

July 2025

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



Photo by Brian E

President's Message

Summer has fully arrived. The grass is dry, the ground is hard, and the sand is hot. These warm months don't always make for the most comfortable digging, but they can be some of the most rewarding. I've always found that persistence has the most influence on good finds, luck is only a small part of what leads to good finds, especially this time of year.

Our annual picnic took place on July 13, and the event overall was a big success. The forecast reaching into the mid-90s definitely had my attention for the past few weeks and I was concerned about the temperature during the seeded hunt. I personally felt like I got baked alive and I know many others skipped the hunt or had to leave the field early. Aside from the temperature we had a great potluck, the games were constantly full of people trying their luck, and we had almost too many raffle prizes to give away! A huge thank you to everyone who pitched in to make it happen. It was great to see all the familiar faces and some new ones as well!

As I look forward to the second half of the year there's many items on my agenda that had to be put on hold until post picnic. I'm excited to get working on those and as always dig responsibly and leave no trace.

Ryan Paradis
OTTS President

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MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 24 MEETING MINUTES

- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE PRES. ASHLEY W
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- BOARD AND BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE INTRODUCED
- NEW MEMBERS 0 / GUEST 1
- MEMBER DRAW WON BY DON S.
- PROGRESSIVE DRAW WON BY SCOTT H.
- BIRTHDAYS 8 COINS GIVEN
- ONE CLUB TOKEN TURNED IN BY BRIAN E.
- MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING ACCEPTED
- TREASURERS REPORT ACCEPTED
- CLUB HUNT REPORT GIVEN
- PICNIC UPDATE
- NEW BUSINESS ; WEBSITE,EMAIL,FACEBOOK
- NICK R. TALKED ABOUT HIS FINDS IN HIS YARD
- BREAK
- RECAP RICK PAGE'S MEMORIAL SERVICE BY SCOTT H.
- CLUB DRAWINGS WERE HELD PLINKO, QUARTER DROP, MAIN RAFFLE
- FOTM WINNERS ANNOUNCED
- MEETING ADJOURNED

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025
- Social hour starts at 6:00 p.m.
- Meeting starts at: 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting location:
American Legion Post 1
1830 S.E. 122nd Ave.
Portland, OR 97233

Next members to bring meeting snacks!

Sean & Ron



Next Club Hunt

July 26th
8:00 AM -12:00 PM

Location TBA on website
calendar.
<https://ottsclub.org/calendar>

July Raffle Results

Winners

June 24th, 2025 Raffle

GOLD

1 Gram GOLD BAR - Lee H.

SILVER

1. 2009 SILVER EAGLE - Kathy B
2. 2022 Truth CONQUERS AU - Dan R
3. 2023 KRUGERRAND - Lee H
4. 2022 Maple Leaf - Mike J
5. 2022 BRITANNIA- Mike J
6. 2023 PHILHARMONIC - Brian E
7. 2017 AUSTRALIAN KDOKABUIRRA - Kathy B
8. 2021 AUSTRALIAN KANGAROO - Randy E
9. 1 oz SILVER BAR - Tim S

MYSTERY ENVELOPES

M-1 1oz SILVER EAGLE ROUND - Alex S

M-2 AUSTRALIAN KANGAROO- Alex S



Find of the month June

Category	Place	Name	Item	Rank	Name	June	Total
Item of the Month				1	Jackee	29	170
	1	Brian	Spirit of 76 Medal	2	Brian	16	112
	2	Jackee	Vintage Toy Car	3	Ryan	16	108
US Coin				5	Kirk	21	83
	1	Jackee	1911 D Barber Dime	4	Bill	13	71
	2	Ryan P	1941 S Mercury Dime	6	Scott	6	35
	3	Jeff S	2009 US \$1.00	7	Sean	7	33
Foreign Coin				8	Jeffery C.		32
	1	Jackee	Euro Cent in Piggy Bank	9	Lorilee		30
	2	Brian	Chinese Cash Coin	10	Jeff S.	5	27
	3	Kirk	2007 Guatemala 50 Centavos	11	Ed	3	18
Token				12	Jason		13
	1	Jackee	Ericksons Portland, OR Token	13	Pat		11
	2	Brian	Pietros Pizza	14	Gregg		6
	3	Ryan P	Scratch It Elongated Penny	15	Richard		2
Gold Jewelry				16	Danielle		1
	1	Kirk	14K Gold Diamond Ring				
Silver Item							
	1	Scott	Large Sterling Spoon				
	2	Kirk	925 Ring				
	2	Bill B	925 Flower Ring				
	3	Jackee	Broken Sterling strip				
Jewelry							
	1	Bill B	Follo Men's Watch				
	2	Jackee	Gold Filled Tigers Eye Ring				
	3	Ryan P	Broach				
Artifact							
	1	Kirk	1930s Burgermeister Beer Can				
	1	Sean	Brass Woman				
	2	Jackee	1930s Farmers Insurance License Plate Topper				
	2	Bill B	Skeleton Key				
Oldest US Coin							
	1	Jackee	1919 S Wheat Penny				
	2	Brian	1920 Wheat Penny				
	3	Ryan P	1936 Wheat Penny				
Most Valuable US Coin							
	1	Ryan P	1942 Philadelphia Mercury Dime				
	2	Jackee	1964 D Roosevelt Dime				
	3	Brian	\$1.00 Sacagawea				
Display							
	1	Kirk	Awesome display with 2 gold rings				
	2	Bill B					
	3	Jackee					
	3	Brian					
Best of the Best							
	1	Kirk	14K Gold Diamond Ring				

Ed V's June club hunt track



Ed's find of the day!

Jackie's fantastic finds!



Neat piece of lead with a mirrored image of a barber quarter & 1911 D Barber Dime!



Club Member's Experiences

Kirk's finds! Kirk says, "My gold for the first 6 months of the year and some of my favorite silvers for the year to date."



Club Hunt Report

Date: June 29, 8am-12pm

Location: Lake Sacajawea Park, Longview, WA



Hunt Results: 16 members and 1 guest came out to the monthly club hunt held in Longview. Don hid a total of 15 regular club tokens and only six were found.

For natural finds in the park, Jeff and Allisyn found silver coins dated 1943. Jeff's was a Walking Liberty half dollar and Allisyn's was a Mercury dime. Two 35% silver War Nickels were found, one silver foreign coin and one silver ring rounded out the silver finds for the day.

The top places in the competition hunt were:

- 1) Ashley 113 points Prize: silver quarter
- 2) Jeff 105 points Prize: silver quarter
- 3) Tim 95 points Prize: silver quarter
- 4) Scott 79 points Prize: silver dime
- 5) Lee 76 points Prize: silver dime
- 6) Bill 54 points Prize: silver dime

Total clad found: \$25.13

Trash collected during the hunt: 5 lbs

Next Club Hunt: OTTS will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Saturday, July 26. A meeting location will be announced soon, check the club calendar for updates.

We will start at 8am and count out at 12pm. Be at the meeting spot by 7:30am!

Non-members are always welcome.

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Trash collected during the hunt: 5 lbs

Ed V has this fantastic contribution for this section.

After several months of metal detecting the coins I find are ready for a cleaning and return to the bank. Here are the steps I take to do that.

1. Separate all of the nickels, dimes and quarters from the pennies. If you don't, all your silver will have a copper tint after you tumble them.
2. I use a Frankford Arsenal tumbler (typically used for cleaning brass cartridges). I can tumble up to 18 lbs of coins at a time.
 - a. Load coins into tumbler, fill 90% full of water and a small amount of dish soap. Tumble for about 10 minutes.
 - b. Empty the "muddy" water out and refill with clean water and another couple of drops of dish soap.
 - c. Tumble for 1 to 1 ½ hours. Empty the water again and inspect coins. If you still have some with heavy tarnish you can refill it with water and add ¼ cup of lemon juice and tumble for another 30 minutes.
 - d. Rinse coins and lay them out to dry.
3. If you have a bank that will put them through their sorting machine you can do that. I have a Royal Sovereign Coin Sorter that I use to sort them and put them in to coin rolls.

In a typical metal detecting year I will put between \$400-\$500 worth of coins back into my hobby to help pay for gas and hunts.



To submit entries for this section email rubber2theroad@yahoo.com

Snake Pit
Treasure
Raffle

Cascade Treasure Club

At New Life
Church
Renton, WA

Presents the 33rd

Snake Bite



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Open
Metal Detecting
Event

Saturday Aug 9th 2025

Registration, Silver Dollar Raffles Opening Ceremony		8 - 8:45 am	Hunt 2 \$85	Viper's Venom	11 -11:45 am
HuntYear Of The Snake		8:45 am		BBQ & Potluck \$donation	12 -1:15pm
1 \$75		9 - 9:45 am	Hunt 3 \$105	The Final Strike	1:45 - 2:45pm
				Closing Ceremony	3:30

Pre-Register by June 30th
And receive \$25 off with the purchase of all 3 hunts



You can pay online at our Website,
cascadetreasureclub.org

Make payment to:
Cascade Treasure Club

c/o Mark Kulseth 607 S. 1st Street box 564 La Conner WA 98257

Name	Hunt #1 \$ 75	Hunt #2 \$ 85	Hunt #3 \$ 105	All 3 hunts \$ 265	Before 6/30 \$240	Total \$
Address				Total All		
Email:		Phone #				
Please add the number of people attending Potluck / BBQ						



CTC Silver Shoot Saturday Aug 9th 2025

OVERNIGHT PARKING

FRIDAY ONLY

• Park next Hwy

No hook-ups or tents



Driving directions:

Heading South on I - 405 take exit 4. At 2nd light turn left onto Maple Valley Hwy.(Hwy. 169)

Heading North on I - 405 Take exit 4. Stay to the right onto Maple Valley Hwy (169)

Continue on Maple Valley Highway (169) for about 5.7 miles. Turn right at 152nd Ave SE and park in the parking lot on the right near the highway.

Heading from Hwy. 18 take exit onto 231st St SE. Go east 1 block. Turn left onto Maple Valley Hwy (169)

heading towards Renton. Turn left onto 152nd Ave SE. Parking is on the right near the highway. Hunt site is about 9 miles from hwy 18 exit.

Pre-Register by June 30th

Receive \$25 off with the Purchase of all 3 hunts.

Payment can be made on our Website: cascadetreasureclub.org

***** (*Pre-registering helps determine extra silver prizes for hunts*) *****

On-site Registration will be from 8am to 8:45am. Registration will also be open between hunts.

Hunt Information:

Silver Dollar Raffle: There will be several drawings for a silver dollar throughout the day.

Main Raffle: Tickets will be available throughout the day. Prizes include: a Snake Pit Treasure, a Gold Coin, Metal Detector as well as other great prizes.

Opening Ceremony : Will begin at 8:45am.

1st hunt: 9:00 - 9:45am (Chinese Zodiac) Year of the Snake —tokens in the field, are good

for prizes, including hundreds of silver dimes.

2nd hunt: 11:00 -11:45am Viper's Venom—Tokens are good for prizes

(including hundreds of silver coins,

metal detector, and a gold coin) a mix of coins in the field.

Lunch: 12:00 - 1:15pm Our annual BBQ potluck: bring favorite side dish, salad, or dessert. CTC will supply plates, napkins, eating utensils, hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. **** Donation accepted ****

3rd hunt: 1:45 – 2:45pm The final strike—During the last 15

minutes of this hunt, the other two fields will be re-opened to hunt as well. You will be able to use any prize tokens you find. This hunt will have prizes (including hundreds of silver coins, metal detector and a gold coin) as well as mix of coins and Live? snake surprises.

Hunt rules: New Life Church is allowing us to use their property—please treat their field and property with respect: tokens and coins will not be buried—just hidden in the grass. Hunting in the fields prior to or after the hunt is not allowed. You may use only one detector & pin pointer. Only registered hunters are allowed on fields during hunts (exceptions must be cleared in advance by hunt Chairpersons). Thunder Storms will delay or stop a hunt. If one occurs, the hunt may resume after the storm passes.

Hunt Chairpersons: Mark Kulseth, & Mark Jenkins
Hunt Trouble maker Joe Sacco

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Club Code of Ethics

- I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT TRESPASS WITHOUT THE LANDOWNER'S PERMISSION.
- I WILL NOT DESTROY PROPERTY, BUILDINGS OR WHAT IS LEFT OF GHOST TOWNS AND DESERTED STRUCTURES.
- I WILL NOT LITTER, ALWAYS PACK OUT WHAT I TAKE IN AND REMOVE ALL TRASH DUG IN MY SEARCH.
- I WILL LEAVE ALL GATES AND OTHER ACCESSES TO LAND AS FOUND.
- I WILL APPRECIATE AND PROTECT OUR HERITAGE OF NATIONAL RESOURCES, WILDLIFE, AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.
- I WILL USE THOUGHTFULNESS, CONSIDERATION AND COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.
- I WILL ABIDE BY ALL LAWS ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS THAT MAY GOVERN MY SEARCH, OR THE AREA I WILL BE IN.
- I WILL FILL ALL HOLES, REGARDLESS HOW REMOTE THE LOCATION, AND NEVER DIG IN A WAY THAT WILL DAMAGE, BE DAMAGING TO, OR KILL ANY VEGETATION.
- I WILL REPORT THE DISCOVERY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL VALUE TO A LOCAL HISTORIAN OR MUSEUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST LEGISLATION.
- I WILL BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE METAL DETECTING HOBBY. I WILL BE POLITE AND INFORMATIVE TO THOSE WHO INQUIRE ABOUT MY HOBBY.
- I WILL NOT MISREPRESENT AS TO HOW AND WHEN AN ARTICLE WAS ACQUIRED.

Oregon Treasure Trail Society History

The Oregon Treasure Trail Society (O.T.T.S.) was formed in 1982. It was started by five avid hobbyists who each put \$5 into the kitty and declared themselves an official club. They set out to provide an organization that would unite people together with the same interest in metal detecting, whether it be coin and token hunting, relics hunting, or simply a passion for finding interesting treasures of the past.

Club Officers

President: Ryan Paradis

Vice President: Ashley W

Secretary: Jeff Sikorski

Treasurer: Don Spillman

At Large Board Members: Kirk Ebensteiner, Brian Echerer

Immediate Past President: Scott Hadley

Club e-mail address: oregontreasuretrailsociety@gmail.com

Extracurricular Positions

Website Editors: Jerry H

Newsletter Editor: Brian E

Find of the Month Team: Richard Sather with support from Kirk and Ryan Also David Ortman after March

Club Hunts: Ed V & various members

Raffles: Kathy & Ron B

Challenge Token: Brian E

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www.OTTSClub.org oregontreasuretrailsociety@gmail.com	Meetings 4th Tuesday of the month. 6:00 PM American Legion Post 1: 1830 se 122nd Ave. Portland OR 97233