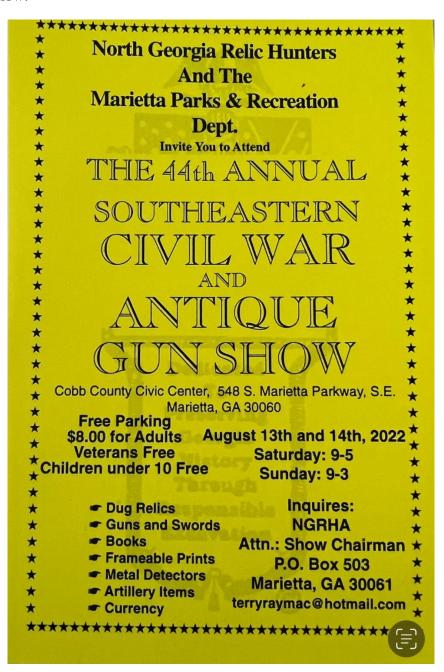
AUGUST 2022 RAMROD

NGRHA ANNUAL RELIC SHOW

Don't forget to spread the show as our annual NGRHA relic show is at hand. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so we need all club members help in ensuring that we have a successful show.



SHOW VOLUNTERS NEEDED

We are still in need to fill some of the slots for our show, the volunteer signup sheet will be at our next club meeting (August 2nd) so please review it and signup for a shift so we can ensure all slots are filled.

If you have any questions about the role of the different locations, they will be addressed at the meeting and/or at the show.

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.

- August 2nd business meeting
 - o Club discussion on the club's upcoming Relic Show
 - o Discussion/demonstrations on various types of metal detectors
- August 13th and 14th Club Show
 - o 44th Annual Southeastern Civil War and Antique Gun Show
- August 16th business meeting
 - o Find of the Month (August Finds)
- September 6th business meeting
 - Presentation on personal items identified to Union and Confederate Civil War soldiers by Jim Hammonds
- September 20th business meeting
 - o Find of the Month (September Finds)
- October 4th business meeting
 - o Presentation on Civil War Artillery by Carl Sitherwood
- October 18th business meeting
 - o Find of the Month (September Finds)
- November 1st business meeting
 - o Nominations open for 2023 Club Officers
 - o Presentation on Civil War Bullets/Gun Tools by Lynn King
- November 15th business meeting
 - o Nominations open for 2023 club officers
 - o Find of the Month (November Finds)
- December 6th business meeting
 - o Election of 2023 club officers
 - o 2022 Club Charity Announcements
- December 20th business meeting
 - o Club's Christmas Party

MAY 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 July 5th meeting, Ed Travis won a US box plate (found near Pickett's Mill).
- At our July 19th, Ben Martin won a US belt buckle

FIND OF THE MONTH WINNERS

July Find of the Month Winners

For the month of April, here are the winners for the find of the month.

- Single Relic Jim Martin with part of a bayonet
- Multiple Relics Hannah Martin with a riker-case of various bullets and miscellaneous relics.
- Single Coin Lynn King with a 1968-S Lincoln Penny
- Multiple Coins no entries
- Jewelry / Miscellaneous Jimmy Berry with prehistoric Shark Teeth, estimated to be between 20 and 30 million years old.









HOW TO METAL DETECT TRASHY GROUND

If you find yourself in a location where the soil itself or the surface is covered in litter you need to adapt your strategy. First of all it is recommended that you try and avoid detecting trashy areas if at all possible. However, if you have a <u>hot spot</u> that you think will yield results it may be worth the effort. (Example a really old lake resort that was frequented by old timers but now has become degenerated).

So how does one avoid the bottle caps and other metallic trash and go for gold?



First of all you will need to screen out iron and other non valuable metals on your detector. You can select this on your detector keypad. It is recommended that you have these settings saved so you only need to click a button when encountering trashy soil. Your detector will them ignore iron, foil and most bottle caps and sound only for other metal like Silver. Unfortunately some pull tabs are in the same range as gold rings and a few bottle caps overlaps with some silver coins. Every detectorist will dig a certain % of trash on every hunt. Dont be discouraged. keep at it!

Second you will need to turn the sensitivity way down. Very often metals that you have screened out will still register as another metal due to there varying compositions especially if the sensitivity dial is cranked to the max. Very often the size of a bottle cap is the exact same size as a coin or ring that your detector is designed to detect. This may also lead to a false reading even if the detector recognizes this as a screened out metal. Take sensitivity down and you will get less false readings.

Thirdly it is recommended that you make use of a smaller search coil or even a "Sniper coil". These are much smaller coils that allow you to focus on smaller patches of earth beneath the coil and stop false readings. If you were using a larger coil for example, a diamond ring, 3 bottle caps and a doorknob could all be underneath the coil at the same time. Using a smaller sniper coil will allow you to focus on each individual item and prevent the detector getting confused by the numerous targets presented in trashy soil beneath the coil.

If you are lucky your detector will have a surface elimination feature. You can set the detector to ignore anything on the surface of the soil.

These additional points need to be considered when hunting trashy areas include:

- Ground balance
- Sensitivity setting
- Swing speed
- Discrimination
- Pattern your movement

CIVIL WAR SOLDIER RESEARCH

If you have a Civil War ancestor that you wish to have more information about (ie; personal information relating to the soldier), then bring you request to the club's board. The club has access to some Civil War databases (which the club has paid for with a yearly subscription) and one of the benefits of being a club member is that we can do research to find information on Civil War soldiers (Union and Confederate).

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

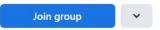
More club information can be found on the club's Facebook site. This site not only includes information on club activities, but also a variety of information regarding the Civil War and articles of interest relating to history and our hobby.

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



North Georgia Relic Hunters Association (NGRHA)

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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.

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF COBB COUNTY

Another organization that you may be interested in joining is the Civil War Round Table of Cobb County. This organization meets the 1st Thursday of each month (except for July and August) at the Marietta Hilton Hotel.

As stated in the organization's bylaws, the purpose of this organization is:

- TO cultivate and preserve Civil War heritage of Georgia and to broaden the understanding of the Civil War era and its impact on our nation.
- TO explore the many facets of the Civil War from the battlefield to first-person narratives, including lectures by writers and historians and to encourage travel to locations linked to the Civil War.
- TO support historical projects and activities aimed at increasing awareness and appreciation of our Civil War history through sponsorship of various educational programs.

You can learn more about this organization by visiting the Facebook group page.

