

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

A board meeting was held on April 3rd with all board members in attendance with the exception of Ashley W. who was unable to attend. To those of you who are not keeping track OTTS has had only 1 meeting in 13 months. It is imperative that we meet this month on our regular scheduled meeting date of April 27th. If the GNPE is not yet available I will need to find an alternative location, so check your Email and text messaging as you will be notified of the location in this matter. If current restrictions are somehow reversed you will also receive a message. In short, a meeting is scheduled for April 27th but the question is where will we meet. FOTM will be addressed in the same message.

We could have had and still can have a club hunt. It is not required that a hunt be held following the monthly meeting. The following weekend is only customary. If someone wishes to host please contact a board member. We will see to the notification of the membership and be available for help and guidance. The subject of shovels at club hunts was once again broached. We, the board, are in agreement that members participating in a sanctioned hunt will be limited to hand diggers only. This is an appearance issue as 20 or so people running around with a shovel digging up a public park or school just does not "look good" to the general public.

Another matter of interest, I have appointed Jerry H. to the board so that we may have 7 members. We have been operating with only 6 board members due to the long vacant treasurer position.

The club picnic is fast approaching. We are in great shape for prizes this year because we still have everything from last year. We are unable to plan a menu as it is too early to even try and predict what the guidelines regarding outdoor dining at this type of function may be. Once again, we are in a "wait and see" mode. Some time will be devoted to the subject at the upcoming meeting.

You may be curious as to birthday coins, progressive draw, member draw and regular monthly meeting business. Everything will be handled similar to the way we did it in the October meeting. Catch up will be in play. I don't know about games and the raffle yet but, if at all possible, they will happen.

The club would be quite busy this time of year if things were normal so we expect to be really busy. We, the board, are going to need all the help that we can get as we plan on getting things up and running as fast as possible. We will be looking for volunteers for club positions as well as help with the picnic. Everyone please give this some thought and step forward at the upcoming meeting.

OTTS would like to welcome new members Maria R., Otto N., and Glen B.. Also welcome back Dan M.. We now have 38 paid members.

Happy Hunting,

Ron B

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Postponed until further notice. Once a date is confirmed look here for time and place.

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.



(Pictures submitted by Harold V. This is a typical day of beach hunting. At least the beach is cleaner.)

Meeting Minutes

None.

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

None.

Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

None.



(Picture submitted by Harold V. Jerry H and Willy A doing some beach hunting.)

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

Suspended until our next meeting.



(Picture submitted by Bill B. Found this old Palmolive Soap token in a hunted out NE Portland park)

O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

Will update once a hunt occurs.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Master Notes:

Are you a member of OTTS?

Who likes to attend the club hunts?

Who would like to see them continue to be held next year?

Who is going to step up and want to run them in 2021?

Next Club Hunt Details:

Scott J and Harold V will be hosting the next club hunt. The next club hunt will be on Apr 25th, a Sunday. We will be meeting at the parking lot shared by Rite Aid and Albertsons located at 5415 SW Beaverton Hwy, Portland, OR. We will meet at 7:30 and begin the hunt at 8 am. Count out will be at 12 am.



(Picture submitted by Harold V. Wait, aren't we suppose to be metal detecting?)

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Harold V

As some of you may know, Tim S, Allysin W, Willy A, and I went to North Carolina at the beginning of March to participate in the DigStock Mini metal detecting hunt. There were 250+ people hunting 2,200 acres of cotton fields, cow pasture, bean fields, and wooded areas. I didn't take a lot of pictures, but here are some highlights.

A few youtuber people did some videos of the event. You can do a search for Digstock Mini on youtube to see them. This is the DigStock link to see some of the finds that people made at the event:

<https://www.digstockevents.com/digstock-mini-21>

Top Pic: Some of the crowd. Bottom Pic: Typical field conditions. Stalks were about 6" high.



Left Pic: Willy and her first buttons Right Pic: Allsyin digging another deep hole



Left Pic: Stubble and Willy. Right Pic: Calling it a day on day 1



Willys best find of the trip a 1855 Half Dime.



The buttons Willy found:



Allysin's Best find and probably one of the best finds of the entire hunt, a Washington Memorial cufflink. I was near by when she found this. It was around 10" deep and it is a very small object. She did a great job in detecting this very small item.



My best find of the hunt. A North Carolina state seal button.



The items that Allysin found at the hunt:



The items Tim S found at the hunt:



Submitted by Scott J

Some Pictures of recent finds



Silver ring with Mother of Pearl face.





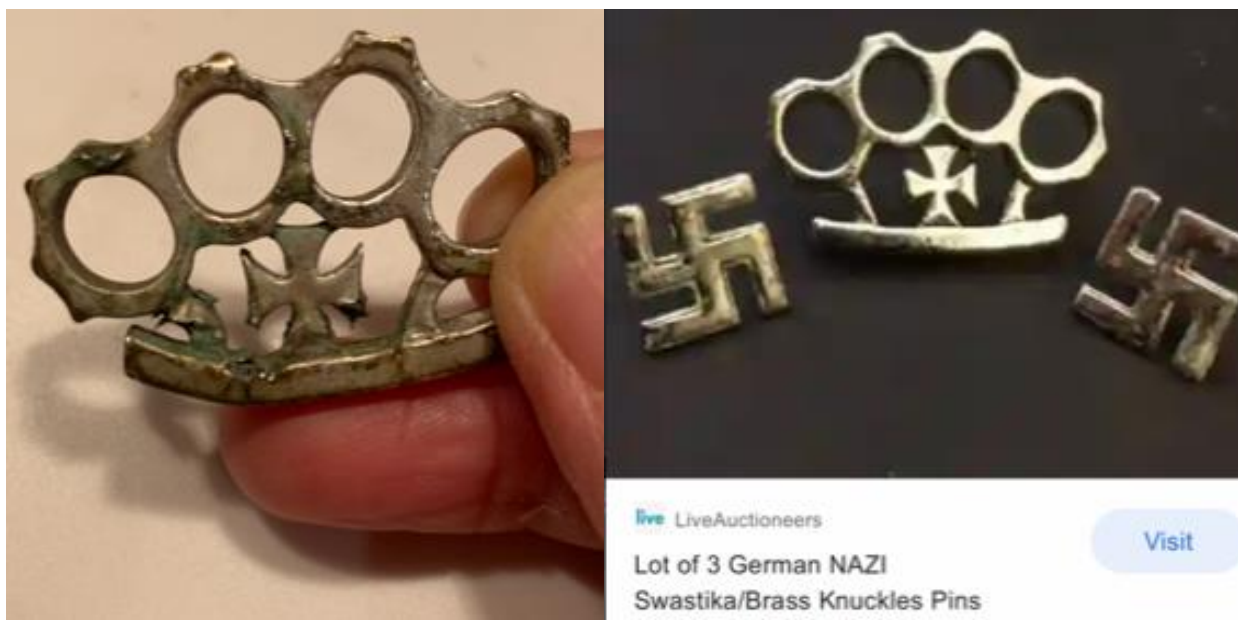
And something Scott has been on Scott's bucket list a buried jar full of treasure...



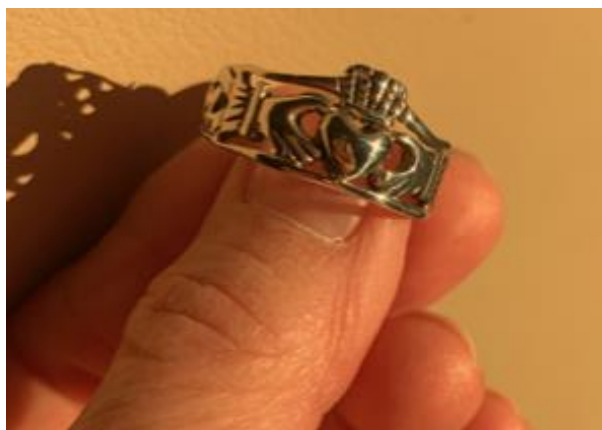
Submitted by Colleen V

Hello everyone! I hope all is well. I'm hoping that light I see is the end of the tunnel, and we will be visiting and sharing in the flesh soon! I have found a lot of things since our last gathering. Certainly nothing of great monetary value, but when the find relates to blood coursing through my veins, I find it extra fun and interesting!

Germany: I found this pin (See below) in a vacant lot in NE Portland. It is about the size of a half dollar. Could it be the real thing? Isn't that a WWII German Iron Cross? After finding one on the internet, it could very well be. Though it is likely a reproduction. It was suggested I write into Western and Eastern Treasures magazine, to see if they would comment. I'm wondering if any of you have a suggestion that is simpler and local where I could have it looked at? I must say Germany has some very dark history. The fact that the Nazi's would commemorate their use of brass knuckles in this way is sad.



Ireland: Top o' the morning to me when I found this 925 Claddagh ring! Wishing you all a top o' and hoping you are finding plenty of love, loyalty and friendship in your lives! Take care.



The **Claddagh** ring (Irish: fáinne Chladaigh) is a traditional **Irish** ring which represents love, loyalty, and friendship (the hands represent friendship, the heart represents love, and the crown represents loyalty).

Submitted by Matthew N

Here are some finds from March. Fingers crossed for an April club hunt!



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

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