

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

I will open with a hearty THANK YOU to Harold V, the editor of our monthly Newsletter, which as it turns out, is the glue holding the Oregon Treasure Trail Society together. Without the efforts of Harold who also is responsible for the group emails that have gone out, the club would have no way to easily communicate with it's members. Speaking personally, and I am sure for most, if not all members, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thanks again for your hard work Harold.

I am sure that most are aware of the fact the C-Virus numbers are not exactly headed in the correct direction and as a result, I expect that Oregon's governor will not open the next recovery stage on schedule. I would like to be optimistic that we will have a club meeting this month but she has a track record.... It is too early to make the call. Keep your fingers crossed.

Unfortunately, all plans for the summer picnic are currently on hold. As previously stated, the probable earliest date would be mid-September. We really need to have a monthly meeting before the picnic, but if that is not possible, we still plan to have it, if we are able to obtain a reservation. FYI Oregon State Parks refunded our application fee last week.

We have not had a club meeting since Feb 25 and had not had a club hunt since Mar 1; until last Sunday. I hope everyone wanted to attend was notified.

Happy Hunting,

Ron



(Pictures submitted by Ron B)

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, **Unknown**

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 Don S. Owen's first gold ring)

Meeting Minutes

None.

Other Information:

None.

Meeting Raffle Results

None.

Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:



(Pictures submitted by Ron B)

Find of the Month Results

None.

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 Bill B	44
2 nd Willy A	40
3 rd Harold V	38
4 th Tim S	26
5 th Colleen V.H	22
6 th Jerry H	20
7 th Don F	16
Tie Linda C	16
9 th Scott J	15
10 th Matt N	11
11 th Rick Page	9
12 th Ashley W	8
Tie Ron B	8
Tie Scott H	8
15 th Laura A	7
Tie Jeff S	7
17 th Lee H	5
18 th Owen F	3
Tie Terry B	3
17 th Tom S	2
Tie Gary B	2
20 th Laura A	1



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

Hunt Date: June 28, 2020

Location: **Covington Middle School**

11200 NE Rosewood Ave, Vancouver, WA 98662

General Location Information: Wheatley School was built between 1951 and 1960.

Historical Information: None



Club Hunt Details

The OTTS Club Hunt was held on a Sunday. We met between 7 & 8 am at Orchards Community Park, located at 9800 NE 54th St Vancouver, WA. Members left for Covington Middle School at 8 am. 22 members and no guests attended. 21 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 11 tokens were recovered. One special token was found by Jerry H. and the other by Laura A. (Anybody see a conspiracy here?)

The membership drawing was won by Gary B. It was Gary's birthday so he deserved to win the membership drawing. He received a 1963 Franklin Half Dollar.

Top 6 Club Hunt Winners:

Terry B	97 Points
Matthew N	81 Points
Linda C	64 Points
Willy A	64 Points
Tim S	59 Points
Gary B	57 Points

Notable Club Hunt Finds:

Oldest coin: 1909 Wheat Penny found by Linda C

Gold Items: None

Silver Items:

Notable US Coins: 2 Wheat Pennies

Foreign Coins: 1

Costume Jewelry: 18

Tokens: 13

Metal Toys: 12

Bullet Casings: 26

Other Items: 1 Knife, 2 Dog Tags, and 11 keys

Total Clad: \$57.45

Total Trash collected during the hunt: 12 lbs.

Hunt Master Notes:

The hunt hours have switched to the summer hours. This means meet at designated location between 7 & 8 am. Leave for hunt location at 8 am. Count out at 12 noon.

Next Club Hunt Details:

The next club hunt will be on Aug 1st, a Saturday. We will meet at the Safeway parking lot located at 13719 SE Mill Plain Blvd (parking close to Mill Plain Road). We will meet between 7 & 8 am. We will leave for the hunt at 8 am and the count out will be at 12 noon.



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.

Clue #1

A couple days ago, I was metal detecting at one of my favorite spots in Oregon when suddenly, out of the corner of my eye, I saw a large creature walk out of a grove of Cedar trees and meander toward me. It was a medium height (but very rotund), dark brown buffalo with a progressively light tan to blond coat of fur around its head and neck, looking much like a blanket which has been washed too much and lost its color. I stood silently and still as it sniffed at my detector in a non-threatening manner. "What are you doing?" enquired the beast, in a gruff but surprisingly friendly tone. Well you could have knocked me over with a Robin's feather at hearing a buffalo talk! "I'm...ah...searching for lost things", I replied. Just then, a small tear streamed down the buffalo's face as he spoke again, "I'm a lost thing... I mean... no, wait, that's not right. I have lost a thing. Yes, that's what I mean, I have lost my home. Can you help me find it?"

Clue #1 Bonus Meeting Hint:

The bonus meeting clue (or technical clue) is that on a difficulty scale of 1 to 5 (1 being a walk in a park and 5 being a hike up a mountain) this hunt is a 2 to 3, so don't expect to get out of your vehicle and just walk up to the spot.

Clue #2

The buffalo proceeded to tell me a tale of his desire to explore the area around his home (as his home had recently become much smaller) but had gotten lost and now could not remember the way back. "Unfortunately," I said, "my detector can only find metal in the ground so how can I find your home?" "Oh, I know", said the buffalo, "I hid metal somewhere under my horseshoe, or... hoof print, no... I mean under my home, yes, in the rocks and sand and dirt of my home" (for if ever needing to prove the land was his, I guess) "and I also buried seven little shiny pictures of animals there too. Most of these animals have never visited me, I mean they haven't been, but maybe could, I think? Other animals visit my home all the time. Usually ones that fly and float. Also, there are a few other things buried with pictures of people who used to live on my home. Find these things and you can keep them. I will also give you a large shiny thing with my picture on it, if you can prove you found my home." The buffalo then showed me a big silver round with his picture on one side.

"That was me when I was much younger and my home was much bigger", said the buffalo. I assured him that I would seek the help of my fellow O.T.T.S. members and we would search until we found his home.

Clue #2 Bonus Meeting Hint:

There are multiple ways to get there, at any time, but it is easiest after Tax Day. (Boo, Tax Day, Boo!)

Addendum to Clue #2 Bonus Meeting Hint: There are still many ways to get to the challenge token site BUT the easy way, that is usually accessible after tax day, has not been opened yet due to the Covid. I will update as soon as I know it is open, but in the meantime, this clue should be a help in narrowing down the spot. Good Luck and stay safe"

Clue #3

"Let me ask you a few questions, if I may, so we can start off on the right track." I said, "OK" said the buffalo, "I like tracks. Animal tracks like birds and dogs and pigs and goats. Hmm... that can't be right. I don't recall seeing any pigs or goats. But there must have been pigs and goats at some point. I think names probably matter? Anyway, not train tracks. Trains are not friendly like animals. I'm glad there are no trains close to my home."

Clue #3 Bonus Meeting Hint:

7 feet down from the tree stump/6 inches below the surface marks the spot.

Clue #4

"So no train tracks around your home, but can you tell me what things ARE around your home?" "Yes," said the buffalo, "there are lots of trees around my home. Cedar Oak, Maple, Western Hemlock, Douglas-Fir and Cottonwood trees. So many trees in some places they are called "woods". I like trees."

"Well," I said, "can I ask, how is it possible for a buffalo to talk?" "I learned from my sire," said the buffalo, then he grew silent. "And how did your sire learn?" The buffalo looked away and continued, "he learned from his sire." Again, he fell silent. After a moment I started once more, "I see, so then your grandsire learned from your great grandsire I suppose?" "No, he was born with all white fir and made sacred by the Wallamut people. He was allowed to walk with them and learned Kalapuyan but after they sold their land to a settler, he learned your language." I got the distinct feeling this may be a sore subject with the buffalo and did not inquire more.

Clue #3 Bonus Meeting Hint:

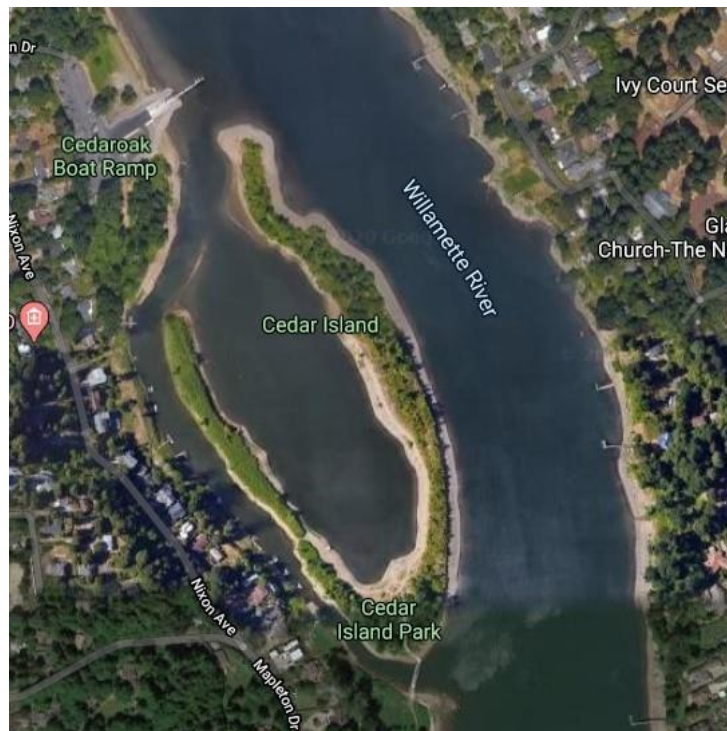
Re-read all the clues and pay close attention to key words, punctuation and spellings. I have placed at least 4 clues, per clue set, including the names (or partial names) of places, people, history as well as shapes and geographic location of the spot. Good luck and remember to wear a mask when out and about. Stay safe.

The Challenge Token was found by Harold V (and Willy A) on June 14th. The token was located at the north end of Cedar Island, which is on the Willamette River.

We knew we were zeroing in when we saw this sign towards the bottom of the trail in Mary S Young Park. This pertains to the tax date clue.



Overhead of Cedar Island. Note it is shaped like a hoof print, another one of the clues. To the north is Hog Island. To the south is Goat Island. We figured it was an island based on the clues about animals visiting by floating and flying.



On our first attempt the water was a little high. It was knee high on the south end of the floating bridge and waist deep on the north end of the bridge. You can see Willy in the water below. That day June 6th, we couldn't get to the token as all the trails to the north end of the island were under water.



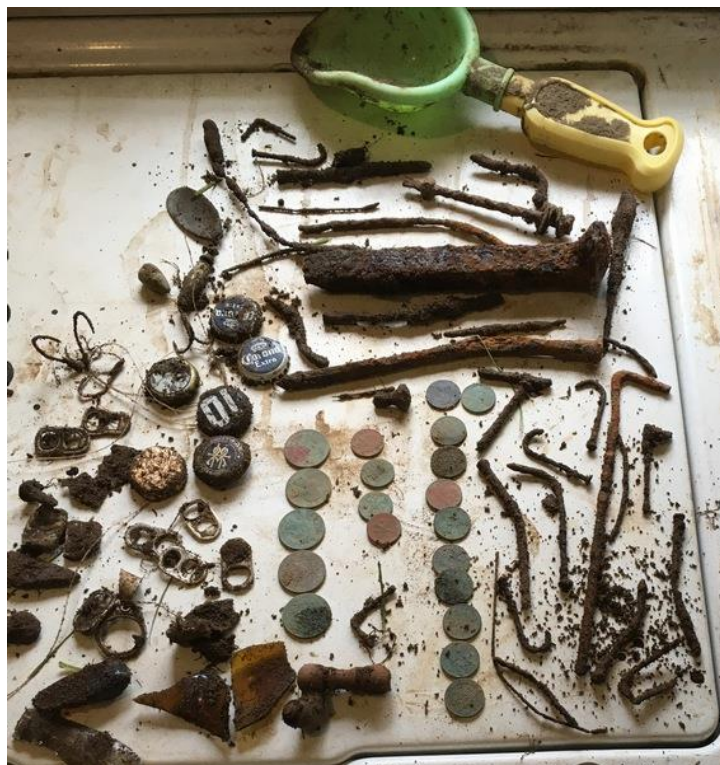
The following weekend, June 14th, the water level was way down. So we marched to the north end of the island to find a stump (another of the clues). Not a great picture but that is a stump in the upper left side of the right picture.



After, we found the stump I carefully measured out 7 feet (not), which was one of the clues. I essentially got lucky. I walked to about seven feet away from the stump and swung my detector once and bam there was a signal. The detector read the target as 6 inches down. I dug down and out popped the token.



Now this is where it gets tricky. In a previous newsletter edition, I posted a photo of the other goodies Scott had hidden “with” the token. I dug around in the hole with the pin pointer and not a peep. So Willy and I started searching around the area we found most of the hidden items. We have spent probably 4 hours looking for the other items and still haven’t found all of them. Partially, this is due to the fact that the water level has been too high to search a wider area. At the end of our first 2 hours I found all of the other hidden “gems” on the north end of the island.



This is what we did find besides the token. As of today, July 5th, there is still 1 IHP and 3 miniscule silver bars to be found.



Club Member's Experiences

None.

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

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