

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

Our club is currently facing a challenging time following the sudden passing of our beloved President, Rick Page. Rick dedicated himself to our club with unwavering commitment, warmth, and a quiet strength that he demonstrated twice as President. He held a deep conviction in the spirit of our club and the character of its members. Rick poured his heart and soul into helping OTTS grow and flourish. His warm and welcoming demeanor brought people together, creating a sense of belonging that makes this club feel like a family.

In these difficult times, we are reminded that the most enduring treasures in life are not material possessions, but the people we share our time with. Rick's kindness, generosity, and steadfast presence left a mark on all of us. His legacy will continue to inspire us through the friendships he fostered and the club he helped shape. Together, we will strive to continue building the kind of club that Rick envisioned, rooted in friendship, inclusiveness, and a shared passion for our pursuits. He will be deeply missed.

Ryan Paradis
Vice President

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MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 25TH MEETING MINUTES

- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY RICK P.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- BOARD AND BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE INTRODUCED
- NEW MEMBERS 3 / GUEST 0
- MEMBER DRAW WON BY RON B. FRANKLIN HALF
- PROGRESSIVE DRAW NO WINNER DOLLAR COIN ADDED
- BIRTHDAYS 5 COINS GIVEN
- MIKE M. TALKED ABOUT SELLING HIS MANTICORE
- BILL B. TALKED ABOUT SECURITY AND POTENTIAL CAR BREAK-IN ISSUES
- CLUB HUNT REPORT GIVEN BY KIRK E.
- RICK DISCUSSED MENTORING OUR NEW DETECTORIST
- SILVER BAR WILL BE RAFFLED AT THE APRIL MEETING
- RICK DISCUSSED GEESE IN THE PARKS AND BIRD FLU
- TREASURERS REPORT
- MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING ACCEPTED
- RYAN TALKED ABOUT HIS TIME AT THE DIGSTOCK EVENT
- CLUB DRAWINGS WERE HELD PLINKO, QUARTER DROP, MAIN RAFFLE
- FOTM WINNERS ANNOUNCED
- SNACK PROVIDERS FOR APRIL MEETING SHERRIE B. AND ASHLEY W.
- MEETING ADJOURNED

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, April 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!

**Sherrie B
&
Ashley W**



Next Club Hunt

April 27th
8:00 AM -12:00 PM

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

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.

February Raffle Results

Winners

March 25th, 2025 Raffle

SILVER

Ashley W - 1oz Silver bar

Mike M - 2016 Canadian coin

Mike M - 1oz 2025 S. African Coin

Laura S - 1oz 2024 Silver eagle

Ashley W - 1921 Morgan

Laura S - 1921 Morgan

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Mike M - 1923 Peace dollar

MYSTERY ENVELOPES

Ryan P - 1896 Morgan

Mike M - 1922 Peace dollar



Special quarterly raffle for this Aztec 5-ounce bar of fine silver. Make sure to buy tickets at the next meeting!

Find of the month March

Category	Place	Name	Item
Item of the Month			
	1	Brian	Dolphin bottle opener
	2	Ryan	IOOF insurance fob
	3	Jeffrey C.	Two keys
US Coin			
	1	Ryan	1902 Barber quarter
	2	Ed	1901 Barber dime
	2	Jeffrey C.	1944 Washington quarter
	3	Brian	Sacagawea 1 dollar
	3	Kirk	1963 Jefferson nickel
	3	Jackee	Roosevelt dime smashed coin
Foreign Coin			
	1	Jackee	1782 KG3 Hibernia half penny
	2	Ryan	1788 Spanish half reale
	3	Bill	1982 Canadian penny
Token			
	1	Kirk	Elephant heads or tails
	2	Jackee	Lucky day token
	3	Brian	Car wash token
Gold Jewelry			
	1	Kirk	18k womens band
Silver Item			
	1	Bill	.999 arrowhead pendant
	2	Jackee	Sterling Kiddiegem ring
	3	Brian	Ring with black stone
	3	Jeff S.	925 mens ring
Jewelry			
	1	Kirk	Emerald ring
	2	Jeff S.	Mens ring
	3	Brian	Rose quartz pendant
	3	Ryan	Badin High belt buckle
	3	Jackee	1821-1854 Infantry button
Artifact			
	1	Brian	"E" padlock
	2	Bill	Fancy old spoon
	3	Jackee	Silver cuff link
	3	Jeff S.	Tiny toy car
Oldest US Coin			
	1	Ryan	1835 Matron Head large cent
	2	Ed	1866 Indian Head Penny
	3	Jackee	1905 Inidan Head Penny
Most Valuable US Coin			
	1	Ryan	1838 Seated Liberty dime
	2	Jackee	1961 D Roosevelt dime
	3	Bill	\$1.46 coin spill
Display			
	1	Jackee	
	2	Brian	
	3	Bill	
	3	Ryan	
Best of the Best			
	1	Bill	.999 arrowhead pendant
	1	Kirk	18k womens band

Rank	Name	March	Total
1	Jackee	25	89
2	Ryan	21	57
3	Brian	17	50
4	Kirk	20	47
4	Scott		29
6	Bill	16	29
6	Sean	3	18
8	Lorilee	5	16
9	Jeffery C.	8	14
10	Pat		11
11	Ed	8	9
12	Jeff S.	8	8
12	Jason		7
13	Richard		2
14	Danielle		1

Club Member's Experiences

Ed V's March club hunt track



Submit entries for this section to: rubber2theroad@yahoo.com

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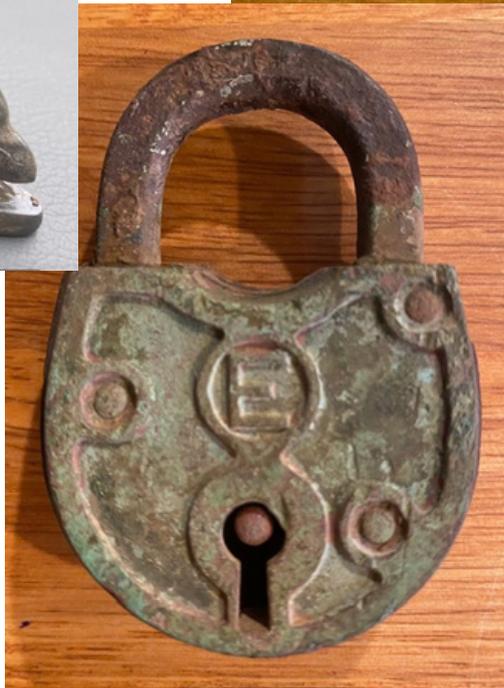
Jackiee's fantastic finds!



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Brian's crazy finds

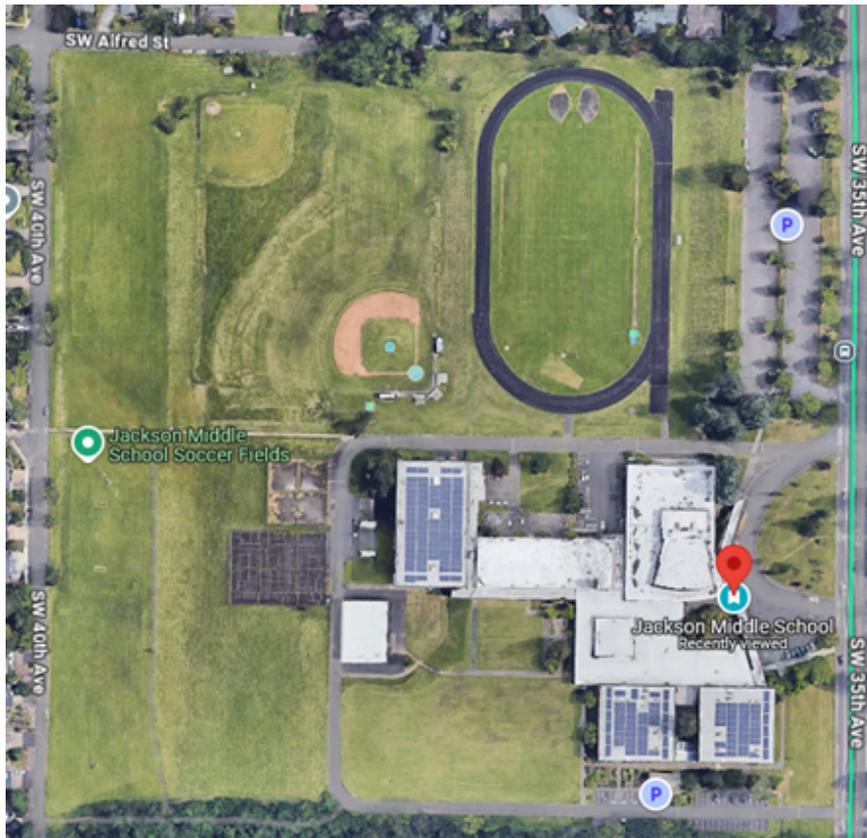


Maybe the weirdest find to date.



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Club Hunt Report



Date: March 29, 8am-12pm

Location: Jackson Middle School, Portland, OR

Hunt Results: 20 members came out on a nice Saturday morning for the March club hunt. Jackee hid the tokens so Ryan could participate in the token searching (he didn't find one). A total of 10 regular club tokens and two special tokens were hidden.

For natural finds at the school, Ryan found a spill containing a 1960 silver dime, 1941 nickel, 1962 Canadian penny, and a 1967 memorial. Two silver jewelry items were found by Brian and Jackee. Don found a penny hoard with eight wheaties. Newer member Gregg found his first ring. Scott counted out 15 pencil eraser tops! Club members also found two club tokens from previous events, as they were buried.

At count out, Ed claimed the silver quarter for the special token. Six club tokens were recovered, two of them old, so there are at least six or more club tokens still at the school. They are good for a silver dime at any future meeting. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion.

For the membership drawings, Clark and Ashely won half dollars. Fabian won a silver quarter.

Total clad found: \$20.36
Trash collected during the hunt: 9 lbs

Club Hunt Report (cont.)

The top places in the competition hunt were:

- 1) Jackee 88 points Prize: silver quarter
- 2) Scott 81 points Prize: silver quarter
- 3) Brian 68 points Prize: silver quarter
- 4) Ryan 58 points Prize: silver dime
- 5) Don 56 points Prize: silver dime
- 6) Jeff S. 49 points Prize: silver dime

Total clad found: \$20.36

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Next Club Hunt: Jeff and Lorilee will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Sunday, April 27th. The 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.





Nokta AccuPOINT - \$149.00

Recently, I wore out the plastic tip on my old pin pointer and had my eye on this model. I must say, it hasn't disappointed me. After using it for about three weeks, I find the discrimination tones extremely useful when searching in a hole. The rechargeable battery life is impressive; it claims to last 35 hours, and it seems to deliver, as I haven't needed to recharge it since taking it out of the box. I appreciate the "instant on" feature, especially since my previous pin pointer took a few seconds to power up. While it took some time to adjust to navigating the menu, I'm getting the hang of it and really enjoy using it. Although it's meant to pair with my headset, I wasn't able to connect it, but that's not a dealbreaker for me. It is a bit pricey, but I don't regret the purchase so far. At this point, I would recommend this tool.

Clue #7

Considered the oldest rock in the Portland area and one of the best places to enjoy a picnic!

Clue #8

There was an old dance hall built here at one time which burnt down.

Remember to use all the clues!

Find the token and bring it to the next meeting for a prize.

Oregon Treasure! Trail Society 2025 Picnic and Memorial Hunt

Sunday, July 13th • 9am - 5pm at Rooster Rock State Park

Come enjoy our picnic and go crazy in the 60 minute seeded hunt for your chance at a gold coin, over 500 silver coins, silver rounds, great prizes, old coins, treasure boxes, jewelry and other fun stuff! Lots of items get added at the last minute!

Early Bird: Members \$40, Non-Members \$80 [includes OTTS Membership]

After 5/31: Members \$50, Non-Members \$90 [includes OTTS Membership]

Schedule of Events

- 7:00-9:00 • Setup and coffee provided
 - 9:00 • Registration opens
 - 10:00 • Games open
 - 11:30 • Free BBQ and potluck
 - 12:30-1:00 • Free kids hunt [12 and under]
 - 1:15 • Games close
 - 1:30-2:30 • Seeded hunt
 - 2:30 • Games reopen
 - 3:30 • Game prize drawings and main raffle
 - 5:00 • Field reopens to all detectorists
- Seeded items will not be buried, they will be on surface or lightly covered in sand. No pinpointers or digging tools.*



Try your luck at the Dart Board, Wheel of Fortune, Plinko, Quarter Drop, Raffles and 50/50 Drawing! Great prizes for each game!

If you don't play, you can't win, so bring some extra cash!

OTTS will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, soda, water, plates, cups, and utensils. Member potluck: last names A-H bring a dessert, last names I-N bring side dishes, last names O-Z bring appetizers or chips.

PARKING FEE \$5 PER VEHICLE • Dogs must be leashed • No alcohol or smoking

2025 OTTS Memorial Hunt Registration

Rooster Rock State Park, Sunday July 13, 2024 - Corbett, OR

Seeded hunt takes place from 1:30 to 2:30 pm

The 2025 OTTS Memorial Hunt will be seeded with over 500 silver coins; clad coins, prize tokens, silver jewelry, old coins, treasure chest keys (one unlocks the goodies) and who knows what else. **Items will be on the surface or lightly covered in sand.**

Hunt Rules: No digging tools, no pin-pointers, standard coils or smaller only, headphones must be worn (exception: those with hearing issues or non-compatible hearing aids). No one allowed on the hunt field before the hunt. No one is allowed on hunt field during the hunt unless you are a registered and paid hunter. Gloves are highly recommended as coins get hot sitting in the sun and you may want to brush sand away to find targets.

Hunt registration is as follows:

Early bird if you register by **May 31**: Current OTTS member **\$40** • Non-member **\$80***

Cost after **May 31**: Current OTTS member **\$50** • Non-member **\$90***

**Non-member registrations include 2025 OTTS membership*



Member Non-member • Fee Paid _____ Total paid _____

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____

Yes, I am willing to volunteer at the picnic. (All positions are assigned prior to event)

Yes, I will be entering a child in the kids hunt.

Name _____ I agree to the rules set forth above and will respect the rules and integrity of the park at all times. Signature _____ Print name _____ Date: _____ Please submit form with payment to Treasurer or mail (postmarked by 5/31 for discount) **Oregon Treasure Trail Society 10350 N. Vancouver Way Portland OR 97217**



Call for Picnic Donations

Member donations really enhanced our event last year! These donations extend the prizes for the picnic. If you can donate war nickels, indian head pennies, or a few 1800s era coins to add into the hunt or prize pool you could make someone's day extra special.

I would love to see a few of these be available in the seeded hunt:

- US Large Cents
- US Two Cents
- US 3 Cent, Trime or Nickel
- Seated Dimes/Barber Dimes
- Barber Quarters/SLQs
- Silver jewelry

Donations not suitable for seeding in the hunt can still be made into a prize for a game, or token found in the hunt.

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Retail \$1,700

NAMA

North American Mining Association

3rd Annual

GOLD

Nugget Hunt

MAY 17th 2025

A Metal Detecting, Gold Prospecting, & Rock Hounding Club

At New Life Church
Renton, WA

Gold Nuggets!

Silver!

Rocks & fossils



Check In: Pre-register before 5/5/25 \$5 off each hunt	1st Hunt: \$50	2nd Hunt: \$70	Potluck:	12 & under free hunt:	3rd Hunt: \$80	Final Raffles:
8:00 - 9:15am	9:30 - 10:15am	11:00- 11:45am	12:15 - 1:00pm	12:45-1:00pm	1:15-2:00pm	3:00pm
Potluck: Club is serving hamburger & hotdogs suggestion donation \$5.				Before the 1st hunt we will host a short free hunt: teaching inexperienced hunters how to increase their chances of finding prize tokens.		
Main raffle tickets and a 50/50 raffle tickets sold until 2:55pm.					Around 8:50am	

Pre-register before 5/5/2025
each hunt.

save \$5 off
More info contact:

Chris Holden
Call or Text
253-961-3095

Mark Jenkins:
Call or Text:
(425) 223-2985

Make payment to: NAMA. Address: P.O. Box 612, Renton WA. 98057 .

Payment may be made on online: namaminers.org

(If online pre-registration is not available, check back in a couple days)

Hunt Fee: pre-registration before 5/5/2025 & after.	Hunt 1 pre/after \$45 / \$50	Hunt 2 pre/after \$65 / \$70	Hunt 3 pre/after \$75 / \$80	All 3 Hunts pre/after \$185 / \$200	Total:
Name:					
Name-12 & under free hunt					
Number of People Attending Potluck. <input type="checkbox"/>	Donation Container at the Potluck Suggestion \$5				
Optional: Emergency Contact name & phone #	email			Final Total	

Overnight
parking
Friday only



Driving directions:

South on I - 405 take exit 4 @ 2nd light turn left onto Maple Valley hwy (169)

North on I - 405 exit 4 & stay to the right onto Maple Valley hwy (169) turn right at 152nd Ave SE and park in the parking on right.

Hunt site is about 5.7miles from I -- 405

Hwy 18 take exit onto 231st St SE go east 1 block take left on Maple Valley hwy (169) towards Renton, turn left onto 152nd Ave SE. parking on right. Hunt site is about 9 miles from hwy 18 exit.

Overnight parking Friday is OK (no tent area). Park in the main parking lot nearest to hwy.

Check in / Registration is from 8:00am - 9:15am
at the north end of the parking lot next to the highway.

Hunt Description

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 8:50am | A free pre-hunt just for new people who attend the hunt. |
| 1st hunt | Prizes include—gold nuggets, rock & fossils, silver coins, & misc. items. |
| 9:30-10:15 | |
| 2nd hunt | Prizes include—gold nuggets, rock & fossils, silver coins, misc. items, & prize tokens not found in hunt 1. |
| 11:00-11:45am | |
| 12 & under | Prizes include—miscellaneous coins & prize tokens. |
| free hunt | Kids ages will be separated. |
| 12:45– 1:00pm | Hunt is open to all kids. |
| 3rd hunt | Prizes include—gold nuggets, rock & fossils, silver coins, misc. items, & prize tokens not found in hunts 1& 2. |
| 1:15-2:00pm | |

Potluck

After the second hunt we will have a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share. We will provide hotdogs & hamburgers. Donations gladly accepted: suggestion \$5.

Throughout The Event

A continuous Silver Dollar Raffle will be drawn after 40 tickets have been sold. Tickets may be purchase for the Main and the 50/50 Raffles. Winning tickets will be drawn at closing: prizes include gold nuggets, metal detectors, silver, and other miscellaneous prizes.

Hunt Chairman
Chris Holden
(253) 961-3095
Mark Jenkins
(425) 223-2985

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

Acting President: Ryan Paradis

Vice President:

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