



Photo by Brian E

President's Message

I hope everyone is having a great summer and finding plenty of time to get out there and enjoy the hobby!

This month, I'd like to recognize two of our OTTS members, Jackee and Lee, who have scored high enough to be two of the fifteen finalists in Minelab's Race to the Realm contest! A special mention our member Ted, who barely missed out and ended in 16th position.

Making it this far is an incredible accomplishment, and having two OTTS members among the finalists is something our entire club can be proud of. Jackee and Lee will now compete against the other finalists for a \$100,000 grand prize!

Please join me in congratulating them and wishing them the very best in the final competition. We'll all be rooting for you!

Always dig responsibly and leave no trace.

Ryan Paradis
President

In this issue:

O.T.T.S. PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE 1

MEETING MINUTES: 2

NEXT MEETING: 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 2

RAFFLE WINNERS: 3

FIND OF THE MONTH: 4

CLUB MEMBER'S
EXPERIENCES: 5-6

KIRK'S CORNER: 7-9

CLUB HUNT REPORTS: 10-11

CLUB CODE OF ETHICS: 12

OREGON TREASURE TRAIL
SOCIETY HISTORY: 13

O.T.T.S. CLUB MEETING
LOCATION: 13

CLUB INFORMATION: 13

JULY 28 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Board and board members at large introduced
- New members 3 / Guest 0
- Progressive draw won by Tim S
- Member draw won by Kathy B
- Birthdays 3 coins given
- Club tokens turned in, 0
- Minutes from last meeting accepted
- Treasurers report accepted
- Club hunt report given
- Social hunt report, there was no social hunt
- Picnic recap
- New business ; Race to the Realm event, Subterrix demo for the club
- Break
- Announcements, Bill B shared a story
- Raffle drawings
- FOTM announced
- Meeting adjourned

Special thanks to those who
have brought snacks who
aren't on the list. Snacks
are always welcome!

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, August 25th 2026
- 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!

Laura A & Ryan

(on deck for Sept Larry & Jason)



Next Club Hunt

August 30th, Sunday
8:00 AM -12:00 PM

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

Raffle Results

Winners

Tuesday, July 28th, 2026

Top Prize!

2017 Silver Eagle Dollar Coin - Steve

1. 1922 Peace Silver Dollar - Scott
2. 1922 Peace Silver Dollar - Lee
3. 1884 Morgan Silver Dollar - Brian
4. 2009 Kennedy ½ Dollar - Ted
5. 2013 Kennedy ½ Dollar - Kathy
6. 2014 Kennedy ½ Dollar - Lee
7. 2015 Kennedy ½ Dollar - Steve
8. 1957 Silver Quarter - Steve
9. 1962 Silver Quarter - Jackee
10. 1998 Silver Quarter - Brian
11. 2003 Silver Quarter - Michelle
12. 2004 Silver Quarter - Bob



Find of the month April

Category	Place	Name	Item
Item of the Month			
	1	Gregg R	Bird Band 2010
Tie	2	Jackee	Antique Creamer Cup
Tie	2	Jeff C	3 Bills - \$5 & Two \$1
	3	Sean T	Jaguar Head from Mexico
US Coin			
Tie	1	Sean T	1945 Mercury Dime
Tie	1	Kirk E	1942 Mercury Dime
	2	Tony G	1937 Mercury Dime
	3	Jackee	1919 S Wheat Penny
Foreign Coin			
Tie	1	Dan R	1977 Australia 1 Cent
Tie	1	Brian E	5 Yen Good Luck Coin
	2	Bill B	1992 Great Britain 10 Pence
	3	Kirk E	2003 Hungary Magyar
Token			
	1	Ted M	Hot Spring Admission Token
	2	Brian E	NARA Native American Recovery Association Token
	3	Dan R	3 Tokens
Gold Item			
	1	Jackee	Mid 1600s-1720 20KT Gold Stuart Crystal Pendant or Earring
Tie	2	Jeff C	18K Gold Band
Tie	2	Brian E	10K Praying Hands Diamond Ring
Silver Item			
	1	Jackee	Applied Silver Knee Buckle
	2	Scott	.925 Ring with Yellow Stone (What a beauty)
	3	Brian E	Tree of Life Ring
Jewelry/Non-Precious			
	1	Dan R	Frog Ring
	2	Brian E	Owl Pendant
	3	Jackee	Flat Button
Artifact			
	1	Gregg R	Antique Nehi Large Metal Advertising Sign
	2	Bill B	Antique Jewel Button
Tie	3	Jackee	Late 1700s-1820s Escutcheon Plate
Tie	3	Ted M	Toilet Pull
Tie	3	Brian E	Marlboro Keychain
Oldest US Coin			
	1	Jackee	1817 Matron Head Large Cent
	2	Ryan P	Unknown Year Barber Half Fragment
Tie	3	Kirk E	1936 One Cent
Tie	3	Tony G	1936 Quarter
Display			
	1	Jackee	
	2	Brian E	
	3	Kirk E	

Rank	Name	July	Total
1	Jackee	26	158
2	Ryan P	9	131
3	Brian E	23	122
4	Kirk E	14	99
5	Bill B	11	84
6	Jeff S		44
6	Jeff C	10	44
7	Sean T	10	42
8	Ted M	9	41
9	Tony G	9	38
10	Dan R	13	36
11	Scott H	3	32
12	Ed V	7	29
13	Nick R		26
14	Chuck F		19
15	Pat D		17
16	Lorilee		15
16	Gregg	8	15
17	Richard S		14
18	Don S		7
19	Tim S		6
20	Ron B		4
20	Chris S.		4
20	Chuck P		4



Club Member's Experiences

Beautiful finds by Jackee. She says,

"Mid 1600s- 1715 Stuart Crystal 20 Karat Gold Jewelry. 4 VDI on the Manticore & found near a While detecting around some cellar holes in Connecticut.



Stuart crystals were among the most exclusive forms of jewelry produced after the execution of King Charles I in 1649. Crafted by skilled English goldsmiths for wealthy patrons and supporters of the Stuart monarchy, they often featured delicate gold wire ciphers, locks of hair, or royal symbolism preserved beneath polished rock crystal. Authentic surviving examples are exceptionally rare, with many now held in museums and private collections. This is one of those once-in-a-lifetime finds I'll never forget."



"Other finds from my trip include this late 1700s Applied Silver Knee Buckle and 1817 Matron Large Cent :)"



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

Brian had a second, and says,

“I was in a bit of a signal desert so when a beep sounded a second sweep was needed. Zeroing in the target at a 13-14 VDI on the Manticore and since there weren't many other signals in the area I dug it more out of curiosity than anything. Sure shooting it was my second gold ring and this one had a little diamond in it!!! A real treasure.”



Although this is not exclusively Portland history today we are going to take a historical view of mental illness facilities in Oregon. They came in several flavors and most often were deplorable in the treatment and care of those interned. One example from 1923, a eugenics law passed in Oregon, allowing the sterilization of “persons, male or female, who are feeble-minded, insane, epileptic, habitual criminals, moral degenerates and sexual perverts, who are, or ... who are likely to become, a menace to society”. Supporters described the forced sterilizations as non-punitive and therapeutic. Sterilization was often a requirement for a person to be released from a mental facility.

The first institution in Oregon devoted to the care of the mentally ill was the Oregon Hospital for the Insane. Drs. James C. Hawthorne and A.M. Loryea opened the private hospital in September of 1861 in a temporary building on Taylor between first and second avenues. Yes the very same Hawthorne the street and district were named after.

In 1862, the hospital was moved to a new building off of Hawthorne ave east of SE 12th. The State of Oregon contracted with the hospital in the fall of that year to provide services for “indigent insane and idiotic persons” that were court ordered to the facility. The hospital treated court ordered and private patients suffering from many forms of diseases including what Drs. Hawthorne and Loryea described as: mania, monomania, melancholia, dementia and idiocy. Hawthorne ran the hospital until his death in 1881 at which time it was run by Dr. Simeon Josephi until the Oregon State hospital was completed in Salem in 1883. In October of that year 370 patients were transferred to the new facility in Salem.

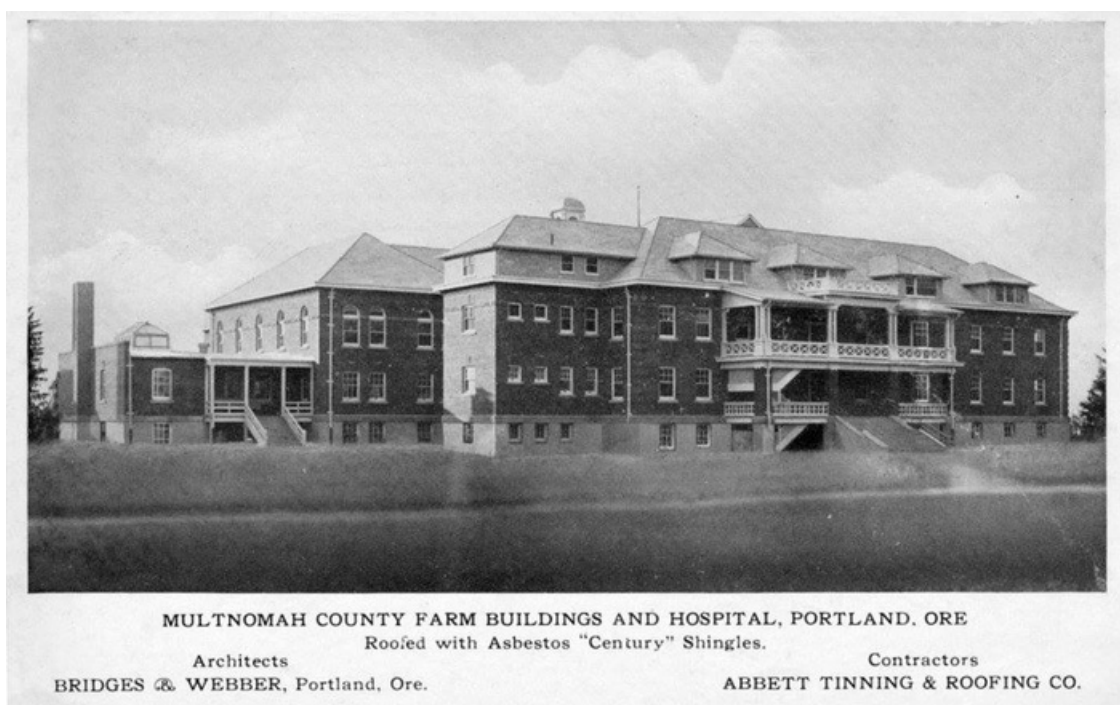


Photo: Multnomah Co Poor farm Edgefield.

In 1868 Hillside Farm for the poor opened on Canyon Road at the location of the Portland Zoo. It closed in 1910 after members of local charities dubbed the crumbling building and its deplorable conditions disgraceful. Their report spurred county commissioners to speed work on the Multnomah County Poor Farm at Edgefield, which opened in 1911. Human remains were discovered during exhibit construction at the zoo in 2008, and again in 2013. Those remains were reburied near the spot they were found. No memorial marks the spot.

Oregon State Hospital Salem, the main building of the hospital ("J" building) is a familiar sight to anyone traveling on Center Street east of downtown Salem. The street leading to the hospital was originally designated Asylum Avenue. To oversee the operations at the facility, Dr. Horace Carpenter, a local physician, was hired as first Superintendent of the new facility and a staff was engaged to serve the 412 patients the hospital could accommodate. In the Morning Oregonian appeared an account of the transfer of 261 male patients from Portland's Hawthorne Asylum to their new home in Salem. The reporter characterized these patients as "representing almost every known stage or degree of insanity, idiocy, imbecility or helplessness". (Actually, records indicate that 268 patients made the trip to Salem that day.) On October 24th, 1883, 102 female patients were transferred to Salem, including three girls, ages six to nine. For three decades the facility operated as the Oregon State Insane Asylum. In 1913 the name change to Oregon State Hospital occurred. In the same year a crematory was put into use on the hospital grounds and all burials in the Asylum Cemetery were disinterred and cremated. Yes the very same buildings One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest was filmed.

One that I was completely unaware of was opened in 1904 Morningside Hospital open by City father Henry Waldo Coe where Mall 205 currently stands. Morningside held large federal contracts for native Alaskans, private-pay mental and addiction health patients, it closed in 1968. Prior to statehood, there were no services available in the Territory of Alaska for individuals who experienced mental illness or developmental disabilities. At the time, mental illness was considered a crime. Alaskan adults and children were arrested, convicted of being insane, and sent by the federal government to live at Morningside Hospital in Portland, Oregon. They were taken from their families and communities by dog sled, train and boat. In the end, at least 3,500 Alaskans were sent to Morningside between 1904 and the 1960s, when Morningside was finally closed. Many were never heard from by their families again. These are known as the Lost Alaskans.

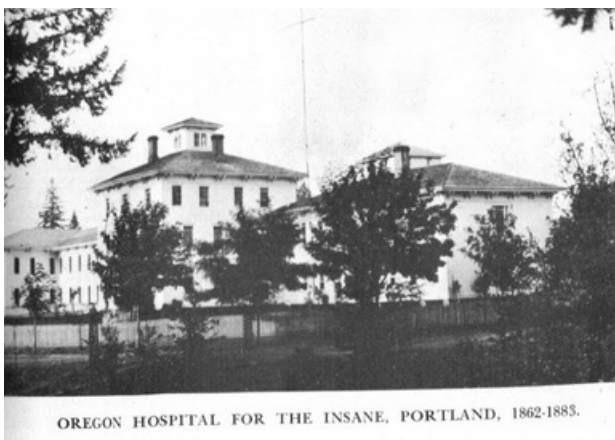
Kirk's Corner (cont.)

In 1907 Oregon State Institution for the Feeble-Minded opens, it closed as the Fairview Training Center in 2000.

1961 Dammasch State Hospital for general psychiatric conditions opens. Population peaks in about 1990 with 600+ people with mental illness and addiction. Closes in 1995. By the time Dammasch closes, the Portland, Pendleton and Salem branches of the Oregon State Hospital rarely accepted persons who were not civilly committed, 70% of inmates were “forensic patients,” meaning the had been found Guilty Except for Insanity.

1995 Holladay Park Medical Center begins to lease ward space to the state. It currently has 60+ beds for court-committed persons with mental illness and now functions as the Oregon State Hospital – Portland, or POSH.

Others in our area of less notoriety were open from 1910 – 1930. A variety of mental health clinics open, including Crystal Springs Sanatorium, Lee Miller Sanatorium, Klock Sanatorium, Weir Mitchell Sanatorium, Fir Grove Sanatorium, and others. Mountain View Sanatorium for Alcohol, Drug, Mild Mental Cases opens in 1908 and closes in 1920.



Morningside



Oregon state insane asylum 1905

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

OTTS Club Report

O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt Report

Date: August 1, 2026 8am-12pm

Location: Ed Benedict Park - SE 102nd Ave, Portland, OR 97266



Historical Information: The park was named in commemoration of Ed Benedict, a statesman and community activist who was instrumental in getting the park built. In addition to his work as a nurseryman and landscape contractor, he served three terms in the Oregon Legislature, and was a member of many community organizations, including Urban League of Portland, NAACP, and the East County Coordinating Committee. When the proposed Mt. Hood freeway project fell through, Benedict worked hard to ensure that the land that had been purchased as an easement for the freeway be developed as a neighborhood park. In 1988 the parcel known as Mt. Hood Park was deeded to the City of Portland for "eventual use as a recreational park." Benedict died that year and, in his will, left money to establish a trust fund to develop the park. The 12.7 acre park was acquired by the city in 1988 and officially named at a ceremony on July 29, 1991.

Hunt Results: The OTTS July Club Hunt was held on Saturday August, 1st 2026. We met at McDonalds located at 9100 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, OR 97266. 11 members and 0 guests met between 7:15-8:00am and left for the park at 8am. It was cloudy and cool, a great day for detecting. Jeff S. hid 10 regular tokens and 2 special tokens for members to search for.

A decent amount of clad was found, however no silver coins turned up during the hunt. Clayton L found a gold ring, Brian E found a piece of silver jewelry, and 6 pieces of costume jewelry were found. There were also 3 non OTTS tokens found. Brian E and Jason C tied for oldest coin with a 1961 nickel and penny , both were awarded a silver dime.

At count out Jeff S. won a member draw and received a silver Washington quarter. Scott H, Ryan P, Trina B, and Scott C, found club tokens which were redeemed for a silver Roosevelt dime. Scott H. found both special tokens this month which were redeemed for a Barber dime and quarter. Richard S helped with the count out and weighed out 6lbs of trash. Due to the low turnout, Ryan gave a silver dime to anyone that did not get a silver coin, Michelle D and Art S.

Top places in the competition	
1) Ryan P. 83 points Prize: silver quarter 2) Jeff S. 70 points Prize: silver dime 3) Brian E. 58.5 points Prize: silver dime 4) Clayton L. 57 points Prize: silver dime 5) Scott H. 54.5 points Prize: silver dime 6) Art S and Scott H. 32 points Prize: OTTS sticker	Club tokens found: 4 / 10 Special tokens found: 2 / 2 Total clad found: \$19.20 Trash collected: 6 lbs.

2026 running totals, OTTS club hunt participants have found							
Wheat Cent	Buffalo Nickel	War Nickel	Silver Dimes	Silver Jewelry	Gold Jewelry	Clad Coin	Trash
15	1	4	2	16	10	\$161.61	70.5 lbs

Next Club Hunt: Nick will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Sunday, August 30th. A 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.

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 DAMAG ING TO, OR KILL ANY VEGETATION.
- I WILL REPORT THE DISCOVERY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL VALUE TO A LOCAL HISTORIAN OR MUSEUM IN ACCORD ANCE 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: Ryan Paradis

Vice President: Ashley W

Secretary: Jeff Sikorski

Treasurer: Jaqueline Atelevich "Jackee"

At Large Board Members: Kirk Ebensteiner, Brian Echerer

Immediate Past President: Scott Hadley

Club e-mail address: oregontreasuretrailsociety@gmail.com

Extracurricular Positions

Website Editors: Ryan P, Brian E

Newsletter Editor: Brian E

Find of the Month Team: Clark & David O & Jackee A.

Club Hunts: Nick R

OTTS Club Picnic: Ryan P

Raffles: Kathy & Ron B

Challenge Token: Jackee A

OREGON TREASURE TRAIL SOCIETY	NEWSLETTER RUBBER2THEROAD@YAHOO.COM
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