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President's Message

Hope everyone is well.

Fall is here, ground is getting wet, good time to get out there and do some swinging, as most know wet ground equals a little added depth.

I still do not have a firm volunteer to lead next years summer Picnic/Hunt, if interested let me know, and as you know if no one steps-up the Picnic will still happen, just not in the same form.

Krystal French has volunteered to lead our Christmas Party, she is going to need help, if interested let her know.

December is coming soon, we are going to need some new Officers next year, if interested let some one on the Board know.

Looking forwards to seeing everyone next meeting Tue. 10/25/16.

Byron Dunn
2016 O.T.T.S President

Announcements

**Next Meeting:
Tuesday Oct 25, 2016**

**Eagles Lodge
7611 N. Exeter Avenue
Portland, OR
5:30 setup, 6 pm social, 7 pm meeting**

**MONTHLY CLUB HUNT
October 29th, Saturday
8:00 AM at McDonald's
8011 NW MLK Blvd, Portland**

If you have any Questions my # is 360-773-8708
Between 9 am and 10 Pm 7 days a week.

October Birthdays

Talon Bossen	Bill Bogynska
Sharon Jamieson	Dan Killian
Stuart Pritchard	Warren Saltz
Tom Severson	Dan Webb

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

The Big Raffle

I'm quite certain you will like the coins we will have at the October meeting for The Big Raffle. All these coins will be going home with their new owners at the end of the meeting.

You can purchase your tickets before the meeting and during the break. Tickets are a mere \$1 or six tickets for \$5. Support your club and support The Big Raffle. The more tickets that are sold, the more money is available to purchase coins for the next Big Raffle in November. You are also supporting your club as 25% of the ticket sales go directly into the OTTS club treasury to benefit the members. No treasury money is used to purchase coins for this raffle. It is entirely self supporting.

Here are the coins available this month...

1913 Two and a Half Dollar Indian GOLD

1879 Morgan Dollar

1884 Morgan Dollar

1884 Morgan Dollar (another one!)

1885 Morgan Dollar

1891 Morgan Dollar

1899-O Morgan Dollar

1857 Half Dime

1943 Walking Liberty Half

1943 Walking Liberty Half (yes, another one)

1944-S Walking Liberty Half

1962-D Franklin Half

1963-D Franklin Half

See you at the meeting on October 25!

Clarence Sparks

Sept. Monthly Club Hunt Results

Sunday, Oct 2, 2016

The Sept. outing was held on Sunday Oct. 2. We met at the McDonalds at 8011 NW MLK Blvd at 8 am and left at 9am. for the hunt. The hunt was at Columbia park and Annex.

It was a cool and rainy day. We had 16 members and 1 guest. I hid 16 tokens counting the special 1. At count-out we had 14 members. Linda Carlson won the membership drawing of a 1903 BARBER HALF DOLLAR. The top 6 hunters are

#1 Tim Bogynski with 88 points and he found the oldest coin a 1910 Wheatie

#2 Byron Dunn with 80 points

#3 Lidda Carlson With 68 Points

#4 Bill Bogynski With 65 Points

#5 Tim Shade With 59 Points

#6 Rick Page With 53 Points.

We Found *.73 Pounds Of TRASH. 5 CLUB TOKENS were found. 10 Foreign coins were found. We found a total of \$29.68 ..there was 18 costume jewelry found. We also had a New/Return member DAN WEBB

And a good time was had by all.

If you have any questions about the Club Hunt, please contact me at my home phone number — 360-773-8708.

Thanks to all — And good hunting!

Don Spillman

OTTS Club Meeting Minutes July 26, 2016

Byron called the meeting to order at 7pm. We all stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Byron introduced this years officers. There where 4 guests present. The minutes of the last meeting were voted on and accepted. Larry gave the treasurer's report, it was voted on and accepted.

Don Spillman gave us months hunt report.

Septembers Birthdays were announced. Anthony Wagstaff won a 1922 Peace Dollar. We had member draw and Tim Schale won a 1944 Walking Liberty Half Dollar.

Several club tokens were turned in for silver dimes.

Old Business;

The Christmas party agenda and needing of volunteers to help with it was discussed. Paul Vandehay gave another clue to find a special token. "Im old check my foot".

We will be having a bake sale at the Nov. meeting.

We took a break and voted on FOTM.

Sue, Mike and Cindy Mauroni volunteered to bring refreshments this month.

Plinko

Steve Eichman - 1903 Half Michael Pfau- 1948 Qtr and 1954 Dime Terry Bude - 1964 Dime

Quarter Drop

Bruce Dixon - 1906 Half Mike Maloney - 1964 Quarter Steve Eichman - 1964 Dime

Big Raffle

Anthony Wagstaff - 1912 2 1/2 Indian Gold Steve Eichman - 1879 Morgan Jeff Sikorski - 1879-S Morgan

Sue Maxon - 1885 Morgan Steve Eichman - 1885 Morgan Terry Bude - 1885 Morgan

Tim Schade - 1891 Morgan Don Fanta - 1936-S Walker Half Michael Pfau - 1937-S Walker

Larry Williams - 1939-S Walker Anthony Wagstaff - 1946 Walker Byron Dunn - 1942-D Walker

Mike Jeffries - 1963-D and 1964-D Quarter Larry Williams - 1964-D Qtr Sue Maxon - 1964-D Qtr

Terry Bude — 2016 OTTS Secretary

Find of the Month - October 2016

Oldest US Coin

- 1st Paul Vandehey, 1857 Seated dime J.W. Millan Toronto
 2nd Tim Bogynska, 1864 Two cent piece
 3rd Bill Bogynska, 1909 Wheat penny

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Paul Vandehey, 1915-S Barber dime
 2nd Tim Bogynska, 1954-D Washington quarter
 3rd Rick Page, 1923-S Wheat penny

US Coin

- 1st Anthony Wagstaff, 1914 Barber dime
 2nd Tim Bogynska, 1936-S Buffalo nickel
 3rd Paul Vandehey, 1954 Washington quarter

Foreign Coin

- 1st Paul Vandehey, 1918 France 1 franc
 2nd Greg Howell, 1918 Canada large cent
 3rd Bill Bogynska, 1979 Austria 1 shilling

Token

- 1st Paul Vandehey, 1 Drink Keno Portland Club
 2nd Bill Bogynska, EB, Good for \$1.00 in trade
 3rd Tim Bogynska, Clown token

Gold Jewelry

- 1st John MacClanathan, 10k Ring w/ diamond
 2nd Greg Howell, 24k (tested) Asian gold ring
 3rd Anthony Wagstaff, 10k Black Hills gold wedding band

Silver Item

- 1st Tim Bogynska, 925 Sun face pendant w/ chain
 2nd Greg Howell, 925 Link bracelet
 3rd John MacClanathan, 925 ring w/ amethyst

Jewelry

- 1st Bill Bogynska, 1939-40 Golden Gate EXPO bracelet
 2nd Rick Page, Beta Epsilon charm
 3rd Paul Vandehey, Fake Rolex watch

Artifact

- 1st Paul Vandehey, Old metal teapot
 2nd Tim Bogynska, 1941 Oregon Chauffeur's badge
 3rd Anthony Wagstaff, 1903-09 paper cartridge blanks

Display

- 1st Paul Vandehey
 2nd Bill Bogynska
 3rd Tim Bogynska

Item of the Month

- 1st John MacClanathan, Leaning Tower of Pisa
 2nd Linda Carlson, Replica pocket sundial
 3rd Don Fantz, Skeleton key

Best of the Best

John MacClanathan, 10k Ring w/ diamond

2016 Detectorist of the Year Standings

1 st Tim Bogynska	179
2 nd Bill Bogynska	161
3 rd Paul Vandehey	155
4 th Anthony Wagstaff	146
5 th Dan Killian	99
6 th Don Fantz	91
7 th Linda Carlson	85
8 th Laura Smith	52
9 th Orly Halpern	47
10 th Greg Howell	43
11 th Rick Page	39
12 th Terry Bude	23
Tie Ed Arcement	23
14 th Nancy Arcement	22
15 th Jeff Sikorski	21
16 th John MacClanathan	20
17 th Brian Stafford	16
Tie Mike Wagstaff	16
19 th Tom Severson	15
20 th Byron Dunn	11
Tie Hayden Vandehey	11
22 nd Caleb Wagstaff	9
23 rd Steve Eichman	8
Tie Jim Cornwell	8
25 th Gary Bude	7
26 th Mike Maloney	4
Tie Sandie Maloney	4
Tie Tim Schade	4
29 th Bruce Dixon	3
30 th Arnie Mauroni	2
31 st R.J. Banks	1
Tie James McCaston	1

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The Oregon Treasure Trail Society was formed in 1982 when five avid hobbyists put \$5 each into the kitty and started the club in 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 provides 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 hr. at 7:00 pm meeting

Eagles Lodge

7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR

Come early and socialize with members from 6:00 to 7:00

Website: <http://www.oretts.org>

THOUGHTS ON FIND OF THE MONTH VOTING

by Bill Bogynska

There was some confusion at September's meeting about when ballot votes are not tallied which I would like to clear up. I will also give some observations on voting.

To clarify, when there is a voting error in a category, we only disregard the votes in that category and do not throw out the whole ballot.

The example I gave was where somebody voted for the same item # for both first and second place. We recognize that people vote for themselves, but it would not be fair to vote for yourself more than once in the same category. So that category's votes were thrown out, not the whole ballot.

The most common situation in which we throw out a category's vote is when somebody doesn't vote for all three places, which would skew the voting results. This has been announced numerous times at the meetings.

Another example of when we throw out a category's vote is when there is a nonsensical vote. Suppose gold only has three entries and somebody votes for #6. Then the vote for that category gets thrown out.

I believe this might happen when people get off a line in their voting. We see ballots with wild voting results, so it appears this is not an uncommon occurrence. Please be careful when you vote.

As I have announced many, many times, please write so that we can read your writing. This is an ongoing problem. We often have trouble with **1's**, **7's** and **9's** and **3's** and **8's**. At September's meeting, we had a ballot where somebody wrote one number over the top of another number, and we couldn't figure out which one they wanted. Note that at September's meeting, new ballots were introduced which have wider lines to write your votes in. (Thank you Tim for doing these.)

Note that the oldest and most valuable coins are not voted on as these speak for themselves.

I strongly believe that we would get much better voting results if more people voted. More votes gives a better representation of the best items. At September's meeting, we had seventeen ballots, so only about half the people at the meeting voted. We had fifteen people enter finds. So if many of those people are voting for themselves, the results are decided by the second and third place votes and the two people who didn't enter.

This often results in some very close results and winning items that you wouldn't think should win. This is especially true in the token, silver and jewelry categories, where the votes are often really spread out among entries.

For example, at September's meeting, there was a clear winner in the token category with 32 points. Second place had 14 points and third place had 12 points. And, there were three tokens tied for fourth place with 10 points each. So one or two more ballots could have completely changed the second and third place results.

I have not voted in the Find of the Month for years, other than to break ties (which I generally do not believe in). After considering the above, my vote is important and I will start voting in 2017. I tend to vote for older relic type items over newer items, and more valuable items over blingy items. For example, in artifact, I would vote for an old military button over a Mexico bottle opener or a Mickey Mouse keychain.

The golden rule of voting should be to vote for the item that you think is best or you would most want to find. If this is your item, that is fine. But it's ridiculous to see a wheat penny entered in US coin with one first place vote. This situation happens in every category every month.

It's frustrating when you have an item that you feel should win that doesn't. It happens to everybody. As you can see from the above, it's often close and many factors can come into play. But the other side of this is that sometimes you might win with an item that maybe really shouldn't. It happens. In the long run it tends to even out.



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