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2005 Annual Relic Show

Well, the 26th Annual Southeastern Civil War Show and Sale has come and gone. Now it is time to look forward to the 2005 show. It may seem a little early to be planning but we are always looking for good ideas for the show.

The 2005 show will be August 13th and 14th with dealer set up on Friday the 12th. We should all be looking forward to next year's show, and the continued success of our club's yearly event.

Club & Events Calendar:

| Date | Event |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Dec 1 st | Business Meeting |
| Dec 15 th | Find of the Month Meeting |
| Jan 5 th | Business Meeting |
| Jan 19 th | Find of the Month Meeting |

November Relic Hunt

The club held a relic and coin hunt at Jim R. Miller Park on Saturday, November 13th. Everyone was a winner and a great time was had by all who attended.

Unfortunately, we had a small conflict with some runners in a race! Despite the crowd, it was a success. It was definitely an interesting hunt!

Member info on the web

Our club website will be updated soon with member information. With the exception of those who didn't want to be listed, each member's name and phone number will



be available for other members to look up when they need it. Keep checking our website for this update.

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) |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Sept Single | Jim Hammonds | Borman Shell |
| Sept Multi | Keith Cochran | NC button, eagle button, bullets |
| Oct Single | Roy Baker | 10lb Reed Shell |
| Oct Multi | Craig Nesmith | Bullets and buttons |

Here are the results for the Single & Multiple Coins.

| Month | Person | Relic Item(s) |
|-------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Sept Single | Jim Hammonds | 1899 Indian Head Penny |
| Sept Multi | None | |
| Oct Single | James Grant | \$1 gold coin |
| Oct Multi | James Grant | Misc. Coins |

Here are the results for the Jewelry and Miscellaneous category:

| Month | Person | Relic Item(s) |
|-------|--------|---------------|
| Sept | None | |
| Oct | None | |

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.

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

December Covered Dish Meeting

The December 15th meeting will be our annual covered dish Christmas party. This will be our final meeting of the year, and a time to celebrate the upcoming holidays with other club members. We ask that you bring your favorite dish to the party to share with everyone. Family members are welcome to attend.

New Club Officers Elected

It seems as though the year has just begun, but it was already time for us to select next year's club officers. At our last meeting, the nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the club's approval. A majority vote was necessary to elect each office and only dues-paying members were eligible to vote.

Your 2005 club officers are:

President: Darryl Houston

Vice President: Brian Copelan

Treasurer: Ray McMahan

Secretary: Ed Travis

Congratulations to our new club officers!

Upcoming Shows and Sales

Many of us are always looking to buy or sell our precious relics and artifacts. So to help you complete your collection, here is some information of upcoming shows around our area.

***The 10th Annual Great Chickamauga Southern National Civil War Show and Sale.** This show is held at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center in Dalton. It is located at Walnut Ave., Exit 333 off I-75. The show will be held February 4-6, 2005.

***17th Annual Heart of the Confederacy Civil War Relic Show and Sale.** This show will be held at the Georgia State Farmer's Market Exhibit Hall; located 10 miles south of Atlanta on I-75 at Exit 237. Show dates are March 19th and 20th, 2005.

***7th Annual Nashville Summer Show and Sale.** Show dates are May 14th and 15th, 2005 and it will be held at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds Agriculture Building and Banquet Hall. The Tennessee State Fairgrounds Complex is located 1 mile inside I-440, off Nolensville Road and is easily accessible from I-65, I-24, and I-40.

For more information about any of these shows, you may contact:

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Gifts of Charity

At the last meeting in December (scheduled for December 15th), we will take a look at the club's debit and credit sheets to determine how well the club has done fiscally. As is the practice of the club, we will then take the surplus money not needed for the operating expenses and donate them to local, worthwhile charities.

A committee will recommend charities to receive club funds and members will be able to vote on these charities. Please make sure you attend this meeting. Your vote and input is very important.

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.

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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.

This Month in the Civil War

November 1, 1861 –President Lincoln appoints McClellan as General-In-Chief of all Union forces after the resignation of the aged Winfield Scott. Lincoln tells McClellan “...the supreme command of the Army will entail a vast labor upon you.” McClellan responds, “I can do it all.”

November 8, 1861 –The beginning of an international diplomatic crisis for President Lincoln as two Confederate officials sailing toward England are seized by the U.S. Navy. England, the leading world power, demands their release, threatening war. Lincoln eventually gives in and

orders their release in December. “One war at a time,” Lincoln remarks.

November 7, 1862 –The President replaces McClellan with Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside as the new Commander of the Army of the Potomac. Lincoln had grown impatient with McClellan’s slowness to follow up on the success at Antietam, even telling him, “If you don’t want to use the army, I should like to borrow it a while.”

November 19, 1863--President Lincoln delivers a two minute Gettysburg Address at a ceremony dedicating the Battlefield as a National Cemetery.

November 23-25, 1863–The Rebel siege of Chattanooga ends as Union forces under Grant defeat the siege army of Gen. Braxton Bragg. During the battle, one of the most dramatic moments of the war occurs. Yelling “Chickamauga! Chickamauga!” Union troops avenge their previous defeat at Chickamauga by storming up the face of Missionary Ridge without orders and sweep the Rebels from what had been thought to be an impregnable position. “My God, come and see ‘em run!” a Union soldier cries.

November 8, 1864 –Abraham Lincoln is re-elected president, defeating Democrat George B. McClellan. Lincoln carries all but three states with 55 percent of the popular vote and 212 of 233 electoral votes. “I earnestly believe that the consequences of this day’s work will be to the lasting advantage, if not the very salvation, of the country,” Lincoln tells supporters.

November 15, 1864 –After destroying Atlanta’s warehouses and railroad facilities, Sherman, with 62,000 men begins a March to the Sea. President Lincoln on advice from Grant approved the idea. “I can make Georgia howl!” Sherman boasts.

Relic Trivia...Test Your Knowledge

1. What was the first capitol of the Confederate States of America?

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2. What disease did President Lincoln contract right after the Gettysburg Address?
3. What was the name of the CSA Submarine to sink the first enemy vessel in combat?
4. President Lincoln was narrowly elected in 1860 and he didn't even carry his home country. True or false?
5. How many days did Confederate President Jefferson Davis spend at Fort Monroe prison?

Answers to previous issue's questions:

1. Where is the "Bloody Angle"? The "Bloody Lane"? **There are two landmarks called the Bloody Angle, one at Gettysburg, and one at Spotsylvania. Bloody Lane is a landmark at Antietam.**
2. Who was the Vice President of the Confederate States of America? **Alexander Stevens**
3. What is a panada? **Panada is a hot gruel made of corn meal, army crackers mashed in boiling water, ginger or bully soup.**
4. Who or What was Daniel Webster? **One of Gen. George McClellan's favorite horses.**
5. On February 11, 1861, what did both Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln do? **Left their homes to become president.**

Answers will appear in the next *Ramrod* issue.

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.**