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Submitted by Ron B: A decked out metal detectorist on his way to glory!

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

I hope you're all taking advantage of this beautiful sunny day and finding lots of treasure.



I'd like to remind you that at our next meeting, we will be auctioning off the great baskets that you bring to the Meeting. Your baskets can include many different items, including snacks, foods items related to metal detecting and coin collecting and also any kind of precious metals in the form of coins or bullion. Remember, you might find a wonderful basket that you'd like to own so bring a few extra dollars with you to win a basket.

Last meeting, we did not have anyone Manning the 50-50 drawing so proceeds were down however you'll have an opportunity to build that treasure up this next meeting. Hopefully someone will win lots of money at the November meeting.

I'm looking forward to the end of the month for our annual costume club hunt. Of course costumes are optional, but those that wear them seem to have a lot of fun so think about what you might wear and perhaps you'll win a prize.

Your president,

Club President, Rick Page (rickpage2@comcast.net)

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024

Setup 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

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting August 27, 2024

Meeting called to order by Rick Page

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of board officers and board members

Meeting attended by 35 members and 1 guest

Minutes of August meeting as published were noted and accepted

Treasures report was read and accepted

Dan R. won the member draw

1 birthday coin was awarded

Progressive draw won by Sandie S. She was not present so a silver dollar was added to next months draw.

Sept. Hunt report given

2 club tokens were redeemed for silver dimes

Members were advised of upcoming board vacancies. The club is wanting to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, News Letter Editor, and Nametag Monitor.

Members were advised that a basket sale will be held at the Oct. meeting. Also a bake sale will take place at the Nov. meeting

A short talk given by Dan R. on gold prospecting and equipment.

There was a discussion about the number and value of raffle coins.

FOTM monthly members announced

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting s Snack Volunteer(s): Mike M. and Sherry B.

Other Meeting Information:

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.

Meeting Raffle Results

Winners:

Silver

1921 Morgan	Ashley W.
1922 Peace Dollar	Ed V.
1923 Peace Dollar	Sean T.
1 oz. World Trade Center round	Kirk E.
1 oz. US Assay Office round	Larry W.
1 oz. Monex Silver Eagle round	Mike J.
1 oz. International Silver Trade Unit round	Ed V.
1 Troy Ounce Silver Bar	Kathy B.
1 oz. US Flag	Kathy B.
1 oz. Christmas Coin	Kirk E.
Mystery Envelope	
# 1 1/2 Troy Oz. Buffalo round	Tim S.
#2 1/2 Troy Oz. 1986 Silver Trade Unit	Alex S.



Find of the Month Results

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Silver Plate Bench
2	Harold V	Gold Dog chain
2	Bill B	Char Broil sign

US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1858 P Dime
2	Ryan P	1903 v Nickel
3	Harold V	1950 D Dime

Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ed V	1943 Australia Penny
2	Willy A	1881 Netherlands
3	Harold V	1879 Spain 5 cents

Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Manning's Coffee token
2	Danny A	Indian Ganesh
3	Harold V	Air Force Security Force

Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	18k Cross
2	Kirk E	baby ring
3	Jackee A	14k ring

Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	Silver Bracelet
2	Ryan P	Heart necklace
3	Bill B	Sterling handle

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	Vintage ring
2	Richard S	Scholastic pin
3	Kirk E	Alien Charm

Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Lorilee C	1950 Hubley train
2	Jackee A	Arrow head
3	Bill B	Brass hose nozzle

Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1890 V Nickle
2	Pat D	1893 S Barber Dime
3	Ryan P	1898 Indian head penny

Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1915 S Buffalo Nickle
2	Ryan P	1951 Franklin Half dollar
3	Harold V	1945 s Mercury D

Display

Place	Name
1	Jackee A
2	Willy A
3	Harold V

Best of the Best

Name	Item
Harold V	18k Cross

2024 Detectorist of the Year Standings

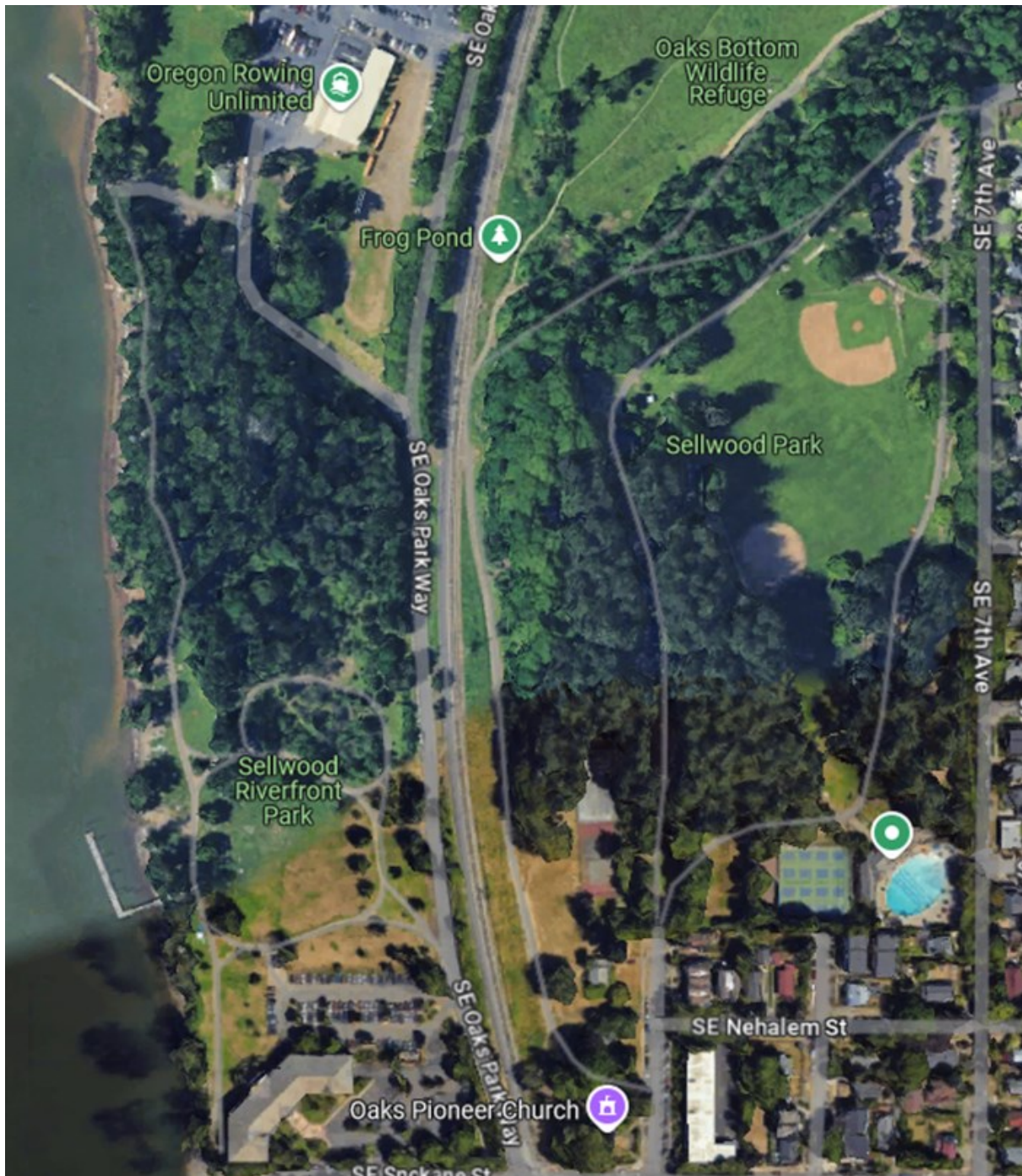
Place	Name	Points
1	Jackee A	245
2	Ryan P	174
3	Harold V	171
4	Willy A	149
5	Kirk E	130
6	Bill B	62
7	Tim S	41
8	Scott H	33
9	Sean T	32
10	Brian E	26
11	Lorilee C	17
12	Laura S	16
13	Lee H	14
13	Ed V	14
15	Allisyn W	13
16	Jeff C	8
17	Rick P	4
17	Pat D	4
17	Richard S	4
20	Susan P	3
20	Dave A	3
20	Danny A	3
23	Jeffery C	1
23	Jessica H	1



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

September 28, 2024

Location: Sellwood Park and Sellwood Riverfront Park, Portland, OR



General Information: None

Historical Information: None.

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Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results:

24 members turned out for a nice day of metal detecting at the monthly club hunt. The weather was perfect and there was a lot of available beach in addition to the parks. Ryan hid 11 regular club tokens in the park and five special tokens. There were special tokens hidden for two silver quarters, a 1986 proof half dollar/silver rosie combo, and some grab bag chances.

For natural finds in the park two members found a silver ring. Ashley found a 1919 wheat penny and won a Barber dime for the oldest coin. The club also found some foreign coins, relics, tokens and costume jewelry.

At count out five of the eleven club tokens were turned in. Clark and Rick won silver quarters for finding special tokens. Brian won a 1986 proof half dollar and silver dime for his special token recovered. Ashley and Ron got chances at the grab bag, Ron pulled out a Mercury dime, and Ashley got a casino token with a silver dime taped to it. The remaining club tokens are still in the park, they are good for a silver dime at any club meeting. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion. Scott and Pat also donated the clad found to the club, in the future you can donate clad to the club which will be cleaned and used for additional prizes for club hunts.

For the membership drawings, Bill and Ed won silver half dollars, Pat won a silver quarter.



Top 6 winners:

1) Jackee	92 points
2) Ashley	68 points
3) Ed	58 points
4) Bill	46 points
5) Lorilee	31 points
6) Jeffrey C.	28 points

Total clad found: \$18.92

Trash collected: 19 lbs

Next Club Hunt: The next monthly club hunt is scheduled for Sunday, October 27th. We will be having an *optional* costume contest, the only rule being that you must wear your costume during the entire four hour club hunt. The winners will be determined by votes during count out. Prizes will be awarded for the top three. The 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 at club hunts.

Year to Date Trash collected: 144 lbs.

All Hunts Trash collected: 1,412 lbs.

Total School Trash: 343 lbs.

Total Park Trash: 1,068 lbs.

Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ron B

Here are a couple of pictures from the Sherwood Club Hunt.



Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Jackee A

My first arrowhead is a beauty! I also found my oldest seated dime in the river!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

Here's some cool finds from the past month.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ed V

Sellwood park hunt. Also, after an event in a local park I was able to pick up a few trinkets. The coins were 1943 and 1952 Australia and a more recent Italian coin. You can still see the price tag on the one silver ring. The ring with the blue stone is .925 with 18K highlights. I've identified and made arrangements to return it to the vendor who lost it during the event.



Club Member's Experiences continued

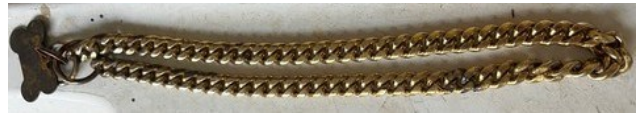
Submitted by Harold V



Straight to the good stuff. Glad to have found this 18kt gold



This gold glitter was the only gold I had found previously.



Then there was the heart breaker. When I found this all I could see was heavy gold. It wasn't until the end that I saw the tag.



16 gram silver bracelet



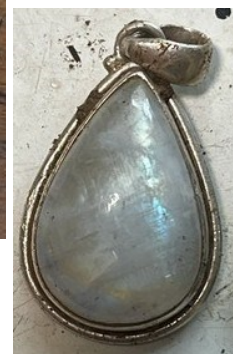
It is always nice to find some silver coins.



Skeleton key found at the river's edge.



Another nice, but light silver bracelet.



Silver and Labradorite pendant



Two 1920's French Quarters



And, I am sure this is Tim's favorite ring. A silver cat ring,

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.

O.T.T.S. Club Meeting Location

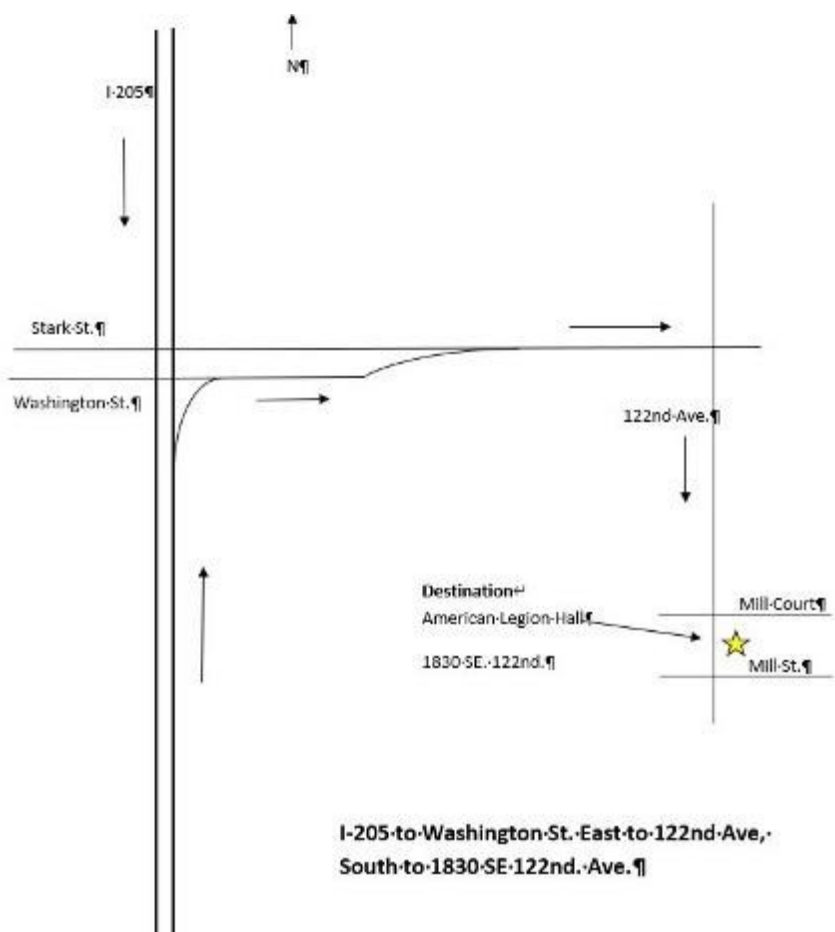
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

American Legion Lodge located at:

1830 S.E. 122nd Ave. Portland, OR 97233

Web Link to O.T.T.S. Location:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/1830+SE+122nd+Ave,+Portland,+OR+97233/@45.5103612,-122.539511,787m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x5495a194bdcdf261:0xff6c9ba5d829687d!8m2!3d45.5103575!4d-122.5373223?hl=en>



Club Code of Ethics

- I will respect Private property and will not trespass without the land owner'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 be an ambassador of my pastime.
- I will not misrepresent as to how and when an article was acquired.

Club Officers

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

Vice President: Ed Verboort

Secretary: Ron Boehm

Treasurer: Don Spillman

At Large Board Members: Scott Hadley

In Kind board member: Ryan Paradis

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Extracurricular Positions

Website Editors: Jerry H, Harold V

Newsletter Editor: Harold V

Find of the Month Team: Jerry H, Laura A.

Club Hunts: Matthew N, Ryan P

Forms Support: Sue F

Raffles: Kathy B

Challenge Token: Harold V