

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Photo by Brian E

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November has arrived, and with it, the first real rains of the season. After a long, dry summer, the ground is finally softening, which is great news for us detectorists. Moist soil conducts the electromagnetic signal from our coils much better than dry ground, meaning those deeper, faint targets that stayed hidden all summer might finally be within reach.

Now's the perfect time to revisit those "hunted out" sites with fresh legs. A small change in soil conditions, swing direction, or even the path you take across a location can reveal something new. Don't overlook the spots you think you've cleaned out. I've lost count of how many times I've been surprised by what came out of the ground after I'd naively assumed a site was empty. With the change in season, you might also find that summer foliage has thinned or ivy has cleared, opening up new areas to explore.

As the days get shorter and colder, it's also a good time to start preparing for the months ahead. A good pair of waterproof boots, a warm coat, hand warmers, and a thermos of something hot can make all the difference between a great outing and one cut short. Make sure your gear is weatherproofed, your batteries are charged, and your digging tools are ready for a bit of mud. Towels for your vehicle are a must!

Fall detecting has its own kind of magic. Parks get quieter, colors turn rich, and the chance to find something long lost seems better than ever, thanks to the changing season. So grab your detector, a hot cup of coffee, and revisit those old sites to see what treasures await. Don't forget to take in the scenery and snap a photo or two for our club newsletter.

Our annual bake sale fundraiser is coming up at this month's meeting. Bring your favorite baked goodie for auction, and if you'd like, tuck a special prize onto the plate to make it even more enticing. Always dig responsibly and leave no trace.

Ryan Paradis
President

OCTOBER 28 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Board and board members at large introduced
- New members 0 / Guest 4
- Member draw won by Sue G.
- Progressive draw no winner
- Birthdays 5 coins given
- Club tokens turned in, Tony, Jackee.
- Minutes from last meeting accepted
- Treasurers report accepted
- Club hunt report given
- Next hunt discussed, new hours
- Social club hunt report given
- New business
- Member dues stay the same
- Christmas party potluck sign up
- hunt master position discussed
- Upcoming elections nominations Tim S. Pres. , Jackee A. Treas.
- Break
- Dan R. talked about Gold Monster 2000
- Basket auction, \$885.00 raised
- Club drawings were held Plinko, Quarter drop, Main raffle
- FOTM winners announced
- Meeting adjourned

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 25th 2025
- 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!

Larry, Maggie & Jackie



Next Club Hunt

November 29th
9:00 AM -1:00 PM

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

October Raffle Results

Winners

October 28th, 2025 Raffle

Gold!

.40 gram Gold Nugget - Bill B.

SILVER

1. 1 oz Liberty Bar - Steve E.
2. 1 oz Silvertowne Mint Bar - Steve E.
3. 1 oz Skeleton Bar - Ed V.
4. Noah's Ark Coin - Mike J.
5. Canadian Olympic Coin - Scott C.
6. 2013 Silver Eagle - Mike M.
7. 2021 Silver Eagle- Lorelee S.
8. Santa Christmas Coin - Steve E.
9. Nutcracker Christmas Coin - Ed V.
10. 1976 US Proof Coin Set - Scott C.
11. Panda Gold Coin good for free membership - Alex S.

MYSTERY ENVELOPES

M-1 1971 Eisenhower Coin- Steve E.

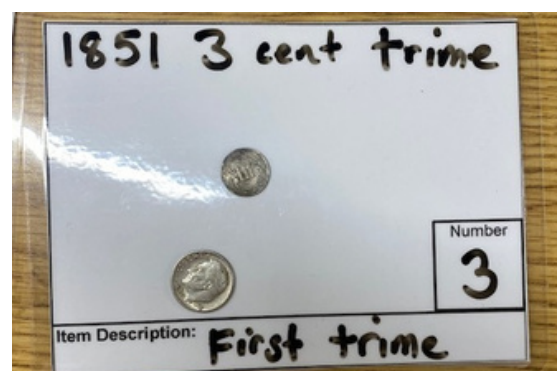
M-2 1880 Morgan - Mike M.



Find of the month October

Category	Place	Name	Item
Item of the Month			
	1	Jackee	Spill of 8 Horse Shoes
	2	Tim	Antique Candleabra
	3	Ryan	Antique Bottle Stopper
US Coin			
	1	Ryan	1951 Philadelphia 3 Cent Trime
	2	Brian	1952 S Quarter & 1 1960 Nickel (Spill)
	2	Tony	1927 Mercury Dime
	2	Jackee	1964 Philadelphia Roosevelt Dime
Foreign Coin			
	1	Tony	Chinese Cash Coin
	2	Bill	2002 South Korea 100 Won
	3	Kirk	2020 Ceska Republic
Token			
	1	Ryan	Palace Saloon Good for 5c in Trade
	1	Tony	1954 Play Money
	2	Bill	Ten Commandments
	3	Jackee	Miami Dade Transit Token
Gold Jewelry			
	1	Kirk	14K Gold Bracelet
	2	Ed	14K Gold Ring with 29 Diamonds
Silver Item			
	1	Jason	Silver Ring
	1	Brian	Silver St. Benedict
	2	Ryan	925 Heart Ring
	3	Jeff	Mens 925 Ring
Jewelry			
	1	Jackee	Marine Corp Button
	2	Sean	Electroplated Gold Ring
	2	Tony	Silver Ring with Stone
	3	Ryan	Antique Broach
Artifact			
	1	Kirk	Antique Lock
	2	Ryan	Native American Knife Point
	3	Brian	1950s Lighter
Oldest US Coin			
	1	Ryan	1890 V Nickel
	2	Kirk	1911 Barber Dime
	3	Jackee	1920 Wheat Penny
Most Valuable US Coin			
	1	Jackee	1936 Washington Quarter
	2	Ryan	1943 S Mercury Dime
	3	Kirk	\$1 Coin
Display			
	1	Jackee	
	2	Brian	
	3	Ryan	
	3	Kirk	
Best of the Best			
	1	Ryan	1951 Philadelphia 3 Cent Trime

Rank	Name	Oct	Total
1	Jackee	22	257
2	Ryan	26	187
3	Brian	15	175
4	Kirk	21	162
5	Bill	8	113
6	Ed	6	54
7	Sean	6	50
8	Jeff S.	5	48
9	Jeffery C.		39
9	Jason	7	39
10	Scott		35
10	Lorilee		35
11	Tony	15	26
12	Pat		11
13	Gregg		7
14	Nick		5
14	Dan		5
15	Laura		3
16	Richard		2
17	Danielle		1



Best of The Best!
Ryan P.



Gold!!!

Ryan's most amazing find!

UNBELIEVABLE! I'm still in shock that I found my first 3 cent trime! What an incredible moment pulling this out of the ground, once I realized what it was that exciting feeling of finding a bucket lister was unleashed! Such moments create these memories that last forever and it is such a fun and unique part of this hobby. This coin was minted in 1851 in Philadelphia, and it must of had a tough journey to get to Oregon either by wagon train or sea. It is made of 75% silver and 25% copper and it has an interesting history including being sent straight to post offices for use with stamps (which also cost 3 cents at the time). It's also the smallest silver coin ever minted in the US and it was key in the treasury's effort to get Spanish coins out of circulation. This tiny coin has been something I've wanted to find on every trip back east, but it never occurred to me that I might find one right here less than an hour from where I live!



Jackee's finds!



Native points and petrified wood!!



Club Member's Experiences

Kirk had an experience to share.

You asked of stories and here is my latest a good one for me. Decided reluctantly to go out the rains had stopped for a bit and the ground is getting softer. I was about to call a day not getting many targets, when a nice target showed up. When I saw it I thought or another stainless ring, when I picked it up I thought wow this is a heavy one, maybe tungstun or silver. To my surprise I looked and it said 14k, and it was very heavy! Sent Beth a message with a picture saying I found a lunker, probably the heaviest gold I have ever found. When I weighed it I was even heavier then I had expected at just under 17 grams beating my next largest by 7 grams. Oddly I have been saying I want to find a heavy gold chain, had to laugh when I realized the ring looked almost like chain links.



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Brian's fun experience.

The story of my first silver quarter is a treasured memory, infused with adventure and camaraderie. It all began with a trip to Washington State to meet up with my friends, Tony and Jason, at Lacamus Lake, which was drained low, revealing its lakebed—a perfect setting for metal detecting. Our first spot didn't yield much treasure, so we consulted the map and decided to try our luck at a nearby pond. As we scoured the area, Jason struck gold—or rather, wheat pennies—and in the spirit of friendly competition, Tony soon unearthed a beautiful Mercury dime. This spurred me into action, and I found myself wading into the pond, my excitement growing with each find: more pennies, a modern dime, and finally, a quarter. As I was about to call it a day, one more signal beckoned me, and with a determined scoop, I discovered a 1952 silver quarter. The thrill of unearthing history, coupled with the realization that our finds formed a near-perfect line from the quarter to the Mercury dime and the patch of wheat pennies, made the adventure unforgettable. This silver quarter was more than just a coin; it was a symbol of our shared journey and the treasures waiting to be discovered.



Another sweet
little find from
another day



Club Hunt Report

Date: November 2nd, 2025 9am-1pm

Location: Leverich Park, Vancouver



We had our October club hunt on a beautiful morning in Vancouver. Twenty two members and three guests showed up to enjoy the changing colors of the fall leaves and dodge a few frisbees. Don hid ten regular tokens and one special token for members to search for.

The club turned out a great day for old coins, finding four silvers on the day! Dan found his first silver quarter, a beautiful 1935-S Washington. Tim, Lee, and Ashley found a mix of Roosevelt and Mercury dimes. Lee and Allisyn found silver rings, Allisyn's is a very nice older looking ring stamped sterling with a large green stone. The band had a small crack and it rang up 56 on the Manticore, much lower than usual due to the break in the band. Nice job Allisyn! Dan's 1935 quarter won the oldest coin.

Ron found a cool 5c gaming token, and members found an assortment of other cool finds. Brian won the costume contest in a landslide and took home a Walking Liberty half for his efforts. Honorable mention in costumes (and the only other participants) were Sean and Lee. In a great effort, the club removed 16 pounds of trash from the park, including a good amount of dangerous items.

At count out Ashley and Richard won the member half dollars and Clark won the silver quarter. Four other members won silver dimes as a bonus draw for each of the natural silver coins found on the day.

Top places in the competition were:

1. Lee 78 points Prize: silver quarter
2. Tim 63 points Prize: silver quarter
3. Brian 55 points Prize: silver quarter
4. Ashley 54 points Prize: silver dime
5. Dan 49 points Prize: silver dime
6. Tony 41 points Prize: silver dime

Club tokens found: 2 out of 11

Total clad found: \$22.93

Trash collected during the hunt: 16 lbs.



1935 Silver Quarter
found by Dan

Next Club Hunt: Jeff and Kirk will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Saturday, November 29th. A meeting location will be announced soon, check the club calendar for updates.

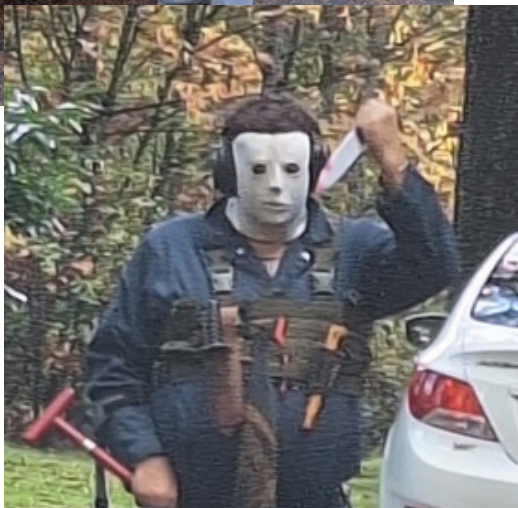
We will start at 9 am and count out at 1pm. Be at the meeting spot by 8:30 am!

Non-members are always welcome.

Total clad found: \$22.93
Trash collected during the hunt: 16 lbs

Club Hunt Report (cont.)

Some great photos from the club hunt!



Our own Dan R. of Prospector's Treasure Trove gave a presentation of the new Gold Beast 2000. Here is direct to the [product page](#). If you are interested in a variety of treasure hunting hobbies this is the place to go.



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Portland Penny - the 1835 Matron head large cent used to decide Portland's name, which is on display at the Oregon Historical society.

Written by Kirk

Between the Willamette River and its confluence with the Columbia River stands Portland, Oregon, known as "The City of Roses." The nickname, having originated during the 1905 Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, was given due to its ideal climate for growing roses. Portland is the second largest city in the Pacific Northwest with only Seattle, Washington, ranked larger in this region of the United States.

Once known as "The Clearing," Portland was established in 1843, when two men beached their canoe on the banks of the Willamette River. William Overton, a drifter from Tennessee, was struck by the beauty of this mountains and timber-rich area, thought it would make a picturesque setting for a new town. His companion, Massachusetts attorney, Asa Lovejoy, took the opportunity and loaned Overton the 25 cents necessary to file a land claim on that 640 acre site. When Overton grew bored with clearing trees and developing the infrastructure for the new settlement, he sold his portion of the claim to Francis W. Pettygrove. Tossing a coin to determine the town's name, Pettygrove won two out of three tosses with Lovejoy for the right to name the locale after his hometown—Portland, Maine. Had Lovejoy won the toss with the "Portland Penny," as it came to be known, the area would now be known as Boston, Oregon. From 1850 to 1941, Portland was known as the "Unheavenly City," due to the numerous acts of shanghaiing. Innocent bystanders were whisked away through trap doors, or "deadfalls," that led to an extensive tunnel system under the streets. The captives were later sold as slaves.

A Little Extra (cont.)
Last meeting we had our annual basket auction. Here are the baskets presented!



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Christmas Potluck

As a reminder here is the Christmas potluck signup sheet!

Sign up for OTTS Christmas party food Dec. 13, 2025 <u>3pm-7pm</u>		
Main Dishes		
Turkey	<u>Tim Schade</u>	
Ham (sliced)	<u>BOEHM</u>	
main dish	→ <u>BRIAN E.</u>	<u>Shepard Pie</u>
Salads		
Green, jello, fruit	<u>BOEHM</u> <u>Potato Salad</u>	
Side Dishes		
Stuffing	<u>Kirk, Jones</u>	<u>oyster stuffing</u>
Mashed Potatoes	<u>David & Clark</u>	<u>MASH AD POTATOS DEN'S</u>
Gravy, Turkey	<u>Tim Schade</u>	
Cranberry Sauce	<u>TONY</u>	
Green Beans	<u>Larry</u>	
Corn dish	<u>JEFF S.</u>	
Other Veggies	<u>DON'S</u> <u>vegie TRAY</u>	
Relish plate - pickles, olives, peppers	<u>Sherrie Bogynska</u>	
Coffee maker w/ coffee	<u>Ryan P.</u>	
Desserts - Pies, brownies, cookies, etc		
Jason C - ^{Costco} Apple Pie	<u>Ashley Wilmes</u>	
<u>Ashlyn Washburn</u>	<u>Jackie Atencio</u>	
Also bring these items if you have them: 25-50 foot extension cords, food warmers, heating trays		
Jason C can bring 15		
Paper plates, utensils, napkins, paper towels:		
<u>Danielle SARACINO</u> <u>Lorilee Cronn</u>		

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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: Ryan Paradis

Vice President: Ashley W

Secretary: Jeff Sikorski

Treasurer: Don Spillman

At Large Board Members: Kirk Ebensteiner, Brian Echerer

Immediate Past President: Scott Hadley

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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