

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

Looking in the rearview mirror I need to say that the 2021 OTTS Picnic was a success in spite of all the roadblocks and hurdles. My thanks to the board for all of their work in making it possible. A lot went on behind the scenes; Covid restrictions, Oregon State Parks following state restrictions, not being able to get reservations until later on, trying to plan around existing and relaxing restrictions, and finally being able to come up with a workable plan.

We had, I have been told, more help with setup prior to 10 am than ever. Thankyou.

As you are aware we have a new club Treasurer. To take over that position during the busiest month of the year was brutal. Thankyou Don and thank you Mike and Larry for all the help that you have given Don prior, during , and after the picnic.

Thank you to those members who worked the games and salted the field. Your volunteer time was enjoyed by all.

A special thanks to Mike for the many photographs of our event.

I realize that most of you visualize the Holiday season as a distant event. Not so as far as club planning goes. The board is already actively working on it. We will report on our progress at the August 24 meeting.

See you all there

Ron B

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

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. Picnic Hunt finds. Thanks to the Club for having a picnic this year.)

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting July 27, 2021

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 28 members and 1 guest. The minutes of the last meeting, as published on the website, were noted and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins were given. The monthly birthday draw was won by Allisyn W. She was awarded a 1945 Walking liberty. Sherrie B. won the member draw. She was awarded a 1943 Walking liberty. The progressive draw was not awarded. New silver was added to the pot.

Old business was discussed. Byron talked about the picnic. Possible suggestions of where to have the hunt earlier in the day and bring the BBQ back. Byron thanked everyone who helped out. This was his last year. Someone will need to take over next year. Byron is willing to help with the transition. Someone is also needed to take over the web page and pop can collections. The big club token has not been hidden yet and probably won't be this year.

New business was discussed. The holiday party was briefly discussed. Members seem to be interested in having it at the church if possible. The board will discuss the party more at the next board meeting. Bill told a story about a garage sale find.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Please remember no outside food is allowed in the Eagles building.

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.



(Picture submitted by Harold V. Though I really dislike the XP Deus, it can find some tiny stuff.)

Meeting Raffle Results

A Note from the new Raffle Engineer, Scott Jo:

Hello everyone, since I'm new to taking over the club raffle, I just wanted to ask the group if you have any preferences as to what you would like to see on the prize table? Would you prefer big silver but less numbers of prizes or maybe smaller silver but more of them to win? Maybe you would prefer older Morgan Dollars or new uncirculated silver like a Kruggerrand? Or perhaps maybe a large variety including some large uncirculated silver all the way down to an Indian head every once in a while? Also, if you have any specific coins of specific dates you would like a chance to win, let me know.

The current budget for the coins is a little more limited due to the price of gold and silver these days however, I will do my best to have gold every meeting if possible.

Your input is greatly appreciated as I want to make it fun for everyone. Please feel free to write down your suggestions and give them to me at the next meeting.

Thanks for your attention and best of luck!

Results:

2010 US 1/10 oz gold eagle- Linda C

1922s Peace dollar- Linda C

1922 Peace dollar – Rick P

1923d Peace dollar – Willy A

1923s Peace dollar – Sherrie B

1923 Peace dollar - Mike J

1926s Peace dollar - Rick P

1951 Half - Mike J

Australian Kangaroo silver - Tim S

37 Australian - Steve E

1951 Half - Mike J

2009 first day issue penny - Steve E

2008 first day issue Monroe dollar - Willy A



Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

2021 1 oz silver Krugerrand

1923 D Peace Dollar

1923 S Peace Dollar

1926 P Peace Dollar

1965 40% half and 1960 90% half

1964 40% half and 1941 quarter

1965 40% half and 1920 dime

1969 40% half and 1943 dime

1990 1/10 oz Gold Panda

And 2 mystery prizes

Also, 3 2nd drawing bonus prizes.

Find of the Month Results

July 2021 Find of the Month Results

Item of the Month

1st Rick G. 12 Toy Guns
 2nd Willy A. Glass Smoke Pipe
 3rd Kirk E. Hunting Knife
 3rd Tim S. Fancy Sunglasses

US Coin

1st Willy A. 1900 Barber Dime
 2nd Harold V. 1908 IHP
 3rd Ryan P. 1917 Merc

Foreign Coin

1st Matthew N. 1983 British Round Pound
 2nd Harold V. 1969 Netherlands 1 cent
 3rd Scott Jo. 1996 Canadian \$2

Token

1st Bill B. HJ Helzer 5 cent Portland Saloon token
 2nd Harold V. Service Recovery Token
 3rd Tim S. WA State Tax Token

Gold Jewelry

1st Scott Jo. 14kt Smashed Gold Ring
 2nd Mathew N. 14kt Wedding ring 2 grams
 3rd Kirk E. Tooth Bridge

Silver Item

1st Rick G. Large Silver Ring
 2nd Jerry H. Silver Bracelet Sterling
 3rd Scott Jo. Silver .925 Unicorn

Jewelry

1st Harold V. Costume Ring
 2nd Scott Jo. Gold Plated Pendant
 3rd Jerry H. Star Earring

Artifact

- 1st Willy A. Cigarette Case
- 2nd Scott Jo. Sword Hilt
- 3rd Bill B. Old Spoon
- 3rd Rick G. Runners Watch Polar M200
- 3rd Tim S. 1959 Dog Tag

Oldest US Coin

- 1st Harold V. 1902 IHP
- 2nd Bill B. 1919-S Wheat Cent
- 3rd Ryan P. 1919-S Wheat Cent

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Ryan P. 1936-S Quarter
- 2nd Harold V. James Polk \$1
- 2nd Rick G. Sacajawea \$1
- 2nd Scott Jo. Sacajawea \$1
- 2nd Tim S. George Washington \$1
- 2nd Willy A. Susan B Anthony \$1

Display

- 1st Scott Jo.
- 2nd Rick G.
- 3rd Kirk E.

Best of the Best

- Scott Jo. 14kt Smashed Gold Ring

Find of the Month Entry Form:

Located on the O.T.T.S. website: <https://ottclub.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.

2021 Detectorist of the Year Standings

1st	Harold V	61
2nd	Scott Jo	59
3rd	Rick G	57
4th	Willy A	54
5th	Tim S	38
6th	Jerry H	33
7th	Ryan P	31
8th	Matthew N	23
9th	Kirk E	21
10th	Laura A	20
11th	Bill B	20
12th	Linda C	11
13th	Steven E	1
14th	Ed V	1



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

There wasn't a monthly club hunt as we had the Picnic hunt at Rooster Rock.

Club Hunt Details

None to report.

Hunt Master Notes:

None

Next Club Hunt Details:

Matthew N and Ryan P will be hosting the August club hunt. The next club hunt will be August 8th. We will meet at the following address: Zupans 7221 S Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219. We will meet at 7:30 and begin the hunt at 8 am. Count out will be at 12 am.

Metal Detectors for Sale:

Mike J. has a MXT Pro for sale. Price \$500 comes with head phones and extra battery case.

Email: hawaii1@aol.com

Bruce D. has an XP Deus for sale. Make offer. Comes with a couple of coils.

Email: msgt.bruce.dixon@outlook.com

Ryan P. has a White's MXT. He doesn't use it anymore and it would like to find a great new home for it.

Price: \$250. Comes with wired headphones, rechargeable battery pack, AA battery pack, lesche digging tool, pouch, original box & owner's manuals. Coil is standard Eclipse 950. Plus it comes with the White's 4"x6" Shooter DD coil and a spare shaft

Email: ryanccc3@yahoo.com



Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Bill B

H. J. HELZER Token

740 UNION AVE. (PORTLAND)

GOOD FOR 5¢ IN TRADE

(old style outlined "5")

Henry J. Helzer ran a saloon at this address in 1906 & 1907 per a Portland City Directory. This token is unlisted in the Oregon Trade Tokens catalog. It is listed on tokencatalog.com. The discovery piece pictured on that web site was owned by a California collector, now deceased, who formerly had the #1 Oregon token collection. This is probably only the second or third known specimen of this token.

Found in July 2021 at a SE Portland park.



Submitted by Rick G

On Saturday July 31st, I was detecting a beach on the Columbia. I was approached by Katie, the wife of Ty, who 4 weeks prior had lost his wedding ring in the river. She asked me if I had found a men's band..... After she described the ring, I told her I had found it two days earlier and got her husband's phone number so that I could meet up with him to return it.

About an hour later I was working back upstream I hit a pounding 11. Pulled the scoop and BAM! I had a SS/Koa wedding band as Katie had described in the scoop. The one that I found earlier was another lost men's wedding band and I had just found Ty's ring. I looked up the beach to see them packing their things to leave and headed their way. Ring number 142 did not make it to my ring box but was returned to its rightful owner and Ty and Katie will have a great story to tell.



Submitted by Harold V

On Sunday, Aug 1st, Willy and I went to a school to hit the tot lot. It was hot and felt even hotter in the bark dust. Anyway, we were out there and we noticed these big ugly plugs (see pics below) in the dirt by the sidewalk. Personally, when it is dry, we try not to hit the grass area, because the end result looks really bad.

I can only imagine what the grounds keeper is thinking when he sees these holes everywhere. I can bet if one of us wants to detect this area and they are around we are going to be chased off. As a club we need to think about more than just the hunt. We need to try to make it appear as if we had never been there, so we are allowed to keep hunting public areas. It is already getting bad enough with all of the school work, closed campuses, gated off areas, we don't need fewer places to hunt, but more places to 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

President: Ron B

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Vice President: Ashley W

Secretary: Laura A

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At large: Rick P

At large: Byron D

Other Club Contacts

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Challenge Token: Scott J

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Find of the Month Team

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