

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



Photo by Brian E

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

Just finishing up with the details for our metal detecting mentoring and coaching session March 15th. If successful I hope to make this a 1 to 2 times a year event for novice new members. It does look like it might be wet one, so wear a raincoat.

Remember to bring a few extra dollars for our **silver bar raffle tickets**. Drawing to be held at the April meeting. With all the economic confusion and President Trump's policies I predict increases in both the silver and gold price. All the more reason to increase your chance of winning.

I am hoping all of you are taking advantage of our milder temperatures and getting out detecting. We still don't have a lot of sunshine, but you can still have fun with a cloudy sky so get out there and bring rain clothes just in case.

Happy hunting, hope to see you at the meeting.

Rick Page
President

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MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2025

- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY RICK PAGE
 - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND MEMBERS AT LARGE
 - MEMBER DRAW FROM SIGN IN SHEET WON BY JEFF C.
 - PROGRESSIVE DRAW WON BY DIANE H.
 - 2 BIRTHDAY COINS GIVEN
 - RYAN P REDEEMED 1 CLUB TOKEN
 - MINUTES OF JAN 2025 MEETING APPROVED BY MEMBERSHIP AS POSTED IN LAST MONTHS NEWSLETTER
 - TREASURES REPORT GIVEN AND APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP
 - MEMBERSHIP WAS REMINDED OF THE SILVER RAFFLE FOR APRIL
 - RYAN GAVE LAST MONTHS CLUB HUNT REPORT AND THEN TALKED ABOUT DIGSTOCK 25 AND PREVIOUS YEARS HE HAD ATTENDED.
 - RICK TALKED ABOUT THE CLUB MENTOR PROGRAM
 - KIRK TALKED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HAND PROTECTION (THE WEARING OF GLOVES) AND TROUSERS WHILE DIGGING
 - RICK ALSO ASKED IF MORE PEOPLE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING THE FOTM TABLE.
 - FOTM COMPETITION WINNERS ANNOUNCED
 - CLUB DRAWINGS PLINKO, QUARTER DROP AND CLUB RAFFLE.
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- MEETING ADJOURNED

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 25th, 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

Next members to bring meeting snacks!

Becky H., Larry & Maggie



Next Club Hunt

March 29th
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.

March Raffle Results

Winners

February 25th, 2025 Raffle

GOLD

2022 1/2 g Palau soccer ball Lee H

SILVER

2007 Kennedy silver half Scott H

1922 Peace Dollar Sean T

1935 Peace Dollar Brian E

1921 Morgan Ed V

2025 US Silver Eagle M. Jefferies

2025 US Silver Eagle Scott H

MYSTERY ENVELOPES

1973 Canadian Olympic Sterling Silver Coin Lee H

1976 Canadian Olympic Sterling Silver Coin Ed V



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 February

Category	Place	Name	Item
Item of the Month			
	1	Ryan	Vintage coin bank
	2	Brian	Lightsaber spoon
	3	Jackee	Scarface lighter
US Coin			
	1	Brian	1909 VDB Lincoln cent
	2	Jackee	3x rosie spill
	3	Ryan	1944-S Mercury dime
Foreign Coin			
	1	Jason	1910 Canadian dime
	2	Jackee	1968 Japan 5 Yen
	3	Brian	1970 Canadian cent
Token			
	1	Brian	Rico's Red Lion Pizza
	2	Jackee	1955 play nickel
	3	Ryan	Washington tax token
Gold Jewelry			
	1	Kirk	18k mens ring
	2	Ryan	14k 3 petal ring
Silver Item			
	1	Jackee	St. Christopher pendant
	2	Bill	Teddy bear pendant
	2	Ryan	925 spinner ring with 9k inlay
	3	Brian	Italian 24" chain
Jewelry			
	1	Jackee	WW2 tie clasp pin
	2	Kirk	Brass necklace
	2	Jason	Lapis silver plate ring
	3	Bill	Triangles inlay ring
	3	Ryan	French navy button
Artifact			
	1	Jackee	1920s Caterpillar tractor fob
	2	Brian	Silver colored ring
	3	Kirk	Daisy necklace
Oldest US Coin			
	1	Jackee	1896 Indian head penny
	2	Ryan	1911 Lincoln cent
	3	Brian	1917 Lincoln cent
Most Valuable US Coin			
	1	Jackee	1943-S & 1944-S War nickel spill
	2	Ryan	1944-D Washington quarter
	3	Brian	\$1 coin
Display			
	1	Jackee	
	2	Brian	
	2	Ryan	
	3	Kirk	
Best of the Best			
	1	Kirk	18k ring
	1	Ryan	14k ring

Rank	Name	Feb	Total
1	Jackee A	33	64
2	Ryan P	23	36
3	Brian E	23	33
4	Scott H		29
4	Kirk E	15	27
6	Sean T	3	15
6	Bill B	5	13
8	Pat D		11
9	Lorilee C		11
10	Jason C	7	7
11	Jeff C		6
12	Richard S		2
12	Danielle S		1
13	Ed V		1

Club Member's Experiences

Ryan's fab finds



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

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Jackee's fab finds



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Brian's fab finds.

1904-1937 Shotgun Shell



.60 cal
machine
gun.
Military
issue.



VDB 1909
Lincoln Cent



1950's toy cap pistol

Nicest jewelry find
to date.



May the
Force
be
with you!



The UFO!

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Ed V's Track for the February club hunt.



Club Hunt Report



Date: March 2nd, 9am-1pm

Location: Lents Park, Portland, OR

Hunt Results: 17, members joined this month for the club hunt. There were ten regular tokens and two special tokens.

Treasures recovered: 1 silver ring, 9 junk rings, a 1954 d Rosie, oldest coin was a 1935 Lincoln cent, seems like the star of the show for points was 9 batteries 6 found by one person. A total of \$19.03 in change was found.

Five of the regular tokens were recovered and the two special tokens were found, one by Alex Saralino the second by Scott Hadley. The distribution of the regular tokens was spread across four people with Jeff Cronn finding two.

One extra member draw was held for the natural silver dime found by Jason Carpenter, Richard Sather won the draw.

The park didn't seem to lack in the trash department particularly popular was pull tabs and foil. We collected 10 lbs.

The top places in the competition hunt were:

1. Danny 69 points
2. Scott 44 points
3. Danielle 44 points
4. Sean 41.7 points
5. Ed 41.4 points
6. Lorilee 41 points

Total clad found: \$19.03
Trash collected during the hunt: 10 lbs



Photos of Lent's Park
by Kirk





89.99

I have been wearing these for about 2 weeks now and have found them to be excellent! - Brian

Caterpillar H2O Defender Work Pants

Water Resistant, Reinforced Knees, Knee Pad Pockets, Bellowed Cargo Pocket, and Tool Bags

- **DURABLE** men's pants made from tough 7.5 oz. H2O Flex water-resistant stretch fabric for rain and wet weather work, with 500D 100% Nylon Cordura branded oxford trim to protect against wear and tear
- **VERSATILE CARGO PANTS** for men who need to keep their tools handy. Front slash pockets, bellowed cargo pocket with secure flap closure, layered multipurpose pockets, hook add loop secure cell phone pocket on right thigh, and back right tool pocket with pencil slot to accommodate all your gear
- **LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE SNAP OFF TOOL BAGS** can also tuck into front flash pockets
- **LOGO D-RING** at waist for easy accessible key or pass attachment
- **TOP-LOADING KNEE PAD POCKETS** provide protection working down on the ground and are Cordura reinforced against wear
- **REFLECTIVE TRIM** at front and back of knees for visibility in foul weather

4-Pack Rechargeable 9V Batteries, 1300mAh 9 Volt Lithium-ion

19.99 for 4

If you are using 9 volts for any of your equipment these have been working great for me. -Brian



To submit entries for this section email rubber2theroad@yahoo.com



Clue #5

Zooming in a little more than the last challenge token map clue. The token is buried in a public park north of Courtney, West of 99E, East of the river, South of Chan's Steakery.

Clue #6

If you know where the photo below is check a park nearby.

Remember to use all the clues!

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

Weird decorations!
The park is near by.



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

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

Vice President: Ryan Paradis

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