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PORTLAND OREGON BASED METAL DETECTORISTS CLUB

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Presidents Message

by Byron Dunn

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

This being my last message as President, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve, it has been my pleasure.

The health of the Club is excellent thanks to your Board, all aspects have been addressed and I am very comfortable turning over the helm with the knowledge no major problems are on the horizon. I would like to thank the members of this year's Board V.P. Rick Page, Sec. Don Fantz, Treasure Larry Williams, At Large Mike Maxon and Jim Cornwell, folks these guys have spent many hours and lots of energy making sure our Club is running smooth and we owe them our gratitude.

Last month I wrote a thank you to many who have worked hard on Club function, oops, I missed those who run our monthly raffle and games, a big thank you to Jeff Sikorski- Raffle, Maggie Fitzgerald, Mike and Sue Maxon, and Steve Eichman- Plinko and Quarter drop. I am quite sure I missed someone else, blame it on CRS.

Elections are being held at this month's Christmas Party/Meeting, looks like we have a full slate, however nominations will be taken from the floor. Looks like everything is on target for the party, I am really looking forwards to this one, hope we see you there.

Again, thank you everyone, and enjoy the holidays,

2017 O.T.T.S President



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Special points of interest

· We have started a can food drive for the Church that hosts our Christmas Party, please bring [in date] canned foods, peanut butter, etc. or if you would rather make a cash donation I am told they can purchase foods at about 10% of retail. · This is a good cause so dig deep for those less fortunate.



November 2017 OTTS Meeting Minutes

Byron D. called the meeting to order at 7:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers and at large Board members were introduced. And two guests were introduced indicating how they found out about the organization and what instrument they hunted with. 44 members signed in.

Minutes of the last meeting as published on our website were noted and accepted. The Treasurers report was read and accepted with a balance of \$2540.71. The Treasurer noted that those donating cans for refund need to be observant and sure that they are refundable in Oregon, otherwise we lose funds for the whole green bag turned in.

The Holiday Dinner date was initially published in the Newsletter different than the date reserved for the facility. This caused hardship on a few members because they will not be able to attend due to prior commitments for the correct dinner date.

Caleb W. won the Member Draw and was awarded a 1954 Franklin Half. Birthdays were announced with 6 members present. Greg H. won the draw and was awarded an 1880 Morgan dollar.

The Progressive Draw was finally won after five absentees missed out. John M. collected \$5 in silver. The prize will start over at \$1 silver.

Don S. reported on the October club hunt as recapped in the last newsletter.

The Challenge Token was found this month. Timothy R. was awarded 1884? Morgan Dollar for all his efforts in searching and finding the token.

There was one club token turned in for a silver dime. They are still out there.

Old Business: There was discussion on having enough set-up help and what time to start that. I will be there at 11:00 to unlock and will help set up tables. That is early enough for Krystal and the kitchen crew. The officer slate is nearly full for next year. We will vote at the Dinner meeting. There was some discussion on the use of T-handle shovels at club hunts. Because of comments made by the public about using a shovel in a park while we were hunting, President Byron D. had declared that we will not use them on club hunt. It is best to uphold a positive image

for the club, otherwise we may lose access to some areas. Always dress your holes and pick up trash.

On the new business end, the Holiday dinner will have a gift exchange for the who want to participate. All the gifts will be gathered on a table and participants will select a gift from the table in order of tickets drawn. The Bakery auction had 15 or so items. There was very good action raising \$183.

Byron asked for members to sign up to provide for meeting refreshments for Jan/Feb/Mar.

Byron D. asked for "First Finds". Jeff S. found his first silver Washington this month.

FOTM winners were announced. Full report will be separate in newsletter. But there were many entries: 19 members entered in multiple categories. There were six entries in the gold jewelry category and 4 more gold shown in the Displays and one found not shown this month.

Don F. Secretary



X-MAS PARTY/MEETING

DEC. 16TH

2 P.M. -?



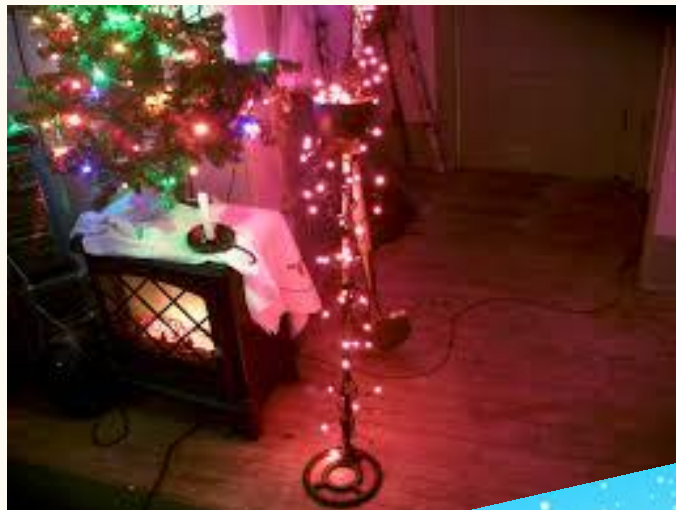
Christmas Party/Meeting is December 16th 2PM at Fremont United Methodist Church 2620 N.E. Fremont St. Portland, Oregon. Entry is east end of church walkway down to basement. Club will provide turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, coffee, drinks, condiments, eating utensils.

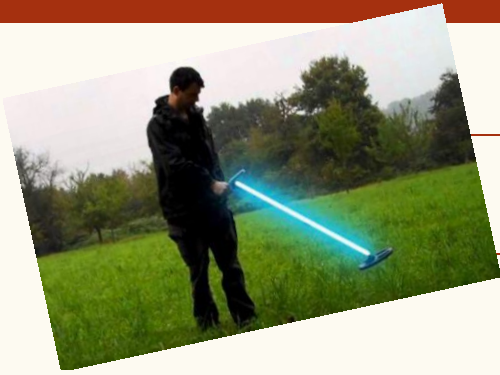
Members provide: A-H appetizers, I-N side dishes, O-Z desserts.

We will do a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Gift should be unisex, related to metal detecting [I always add some kind of silver] and limited to around \$20.

If you wish to help, come early, we start set-up around Noon. Extra hands are always appreciated.

There will be a short meeting to elect new Officers, and handing out of awards.





MEMBERS PAGE

This page is for you, folks!

Something you would like to share? Ideas? Maybe an article or some tips and techniques, pictures? Something for sale? To trade? A shout out for an event or organization.

Just email it to me and I will run it by for approval and then add it to this page.

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November Club Hunt:

The November club hunt was held on Sunday December 3 we meet at the McDonald's at 18550 Willamette drive we meet between 8 and 9 am. It was a cold and rainy day. we had 17 members and 1 guest. at count out we had 15 members. the hunt was at Willamette park West Linn Oregon.

The membership drawing was won by Jeff Sikorski. Jeff also won a silver quarter for the most trash (75 pieces) way to go Jeff)

I hid 15 regular tokens and 1 special token.... 8 regular tokens and 1 special token were found. Also, please check through your coins. There were 5 tokens that were not found that I hid, and they were not where I hid them.



The oldest coin was a 1943 war nickel found by Arnie Mauroni. 3 silver coins were found, 2 war nickels and 1 Ben Franklin half. 15 pieces of costume jewelry and, 2 bullets.... (no wheaties). 8 regular tokens and 1 special token. 5 foreign coins, and 4 pieces of silver jewelry....9.71 pounds of trash for a yearly count of 212.11 pounds of trash, (way to go everyone).

**Please note there will not be a December hunt held by me. if someone wants to hold it, please let Larry know at the Christmas party so you can get the prizes. And contact me so I can get you everything else. I would like to thank Mike Maxon for helping me with the outing when I was out of town. Also, I need someone to hold the February club hunt 2018. I will be out of town again...were going to Hawaii to metal detect the warm beaches...*

Any questions please call me at 1-360-773-8708 between 7am and 11 pm. Wednesdays after 3pm, thanks again and I hope to see you in 2018..... Don and Sandie Spillman

TOP 6 CLUB HUNT WINNERS	
TIM BOGYNSKA	WITH 117 POINTS
ROGER BOSCH	WITH 77 POINTS
ARNIE MAURONI	WITH 57 POINTS
LINDA CARLSON	WITH 53 POINTS
JEFF SIKORSKI	WITH 47 POINTS
BYRON DUNN	WITH 36 POINTS

2017 Detectorist of the Year Standings

November finds, club hunt attendance and club service bonus points will be used to compute the 2017 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 made since the November meeting can be entered in the January Find of the Month.



NOVEMBER WAS A GOLD RUSH! THE MEMBERS FOUND 11 GOLD RINGS SINCE THE LAST MEETING. WE DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S A CLUB RECORD, BUT IT CERTAINLY IS REMARKABLE

FIND OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER 2017

OLDEST US COIN

- 1ST TIM B., 1864 INDIAN HEAD PENNY
- 2ND PAUL V., 1867 INDIAN HEAD PENNY
- 3RD LAURA S., 1887 INDIAN HEAD PENNY

MOST VALUABLE US COIN

- 1ST GREG H., 1932-S WASHINGTON QUARTER
- 2ND TIM B., 1893-S BARBER DIME
- 3RD ANTHONY W., 1917-D BUFFALO NICKEL

US COIN

- 1ST TIM B., 1891-S SILVER DOLLAR
- 2ND PAUL V., 1900-S BARBER HALF
- 3RD GREG H., 1907 BARBER DIME

FOREIGN COIN

- 1ST TIM B., 1898 CHINA KIANG NAN SILVER 10¢
- 2ND BILL B., 1973 MÉXICO 5 PESOS GUITAR PICK
- 3RD PAUL V., 1967 CANADIAN SILVER DIME

TOKEN

- 1ST TIM B., 1959 ALBANY TIMBER CARNIVAL 50¢
- 2ND PAUL V., PONY EXPRESS TOKEN
- 3RD BILL B., 1935 WASHINGTON TAX TOKEN

GOLD JEWELRY

- 1ST BILL B., 18K WHITE GOLD HEAVY BAND RING
- 2ND TIM B., 2 GOLD RINGS ON STERLING CHAIN
- 3RD PAUL V., 14K DIAMOND RING

SILVER ITEM

- 1ST GREG H., 925 MONSTER RING
- 2ND TIM B., .800 CAMEO VICTORIAN BROOCH PENDANT
- 3RD PAUL V., STERLING TURQUOISE BRACELET

JEWELRY

- 1ST GREG H., LARGE CROSS RING
- 2ND TIM B., SILVER COLORED RING W/ BLUE STONE
- 3RD BILL B., SATANIC CROSS W/ PENTAGRAM

ARTIFACT

- 1ST ANTHONY W., WWII OFFICER'S CAP BADGE
- 2ND LAURA S., 1893 COLUMBIAN EXPO WATCH FOB
- 3RD PAUL V., 1919 COMANCHE TRIBE KEY FOB

DISPLAY

- 1ST TIM B.
- 2ND GREG H.
- 3RD PAUL V.

ITEM OF THE MONTH

- 1ST GREG H., LION HEAD DOOR KNOCKER
- 2ND PAUL V., BOAT WHEEL
- TIE LAURA S., 1950 HUBLEY TOY TRACTOR FRONT

BEST OF THE BEST

- BILL B., 18K WHITE GOLD HEAVY BAND RING



COINS FOR JANUARY BIG RAFFLE

Gold Coin 1955 México cinco pesos

1880S	Morgan dollar	1943	Walking Liberty half
1883	Morgan dollar	1948D	Franklin half
1898	Morgan dollar	1846	Large cent
1921	Morgan dollar	1945	Mercury dime micro <u>5</u>
1926S	Peace dollar	Mystery Envelope ???	
2007	Silver Koala MS		



Here is the selection of coins for the January raffle. Remember tickets are one for \$5.00, or six for \$25.00, and 25% of the ticket sales goes back to your club the remaining 75% is used to purchase the next month's prizes.



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

November BIG raffle results

Gold Coin: 2-1/2 Dollar 1908 Indian Head **Mike M.**

<i>Year</i>	<i>coin</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
1896	Morgan Dollar	Laura H.
1900	Morgan Dollar	Ron H.
1921	Morgan Dollar	Mike M.
1921	Morgan Dollar	Tony W.
1922	Morgan Dollar	Sue M.
1925	Morgan Dollar	Sue M.
1926 S	Morgan Dollar	Steve E.
1959 D	Franklin Half	Mike M.
1960 D	Franklin Half	Byron D.

November Plinko Results:

Ron B.-1961 Franklin, Tim R.-1948 Washington, Steve E.-1936 Merc, Sandy M.-1917 Merc.

November Quarter Drop Results:

Steve E.-1952 Franklin, Michael P.-1936 Merc, Ron H.-1948 Washington, Steve E.-1948 Merc.



CONGRATULATIONS TIM R.!!

CHALLENGE TOKEN



SONG CLUES

Simon and Garfunkle – I am a rock, I am an ISLAND
 park forms an island

Jolly Green Giant

Water tank is “gigantic” and painted green

- : NO fishing; NO swimming; but you can enjoy this water feature from anywhere in the park.
- ...my BIG friend and I are both underground. Tank is mostly buried

Rhinestone Cowboy

...dirty sidewalks of Broadway...

North end of park is Broadway street.

Playground in My Mind. – That’s right, there isn’t one,
 it’s only in your mind.

Green, Green Grass of Home –

Title says it all... it’s in the grass.

Uncle Albert/Admiral Halsey-

South end of park is Halsey street

Clue for July: When you come to the fork in the road, take
 it.

148th is split, “forked”, at the north end of the park.

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 hr. at 7:00 pm meeting Come early and socialize with members from 6:00 to 7:00

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