

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



Photo by Brian E

President's Message

Spring is in full swing, and everywhere you look, nature is charging ahead. The grass is growing, flowers are blooming, plants are thriving. Blackberries, bugs, and bees are all busy. Birds are singing exciting songs, and squirrels are building nests. It's a wonderful time of year to enjoy detecting, if only to soak in the beauty of the world around us. When I first got into metal detecting, I had little idea how the hobby would impact me in other ways. First and foremost, you spend a lot more time outdoors than you might otherwise choose. Sure, that sometimes means a muddy, rainy outing but more often than not, I catch a sunrise or sunset or see the vivid green of the trees set against a bright blue sky. It's a brilliant background for wandering and clearing the mind. These moments have a humbling effect. They remind me to appreciate the bigger world beyond our screens. It's easy to think our world exists only inside a TV or cell phone but metal detecting reminds us that nature has its own plans.

Our club picnic is coming up on July 14th. Seeded hunt registration is open. Garrett has graciously donated two brand new Vortex VX9 detectors to the club to be given away at the event. However, part of the deal with Garrett is that a VX9 is to be made available to our members for testing and evaluation. It was available at the April club hunt and will be available at the upcoming May and June club hunts as well. It doesn't come with headphones so I will make sure to bring a pair to the next club hunt. Here is the [product page](#) and the [quick start manual](#) if you're interested in learning more. Contact me or anyone on the board if you'd like to use it for an extended trial.

Rick Page's memorial gathering is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th at the American Legion from 3-5pm. More details to come.

Ryan Paradis
President

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MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 22 MEETING MINUTES

- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY V.P RYAN P.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR RICK P.
- BOARD AND BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE INTRODUCED
- MEMBERS GAVE TESTIMONIES OF KNOWING AND REMEMBERING RICK P.
- NEW MEMBERS 0 / GUEST 1
- MEMBER DRAW WON BY GREG R. FRANKLIN HALF
- PROGRESSIVE DRAW NO WINNER DOLLAR COIN ADDED
- BIRTHDAYS 5 COINS GIVEN
- CHALLENGE TOKEN FOUND BY RYAN P. (ASSISTED BY JACKEE A. AND ASHLEY W.)
- MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING ACCEPTED
- TREASURERS REPORT
- CLUB HUNT REPORT GIVEN BY RYAN P.
- PICNIC UPDATE
- BREAK
- PORTLAND PARKS RULES UPDATE
- OREGON STATE RULES ADDRESSED BY RICHARD S.
- SPECIAL ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT, UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR RYAN P.
- VICE PRESIDENT ELECTION NEXT MONTH
- NOMINEES FOR VICE PRESIDENT JACKEE A. KIRK E. ASHLEY W.
- CLUB DRAWINGS WERE HELD PLINKO, QUARTER DROP, MAIN RAFFLE
- FOTM WINNERS ANNOUNCED
- RAFFLE FOR 5OZ SILVER BAR WON BY STEVE E.
- MEETING ADJOURNED

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, May 27th, 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!

Alex & Danielle S. & Laura A



Next Club Hunt

May 31st
8:00 AM -12:00 PM

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

Rick Page memorial Saturday, June 7th

Rick's family will be hosting a memorial gathering at the American Legion from 3-5pm. Please stop by if you can make it.

May Raffle Results

Winners

April 22, 2025 Raffle

Platinum obverse & Reverse 24K Gold Coin - Mike M

SILVER

1. 2013 1¼oz Polar Bear - Tim S
2. 1906 Canadian Skier 1oz - Danielle S
3. 1407 Canadian Bobsled 1oz - Laura A
4. Bicentennial Round - Diane M.
5. 2023 British Round - Larry W
6. 2026 Buffalo Round - Scott H
7. 1oz NW Territorial Mint Bar - Steve E
8. 1921 Silver Morgan - Mike S.]
9. 1921 silver morgan O Ryan P

MYSTERY ENVELOPES

Ryan P - 1896 Morgan

Mike M - 1922 Peace dollar



Congratulations to Steve E!!! Winner!!!!
Of this amazing silver bar!

Find of the month March

Category	Place	Name	Item
Item of the Month			
	1	Bill B	Lead Bullet in Old Wood
	2	Jackee	Sterling Mystery Metal
US Coin			
	1	Jackee	1951 S Ben Franklin Half Dollar
	2	Brian	1940 Mercury Dime
Foreign Coin			
	1	Bill B	1968 Great Britain 10 Pence
	2	Jackee	1944 Espana 1 Peseta
	3	Brian	Australian \$1
Token			
	1	Bill B	Presidential Token
	2	Jackee	Jimmy Carter President Token
	3	Brian	1983 Chuck E Cheese Token
Gold Jewelry			
			N/A
Silver Item			
	1	Jackee	925 Bracelet with Real Diamonds
	2	Brian	Silver Ring
Jewelry			
	1	Brian	Bear Jewelry
	2	Bill B	Abalone Pendant
	3	Jeff S	Praying Hands Pendant
	3	Lorilee	Owl Necklace
Artifact			
	1	Jackee	War Ship Building Badge
	2	Bill B	Metal Dragon
	3	Brian	Monopoly Shoe
Oldest US Coin			
	1	Lorilee	1891 Indian Head One Cent
	2	Jackee	1920 Buffalo Nickel
	3	Jeff C	1920 Wheat Penny
	4	Ryan	1923 Wheat Penny One Cent
Most Valuable US Coin			
	1	Jackee	Spill: 10 War Nickels + 1 Buffalo + 6 Clad Nickels (Dates 1938, 1946)
	2	Brian	Rutherford Hayes \$1.00
	3	Ryan	1927 S Wheat Penny
Display			
	1	Brian	
	2	Jackee	
	3	Bill	
Best of the Best			
	1	Jackee	Silver / Artifact (Tied)

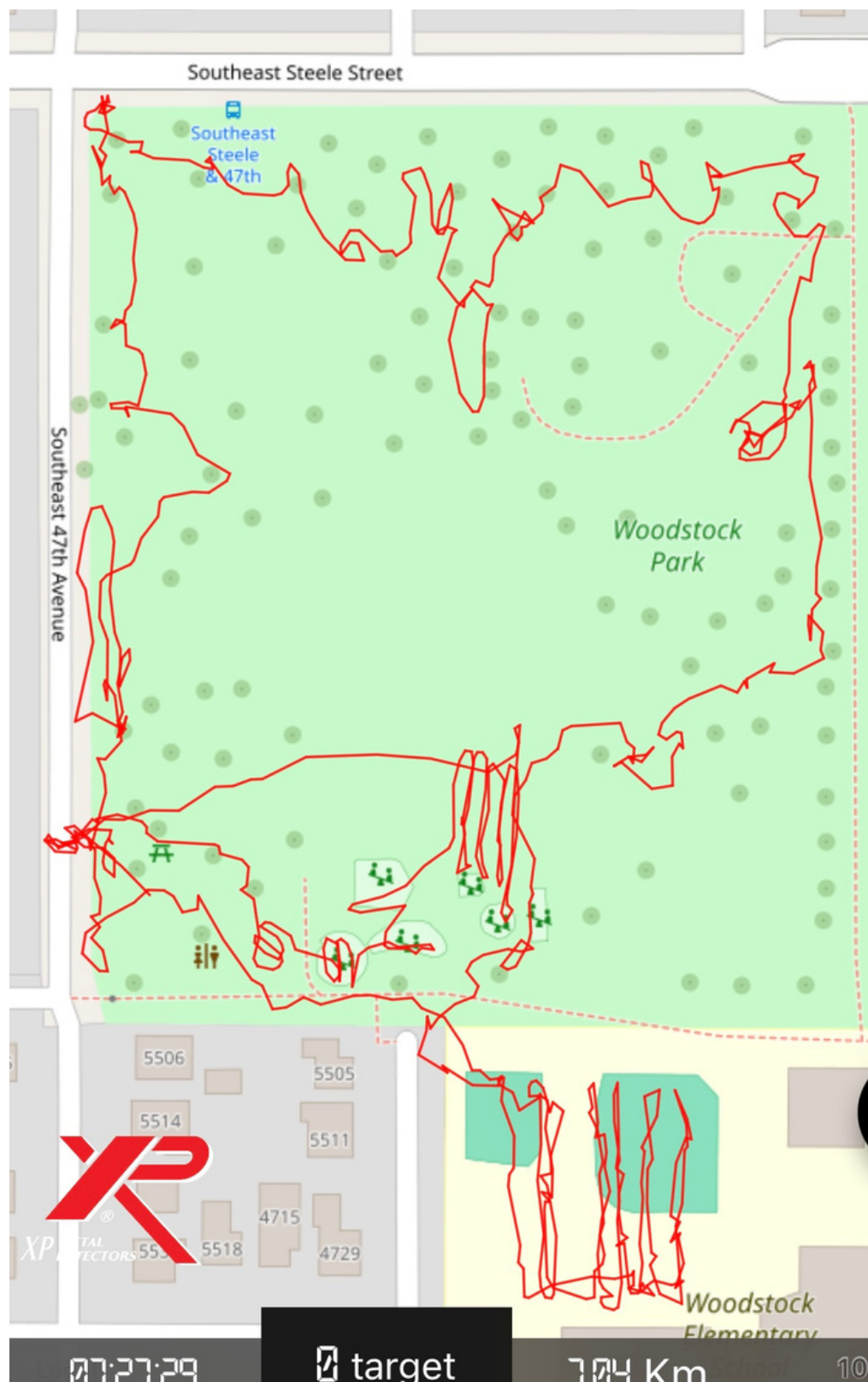
Rank	Name	April	Total
1	Jackee	29	118
2	Brian	25	75
3	Ryan	14	71
4	Kirk		47
5	Bill	16	45
6	Scott		29
7	Jeffery C.	10	24
7	Lorilee	8	24
8	Sean		18
9	Jeff S.	5	13
10	Pat		11
11	Ed		9
12	Jason		7
13	Richard		2
14	Danielle		1



The FOTM team looking stoic.
It's a tough job!

Club Member's Experiences

Ed V's April club hunt track



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

Jackiee's fantastic finds!



All the nickels were found
in the same hole!



Daniel C's fantastic finds!

This is Dan Cowan from Vancouver WA, OTTS Member. Today after work, I brought my dog over to Franklin Park in Vancouver WA with my Equinox 700, under some powerlines right above the railroad tracks. It is a giant field. I had never detected this area and decided to hunt along the blackberry bushes, right above the railroad tracks. I found four coins in about an hour, two newer pennies, and two foreign coins, which were down about 8 inches underground, one is a 1986 Hong Kong dime and the other is a 1978 Barbados quarter. Not sure why those coins would be here.



Club Member's Experiences

Sean's fantastic finds!

I had a double ring club hunt, finding a 14k electroplated chunky tiger eye ring and a nice silver turquoise ring.

I've been through my yard a dozen times but decided to go out again. We built a new back fence and while searching for nails, I found a vintage metal match holder with 1900 patent date and a very corroded smashed Penny from Knott's Berry Farm amusement park in Southern California!



Brian's experiences this month.

The True Treasure: Experiences and Connections

I've always had a passion for digging in the dirt in search of treasure, and since joining this amazing club, my enthusiasm has only grown. As the saying goes, "it's not about the destination, but the journey". This rings true in this hobby as well, where the people and experiences lead you to places you might never have ventured. This month was no exception, with two memorable encounters.

A Banner Day

The first encounter took place during a fantastic day at an old school. I discovered my first Mercury Dime, along with a buffalo nickel, a large bullet, a junk ring, and other finds. The highlight was when a young mother and her two children approached, excitedly wielding their metal detector. The kids were thrilled, and surprisingly, the mom was equally enthusiastic. I shared my discoveries with them and we had a lovely chat about the hobby. While we spoke, I scanned the ground and detected a signal. I dug in with my shovel and uncovered a treasure. With the kids using their pinpoint, they found a modern dime! I told them about our club, and who knows, maybe I'll cross paths with them again.



A Rally Adventure

The second outing took me to another school where a rally was taking place. There were many parents and children around, and as they left the event, a dad struck up a casual conversation while his daughter wandered nearby. The young girl pointed to our feet, suggesting I check "right there." I obliged, discovering a target that indicated a pull-tab. I mentioned, "There's something there, but it might just be a pull-tab. Let's find out." After digging and using my pinpoint, I pried up a small clump of earth and, to my surprise, revealed a ring! After dusting it off, I noticed it had a bright "diamond" in it. I handed it to the girl, exclaiming, "You found treasure!" Her delight was infectious as she ran off to share the news with her friends.



Brian's experience cont.

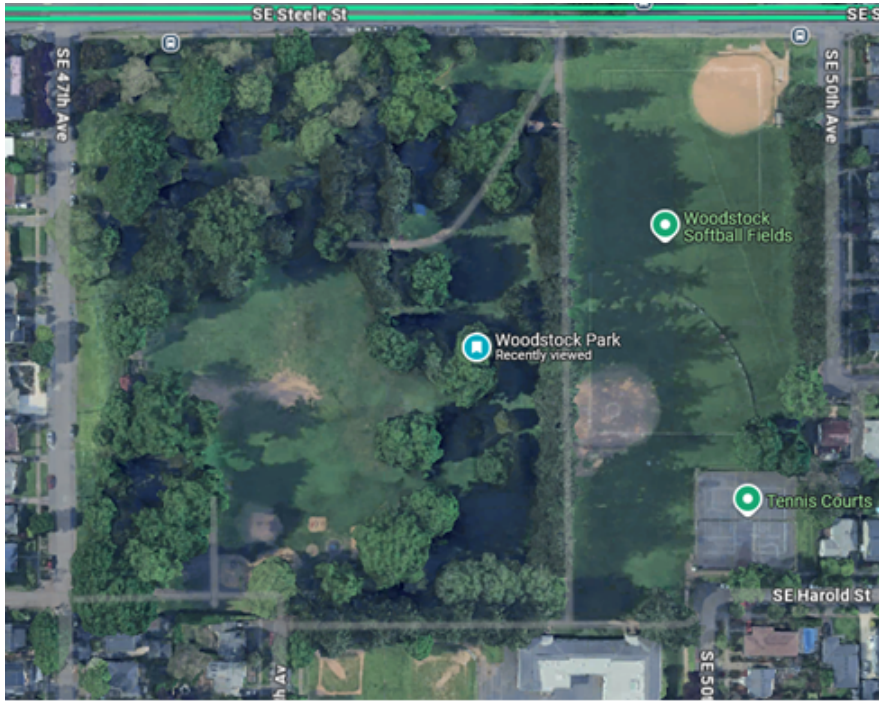
A Special Acknowledgment

Finally, I must give a shout-out to my sweetheart, Megan. She is incredibly supportive of my treasure-hunting passion. She introduced me to the show *The Detectorists* and allows me to go hunting whenever I wish. Occasionally, she joins me at the park with our dog for a relaxing day. She patiently listens to my endless tales of treasure finds and even crafted this leather sheath after I complained about how mud would clog my old sheath. How did I get so lucky? Megan is a true treasure!!!



While treasure coins are indeed exciting, it's the people I meet along the way that truly represent the real treasure!

Club Hunt Report



Monthly Club Hunt Report

Date: April 27, 8am-12pm

Location: Woodstock Park, Portland, OR

Hunt Results: 21 members and 2 guests came out to the monthly club hunt held at Woodstock Park. A total of 10 regular club tokens and two special tokens were hidden.

For natural finds at the school, Jeff C. found his first gold ring, a very nice Jostons ring stamped 10k. Jackee found a 1953 S Roosevelt dime and a 1943 S war nickel. Two silver jewelry items were found by Sean and Jeff C. Ryan found a 1926 wheat penny which won the oldest coin.

At count out, Mike claimed the silver quarter for the special token. Ed won the coin flip that contained two silver dimes and two old nickels by finding the special token. Seven club tokens were recovered, so there are still three (and probably more) including some from previous events in the park. Bill found a club token made from a clad quarter hidden the previous time Ryan and Matt led a club hunt at Woodstock (it said good for 1 burger) so I will honor that and buy Bill pizza at the next meeting. Regular OTTS club tokens are good for a silver dime at any future meeting. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion.

For the membership drawings, Ashely and Steve won half dollars. Tim won a silver quarter.

The top places in the competition hunt were:

- 1) Jackee 91 points Prize: silver quarter
- 2) Tim 81 points Prize: silver quarter
- 3) Jeff C. 80.6 points Prize: silver quarter
- 4) Scott 49 points Prize: silver dime
- 5) Jeff S. 48 points Prize: silver dime
- 6) Sean 46 points Prize: silver dime

Total clad found: \$20.52
Trash collected during the hunt: 7 lbs

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Next Club Hunt: Jeff and Lorilee will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Saturday, May 31st. 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.

Club Hunt Report (cont.)

Photos by Ryan P.





Poison Oak and Ivy!

As we enter the treasure hunting season, here's an excellent tip to avoid a negative encounter with poison oak and ivy. Poison oak is widespread in our region and can easily be overlooked while navigating through the underbrush. Check out this informative YouTube video that offers great advice on how to wash and prevent a nasty infection.

[Click here to watch the video!**](#)**

Here is a short video on how to identify poison oak.



[Click here to watch this video**](#)**

To submit entries for this section email rubber2theroad@yahoo.com



Ashley, Ryan and Jackee found the challenge token on Elk Rock Island!

The next challenge token round will be hidden by Jackee.



Oregon Treasure! Trail Society 2025 Picnic and Memorial Hunt

Sunday, July 13th • 9am - 5pm at Rooster Rock State Park

Come enjoy our picnic and go crazy in the 60 minute seeded hunt for your chance at a gold coin, over 500 silver coins, silver rounds, great prizes, old coins, treasure boxes, jewelry and other fun stuff! Lots of items get added at the last minute!

Early Bird: Members \$40, Non-Members \$80 [includes OTTS Membership]

After 5/31: Members \$50, Non-Members \$90 [includes OTTS Membership]

Schedule of Events

7:00-9:00 • Setup and coffee provided

9:00 • Registration opens

10:00 • Games open

11:30 • Free BBQ and potluck

12:30-1:00 • Free kids hunt [12 and under]

1:15 • Games close

1:30-2:30 • Seeded hunt

2:30 • Games reopen

3:30 • Game prize drawings and main raffle

5:00 • Field reopens to all detectorists

Seeded items will not be buried, they will be on surface or lightly covered in sand. No pinpointers or digging tools.



Try your luck at the Dart Board, Wheel of Fortune, Plinko, Quarter Drop, Raffles and 50/50 Drawing! Great prizes for each game!

If you don't play, you can't win, so bring some extra cash!

OTTS will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, soda, water, plates, cups, and utensils. Member potluck: last names A-H bring a dessert, last names I-N bring side dishes, last names O-Z bring appetizers or chips.

PARKING FEE \$5 PER VEHICLE • Dogs must be leashed • No alcohol or smoking

2024 Highlights



2025 OTTS Memorial Hunt Registration

Rooster Rock State Park, Sunday July 13, 2024 - Corbett, OR

Seeded hunt takes place from 1:30 to 2:30 pm

The 2025 OTTS Memorial Hunt will be seeded with over 500 silver coins; clad coins, prize tokens, silver jewelry, old coins, treasure chest keys (one unlocks the goodies) and who knows what else. **Items will be on the surface or lightly covered in sand.**

Hunt Rules: No digging tools, no pin-pointers, standard coils or smaller only, headphones must be worn (exception: those with hearing issues or non-compatible hearing aids). No one allowed on the hunt field before the hunt. No one is allowed on hunt field during the hunt unless you are a registered and paid hunter. Gloves are highly recommended as coins get hot sitting in the sun and you may want to brush sand away to find targets.

Hunt registration is as follows:

Early bird if you register by **May 31**: Current OTTS member **\$40** • Non-member **\$80***

Cost after **May 31**: Current OTTS member **\$50** • Non-member **\$90***

****Non-member registrations include 2025 OTTS membership***



☐ Member ☐ Non-member • Fee Paid _____ Total paid _____

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____

☐ Yes, I am willing to volunteer at the picnic. (All positions are assigned prior to event)

☐ Yes, I will be entering a child in the kids hunt.

Name _____ I agree to the rules set forth above and will respect the rules and integrity of the park at all times. Signature _____ Print name _____ Date: _____ Please submit form with payment to Treasurer or mail (postmarked by 5/31 for discount) **Oregon Treasure Trail Society 10350 N. Vancouver Way Portland OR 97217**



Call for Picnic Donations

Member donations really enhanced our event last year! These donations extend the prizes for the picnic. If you can donate war nickels, indian head pennies, or a few 1800s era coins to add into the hunt or prize pool you could make someone's day extra special.

I would love to see a few of these be available in the seeded hunt:

- US Large Cents
- US Two Cents
- US 3 Cent, Trime or Nickel
- Seated Dimes/Barber Dimes
- Barber Quarters/SLQs
- Silver jewelry

Donations not suitable for seeding in the hunt can still be made into a prize for a game, or token found in the hunt.

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North American Mining Association

At New Life Church
Renton, WA

Gold  Nuggets!

3rd Annual

GOLD

Nugget Hunt

Silver!

MAY 17th 2025

Rocks & fossils

A Metal Detecting, Gold Prospecting, & Rock Hounding Club

Check In:	1st Hunt:	2nd Hunt:	Potluck:	12 & under free hunt:	3rd Hunt:	Final Raffles:
Pre-register before 5/5/25 \$5 off each hunt	\$50	\$70			\$80	
8:00 - 9:15am	9:30 - 10:15am	11:00- 11:45am	12:15 - 1:00pm	12:45-1:00pm	1:15-2:00pm	3:00pm
Potluck: Club is serving hamburger & hotdogs suggestion donation \$5.				Before the 1st hunt we will host a short free hunt: teaching inexperienced hunters how to increase their chances of finding prize tokens.		
Main raffle tickets and a 50/50 raffle tickets sold until 2:55pm.					Around 8:50am	

Pre-register before 5/5/2025

save \$5 off

More info contact:

Chris Holden
Call or Text
253-961-3095

Mark Jenkins:
Call or Text:
(425) 223-2985

each hunt.

Make payment to: NAMA. Address: P.O. Box 612, Renton WA. 98057 .

Payment may be made online: namaminers.org

(If online pre-registration is not available, check back in a couple days)

Hunt Fee: pre-registration before 5/5/2025 & after.	Hunt 1 pre/after \$45 / \$50	Hunt 2 pre/after \$65 / \$70	Hunt 3 pre/after \$75 / \$80	All 3 Hunts pre/after \$185 / \$200	Total:
Name:					
Name-12 & under free hunt					
Number of People Attending Potluck. ☐	Donation Container at the Potluck Suggestion \$5				
Optional: Emergency Contact name & phone #	email				Final Total

Overnight
parking
Friday only



Driving directions:

South on I - 405 take exit 4 @ 2nd light turn left onto Maple Valley hwy (169)

North on I - 405 exit 4 & stay to the right onto Maple Valley hwy (169) turn right at 152nd Ave SE and park in the parking on right.

Hunt site is about 5.7miles from I -- 405

Hwy 18 take exit onto 231st St SE go east 1 block take left on Maple Valley hwy (169) towards Renton, turn left onto 152nd Ave SE. parking on right. Hunt site is about 9 miles from hwy 18 exit.

Overnight parking Friday is OK (no tent area). Park in the main parking lot nearest to hwy.

Check in / Registration is from 8:00am - 9:15am
at the north end of the parking lot next to the highway.

Hunt Description

8:50am	A free pre-hunt just for new people who attend the hunt.
1st hunt	Prizes include—gold nuggets, rock & fossils, silver coins, & misc.
9:30-10:15	items.
2nd hunt	Prizes include—gold nuggets, rock & fossils, silver coins, misc.
11:00-11:45am	items, & prize tokens not found in hunt 1.
12 & under	Prizes include—miscellaneous coins & prize tokens.
free hunt	Kids ages will be separated.
12:45– 1:00pm	Hunt is open to all kids.
3rd hunt	Prizes include—gold nuggets, rock & fossils, silver coins, misc.
1:15-2:00pm	items, & prize tokens not found in hunts 1& 2.

Potluck

After the second hunt we will have a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share. We will provide hotdogs & hamburgers. Donations gladly accepted: suggestion \$5.

Throughout The Event

A continuous Silver Dollar Raffle will be drawn after 40 tickets have been sold. Tickets may be purchase for the Main and the 50/50 Raffles. Winning tickets will be drawn at closing: prizes include gold nuggets, metal detectors, silver, and other miscellaneous prizes.

Hunt Chairman
Chris Holden
(253) 961-3095
Mark Jenkins
(425) 223-2985

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

Acting President: Ryan Paradis

Vice President:

Secretary: Jeff Sikorski

Treasurer: Don Spillman

At Large Board Members: Kirk Ebensteiner, Brian Echerer

Immediate Past President: Scott Hadley

Club e-mail address: oregontreasuretrailsociety@gmail.com

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