

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

It appears that we are in the midst of a good old NW winter; plenty of rain. Luckily very little snow or ice. I am sure that detectorists from much of the country would love to have the rain to detect in. Consider yourselves lucky and go play in the mud and rain.

Please think about how you can help out at the OTTS club picnic on July 19th. The more people who pitch in the more fun for all.

Thank you to those members who signed the list for supplying treats to our monthly meetings as we all enjoy a snack during a break. A reminder that this is your club and the more you are willing to contribute the more you can expect to receive. Hope to see everyone at the Feb 25th meeting.

Happy Hunting,

Ron



Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February, 25, 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.



BOTTLE, ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLES SHOW & SALE

**Bottles, Fruit Jars, Insulators, Crockery, Pottery, Glassware, Antiques,
Advertising, Coins, Tokens, Jewelry, Pre-Pro Liquor & Brewery Items,
Marbles, Paper, Souvenirs, Collectibles, Memorabilia and more!**

FREE APPRAISALS

Friday, February 14, 2020, 12-5 PM Set-up
\$5.00 Early Bird Admission
Dealer drop-off at 11 AM

Saturday, February 15, 2020, 9 AM - 3 PM
Admission by donation

**American Legion Hall
21510 Main St. N.E., Aurora, Oregon**

For more information &/or table reservations contact:

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OREGON BOTTLE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

Meetings 2nd Friday of the month, Sept. - June, in Portland

www.obcaorg.org

O.T.T.S Detector Raffle

January to May 2020

1. White's MXT Pro Metal Detector
\$919.90 value item
2. Packaged Accessories:
 - A, Pro Hunting pack includes: deluxe backpack which holds the detector and all accessories
 - B. Prostar Headphones
 - C. Bullseye Pinpointer\$289.95 value of accessory items



Drawing to be held at May 2020 meeting

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Doner claims never turned on never used.

Excludes factory Warantee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 28, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Ron B. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 42 members and 3 guests. The minutes of the last meeting, as published on the website, were noted and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Terry B reported on the September club hunt. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins were given out. The birthday draw was won by Maggie F. She was awarded a 1922 Peace Dollar. Ed A. won the member draw. He was awarded a 1959 Half Dollar. The progressive draw was not awarded. New silver was added to the pot.

Old business was discussed. Club tokens were turned in. 2020 dues are now due. In order for members to receive club benefits dues must be paid. Members were asked to continue turning in danger page items pictures to Jerry H. Mike M would like members to help with turning in pop cans. Anyone who is willing to help can contact Mike for more details.

At this point the club was adjourned for a break and finds voting.

New business- The special token will be planted by Scott J, more details to come. Ashley will work on finding speakers for club meetings. Any member suggestions would be welcome. Harold talked about the newsletter. He would like to add more information and would like member input as to what members would like in the newsletter. The snack sign-up sheet for 2020 was passed around.

The summer picnic and big hunt will be held at Rooster Rock State Park on July 19th. As always, it takes many members to help with set up, clean up, shopping, cooking, field planting, etc. Members were asked to think about how they could help.

First finds and other significant finds were discussed.

On May 22-24 SWATH will be holding a hunt. The Coil and Digger Club, in Eugene, also holds hunts that member might want to look into.

Drawings for Plinko, Coin Drop and The Big Raffle we held.

Bill B presented the results of the monthly finds.

The winner of the gold coin was announced.

Other Information:

Ongoing club fundraisers and charitable contributions include a monthly can food/money drive for the needy. Cans with deposits and washed pennies are collected each month. The money is used for club activities. Clean pull tabs are collected and donated for scrap metal.

Meeting Raffle Results

Tickets are one for \$1.00, or six for \$5.00. And 25% of the ticket sales goes back to your club the remaining 75% is used to purchase the next month's prizes.

Gold Coin:

2016 1/10 oz American Eagle – Jeff S

Silver Coins:

1884 O Morgan dollar – Don F

1886 Morgan dollar – Gary B

1888 S Morgan dollar – Mike M

1889 Morgan dollar – Sue M

1896 Morgan dollar – Tim S

1900 Morgan dollar - Laura A

1921 Morgan dollar – Ashley W

1922 D Peace dollar – Steve E

1923 Peace dollar _ Nancy M

1943 Walking Liberty half – Steve E

Mystery Envelope (1) – 1968 Mexico Olympics – Steve E

Mystery Envelope (2) – 1968 Mexico Olympics – Steve E

Mystery Envelope (3) – 1899 Barber Half Dollar – Steve E



Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

Gold Coin:

2016 1/10 oz American Eagle

Silver Coins:

1880 Morgan dollar

1882 Morgan dollar

1883 O Morgan dollar

1886 Morgan dollar

1891 S Morgan dollar

1898 Morgan dollar

1900 Morgan dollar

1921 Morgan dollar

1921 D Morgan dollar

1921 D Morgan dollar

1954 D Franklin Half

1958 D Franklin Half

1961 D Franklin Half

Mystery Envelope ???

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Find of the Month Results

December 2019 and January 2020 Find of the Month Results

Oldest US Coin

1 st Harold V	1873 Seated Liberty dime
2 nd Jerry H	1888 Indian head penny
3 rd Don F	1906 Indian head penny

Most Valuable US Coin

1 st Bill B	1931-S Mercury dime
2 nd Scott H	1917-S Mercury dime
3 rd Harold V	1935 Washington quarter

US Coin

1 st Harold V	1924-S Mercury dime
2 nd Bill B	1954-D Washington quarter
3 rd Scott J	1945-S silver war nickel

Foreign Coin

1 st Jerry H	1953 .900 1/10 Balboa
2 nd Willy A	1971 Netherland Antilles 5¢
3 rd Don F	1938 Philippines .750 10 centavos

Token

1 st Willy A	1895-1995 Commemorative mail boat
2 nd Bill B	62nd Braves Squadron challenge coin
3 rd Laura A	Burgerville

Gold Jewelry

1 st Willy A	14k (tested) ring w/ 10 diamonds
2 nd Harold V	18k ring w/ onyx
3 rd Tom S	Large 14k white gold band

Silver Item

1 st Willy A	925 Ring w/ blue topaz
2 nd Rick P	925 Ring w/ blue heart
3 rd Bill B	925 Large "S" shape ring

Jewelry

1 st Jeff S	Large earring w/ turquoise
2 nd Colleen V.H	14k Gold plated ring
3 rd Tim S	Black spider brooch

Artifact

1 st Jerry H	1854-75 General Services button
2 nd Harold V	VW camper van toy
3 rd Tim S	Civil War era coat button

Display

1 st Bill B
2 nd Willy A
3 rd Colleen V.H

Item of the Month

1 st Don F	Fancy tooled bookmark
2 nd Ashley W	Bear Hunter knife
3 rd Laura A	Cars movie truck

Best of the Best

Willy A	14k (tested) ring w/ 10 diamonds
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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

<u>Detectorist</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 st Willy A	23
2 nd Harold V	21
3 rd Bill B	20
4 th Jerry H	16
5 th Tim S	11
6 th Colleen V.H	10
Tie Scott J	10
8 th Don F	9
Tie Rick P	9
10 th Ashley W	8
11 th Laura A	7
Tie Jeff S	7
13 th Linda C	6
14 th Ron B	5
Tie Scott H	5
16 th Owen F	3
17 th Tom S	2



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

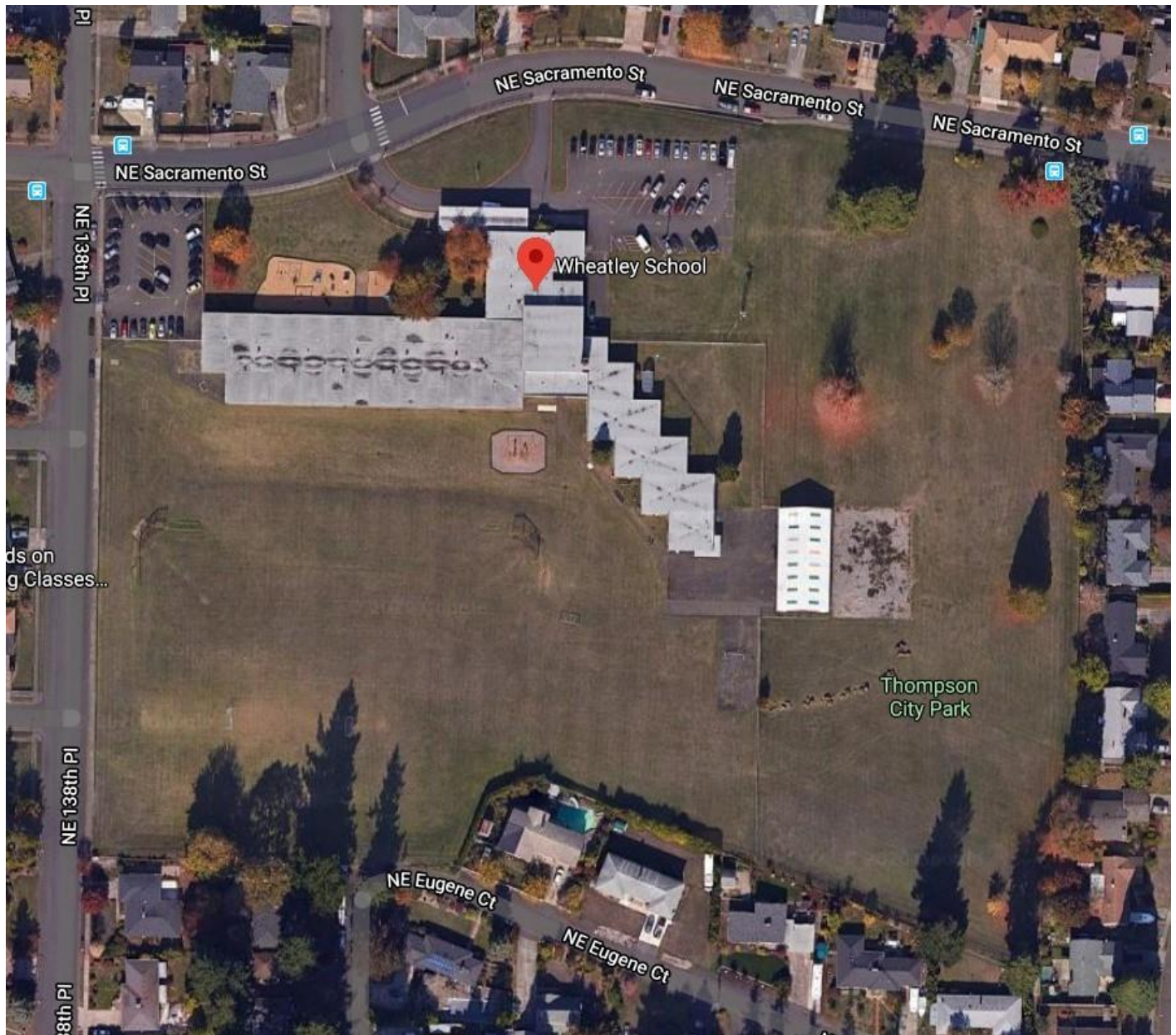
Hunt Date: Feb 1, 2020

Location: **Wheatley School and Thompson City Park**

14030 NE Sacramento St, Portland, OR 97230

General Location Information: Wheatley School was built between 1952 and 1960.

Historical Information: None



Club Hunt Details

The OTTS Club Hunt was held on a Sunday. We met between 8 & 9 am at McDonalds, located at 12109 NE Glisan., Portland ,Or 97220. Members left for the park at 9 am. 22 members and no guests attended. 18 members stayed for the count out at 1 pm.

The Hunt Master hid 15 regular tokens and 2 special tokens. Of the 15 hidden token 9 tokens were recovered. One special token was found by Jerry H.

The membership drawing was won by Tim S again. This is twice in a row that he has drawn his own number. He received a 1963 Franklin Half Dollar.

Top 6 Club Hunt Winners:

Tim S	66 Points
Jerry H	49 Points
Linda C	42 Points
Terry B	42 Points
Ashley W	38 Points
Scott J	35 Points



Notable Club Hunt Finds:

Oldest coin: 1944 Wheat Penny found by Jerry H

Gold Items: None

Silver Items:

Notable US Coins: 1 Silver Quarter, 1 Silver Dime, 5 Wheat Pennies

Foreign Coins: 1

Costume Jewelry: 14

Tokens: 2

Other Items: 2 Knives, 3 Dog Tags and lots of metal toys

Total Clad: \$13.04

Total Trash collected during the hunt: 12 lbs.

Hunt Master Notes:

For now, for the hunt, we will be adhering to the winter hours schedule. This means meet at designated location between 8 & 9 am. Leave for hunt location at 9 am. Count out at 1 pm.

Next Club Hunt Details:

The next club hunt will be on Mar 1st, a Sunday. We will be meeting at the McDonalds located at 15813 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98682. The meeting is from 8 & 9 am. We will leave for the hunt at 9 am. Count out will be at 1 pm.

Club Challenge Token

Challenge Token Rules:

Follow the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics.

Each month, a new clue will be published in the newsletter.

A Bonus clue will be given to those attending the monthly club meeting.

When found, turn in the Challenge Token at the next O.T.T.S. club meeting for a prize.

This is for fun. We want to be able to continue this event in the future, so enjoy it and have fun figuring out the clues.

Scott J has taken up the task of hosting the Challenge Token contest. Look for your first clues next month at next month's meeting and newsletter.



Club Member's Experiences

Harold V submitted the following questions to the club members:

Why did you join O.T.T.S.?

When did you start detecting?

How many years have you actively detected?

What detector did you start out with? Do you still own it? Do you still use it?

Below are the responses received:

Scott J:

I joined OTTS just over a year ago because my wife bought me a metal detector after our honeymoon (back in 2015) and I didn't know where to go or really how to use it and thought joining a club would provide both motivation and guidance. I started out on a Costco purchased Bounty Hunter but quickly outgrew it after joining the club. It didn't have a built-in pinpoint feature and its inaccuracy can be a bit frustrating so I don't use it anymore, but keep it just in case I need a backup. Currently, I use a Whites MX Sport purchased from Clarence and Mary and I'm still not a pro, but I am learning and getting better all the time. I currently have a little game I am playing where I keep all the change I detect to see if I can collect enough to buy a new machine before I wear out the old one.

Jerry H:

I joined to meet others who enjoy metal detecting and make new friends. Started detecting in 2016. After several months of research my first detector was the Minelab CTX 3030 due to its versatility and being waterproof I also have the Equinox 800 and XP Deus.

Byron D:

I originally joined OTTS to learn and find others of same interest. Started metal detecting in the early 90s with my uncle. I started actively hunting in 1999 when I purchased a Whites XLT [21 years]. My first metal detector was an old Compass [all metal mode only] made in Forest Grove, Or. [yes I still have it, but don't use]. My XLT is the detector that made me love the hobby. I still use it with great success. Having used the XLT for almost 20 years I understand all facets of the machine and am still learning many of the little "idiosyncrasies" of my Whites V3i. As a side note: I received an interesting email from Larry Orr President of Coil and Digger. He suggested when hunting detectorist should have some form of communications device cellphone or walkie talkie when in non-cell phone areas, point taken.

Colleen V:

I joined because, I am acquainted with Don F and he told me about the club. When I was 10 years old, I had an uncle that detected. He took me with him, and he dug up a gold ring. I have been fascinated with it and any type

of “treasure hunting” ever since! I retired in July 2018, and was given a detector as a retirement gift. Been hunting ever since! I will have been detecting for two years in July of 2020. I use a DEUS XP model EL-HF-RC-WS4. It is my first, and only detector, and I continue to use it I am very pleased with its performance!

Harold V:

Willy A made me join. She had been detecting for about 2years and me about year and a half. She thought it would be a good idea to see what other people are finding, get some tips, have access to the O.T.T.S. picnic, and socialize. I started detecting in July 2017. I had to get my own detector, a Garrett AT Gold, because I got tired of digging Willy's holes. She started in February 2017 with an XP Deus. We "shared" the detecting experience, which meant she found a target and I dug it up. Can't believe it took me 5 months to get my own detector! We have actively been detecting every since we started. After using the Garrett for several months, I decided to get a White's V3I. The Garrett was a great machine in some circumstances, but I always felt I was missing stuff. I spent months wrestling with the V3I and finally came to the conclusion that we didn't meld, so I traded for a Minelab Equinox. I started finding a lot that I was missing with the V3I. Then I realized that I wanted better VDI information, so I bought a Minelab CTX 3030. At the same time. Willy got an Equinox. She got tired of me finding more stuff with the Equinox then she was with the Deus. I still use the Equinox on occasion, but really like the CTX 3030.

Clarence & Mary S:

We knew nothing about metal detecting except it looked like something fun we could do together. We joined the club to learn how to use a detector, where to go, how to recover a target, and meet new people. That was 32 years ago. Since then, we have made lifelong friends, made incredible finds, returned many lost items, and introduced more people to this addictive hobby. We started in 1987. Been actively detecting for 33 years. Started out with a Compass detector. Upgraded to a Tesoro, then finally White's detectors. We still have some of our original machines though we don't use them anymore. Some detectors we have passed on to new users.

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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Vice President: Ashley W

Secretary: Laura A

Treasurer (temporary): Mike M

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At large: Byron D

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Forms Support: Sue F

Raffles: Jeff S

Challenge Token:

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Website: Jerry H

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