

The Ramrod

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President's Corner

Ray McMahan

I get very excited when I think about all of the items I have found over the past years. I "explore the past" with my metal detector. Historical relics are waiting to be uncovered all throughout the world, starting right here in our community.

Relic hunting begins with good research. You have to know the rules regarding the property you are searching and information about what you find. So keep on looking and hunting. You may be our next member with a great find.

If you enjoy unfolding the past, then you will love relic hunting. Happy hunting!



Tate Van Gough	Austell
Ed Wigart	Austell
Nick Hughey	Acworth

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)
Jan Single	S. Riddle	CSA Buckle
Jan Multi	S. Riddle	Bullets and flat
Feb Single	S. Beaver	VA Coat Button
Feb Multi	M. Childers	Bullets, reed, stimp, J-hook

Here are the results for the Single & Multiple Coins.

Month	Person	Relic Item(s)
Jan Single	S Riddle	1791 Large One Cent Coin
Jan Multi	S. Riddle	Misc. Pennies
Feb Single	M. Childers	1841 Liberty Dime
Feb Multi	M. Childers	Dimes, nickels

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.

Club & Events Calendar:

Date	Event
Mar 5 th	Business Meeting
Mar 8 th	Coin Hunt
Mar 19 th	Find of the Month Meeting
Apr 2 nd	Business Meeting
Apr 16 th	Find of the Month Meeting



New Members

Please welcome the following new members to the club:

Jim Kwiatkowski	Mableton
Delisa Kelley	Austell

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Upcoming Coin Hunt

Our first coin hunt of the year is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th and 10:00 a.m. It will be held at the field across from Jim R. Miller park. Your dues must have already been paid if you wish to participate.

Ideas for 2003 Relic Show

We are looking 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.

2002 Find-Of-The-Year Results

Our February 19th meeting was our 2002 Find of the Year meeting. Each member who won the find of the month for single relic and single coin were eligible to bring that item to this meeting. To be eligible for the Find-Of-The-Year, the relic/coin must have been exhibited and the person who found the relic/coin present. Club members then voted for the 2002 Single Relic of the Year and 2002 Single Coin of the year.

Here were the entries for the find of the Year in the Single Relic category:

Jan Single	J. Grant	Button
Feb Single	D. Shipp	Button
Mar Single	D. Pasko	Bridle Ring Chain
Apr Single	S. Beaver	Cast I button
May Single	R. Holder	University of Alabama Button (Civil War Era)
June Single	R. Holder	US Box Plate
July Single	L. Schiller	Spur
Aug Single	S. Beaver	CSA Buckle
Sept Single	B. Harris	Cast I
Oct Single	C. York	CSA Buckle
Nov Single	B. Mull	Stencil
Dec Single	D. Shipp	CSA

Here were the entries for the Find-Of-The-Year in the Single Coin category:

Month	Person	Relic Item(s)
Jan Single	J. Grant	1835 Half Dime
Feb Single	B. Mull	1799 Coin
Mar Single	M. Grannemann	Spanish Cob
Apr Single	R. Baker	1872 Seated Liberty Quarter
May Single	R. Baker	1787 Spanish Real
June Single	L. Shirah	1814 ½ dime
July Single	R. Baker	
Aug Single	S. Beaver	Gold Ring
Sept Single	M. Childers	1927 Quarter
Oct Single	J. Grant	1784 Cent
Nov Single	J. Grant	Large Cent Coin
Dec Single	T. Millans	Half dime

The winner of the “2002 Single Relic of the Year” was Steve Beaver with the CSA buckle. The winner of the “2002 Single Coin of the Year” was Roy Baker with the 1872 Seated Liberty Quarter.

Congratulations to Steve and Roy on winning their award!

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.

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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.

Grand Opening of Kennesaw Civil War Museum

After months of construction and renovation, the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History (formerly, the Kennesaw Civil War Museum) will be celebrating their Grand Opening on Sunday March 30, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join others and celebrate the newly renovated Southern Museum, now 10 times its previous size. The museum boasts all new collections featuring the role railroads played during the Civil War, an interactive exhibit of *The General* and the Great Locomotive Chase, and life in the turn-of-the-century Glover Steam Locomotive Factory. There are several all day activities planned as well as a dedication and ribbon cutting at 1:00 p.m.

This Month in the Civil War

March 4, 1861 – Abraham Lincoln is sworn in as the 16th President of the United States.

March 8-9, 1862 - The Confederate Ironclad “Merrimac” sinks two wooden Union ships then battles the Union Ironclad “Monitor” to a draw. Navalwarfare is thus changed forever, making wooden ships obsolete.

March 1862 – The Peninsular Campaign begins as McClellan’s Army of the Potomac advances from Washington down the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay to the peninsular south of the Confederate Capital of Richmond, Virginia then begins an advance toward Richmond. President Lincoln temporarily relieves McClellan as general-in-chief and takes direct command of the Union armies.

March 3, 1863 – The U.S. Congress enacts a draft, affecting male citizens aged 20 to 45, but also exempts those who pay \$300 or provide a substitute. “The blood of a poor man is as precious as that of the wealthy,” poor Northerners complain.

March 9, 1864 – President Lincoln appoints General Grant to command all of the armies of the United States. General William T. Sherman succeeds Grant as commander in the west.

March 4, 1865 – Inauguration ceremonies for President Lincoln in Washington. “With malice toward none; with charity for all...let us strive on to finish the work we are in...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations,” Lincoln says.

March 25, 1865 –On this day, the last offensive for Lee’s army of Northern Virginia begins with an attack on the center of Grant’s forces at Petersburg. By now, only Lee’s army at Petersburg and Johnston’s forces in North Carolina remain to fight for the South against Northern forces now numbering 280,000 men. Four hours later the attack is broken.

In April, Grant’s forces begin a general advance and break through Lee’s lines at Petersburg. Confederate General Ambrose P. Hill is killed. Lee evacuates Petersburg. The Confederate Capital, Richmond, is evacuated. Fires and looting break out. The next day, Union troops enter and raise the Stars and Stripes.

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A few days later, on April 9th, General Robert E. Lee surrenders his Confederate Army to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at the village of Appomattox Court House in Virginia. Grant allows Rebel officers to keep their sidearms and permits soldiers to keep horses and mules. "After four years of arduous service marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources," Lee tells his troops.

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.

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.**

Relic Trivia...Test Your Knowledge!

1. What were the dates of the Civil War's beginning and end?
2. What were casualties of the North and South in the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain?
3. What was the total number of casualties from the Civil War?
4. What was Gen. Lee's horse's name?
5. Where did the first Civil War battle take place and which side opened fire?

Answers will appear in the next *Ramrod* issue.