



"Yet it isn't the gold that I'm wanting, so much as just finding the gold."

– Robert W. Service

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PORTLAND OREGON BASED METAL DETECTORISTS CLUB

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Presidents Message *by Rick Page*

The year has come full circle and it's time again for our club Christmas Party/meeting. I am so thankful for all the support you members have given me and our group. You have truly made this last year a pleasure for me and a great success for OTTS. For those of you that made the efforts to help, donated time and treasure I thank you!

I hope to see each of you at the Christmas Party. Remember December 8th, Fremont Methodist Church, 26th and N.E. Fremont, 1:30-6:00 pm. Also bring your food item determined by the first letter of your last name: A-E Desert, F-N side dish and O-Z salad. If you want to be in the gift exchange bring a gift that has a relationship to Metal Detecting hobby and approximate value of \$20. Remember Silver is always nice!

Rick Page
President



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Minutes for the meeting of November 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Rick Page. The pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 38 members and 0 guests. The minutes of the last meeting, as published on the website, were noted and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Don reported on the September club hunt. Birthdays were announced, and birthday quarters were given. The birthday draw was won by Rick P. He was awarded a 1921 Peace dollar. Nancy M won the member draw. She was awarded a 1953 Franklin Half Dollar. The progressive draw was awarded to Dick A and a new silver dollar was added to the pot.

Old business was discussed including a reminder that the club is still looking for a new hunt master for the club hunts. Don will do it for a few more months. There was one volunteer to take over the treasurer position. A new bonus clue for the challenge token was distributed. The Holiday party will be on Saturday December 8th from 1:30-6. The party will be held at the Fremont United Methodist Church. Come early (10-11) to help set up if you want to. Food assignments are as follows: A-E Desserts F-N Side Dish O-Z Salad.

New business- Snack sheet for 2019 was passed around. There is a possibility that Byron will run a club hunt on Sunday the 30th.

Show and tell items and first finds were enjoyed and discussed.

Big raffle winners were drawn. Monthly finds winners were awarded. Many people entered in multiple categories. The finds of the month were won by Bill B and Rick P. Best of Best won by Bill B.

Other information that club members might find helpful:

In lieu of a bake sale the club will be raffling a coin set. The tickets will be sold at club meeting and at the December Party. You do not need to be present to win.

Ongoing club fundraisers and charitable contributions include a monthly can food/money drive for the needy. Cans with deposits and washed pennies are collected each month. The money is used for club activities. Clean pull tabs are collected and donated for scrap metal.

NOVEMBER CLUB HUNT:



THE NOVEMBER OTTS CLUB HUNT WAS HELD ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 2ND AT FORT VANCOUVER HIGH SCHOOL. WE WERE CHASED OFF THE PROPERTY, BUT FORTUNATELY PRETTY MUCH AT THE END OF THE HUNT.

SORRY... NO DETAILS THIS MONTH, BUT OUR NEXT HUNT WILL MEET UP AT THE MLK AND COLUMBIA BLVD MACDONALD'S ON SUNDAY 12/30.

WINTER SETTING HOURS: WE MEET UP AT 8 A.M. AND LEAVE FOR THE HUNT AT 9 A.M.

BYRON WILL BE CONDUCTING THIS HUNT AND SAYS THAT THERE WILL BE SPECIAL ITEMS TO BE FOUND.

I KNOW THAT DON WILL NOT BE RUNNING THE HUNT THIS YEAR. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE HARD WORK AND TIME THAT YOU HAVE PUT INTO THIS DON. YOU CERTAINLY DESERVE A HUGE HUZAH FROM ONE AND ALL.



NOVEMBER FIND OF THE MONTH

Oldest US Coin

- 1st Tim B., 1893 Barber dime
- 2nd Jeff S., 1910 Wheat penny
- 3rd Tim R., 1911-D Wheat penny

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Tim R., 1911-S Wheat penny
- 2nd Tim B., 1918-S Buffalo nickel
- 3rd Don F., 1946 Roosevelt dime

US Coin

- 1st Tim B., 1945-D Walking Liberty half
- 2nd Tim R., 5 Coin spill, 4 wheats & war nickel
- 3rd Dick A., 1939 Mercury dime

Foreign Coin

- 1st Tim B., 1941 Bohemia & Moravia 50 haléřů
- 2nd Bill B., South Korea 10 won
- 3rd Rick P., 1987 Canada \$1

Token

- 1st Tim B., 1930's Geo. Washington Cracker Jack
- 2nd Bill B., 1935 WA sales tax token
- 3rd Tim R., 2 Year AA token
- Tie Mike M., National Pride Car Wash dollar

Gold Jewelry

- 1st Bill B., 14k & 925 Catholic pendant & chain
- 2nd Tim R., 10k Gold band w/10 diamonds

Silver Item

- 1st Tim B., 925 Pendant & chain w/synthetic sapphire & CZ
- 2nd Colleen V., 925 Amethyst & a marcasite ring.

Jewelry

- 3 d Rick P., 925 Turquoise earrings
- 1st Rick P., Christmas toy bracelet
- 2nd Linda C., Gold colored fancy child's bracelet

Artifact

- 3rd Bill B., Snake pendant
- 1st Tim B., Guardsmark security badge
- 2nd Dick A., Dick cap gun
- 3rd John M., Yellowstone Junior Ranger badge

Display

- 1st Tim B.
- 2nd Bill B.
- 3rd Colleen V.

Item of the Month

- 1st Rick P., English crossed ax button
- Tie Bill B., Portland Trail Blazers bottle
- 3rd Tim R., 1959 Longview WA dog tax
- Best of the Best: Bill B., 14k & 925 Catholic pendant & chain

2018 Detectorist of the Year Standings

November finds, club hunt attendance and club service bonus points will be used to compute the 2018 final standings.

The Top 15 results for the Detectorist of the Year will be announced at the Christmas Party. The full results will be published in the January newsletter.

NOTE: There is no December Find of the Month. Finds since the November meeting can be entered in the January Find of the Month.

NOVEMBER BIG RAFFLE RESULTS

Gold 1980 Proof ½ sovereign -
Tim R
1883o Morgan Dollar- Tim s
1890o Morgan Dollar- Michael P
1922 Peace Dollar- Mike M
1922 Peace Dollar -John M
1922 Peace Dollar –Steven E
1922s Peace Dollar –Mike M
1923 Peace Dollar- Michael P
1923 Peace Dollar- Dick A

1923 Peace Dollar- Byron
1958 d Franklin Half- Gary B
1959 d Franklin Half-Terry B
1960 d Franklin Half-Bill B
1963 d Franklin half- Sandie M
Mystery-1808 2 reals Spain –
Steve E

COINS FOR DECEMBER BIG RAFFLE



CODE OF ETHICS

- ❖ " I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT TRESPASS WITHOUT THE LAND OWNER'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 NATURAL 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. BE POLITE AND INFORMATIVE TO THOSE WHO INQUIRE ABOUT YOUR HOBBY - YOU ARE THE AMBASSADOR OF A PASTIME WE WANT TO HOW YOU ACT & RESPOND.
- ❖ I WILL NOT MISREPRESENT AS TO HOW AND WHEN AN ARTICLE WAS ACQUIRED

CHALLENGE TOKEN 2018

RULES:

- Please follow the **Metal Detecting Code of Ethics**. This is for fun and we want to be able to continue this event in the future.
- Each month, a new clue will be published in the newsletter.
- A Bonus clue will be given to those attending the monthly club meeting.
- When found, turn in the Challenge Token at the next OTTS club meeting for the prize.
- Have fun figuring out the clues and Happy Hunting!

❖ JANUARY

- As our solar body closes each day; you must stay South of this Highway.

❖ FEBRUARY

- Dividing Metropolis, a current gentle and slow; keep West of this (river), as North it does flow.

❖ March

- You'll see this face of mine, on a dollar or a quarter; don't cross over my county line, and the search will be much shorter.

❖ April

- A playground, a Ball field, and even some Courts, acres of athletes will play their own Sports.

❖ May

- Though' not in plain sight, it's fair to warn 'ya, go left or go right from Texas, Nevada and California.

❖ June

- Play off-leash, tend gardens, walk trails through the center, for seasonal fun all Summer and Winter.

❖ July

- "When you're in, you get out, and you're safe wearing socks; you must run when you steal, but, think outside the box.

❖ August

- When the Mercury rises, keep digging deeper.
You win all the prizes; those finds are now keepers!

❖ September

- Can the Challenge be found, or is it a Riddle?
Are you looking Around, or just in the Middle?

❖ October

- Not a secret is kept, as the Winner declares:
"I re-traced my steps, without taking the stairs."

❖ November

- In the Southern half, you will be much warmer.
For a good laugh, avoid every corner.

❖ December

- Walk a straight line as the year descends, the Token you will find, where it all begins.

About Us

The Oregon Treasure Trail Society was formed in 1982 when five avid hobbyists put \$5 each into the kitty and started the club as an effort to provide an organization that would unite people together with the same interests in metal detecting and searching for coins, tokens, and other small interesting treasures of the past.

Today, we continue to provide a wonderful environment for those interested in this great hobby. Our club pro-vides an opportunity to join with others and enjoy spending time on outings and sharing experiences. Everyone is welcome to attend one of our meetings.

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. for social hour hold the meeting at 7:00 pm. Come early and socialize with members from 6:00 to 7:00

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