

# SEPTEMBER 2021 RAMROD

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## CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Here are the dates for our upcoming club events. A reminder note will be posted to club members before each event, or you may go to our club website or Facebook page for additional information.

### 2021 Meeting Schedule

- September 7<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting
  - Guest Speaker – Carl DiMare; Civil War Edged Weapons
- September 21<sup>st</sup> – find of the month meeting
- October 5<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting
  - Guest Speaker - Steve Strickland; Georgia Civil War Relics
- October 19<sup>th</sup> – find of the month meeting
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – business meeting
  - Guest Speaker – Jim Hammonds; Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – find of the month meeting
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – business meeting
  - Election of new board officers to serve in 2022 and Club charity announcement
  - Buy, Sell, Trade and Swap meeting
- December 21<sup>st</sup> – general meeting
  - Christmas Party
  - Find of the month meeting

## FALL CLUB HUNT

**Fall Hunt** – The club will have its fall club hunt tentatively scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>. Signups for the hunt will be available at our September meetings. To be eligible to participate in the hunt, you must sign up at one of our meetings – we cannot accept signups for the hunt on the day of the hunt as we need to know (in advance) how many will be participating in the hunt. We need to know the number of folks at the hunt to ensure we have sufficient prizes at the hunt and food for folks (we will have hamburgers and other food items after the hunt).

Hunt fees are \$25 per person.

We will discuss in detail what the hunt will entail at our two September meetings.

## JULY RAFFLE PRICE WINNERS

**Raffle Prize** - At each meeting, we will have a raffle (\$0.50 per ticket) with two or three choices for the winner of the raffle to select. These items may include (but not limited too) Civil War

Breastplates, Box plates, Bayonets, Union and Confederate buttons, artillery shells, Civil War reference books, silver coins, and more. All attending the meeting may purchase raffle tickets.

- At our August 3rd meeting, won an NC Sunburst Button
- At our August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Ray McMahan won the book written by Tom Dickey and Peter George “Field Artillery Projectiles of the American Civil War.”

### **AUGUST FIND OF THE MONTH WINNERS**

- Single Relic – Ed Travis with an Allen Wheelock Bullet
- Multiple Relics – Ed Travis with a riker containing bullets, sword belt rivets, non-descript buckles.
- Single Coin – no entry
- Multiple Coins – no entry
- Jewelry/Miscellaneous – Anna Wing & Cathy Granger with Civil War Era utensils

### **43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN CIVIL WAR AND ANTIQUE GUN SHOW**

**The following article has been submitted to Jack Melton so it can be included in an upcoming issue of Civil War News. Specific details of the show results (specifically financial report and numbers at the show) will be discussed at our September club meetings.**

After a year break (Due to COVID-19) restrictions) the North Georgia Relic Hunters Association was able to hold its 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southeastern Civil War and Antique Gun Show. The show was held at the Cobb County Civic Center, in Marietta, Georgia – just outside of the Marietta Square.



Even though we were limited in the number of tables we could have at this year's show (compared to those shows in the past) we still were able to have a great show. As indicated by the gate count, people were eager to attend the show and our numbers of show customer were at previous show levels before COVID; and that is with the increase of COVID cases in the area which may have kept some folks away from the show.

As folks arrived to the show, they were greeted by a band that was playing Civil War Period music – for the enjoyment of those at the event.



As a special tribute to those who have served our country and community, military personnel, veterans, and first responders were given free admission to the show.

Even with the restrictions imposed on spacing for tables, we were able to have over 180 eight-foot tables, and a dozen 4-foot tables. While some dealers who had participated in past shows were not able to come to this year's show (due to COVID concerns), new dealers requested to have tables at the show and the show was a complete sell-out.



Proceeds from the show help to support the club's yearly operation and our yearly charity donations (made to organizations such as the Marietta Confederate Cemetery, Marietta Parks and Recreation, Cavalry Childrens Home, Wreaths Across America, just to name a few.



Dealers (from around the country) had a variety of items for sale; and while the list of all items at the show is immense, they included dug relics, guns and swords, Civil War related books, frameable prints, metal detectors, artillery items, old currency, military accessories, metal detectors, images, and a host of other items. While the show is held near the Kennesaw Battlefield Park, items from dozens of Civil War sites around the country were available for purchase.

Those coming to the show were informed that they could bring items to the show for identification or to know more about or to have appraised (noted Appraiser John Sexton was at the show to provide free appraisals).

Although the show covered items up to and including World War II, the main theme of the show related to the American Civil War.



















In talking with dealers at the show, they reported that they thought it was a great show and that they did very well with selling – and in many cases buying items. Many said they had outstanding sales. One dealer reported that he had a collector buy everything on his table – so as he noted he had an exceptional show.

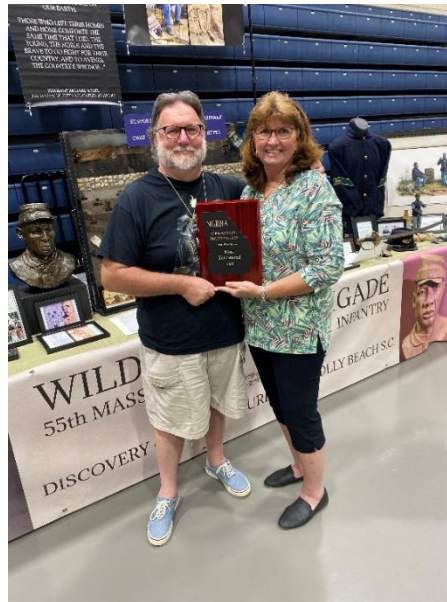
The new layout of the show was also a pleasant “surprise” for the dealers as it provided them with more room at their tables and that they did not feel as “cramped” as in past shows.





A number of awards were given at the show:

**Most Educational Award** went to Robert Bohrn and Connie Brailsford for their display on the 55th Massachusetts. Their display related to the finding (by Robert) of the remains of the graves of US Soldiers from the 55<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts (at the time, these were referred to as US Colored Troops (USCT)). A video of this recovery can be found on YouTube at [REB Digs; Civil War African-American Soldiers from the 55th.Massachusetts on Folly Beach, S.C. - YouTube](#)





**Excavated Relics Award** went to Roy Baker and Stan Wills for their display of Civil War artifacts (including Union and Confederate Buckles, Buttons, and Artillery Shells) that they have metal detected mainly in Georgia.





**Judges Award** went to Scott Riddle for his outstanding display of Confederate buckles and buttons. Included in his display are buttons and buckles related to the Georgia Military Academy, which was located in Marietta (which was located less than one mile from the Cobb County Civic Center)s.





Door prizes were also given out to folks who came to the show, and these consisted of Civil War books and relics found in the vicinity of Kennesaw Mountain (found off the park on private property with approval of the owner of the property).

A show raffle was also held, and the raffle was for a framed picture by Don Troiani titled Thunder on Little Kennesaw. The winner of this painting was Brad Shumpert of Dallas, Georgia.



So overall, everyone (dealers and participants) reported that they felt that the show was a great success. Overall attendance was good (numbers were on par with “pre-COVID” shows, sales (as reported by dealers) were plentiful and all had a good time just spending time with fellow enthusiasts; especially with the dealers with whom we generally only see at this and other related Relic Shows.

The club’s 44<sup>th</sup> Annual show is in the planning stages, and right now the dates are set for August 13 – 14, 2022 at the Cobb County Civic Center.



More information about the North Georgia Relic Hunters Association and our annual show for 2022, can be found on the club's website at [www.ngrha.com](http://www.ngrha.com) or on the club's Facebook site "North Georgia Relic Hunters Association" which is open to the public to join.

### **CLUB WEB SITE**

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

***WWW.NGRHA.COM***

This site is continually updated with club-related information, so we encourage you to visit to site to learn about the latest club activities and events.

### **CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE**

More club information can be found on the club's Facebook site. This site not only includes information on club activities, but also a variety of information regarding the Civil War and articles of interest relating to history and our hobby.



You can subscribe to our site on Facebook by going to our page at:

***North Georgia Relic Hunters Association***

You can also make posts to this page with anything that you think will be of interest to other club members – including online articles and information from other Facebook sites.

# **Happy Hunting !!!**