Find of the Month Entry Form

Month:_____

Name:_____

Item of the Month:_____
*Any item found that is **NOT** a Coin, Token or Jewelry. **This is a non-scoring category.***

US Coin:_____
*A 1964 or older U.S. minted legal tender coin of any denomination, unless it is a half-dollar or dollar coin. **(Year – Mint – Denomination)***

Foreign Coin:_____
*Any foreign coin. (Non-US) **(Date – Country – Denomination)***

Token:_____
A privately (non-government) issued coin like object. Examples include trade, "good for", advertising, amusement, good luck, heads/tails, President, tax, transit and other tokens. Also includes altered coins such as elongated, encased and counter stamped coins.

Gold/Platinum Jewelry:_____
Gold must be stamped 8K or greater. Or item must have a dealer's certification. Gold nuggets are allowed in this category.

Silver Item:_____
Any item made from silver, except for coins. It must be marked as .925, .950, sterling, silver or have a dealer's certification.

Jewelry (non-precious):_____
*Any metallic item worn for adornment. **Stamped Gold, Platinum and Silver are excluded.***

Artifact:_____
Any man-made artifact, including: arrowheads, bottles, buttons, marbles, utensils, toys, fair pins, fobs etc.

Oldest US Coin:_____
*A 1964 or older U.S. minted legal tender coin of any denomination. **(Year – Mint – Denomination)***

Most Valuable US Coin:_____
*Any U.S. minted legal tender coin with a minimum net value of $1.00. The value of all entries will generally be based on the current edition of "The Official Red Book Guide Book of United States Coins". Junk silver coins will be valued based on current market conditions. Dug (non-gradable) cents and nickels will generally be valued at one half of the Good price. Other coins will be valued based on condition, with appropriate discounts for scratches and dings. **(Year – Mint – Denomination)***

Display YES [　] No [　]　Display Entry #:_____

Please have your entry form filled out, your entries, bagged and turned in before the meeting is called to order.

Find Of The Month (FOTM) Competition

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What Is It?? It is a friendly "competition" open to paid O.T.T.S. members only to display some or all of their finds on a month-to-month basis. There are several categories for members to enter. The entered items must be the result of recreational detecting or searching. You **cannot** enter items found in a competition hunt, purchased, found in change, found by someone else, or from previous times. **Only those items found since the last scheduled meeting qualify.**

Purpose: To encourage members to use their detecting equipment or go searching on a regular basis, to provide enlightening displays at each meeting for members and guests; and for the fun of competing for "Detectorist-of-the Year."

How to Enter: First, you must be a current O.T.T.S. member. Second, look at your finds **made since the prior month's meeting,** consider the category descriptions to select your preferred entries into each category and complete the entry form. Blank forms are available at meetings at the FOTM table or can be printed off of the internet at www.ottsclub.org. Simply click on the FOTM entry form under the Files Menu. Remember to print clearly and adequately describe each entry. Place all the items to be entered (other than your display) in a bag with the entry form. Turn it in to the FOTM committee prior to the start of the general club meeting.

NOTE: It is the member's job to select their entries for each category and properly complete the entry form in order to submit their finds. Do NOT ask the FOTM Committee to determine an item's proper category or identify items at the meetings. If you have any questions about an item please contact a FOTM Committee member or an Executive Board member prior to the meeting for help. Please drop off your entries and leave the table area so the committee can attend to their duties.

"Award" Program/Recognition: During the meeting break the attending membership will be asked to vote on the items entered in the eight voted on categories: Item of the Month, US Coin, Foreign Coin, Token, Gold Jewelry, Silver Jewelry, Jewelry, Artifact and Display. The entries will be ranked 1st, 2nd, or 3rd by the voting membership. We award a **silver dime** to the 1st place winner in each category. In addition, entries (except for Item of the Month) will receive points accordingly:

1st	4 points
2nd	3 points
3rd	2 points
All other entries	1 point

Logically, the more often you enter and the more categories you enter, the more points you will accumulate. There will be Eleven competitions (January through November). For the Christmas meeting everyone is encouraged to create a display of their finds for the year to bring in. Find of the month points, club hunt attendance points and club service points will be tallied. There will be "Detectorist of the Year" recognition during December's meeting. Awards are handed out to the top 15 entrants in points for the year.

Absentee entries will be allowed. It is the member's responsibility to have a properly filled out form and arrange for the entries to be at the meeting before the meetings call-to-order. Members who have paid their annual membership dues deserve the right to participate in as many OTTS functions as possible, even if they have a work schedule or other conflict that might prevent them from attending a regular meeting.