

**Photo by Brian E****President's Message**

As we step into a new season, I would like to challenge each of us to grow in some aspect this year. Improvement does not happen by accident. It comes from intention, from deciding that this year we will be sharper, more knowledgeable, more patient, and more disciplined than we were before. For some, that growth may come through deeper research. Studying historic maps, property records, and local history before ever stepping onto the grass. For others, it may mean refining recovery techniques so every plug is cleaner and every park is left better than we found it. It could be taking the time to truly learn your machine, slowing your swing speed, experimenting thoughtfully with settings, watching tutorials online, or revisiting sites others consider hunted out. Growth can also mean mentoring someone new, sharing knowledge generously, or asking questions you have never asked before. It may mean developing the patience to listen to the faint signals others ignore and trusting your instincts enough to dig them. Success in detecting is not measured only by silver, relics, or rare finds. It is measured in skill, discipline, preparation, and stewardship. It is found in the quiet confidence that comes from knowing you are improving year after year. If each of us commits to strengthening just one area this season, the impact will ripple through our entire club. Better preparation leads to better chances at a great find. Better technique preserves our sites. Stronger leadership ensures the future of our hobby. In my short time in the club I have witnessed incredible growth in the skills on display in our membership. Nobody is born knowing how to be a great detectorist, every one of us had that day we said lets try something new. Let us make this a season of intentional growth, not just in what we recover, but in the standards we set as a club. Always dig responsibly and leave no trace.

Ryan Paradis
President

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MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Board and board members at large introduced
- New members 0 / Guest 0
- Member draw won by Ryan P.
- Progressive draw no winner
- Birthdays 2 coins given
- Club tokens turned in, 1 Ed V.
- Minutes from last meeting accepted
- Treasurers report Don/Jackee accepted
- Don S. Recognized for service as past treasurer
- Club hunt report given
- Ryan discussed issues with digging and proper plug cuts at club hunts
- Brian reported on social hunt
- FOTM update
- Picnic update, scheduled: Sunday July 12th
- Open floor discussion
- Break
- Social hunt March 14th
- Club hunt announced
- Raffle drawings
- FOTM announced
- Next months snack providers 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, March 24th 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

(on deck for Sean T)



Next Club Hunt

March 29th, Sunday
8:00 AM -12:00 PM

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

Raffle Results

Winners

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

SPECIAL 1oz. SILVER BULLET - Jackee A.

1. **Commemorative ½ dollar**- Don S.
2. **Walking Liberty ½ dollar**
 - a. Diane H
 - b. Steve E
3. **Benjamin ½ dollar**
 - a. Lee H.
 - b. Sean T
4. **Kennedy ½ dollar**
 - a. Steve E.
 - b. Ed V.
5. **Silver Quarters**
 - a. Larry W.
 - b. Steve E.
 - c. Sherri B.
 - d. Jackee A.
 - e. Ashley W.
 - f. Ashley W.
6. **25 Gram Pirate Coin - Tim S.**



Find of the month February

Item of the Month			
Tie	1	Ted	Ladies Room Metal Sign
Tie	1	Chuck	Old Sprinkler
	2	Jackee	Gun Barrel Cologne
	3	Ryan	Chicken Blinders
US Coin			
	1	Ryan	1876 Seated Quarter (Way to Go!)
	2	Brian	1942 S Mercury Dime
	3	Jackee	1942 S One Cent
Foreign Coin			
	1	Scott H	1957 Japan 10 Yen
	2	Bill B	China Cash Coin
	3	Tony	India Coin
Token			
	1	Ryan	Good for 1 Fare Vancouver Bus Token circa 1929
	2	Kirk	USA Rugby Referee Token
	3	Jackee	WA Lottery Token
Gold Item			
	1	Kirk	14K Clasp w/ Dolphin Pendant
Silver Item			
	1	Tim	Thors Hammer .985oz Silver (Niiiceee!)
	2	Brian	Harp Ring
Tie	3	Ryan	Vintage Interstate Business College Sterling Ring
Tie	3	Bill B	925 Fox Earring
Jewelry/Non-Precious			
	1	Ed V	Tree of Life Pendant
	2	Jackee	Caged Combat 1st Place Winner Medal
	3	Kirk	Ruby Colored Earrings
Artifact			
	1	Scott H	Toy Gun
	2	Jackee	Antique Wrench
	3	Jeff C	Pocket Knife Shank
Oldest US Coin			
	1	Ryan	1887 Indian Head Penny
	2	Jackee	1900 Indian Head Penny
	3	Ted	1939 Wheat Penny
Display			

Rank	Name	Feb	Total
1	Jackee	22	52
2	Ryan P	20	47
3	Brian E	14	37
4	Kirk E	17	27
4	Bill B	12	27
5	Chuck F		19
6	Sean T	5	13
6	Jeff C	5	13
7	Scott H	10	10
8	Ted M	8	8
9	Tim S	6	6
9	Jeff S	6	6
10	Lorilee		5
10	Richard S	1	5
10	Ed V	5	5
11	Ron B		4
11	Chris S.		4
11	Chuck P	4	4
11	Pat D	4	4
11	Tony	4	4
12	Dan R		3
13	Gregg		2

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 is your second clue.

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

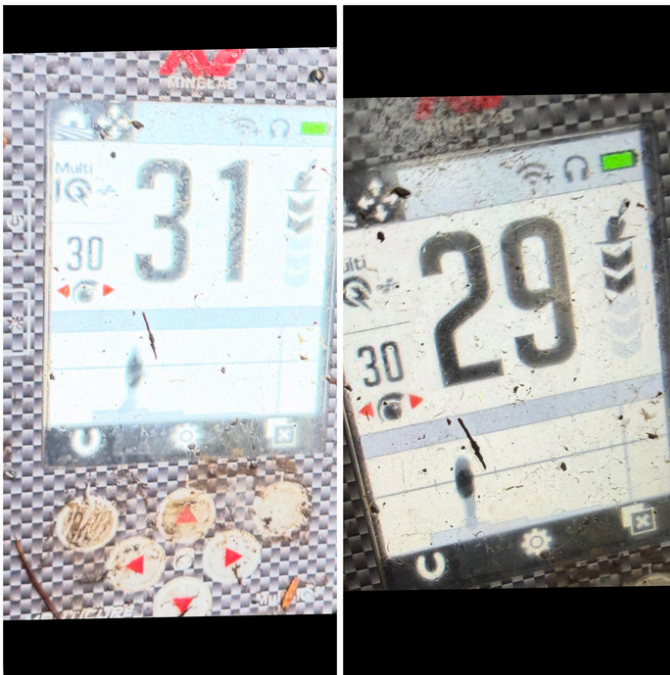
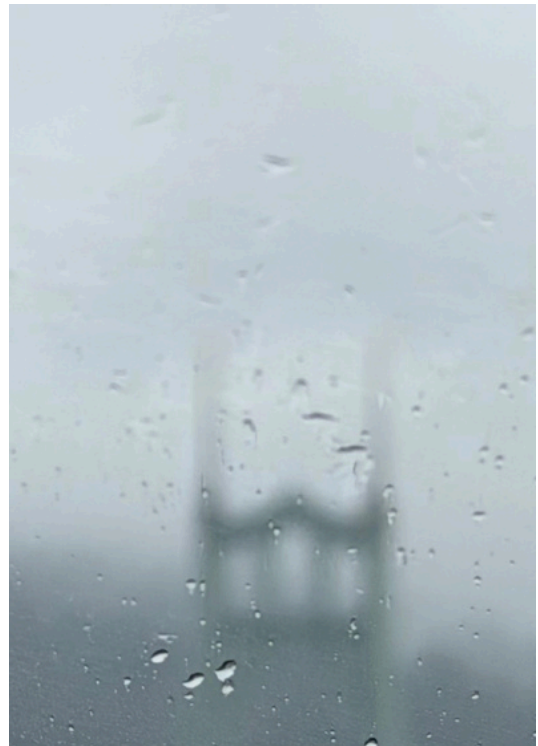


Photo clues.



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

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

Club Member's Experiences

Richard shares some special photos.



OTTS Club Hunt - March 1st 2026 - Grant Park

Club History
 d: 1922
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 amed after Ulysses S. Grant who visited
 e times, a rare thing for a president to
 s before air travel - or even before
 rail travel! Grant was first assigned to
 er where he made friends with many of
 iticians.

ge park and school grounds has been a
 ighborhood for over a century. By the
 was very active with the introduction
 . Other activities such as bicycle races
 popular around this time.

ic tables next to the Beverly
 y Sculpture Garden
 t Out @ 1pm

nt History
 s, the park has only been hunted
 7/23rd, 2014. However, it's certainly
 thers in the past. There was no club
 at single recorded instance.

ming Pool Circa 1950
 a construction date for this pool,
 rds indicate it was built in the 1940s.

NE 33rd Ave
 NE 30th Ave
 NE US Grant Place

Turf Field Off Limits
 Turf Field Off Limits

Club F
 All tokens are
 within the

Club Hunt Token
 8 Hidden
 Prize: (1) silver dime

Special Token
 2 Hidden
 Prize: (1) special sb

A glimpse
 Aerial imag
 -The layout has largely remain
 -Turf football field was renov
 -Turf baseball field was renov

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Club Member's Experiences

Brian had a fun experiment and experience!

In December 2025, Scott posed a question to the board members, asking if anyone would like to wager a silver dollar on predicting the prices of gold and silver on March 17, 2026, at 12:30 PM. Scott, Jeff, and I eagerly joined in and made our predictions. Scott determined that the best way to decide the winner would be based on the percentage of accuracy in our combined commodity predictions.

Curious about the outcome, I consulted AI Grok for its insights. The AI promptly advised that making such a prediction was impossible. I followed up with, "If you had to take a guess, what numbers would you choose?" Grok provided me with three options: one high, one middle, and one low, explaining that the low figure represented a conservative estimate, which I chose.

As we monitored the market, gold and silver prices fluctuated dramatically over the three months. I didn't think I had much of a chance until the very last day. Ultimately, the results suggested by the AI were 98.08% accurate, leading me to victory with the winning numbers.

Spot Silver
Spot Gold

\$79.40
\$5,004.30

Average

Jeff
94.17%

Scott
95.62%

Brian
98.08%

Brian Wins with the best average on both silver and gold. With over 98% accuracy.



Club Member's Experiences

Jackee shared a couple of snaps from the trip to Digstock in North Carolina.



Jackee's finds.

Finds from the group
Jackee was with.



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OTTS Club Report

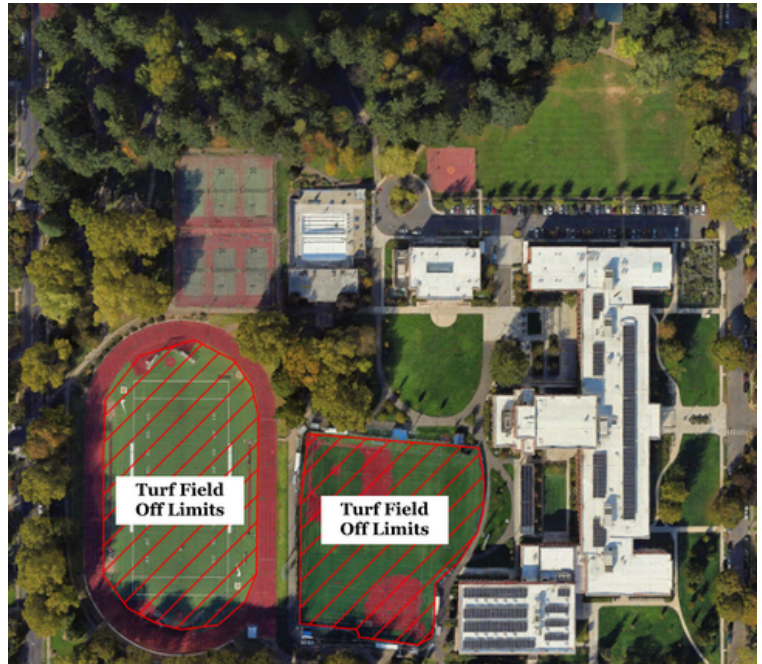
Date: March 1, 2026 9am-1pm

Location: Grant Park - NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97212

Total clad found:

\$34.01

*Trash collected during
the hunt: 12 lbs*

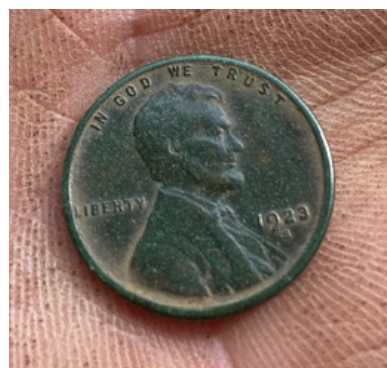


General Information: Located in the Grant Park neighborhood of NE Portland.

Historical Information: The park is named after Ulysses S. Grant who visited Portland three times, a rare thing for a president to do in the days before air travel - or even before standardized rail travel! Grant was first assigned to Fort Vancouver where he made friends with many of Portland's politicians. This mixed usage park and school grounds has been a staple of the neighborhood for over a century. By the 1950s the park was very active with the introduction of a public pool. Other activities such as bicycle races were also quite popular around this time. Per OTTS records, the park has only been hunted once on February 23rd, 2014. However, it's certainly been hunted by others in the past. There was no club hunt report for that single recorded instance.

Hunt Results: The OTTS February Club Hunt was held on Sunday March, 1st 2026. We met at McDonalds located at 2010 NE Cesar E Chavez Blvd, Portland, OR 97212. 21 members, including 1 new member and 2 guests met between 8:30am-9am and left for Grant Park at 9am. It was a beautiful early spring day with lots of sunshine and saturated soil making digging a breeze. By mid-morning the park was in full swing with lots of individuals enjoying various sports, as well as a few dozen dogs on the main field having fun. Nick hid 8 regular tokens and 2 special tokens for members to search for.

Well if you were there, you know who stole the show. Don S got out of his truck at the park and found a sock filled with 8 gold jewelry items! While it was a surface find, he did say he swung his coil over it so we let it count for points. This led to a staggering 320 points which was the highest point value at a club hunt in recent history that anyone could recall. Being the good guy Don is, he said he would make some fliers and post them around the area to try and return these items to their rightful owner. Grant Park not only held gold, but also silver! Ryan P was able to unearth a 1962 Roosevelt dime with minimal wear and a great edge to it. Other notable finds include 1 war nickel, 6 wheat cents, and 2 silver jewelry items. Eric F won the oldest coin with a 1923 wheat cent that had a beautiful patina!



Club Hunt Report (cont.)

At count out Lee H. won a member draw silver quarter. Tim S, Lee H, and Allisyn W. found club tokens which were redeemed for a silver dime. Brian E, and new member James R. found a special token which was redeemed for a silver quarter.

Top places in the competition	
Don S. 328 points Prize: silver quarter Eric F. 111 points Prize: silver dime Tim S. 93 points Prize: silver dime Lee H. 69.5 points Honorable Mention Scott H. 69 points Honorable Mention	Club tokens found: 3 out of 8 Special tokens found: 2 out of 2 Total clad found: \$34.01 Trash collected during the hunt: 12 lbs.

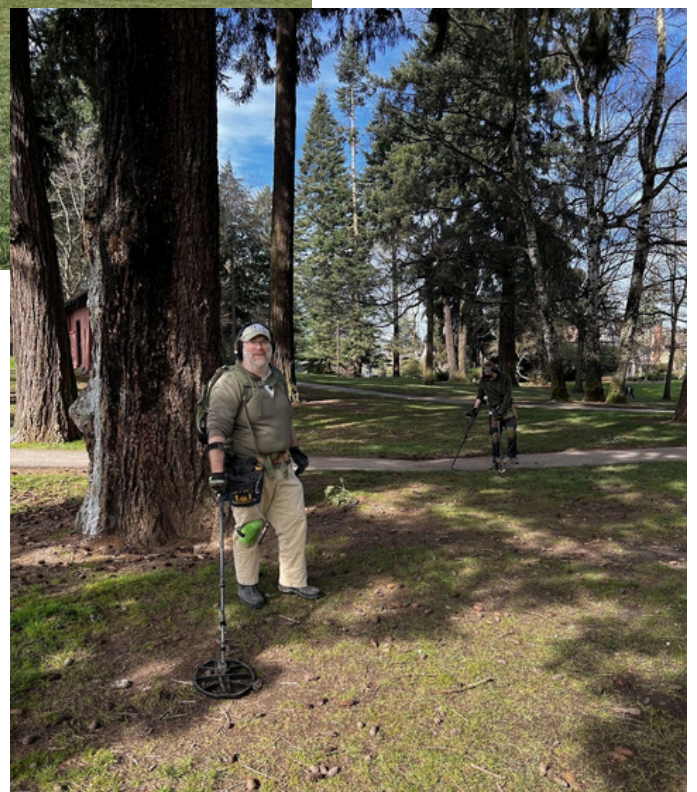
2026 running totals, OTTS club hunt participants have found									
\$1 coin	\$1/2 coin	Quarter	Dime	Nickel	Cent	Silver Item	Gold Item	Clad Coin	Trash
0	0	0	1	1	6	6	8	\$60.60	28lbs

Next Club Hunt: Nick will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Sunday, March 29th. The meet up location is Dairy Queen located at 6550 SE 60th Ave, Portland, OR 97206.

We will be moving back to summer hours this month, starting at 8am and count out at 12pm. Be at the meeting spot by 7:30am! Non-members are always welcome.



Photos by Huntmaster Nick



Keeping this guide in for another month. This is a great one pager on key coin dates.

KEY DATE COINS



Indian Head Penny
Key Dates
1859 thru 1877
1908-S, 1909-S



Lincoln Wheat Penny
Key Dates
1909-S, 1909-S VDB
1910-S, 1911-S, 1912-S
1913-S, 1914-D, 1914-S, 1922 Plain (Die #2), 1924-D
1931-S, 1955- Double Die




Lincoln Penny
Key Dates
1972 - Double Die
1995 - Double Die



Shield Nickel
Key Dates
1871, 1879, 1880
1881, 1883 (3 over 2)



Liberty "V" Nickel
Key Dates
1885, 1886, 1912-S



Buffalo Nickel
Key Dates
1913-S (T-1)
1913-D (T-2), 1913-S (T-2)
1914-D, 1918 (18 over 17), 1921-S, 1926-S, 1931-S
1937-D (3 Legged Buffalo Error)



Jefferson Nickel
Key Dates
1939 Double Die,
1938-S, 1939-D, 1950-D
Silver 1942-P,D,S to 1945-P,D,S



Barber Dime
Key Dates
1892-S, 1893 (3 Over 2)
1894-O, 1895, 1895-O, 1896-O
1896-S, 1897-O, 1901-S, 1903-S, 1904-S



Mercury Dime
Key Dates
1916-D
1921, 1921-D
1942 (2 Over 1), 1942 (2 Over 1) -D




Barber Quarter
Key Dates
1896-S, 1897-S, 1901-S
1909-O, 1913-S, 1914-S



Standing Liberty Quarter
Key Dates
1916, 1918 Over 17-S, 1921
1923-S, 1924-D, 1924-S



Washington Quarter
Key Dates
1932-D, 1932-S, 1950-D/S,
1950-S/D



Barber Half Dollar
Key Dates
1892-O, 1892-S
1893-S, 1896-S
1897-O, 1897-S
1914, 1915



Walking Liberty Half Dollar
Key Dates
1916, 1916-D
1916-S, 1917-D
1917-S, 1921
1921-D, 1921-S,
1938-D



Franklin Half Dollar
Key Dates
1949-S
**None in Circulated Grade*



Morgan Dollar
Key Dates
1886-S
1888-S
1889-S,
1893, 1893-O
1893-S, 1895 Prt.
1894, 1894-O
1994-S, 1895-O
1895-S, 1896-S,
1899, 1902-S, 1903-O, 1903-S, 1904-S,

**And All Carson City Mint. (CC) Years included are:
78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93*



Peace Dollar
Key Dates
1921
1928
1934-S

US mint 1964 and earlier dimes, quarters, and half dollars coins are silver. Many collector coins not listed may still be rare and could have collector values. Dollar coins from 1935 and earlier are all silver and most in fine condition or grades above have value greater than just their silver content. We specialize in buying US coins, precious metal bullion coins and bars, silverware, gold, silver, and platinum jewelry, diamonds, and all other precious metal items.

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

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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

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