Travis if you can not make a meeting but want to sign up to help.

Jim Black

Jim gave the club a great presentation on Pat Cleburne during the meeting on June 7th.

Edna Brumbelow

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Edna whom recently had back surgery.

Picnic

Mike Brice has made arrangements for the club to have a picnic on Sunday July 30, 2006 at Coopers Furnace Grill B. Mike will be arriving about 11:00am to set up the horseshoes and prepare the grill so everyone should plan on being there between 11:00 and 11:30. We are going to eat around 1:00pm. Also, bring your chairs and fishing poles.

Directions: From Atlanta, Take I-75 North to the Red Top Mountain Exit #285. Turn left and go ½ mile to Hwy 41. Turn right (north) on Hwy 41. Go approx. 2 miles to River Road and follow the signs for Coopers Furnace
From the north I-75, to Exit #288 . Go South on Ga. 113 to US 41 go south on Hwy 41 for approx. 2 miles to River Road, follow signs for Coopers Furnace.

Attention August 2, 2006 Meeting Change Location of Meeting

We will change the location for our meeting on August 2nd. We will have the meeting at The Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in downtown Kennesaw at 7:30. The Kennesaw Civil War Museum has become The Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History.

Direction's I-75 to Exit 273 Wade Green Road Go west. This turns into Cherokee Street. The museum is just before the railroad tracks on the right. Ample parking is available across the street from the museum. Meetings will resume at the FOP Lodge after this meeting.

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Raffle Tickets On Line

Tickets are now available for purchasing with a credit card on our web site www.NGRHA.com . This year's prize is the tongue portion of a Confederate 2 piece CS buckle. You can view a picture of it on line. Payments are being handled by Paypal.

Buy Swap Sell Meeting

Bring your goodies and your money to the July 5th meeting. All club members are welcome to bring their stuff to the meeting and buy, sell and trade away. This will take the place of a speaker during the meeting.

Front Show Display

A suggestion was made by Paul Hricz that club members provide some of their finds for display at the front table. Members present at the meeting agreed that this would be a good idea. Ray volunteered to provide plexiglas over 2 tables for security of the items. Therefore, all members need to consider bringing in something that they have found and would like to show off to the show attendees.

Wanted Speakers

We would like to encourage our membership to make presentations to the other club members at our regularly scheduled meetings. Topics may include but are not limited to Civil War items, coins, bottles, map reading or other areas of collectables. Please share with the club your knowledge. If you are interested please discuss your topic with one of the club officers.

This article appeared in the Kennesaw State University News

Kennesaw State students excavate Civil War battlefield

by Christina Hogan

One of the country's best preserved Civil War battlefields, Pickett's Mill, had never been excavated until Kennesaw State University students and faculty took on the project about two weeks ago.

This summer, 33 students, led by two faculty members, are gaining in-the-field experience and credit hours while learning the skills of excavation, shovel survey and metal detecting at the Paulding County state historic site.

The class has met four times, and so far, the students have found 110 items, such as miniballs, horseshoes, buttons, an iron, a pocket knife and pieces of pottery and glass. In addition to the battlefield, the class is excavating the nearby farmhouse, its well, root cellar and garbage dump sites. According to professor Terry Powis, who is heading the class, approximately 250 soldiers are unaccounted for, so it's likely they'll discover some human remains, as well.

"It's been quite successful so far," Powis said. "We've achieved what we expected to find. And the students are very enthusiastic. They see the point of notetaking and record keeping."

This unique class began when Powis, who has 20 years of field experience, contacted the state archaeology office about conducting a field school at Pickett's Mill. He said the state had been trying to find someone to excavate the site for ten years with no luck, so they eagerly accepted his offer, granting Powis a sole one-year permit.

"This benefits the state, as well," Powis said. "Our findings will impact what they do at the park."

In addition, the items will eventually be on display at the state park – after Powis and his students analyze all their findings in their new lab, scheduled to open this fall in the new Social Sciences Building on KSU's campus.

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 Ed Travis at cwspur@gmail.com

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

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

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