

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

After 7 months of state covid mandates and restrictions, I and the board have something different to say. There was a board meeting held on Oct 3rd which lasted for about 4 hours. I will pass the results of the meeting to the membership in this article.

First, I feel that the membership should be informed that the North Portland Eagles Lodge is merging with the East Portland Eagles Lodge. There is an entirely new board of directors and the name for the Eagles is the Greater North Portland Eagles Lodge. I will refer to them as the GNPE. OTTS will continue meeting where we have at the N. Portland location. The GNPE is in the process of remodeling so aside from covid restrictions we may need to adapt to construction issues. There will possibly be some discussion on this in the future.

It is necessary to remind all members that participation in any form of an OTTS event or gathering is voluntary. If you feel that you or a member of your household is at risk of contacting covid do not feel obligated to attend. Each person must assess their own risk tolerance. You and your family's health is the most important thing to consider.

The board has finally decided that we must cancel the Summer Picnic. We are working on and are hopeful that there will be a Christmas Party. This topic will be discussed in depth at 7PM on Oct. 27th at a gathering of the membership inside at the GNPE. This is the 4th Tuesday this month. When we gather there are going to be guidelines which must be adhered to. Upon entering (doors open at 6 PM) the GNPE will require a mask, provide hand sanitizer, take your temperature, and require that you sign in with your name and a contact number. Once inside, social distancing of 6 feet will be adhered to. You may sit at a table with a limit of 5 people. If you are sitting you may remove your mask while eating or drinking. There will be no food or beverage brought inside and no food sharing. The grill and bar will be open and attended by the GNPE. A person will take and deliver your order. As far as a menu goes the best description would be "bar food". Anyone standing for whatever reason must wear a mask.

There will be a member draw from the sign in sheet and birthday drawings for all months from March thru October and coins will be given out. There will be a progressive draw with 8 months coinage being added. Silver value will be north of \$150. No quarter drop or plinko, but we are going to have a raffle. While on the subject of a raffle the Whites metal detector raffle that was going to happen in June will take place with tickets available for purchase up until the drawing. You need not be present to win

There are changes to the FOTM and will be addressed by Bill B. in this edition. See the FOTM section below.

A reminder that OTTS votes in Dec. for next year's board and we are still looking for nominations and volunteers, in particular, for treasurer. We also are in need of a new hunt master.

If any guests are planning on being present please visit ottsclub.org, the club website, click on the black button on the home page and leave a message.

FYI the club Facebook page will shortly go through a major overhaul. Visit the page to follow what is happening.

Everyone needs to be aware that we are very fortunate at being able to gather this month. We are grateful to the GNPE for accommodating us and allowing us to met. Another reminder that restrictions and mandates are set by the state and enforced by the GNPE. They must be adhered to by us Everyone should be aware of regulations while on private property and in public by now so I am sure that you all know pretty much what to expect. Also remember that if you plan on being there, weigh the odds, and remember that you and your family's health is most important thing to consider.

Happy Hunting,

Ron B



(Picture submitted by Ron B. Club Hunt count out.)

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October, 27, 2020

Setup starts at 5:30 p.m. Socializing starts at: 6:00 p.m. Meeting starts at: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location:

Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

Guest Speaker:

No Guest Speaker has been scheduled for the upcoming meeting.

Birthdays for the Month:

None have been announced.



(Picture submitted by Harold V. Eight pounds of beach finds on one trip.)

Meeting Minutes

None.

Other Information:

None.

Meeting Raffle Results

None.

Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:



(Picture submitted by Ron B from the September Club Hunt.)

Find of the Month Results

FIND OF THE MONTH - COVID ERA

by Bill Bogynska

Because of the coronavirus, the procedures for the Find of the Month (FOTM) have been revised until further notice as follows:

- 1) Because of State of Oregon regulations and the operating license agreement under which the Eagles Lodge is allowed to open as a restaurant/bar, we must strictly comply with social distancing and contact rules, which are quite specific.
- 2) Members will be allowed to enter a display consisting of all their finds since the last meeting. The individual categories have been eliminated. This is because the above state regulations prevent the Find of the Month committee from touching members' individual items to log them in and place them out for viewing.
- 3) The voting for best monthly finds has been eliminated. This is because the above state regulations prevent the touching of pens/pencils and ballots by multiple people.
- 4) Members will be allowed to view the displays, while being careful to practice social distancing.
- 5) Members are not allowed to pick up or touch items in displays.
- 6) A portion of each meeting will be devoted to "show and tell" regarding the displays. Each person is encouraged to talk about their display, discussing notable finds, where found and other detecting experiences.
- 7) The Detectorist of the Year competition is suspended until categories and voting can be restored.

Find of the Month Entry Form:

Located on the O.T.T.S. website: <https://ottsclub.org/files>

The form contains category classification information, rules, and an entry form to compete in the Find of the Month competition, held during most monthly meetings.

2020 Detectorist of the Year Standings

Suspended

O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

Hunt Date: August 30, 2020

Location: **Wy'East Middle School**

1112 SE 136th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98683

General Location Information: The hunt was primarily at Wy'East Middle School.

Historical Information: Harmony Elementary School was built sometime between 1970 and 1980.



Club Hunt Details

The OTTS Club Hunt was held on a Saturday. We met between 7 & 8 am at the parking lot of Safeway located at 13719 Mill Plain Blvd Vancouver, WA 98684. Members left for Wy'East Middle School at 8 am. 17 members and 2 guests attended. All members stayed for the count out at 12 noon.

The Hunt Master hid 15 regular tokens and 2 special tokens. Of the 15 hidden token 7 tokens were recovered. Both special tokens were found. One by Laura A and the other by Harold V.

The membership drawing was won by Ron B. He received a 1938 Walking Liberty Half Dollar.

Top 6 Club Hunt Winners:

Tim S	107 Points
Jerry H	99 Points
Harold V	97 Points
Rick G	88 Points
Laura A	70 Points
Jeff S	68 Points

Notable Club Hunt Finds:

Oldest coin: 1955 D Wheat Penny found by Tim S

Gold Items: None

Silver Items: 2 silver rings

Notable US Coins: None

Foreign Coins: 1

Costume Jewelry: 16

Tokens: 7

Metal Toys: 7

Other Items: 3 dog tags, 11 keys

Total Clad: \$61.10

Total Trash collected during the hunt: 16 lbs.

Hunt Master Notes:

I, Terry B, would like this to be my last year as the Hunt Master. I would like to see someone step up and volunteer to do this job in 2021. It has been fun doing the hunts for the club. Also, we are switching to the winter hours for the next hunts. This means we will meet between 8 am and leave for the hunt at 9 am.

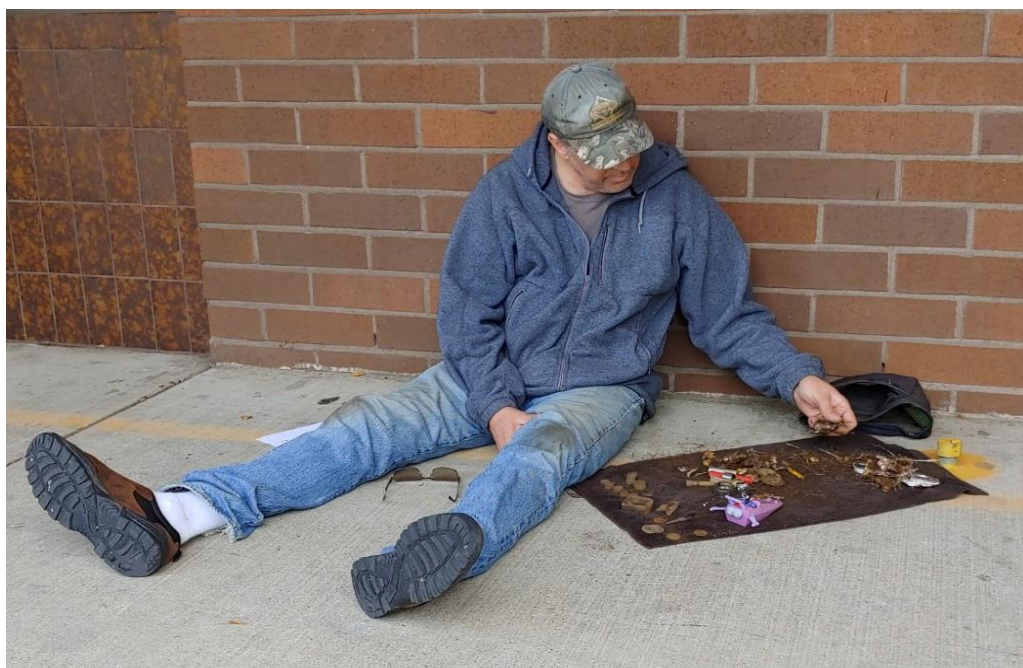
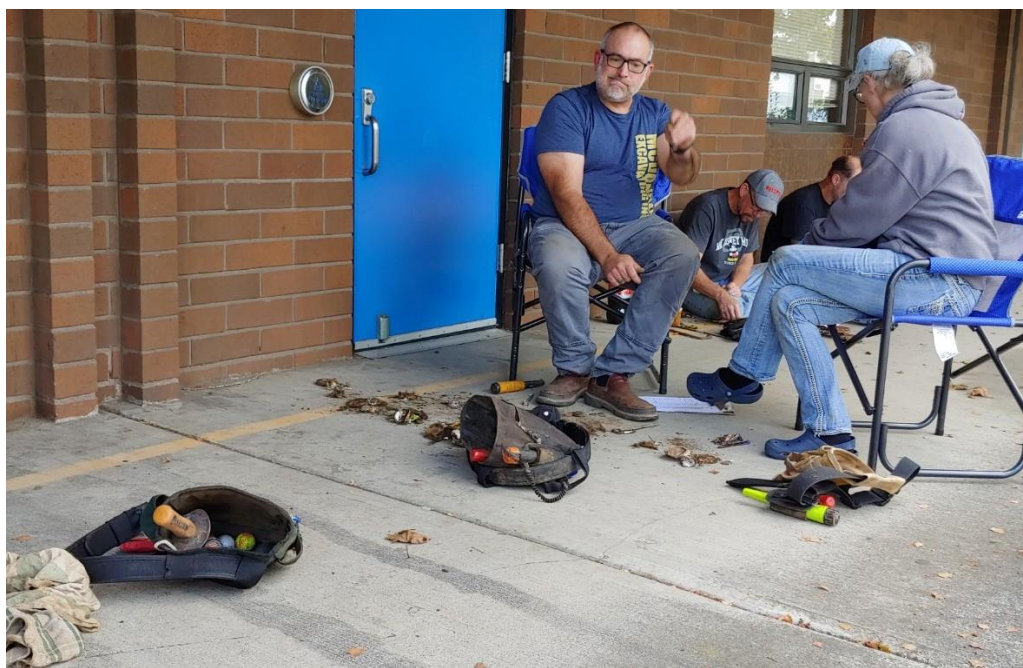
Next Club Hunt Details:

The next club hunt will be on Nov 1st, a Sunday. We will meet at the BiMart parking lot located at 11912 NE 4th plain Blvd. Orchards, WA. 98662. We will meet between 8 & 9 am. We will leave for the hunt at 8 am and the count out will be at 12 noon.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Ron B

A few pictures from the last club hunt.



Submitted by Harold V

Some pictures from some of my recent hunts.



Left Picture: Filled this bucket with trash I have dug up during hunts. Started on July 5th. Took me a little over 2 months to gather around 40 pounds of garbage.

Right picture: A pull tab signal (12-27) on the ctx turned out to be a tungsten ring.



Left Picture: Great signal ended up being a nut that is around 2" across

Right Picture: All that digging to find a tiny screw.

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. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., and the official meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. Meetings are held at the Eagles Lodge located at:

7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

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

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Fraternal+Order+of+Eagles/@45.5839492,-122.7260428,17.16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x5495a7eefbf6831:0x80dc15723d738faa!8m2!3d45.5835352!4d-122.7249067?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 and Extracurricular Positions

Board Members

President: Ron B

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