

# Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

December 2024



## O.T.T.S. President's Message

Looking forward to 2025 - We have a few new faces in club leadership. Of course I will still be your President, Ryan Paradis at Vice President, Jeff Sikorski at Secretary, Don Spillman at Treasurer, Board members: Scott Hadley as immediate past president and Brian Echerer Newsletter Editor. At large member Kirk Ebensteiner.

No other meeting in December, January 28th, 2025, will be our next club meeting.

Remember our Special holiday hunt January 5th. See details in this newsletter.

Happy New Years and happy hunting!

Rick Page, President

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# MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 7TH, 2024

- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY RICK PAGE AT 3:45
- TREASURES REPORT BY DON S.
- MEMBER DRAW WON BY ALEX S.
- BIRTHDAY COINS WERE PRESENTED TO 5 MEMBERS PRESENT WITH DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
- PROGRESSIVE DRAW WON BY JERRY H.
- DETECTORIST OF THE YEAR AWARDS PRESENTED
- SPECIAL CHRISTMAS/YEAR END HUNT ANNOUNCED.
- ELECTIONS HELD FOR 2025 CLUB OFFICERS HELD. RICK P. WILL SERVE AS CLUB PRESIDENT, RYAN P. WILL SERVE S VICE PRESIDENT, JEFF S. WILL SERVE AS CLUB SECRETARY, AND DON S. WILL CONTINUE AS CLUB TREASURER.
- MEETING ADJOURNED AND THE CHRISTMAS BANQUET COMMENCED.

## Announcements

### **Next Meeting:**

- Tuesday, January 28th, 2025
- Social hour starts at 6:00 p.m.
- Meeting starts at: 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting location: American Legion Post 11830 S.E. 122nd Ave. Portland, OR 97233

### **Holiday Club Hunt**

January 5th  
9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Fred Meyer  
2500 Columbia House  
Blvd, **Vancouver**, WA  
98661

### **Important Club Note!**

Ongoing club fundraising includes collection of cans and bottles with deposits and washed pennies each month. The money is used for club activities clean pull tabs are collected and donated for scrap metal.

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# November Raffel Results

## Winners

Every member!!!

Every member attending the December 7th meeting was given a 1oz 2024 Santa silver round pictured below!



# Find of the month November

Item of the Month		
Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Binoculars
2	Brian E	Pocket Watch
3	Kirk E	Scarf Doll
US Coin		
Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1869 S Dime
2	Harold V	1895 V Nickel
3	Willy A	John Quincy \$1 coin
Foreign Coin		
Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	1888 Hong Kong 100 coin
2	Harold V	Silver 10 euro
3	Jackee A	1800's Chinese coin
Token		
Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	2009 3 time fun token
2	Ryan P	Palace Saloon G/F 5 cents
3	Willy A	My home token
Gold Item		
Place	Name	Item
1	Kirk E	18k pepper
2	Harold V	14k ring
3	Willy A	10k baby ring
Silver Item		
Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	Sterling dental grill
2	Harold V	925 locket
3	Willy A	1987 class ring

Jewelry		
Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	child's gold filled bracelet
2	Harold V	1kt gold plate pendent
3	Ryan P	gold plated bracelet link
Artifact		
Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	toy pistol
2	Willy A	key fob
3	Kirk E	bear with hat
Oldest US Coin		
Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	1893 IHP
2	Ryan P	1898 IHP
3	Jackee A	no date IHP
Most Valuable US Coin		
Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1913 S dime
2	Jackee A	1920 S quarter
3	Willy A	1946 dime
Display		
Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	
2	Ryan P	
3	Kirk E	
3	Jackee A	
Best of the Best		
Place	Name	Item
1	Kirk E	Gold 18k Pepper



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# Detectorist of the year 2024 final standings

Top 15 received certificates			Join in on the fun for the 2025 Detectorist Of The Year Standings
1	Jackee A	283	
2	Harold V	229	
3	Ryan P	216	
4	Willy A	189	
5	Kirk E	158	
6	Bill B	81	
7	Brian E	42	
8	Tim S	41	
9	Sean T	34	
10	Scott H	33	
11	Lorilee C	21	
12	Ed V	20	
13	Laura S	16	
14	Lee H	14	
15	Allisyn W	13	



2024 Detectorist  
of the year!

Congratulations  
Jackee!!!

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# Club Member's Experiences



Santa!



Thank you gift  
for Ryan.



The cool kids

The party  
animals--->



Photos submitted by Ron

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## Next Club Hunt Details

Ryan will be hosting a special Christmas Club Hunt on Sunday, January 5th. You may want to brave the cold weather for this one as nobody will go home empty handed. The club has allocated a significant amount of additional silver to be given out, along with some special prizes Ryan has been saving up over the year. Over 60 tokens are planned to be hidden, all good for some kind of silver coin. In addition, the normal club hunt silver is included, so the regular competition hunt and club tokens will be awarded in addition to the membership draws. Special prizes: 1888-O Morgan (donated by Don), 1906 6-Pence and large silver bracelet (donated by Ed), 1 oz round, 5 half dollars, and 50 silver quarters!

\*You must be an 2024 or 2025 OTTS member to participate in the special prizes.\* Sign up forms will be available for new members at the meet up, or bring the form completed with cash or check (see the website: <https://ottsclub.org/files>). Non-members can still participate but only regular club tokens good for a dime can be redeemed.

The meeting location will be at the Fred Meyer located at 2500 Columbia House Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661. There's a large parking lot there we will meet in, there is a Starbucks located inside the Fred Meyer.

We will start at 9am and count out at 1pm. Be there by 8:30am!

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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.

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# 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:** Richard L Page e-mail: rickpage2@comcast.net

**Vice President:** Ryan Paradis

**Secretary:** Jeff Sikorski

**Treasurer:** Don Spillman

**At Large Board Members:** Kirk Ebensteine, Brian Echerer

**In Kind board member:** Scott Hadley

**Club e-mail address:** oregontreasuretrailsociety@gmail.com

## Extracurricular Positions

**Website Editors:** Jerry H, Harold V

**Newsletter Editor:** Brian E

**Find of the Month Team:** Jerry H, Laura A.

**Club Hunts:** Ed V & various members

**Forms Support:** Sue F

**Raffles:** Kathy 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