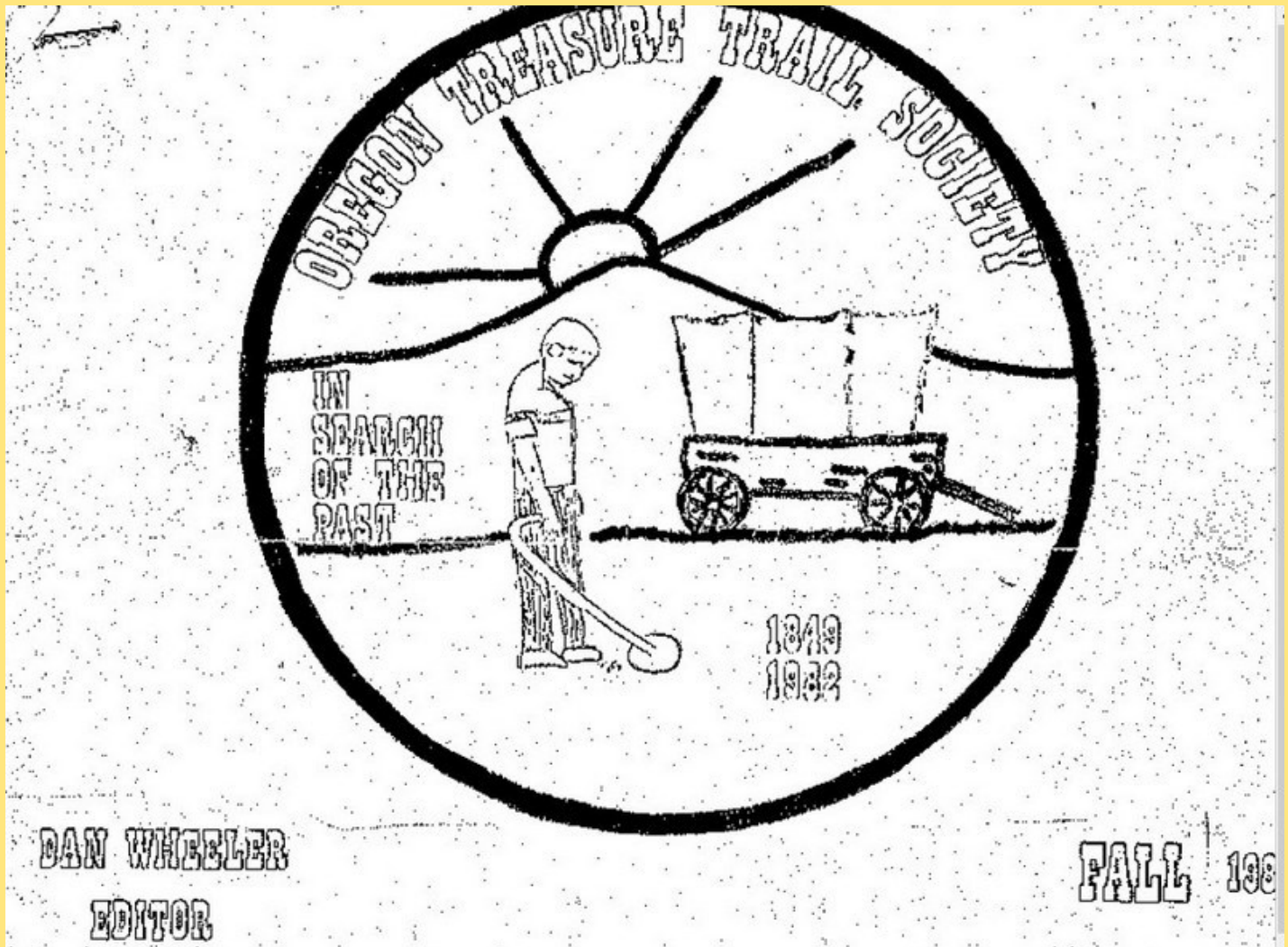


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Perhaps the best way to show how much the Oregon Treasure Trails Society has grown is to list the number of people present at the meetings in the last year. The following data is supplied from the dependable records kept by our secretary, Martin Abero.

9/14/82 -- 21

12/14/82 -- 29

1/11/83 -- 31

2/ 9/83—40

3/8/83 -- 52

At the last meeting held on August 16, the club had 75 people present! At that same meeting, at least six new members joined the club! It must be said that to grow from 21 to 75 in only one year reflects, positively on the officers of the club and enthusiasm of club members. Congratulations to you all.

A special thanks are due to Allan Cannon, President; Nat Dale; Treasurer; Martin Abero, Secretary. Without hours of planning and figuring by these dedicated people, our club would not be where it is today.

FIRST MEETING OF THE OREGON TREASURE TRAILS SOCIETY

On September 14, 1982, 21 people met to discuss starting a club for the purpose of treasure hunting. The meeting was held, (I hope) at the Rock Creek Campus of Portland State University.

The first order of business ,was the need for a permanent location to hold the meetings. Alan Cannon volunteered to investigate.

New business also included the need for bylaws. Alan, Eric Jones and two others were to meet before Sept. 21 to work on that need. It was decided that a bylaws meeting would be held on the 21st, and to have the general club meeting postponed until the 28th.

Discussion also centered on the Gold Panning Show. It was mentioned that you could make your display to attract who you want. The show would provide two display cases. People would be present to help those demonstrating gold panning, and helping others try their luck. The need for mining relics, minerals, BB's for panning, cards for the Gold Show an signs to represent the club were all talked about.

The meeting as then adjourned.

SECOND MEETING OF THE OTTS

On Sept. 28, 1982 the second meeting of the OTTS was called to order by Allan Cannon. Nat Dale read the names of the paid members, then presented the major order of business; the constitution of the club. By a querum of members present (11) Article 1, Sections 1, 2, and 3 were approved.

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New business also included the election of officers. Don Hansen nominated Allan Cannon for president, Bud Sundbay for Vice President, Nat Dale for Treasurer and Martin Abero for Secretary. A second was offered by Nat Dale. Those nominated were elected unanimously by those present.

Future business involved the Rock and Gem Show. All displays would be taken care of by Allan Cannon, it was decided. Nat Dale would set up a time schedule, with the times members were to be present divided between those members present.

The pressing need for funds to operate the club was noted. Suggested methods of collecting these funds were: a .50 cent fee per meeting per individual and/or pass the hat (jar) for free-will donations. The individual fee per meeting was defeated by a vote of 4 to 1. The passing of a private jar was passed 11 to 1.

Before Allan adjourned the meeting, he mentioned that items still needed for the mineral show were mineral specimens, coins, a manikin and detectors.

THIRD MEETING OF THE OTTS

President Allan Cannon opens the meeting on October 12, 1982.

Nat Dale presented a report on a coin sorter and a coin wrapper.

Martin Abero presented the minutes from the last meeting, which were read and approved.

Nat read the treasurer's report, which noted that \$71.00 is currently in the treasury, and also gave receipts to those members who had paid into the club to date.

New business included the further adoption of sections of the club constitution. When it was noted that not everyone had a copy of the constitution, Allan made a motion to table the discussion of the constitution until everyone had a copy of the document. The motion was seconded by Nat, voted on and approved.

Allan brought up the idea of a mini treasure hunt, and informed members that there was a field next to Compass Electronics in Forest Grove that could be used as a hunt site. A mini-hunt committee was set up to look into the possibilities of a mini-hunt. The three members were Nat, Allan, and Bob Leimer.

A motion to have a club hunt with fees of \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members was seconded and carried. A tentative hunt date of Dec. 11 at 9 a.m. was set for the club hunt.

Allan also brought up the need for club outings-field trips, while the weather continues to be good. Suggested meeting places for such a field trip, which is to include a detector clinic, were: Linnton School, South and North Park Blocks in Portland, Vanport Dike, and Kaiser Road Stage Stop. A motion to have the field trip at Vanport Lake on October 16, 1982 was seconded, and passed. It was decided that the field trip would start at 8:30 a.m. and continue through the early afternoon if the weather held out.

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Nat Dale indicated that a new member card will soon be available.

Allan Cannon discussed how incorrect digging techniques might make detecting difficult to do in the future.

the need for a club librarian became apparent with the donations of several magazines, books and articles by club members. Bob Leimer was nominated for this position by Martin, and Nat seconded the motion. The nomination was approved unanimously.

The next meeting will be Nov. 9 at PCC Rock Creek.

Allan adjourned the meeting.

FOURTH MEETING OF THE OTTS

The fourth meeting of OTTS was called to order by president Allan Cannon at 7:00 p.m. at PCC Rock Creek.

Martin Abero read the minutes from the last meeting, which were read and approved.

Treasurer Nat Dale noted that OTTSs coffers now had \$99.

Nat also read off a member list, which also included the request for addresses of new people.

Allan asked for input on our meeting site. It was noted that while PCC is some-distance from Portland, that anyone truly interested in attending the club would attend any location within reason. It was noted that some members were travelling from as far away as Salem and St. Helens. It was noted that PCC Rock Creek was not charging the club for a meeting space. A situation which would probably not apply to another location. A motion was carried by a majority present.

Allan mentioned that the Northwest Minerals Prospecting Club, which meets every second Tuesday in Vancouver, had expressed an interest in combining with OTTS while in pursuit of gold/treasure/minerals/relics.

New business was largely composed of the club constitution. Copies of the constitution were handed out. Discussion of Article, Sections 4-7 were conducted. It was moved that in section 4, the word controlled be changed. to "govern". This motion was agreed and seconded. A motion to adopt sections 4-7 of Article 1 of the club constitution was moved, seconded by Gary Feener, and passed.

Article 11, sections 1-5 were then read. Motion for their approval was made, seconded by Bud Sunday, and passed. Changes in the rest of the constitution were suggested as follows: Art. III, Sec. 2, B: "All, after" be any (add single household) group with one. Art. V, Sec.1: deleted "on the second Tuesday of each month"; Sec. 2; added "membership" to "shall be informed in advance of special meetings." All three of these changes were motioned, seconded, and carried. The final constitution from Article 1 through Article IX were voted on individually, and unanimously passed.

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Allan presented a new field trip possibility, by noting that robbers of a kid's coin collection was dumped by robbers in two separate lots in the vicinity. He was going to check on the date.

Concerning the club hunt, it was noted that prizes were needed. Since insufficient time remained before the scheduled hunt, it was motioned, seconded, and passed that the hunt be postponed. until it could be better organized.

Allan presented a proposed design for a club card to be distributed to club members. Nat was given authority to have the card reproduced, with said authority being motioned, and passed unanimously.

With the addition of new members, it was seen necessary to decide on what categories club "Find of the Month" would have. Four categories were approved by the club members: coin, jewelry, relic, and miscellaneous. Awards for the winner in each category will be a silver dime.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next issue Minutes of club meetings from Dec. '82 through March 83.

DID YOU KNOW THAT on Feb. 17,1937 the Italian motorship Feltre sank in the Columbia River with silver bullion worth at that time \$185,000? After being rammed by the Edward Luchenbach, the 450 foot Feltre sank within minutes. Fortunately, no lives were lost in the incident. The Feltre was sold for \$55,000 after being raised by the Pacific Salvage Company on March 22, 1937. Rebuilt in Portland for \$300,000, the ship was renamed the Clevedon, and was used in the Alaska cannery trade.

And the silver? All of it was recovered the day after the ship sank. Today that bullion would have been worth over \$1 million.

Have you a memorable hunt? A favorite park? An unknown oddity? A question? A cache you want to know more about? IF SO, then why not drop a line to the editor---- Dan Wheeler, 7714 S E Stephens, Portland, Or. 97215 or Deanna Gwin at 5215 S.E. Steele St. Portland, Or. 97206.

Currently the Oregon Treasure Trails Society is meeting at the Wolf Creek Water Dist. Bldg., 1850 S.W. 170th Ave. Aloha, Or. For directions call 774-0223.

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This issue is the first showing the club newsletter's new format. A special thanks are due to Deanna Gwin, who has volunteered to help type, mark-up and produce the newsletter. Her help is saving the club about a \$100 per edition. She deserves a big round of applause from all of us at OTTS.

Many people have asked about the Northwest Mineral Prospectors Club in Vancouver. The club meets every Tuesday at 7:30p.m. at the Bank Building, Public meeting room (2nd floor) 910 Broadway, Vancouver or write president Frank Cory P.O. Box 1973, Vancouver, Wash 98668 or call him at (206) 254-3197.

From the Northwest Minerals Prospectors Club gold show newsletter, comes the following information about gold;

Gold is so heavy that one cubic foot weighs half a ton.

One ounce can be stretched into wire 50 miles long, or pounded into a sheet that would cover 100 square feet.

The total amount of gold ever mined, on earth would fill a cube only 19 yards on a side. Of this, a large portion has been lost thru hoarding, sunken ships, use in jewelry, or discarded.

About 85 tons of gold are used each year in electronics industry. Another fact verified by oceanographers is that there are millions of dollars worth of gold dissolved in each cubic mile of ocean water. Unfortunately it would cost tens of millions to extract it....

At the last meeting the membership voted to discontinue the "mail-out reminder". Please remember meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7 sharp. Wolf Creek Water Dist, Bldg 1 & Myrtle. (Between TV Hwy and Baseline)