



Photo by Brian E

President's Message

As we continue into the season, I want to focus on something that has a direct impact on all of us, regardless of experience level. Access.

The opportunities we have in this hobby are not guaranteed. Every permission we receive is earned through trust, communication, and the way we present ourselves. Getting your first permission can be intimidating but it's also rewarding!

First impressions matter. A simple, respectful introduction goes a long way. Something as straightforward as, "Hi, my name is Ryan, I'm part of a local metal detecting club, and I enjoy researching local history. I was wondering if you would consider allowing me to detect your property," is often all it takes to start the conversation. Being clear, honest, and low-pressure is key.

Equally important is how you respond if the answer is no. A polite thank you and a positive attitude leave the door open for the future. Not every permission is granted right away, but every interaction still shapes your reputation.

Once permission is given, the real work begins. The way we treat a property, the care we take in our recovery, and whether we follow through on our word all leave a lasting impression. Always offer to share interesting finds, and consider returning sentimental items. Expressing appreciation afterward, even if nothing good was found can turn a one time opportunity into a long-term relationship.

Landowners talk, and communities are often smaller than we realize. One positive experience can lead to new permissions, while one negative experience can quietly close doors for others.

Earning permission is not just about gaining access to land. It is about representing the hobby in a way that builds trust and respect. If each of us approaches permissions with that mindset, we create more opportunities not just for ourselves, but for the entire club. Let us continue to set a high standard in how we represent ourselves and our hobby.

Always dig responsibly and leave no trace.

Ryan Paradis
President

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MARCH 24 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Board and board members at large introduced
- New members 2 / Guest 0
- Member draw won by Scott C.
- Progressive draw won by Larry W.
- Birthdays 5 coins given
- Club tokens turned in, 0
- Minutes from last meeting accepted as unavailable
- Treasurers report
- Club hunt report given
- Social hunt report
- Chuck F spoke about his history as a metal detectorist
- Picnic update, scheduled: Sunday July 12th
- New business ; Cub Scouts interested in attending a club hunt
- Open floor discussion
- Break
- Snack sign up list
- Ryan talked about Digstock
- Raffle drawings
- FOTM announced
- Concluding comments
- Meeting adjourned

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

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, April 28 th 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!

Ashley W & Ed V.

(on deck for Sean T & Lorilee & Jeff)



Next Club Hunt

May 3th, Sunday
8:00 AM -12:00 PM

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

Raffle Results

Winners

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Top Prize MS 63 1923 Peace Dollar - Tim S.

1. **2026 Silver Eagle** - Scott H.
2. **2026 Silver Eagle** - Kathy B.
3. **1985 Liberty 1oz Round** - Steve E.
4. **1oz Silver Bar** - Larry W.
5. **1921 Morgan** - Kirk E.
6. **1939 Liberty ½** - Larry W.
7. **1941 Liberty ½** - Ronald S.
8. **1944 Liberty ½** - Steve E.
9. **1946 Liberty ½** - Ronald S.
10. **1964 Kennedy ½** - Larry W.
11. **1964 Kennedy ½** - Ron B.
12. **1964 Silver Quarter** - Mike J.



Find of the month March

Category	Place	Name	Item
Item of the Month			
Tie	1	Brian E	Dinner Bell
	2	Ryan P	Religious Key
	3	Pat D	MLK I have a dream pin
US Coin			
	1	Ed V	1928 S Mercury Dime
Tie	2	Jeff S	1942 Quarter
Tie	2	Jackee	1939 Philly Mercury Dime
Tie	2	Dan R	1913 Wheat Penny
Foreign Coin			
	1	Jackee	1923 Poland 10 Groszy
	2	Scott H	1993 Czech 20 Koruna
Tie	3	Dan R	1999 5 Kroner
Tie	3	Brian E	Ukraine 2 Kopek
Token			
	1	Gregg	Vancouver Bridge Toll Token
Tie	2	Kirk E	Space Jam Token
Tie	2	Jackee	Cut Wa Tax Token
	3	Bill B	Large Eternity Token
Gold Item			
	1	Kirk E	14K Gold Ring
	2	Don S	10K Mothers Ring
Silver Item			
	1	Brian E	Blue Topaz Silver Ring
	2	Scott H	Silver Charm Bracelet
	3	Kirk E	925 Silver Heart Bracelet
Jewelry/Non-Precious			
	1	Jeff S	Ravens Skull w/ Viking Compass
	2	Jackee	Pirate Cereal Box Ring
	3	Ryan P	Religious Cross Pendant
Artifact			
	1	Bill B	Buddha Lotus Plate
Tie	2	Jeff C	2 WB Brass Locks
Tie	2	Scott H	Rayban Glasses & Case
Tie	2	Ryan P	Large Thimble
Tie	3	Kirk E	Small Railroad Spike
Tie	3	Jeff S	Sailors Button
Tie	3	Jackee	Service Padlock cover
Oldest US Coin			
	1	Jackee	1903 Indian Head Penny
	2	Ryan P	1904 Indian Head Penny
	3	Brian E	1942 Wheat Penny
Display			
Tie	1	Don S	
Tie	1	Jackee	
	2	Brian E	
	3	Ryan P	

Rank	Name	March	Total
1	Jackee	25	77
2	Ryan P	15	62
3	Brian E	19	56
4	Kirk E	17	44
5	Bill B	9	36
6	Jeff C	9	22
7	Scott H	10	20
8	Chuck F		19
8	Jeff S	13	19
9	Sean T		13
10	Ed V	7	12
11	Ted M		8
11	Pat D	4	8
11	Dan R	5	8
12	Don S	7	7
13	Tim S		6
13	Richard S	1	6
13	Gregg	4	6
14	Lorilee		5
15	Ron B		4
15	Chris S.		4
15	Chuck P		4
15	Tony		4



OTTS Challenge Token

It's challenge token time! Jackee has hidden the token somewhere in the Portland metro area. Guess the park and start hunting for it. New clues will be issued monthly. Here are all the clues to date.

Over 80 acres to explore
In a Portland park that I adore
Close to where people like to throw but not buried in their
designated zone. No need to crawl or duck & wishing you all a
little luck

It is lightly buried about 2-3" deep. VDI on the Manticore was
bouncing between 29/30/31 & was showing deeper than it is
actually buried.

No need to check around picnic tables or tot lots
Under some tree duff & leaves
Near a walkable path

Close to where 5-6 paths meet. A FADED X doesn't mark the spot
but you're going to find it if you check around :)

Photo of the "X" taken a few months ago which has greatly faded
from the rain



Photo clue.

Good luck & bring the token to the next club meeting to redeem your prize :)

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

We didn't get anything submitted for this section this month. Keeping it here as a reminder to send in your stories, thoughts, experience and photos while out hunting over the month.

OTTS Club Report

Date: March 29th, 2026 8am-12pm

Location: Brentwood Park & Lane Middle School -
6550 SE 60th Ave, Portland, OR 97206



General Information: Located in SE Portland, Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood.

Historical Information: Brentwood Park (14 acres) was acquired by the city of Portland in 1951 however park infrastructure and amenities were not developed until the 1970s. Lane middle school, initially referred to as Errol Heights School, just a year after opening it was renamed in honor of Joseph Lane, the first territorial governor of Oregon who later represented Oregon in the U.S. Senate. Major additions were built in 1948, 1955, and 1987.

Per OTTS records, the park has only been hunted twice before on July 27th, 2019 and October 29th 2023. Both times there were many club tokens hidden but not many were found with a possibility of 20 still within the park and school - one of which was recovered during this month's hunt!

Hunt Results: The OTTS March Club Hunt was held on Sunday March, 29th 2026. We met at Dairy Queen located at 5934 SE Duke St, Portland, OR 97206. 24 members, including one new member, and 0 guests met between 7:30-8am and left for the park and school at 8am. The weather was overcast and cool at the meet up and seemed promising. However, after an hour or so light rains arrived putting a damper on the morning hunt. Count out was a bit of a mess with damp and muddy sheets all around - shout out to Richard S. for helping organize count out sheets and assisting with trash collection as always. Nick hid 10 regular tokens, 7 at the park & 3 at the school, and 2 special tokens, 1 at the park & 1 at the school, for members to search for.

While the morning was damp, it certainly didn't stop the club from finding some interesting items. Topping the charts was eraser tops, totaling 55 for the day which was no surprise for the school yard. Over in the park there was a different abundance of finds, that being bullets/casings totaling 27. Other finds included 5 foreign coins, 3 wheat cents, 3 silver jewelry, 1 war nickel, and 1 buffalo nickel. Our long time member and former treasurer, Don S, completed his last club hunt prior to his surgery and was able to find a 1918 wheat cent which won the oldest coin. We're wishing him a speedy recovery!

Club Hunt Report (cont.)

At count out members opted for sorting their finds at the base of trees to stay dry. For everyone's brave efforts sticking it out in the cold and rain, two member draws were done for a silver quarter. Club tokens were plentiful this month with 6/10 being recovered including one buried one from a previous club hunt. Ed V, Ashley W, Ryan P, Jackee A, Jason C, Tim S, and Allisyn W. found club tokens which were redeemed for a silver dime. Dan R. found the 5 Franc special token which was redeemed for a 1915 barber dime. Sean T. found the firefighter special token which was redeemed for a 1/4oz .999 king Tut silver round. Don S. was also awarded a silver dime for the oldest coin of the day.

Top places in the competition	
1. Jeff S. 119.4 points Prize: silver quarter 2. Jackee A. 99.7 points Prize: silver dime 3. Tim S. 86.8 points Prize: silver dime 4. Scott H. 83.1 points Prize: buffalo nickel 5. Ryan P. 75 points Prize: OTTS sticker	Average score: 47.3 points Club tokens found: 6 out of 10 Special tokens found: 2 out of 2 Total clad found: \$39.17 Trash collected during the hunt: 10 lbs.

2026 running totals, OTTS club hunt participants have found									
\$1 coin	\$1/2 coin	Quarter	Dime	Nickel	Wheat Cent	Silver Item	Gold Item	Clad Coin	Trash
0	0	0	1	3	12	9	8	\$99.77	38lbs

Next Club Hunt: Nick will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Sunday, May 3rd. 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 Hunt Report (cont.)



Photos by Hunt Master Nick



As the weather gets nicer the water starts calling!

Don't let heat discourage your treasure hunting, go find some water to hunt in. Swimming holes near lakes and ponds are a great place to search for treasure. Portland Metro has some great sandy places to swing and digging in the sand is just so easy! Metal detecting along the Columbia, Willamette and Clackamas Rivers near Portland works best when planned around tidal charts, as the tidal influence from the Columbia River causes the water levels to rise and fall even many miles upstream.



The lowest tides expose more of the riverbanks, gravel bars, and shallow areas, revealing spots where coins, relics, and lost items can accumulate or become accessible without wading too deep. Check the tide predictions regularly and aim for the outgoing or low tide windows for the safest and most productive hunts—always prioritize safety, watch for strong currents, and respect private property and local regulations. Helpful tide chart resources:

- NOAA Tide Predictions for Portland (Morrison Street Bridge on the Willamette River): <https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/noaatidepredictions.html?id=9439221>
- Portland, Oregon tide charts and tables for the Willamette River: <https://tides.net/oregon/2181/>

These sites provide daily high/low tide times and heights tailored to the Portland area, which also apply well to the lower Clackamas River confluence zone.

Tidal impacts on metal detecting along the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers near Portland, Oregon, are significant even though these are freshwater rivers many miles inland. The lower Willamette (and areas near the Clackamas confluence) experiences a tidal influence from the Columbia River, causing the water level to rise and fall by about 2 feet daily, and occasionally slowing, stopping, or briefly reversing the river's current.

So stay cool and keep swinging!

54th Annual Treasure Hunt - Northwest Treasure Hunters Club

June 19th, 20th, and 21st, 2026

Detectors
Silver
Gold
Caches



Dinner
PLINKO
Hunt Rounds
Raffles/Silent Auctions

BIG FOOT =BIG LOOT!!

Before April 30 ^h	After April 30 ^h		Friday Events	Time
			Registration Check In	3PM to 6PM
Free	Free		Big Foot BINGO Social	7:00PM
			<u>Saturday Hunt Events</u>	
			Opening Ceremonies	
			US/Canada Folklore & Treasure	8:15AM
\$70.00	\$75.00		Bigfoot's Cache	9:00AM
\$50.00	\$55.00			11:00AM
Ages 0-7 \$5.00	Ages 0-7 \$5.00		Little Feet Fun Hunt	1:30PM
Ages 8-13 \$12.00	Ages 8-13 \$12.00		Big Foot Junior	1:30PM
\$70.00	\$75.00		Squatcher's Silver Surprise	3:30PM
Free	Free		Dinner	6:00PM
\$45.00	\$50.00		Midnight Whistler	After sunset
			<u>Sunday Hunt Events</u>	
\$70.00	\$75.00		The Abominable Snowman's Sweep	8:30AM
Free	Free		Kids Free Hunt	9:30AM
\$75.00	\$80.00		YETI & BETI's Extravaganza	10:30AM
			Closing Ceremonies	12:30PM

Chairman	Chairman	Chairman	Registration
Cathy Schaefer 208-659-5770	Louise Fouquette 509-710-0809	Tom Traffas 509-710-0809	NWTHC@yahoo.com
Cathy.Schaefer37@gmail.com	lasf1@q.com		DougM. 509-842-2303

→ Entries received by 1/31/2026 will be entered in a drawing for one registrant to receive \$100 off their entry fee! Entries received by 2/28/26, 3/31/26 and 5/31/26 will have a chance to win 1 of 3 Silver Dollars (There could be multiple wins by one entrant, as early entries will be entered in consecutive months).

Check us out on Facebook at – [Northwest Treasure Hunters Club Spokane](#)

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: 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