

# Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Jackee out in the wild looking for treasure.

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

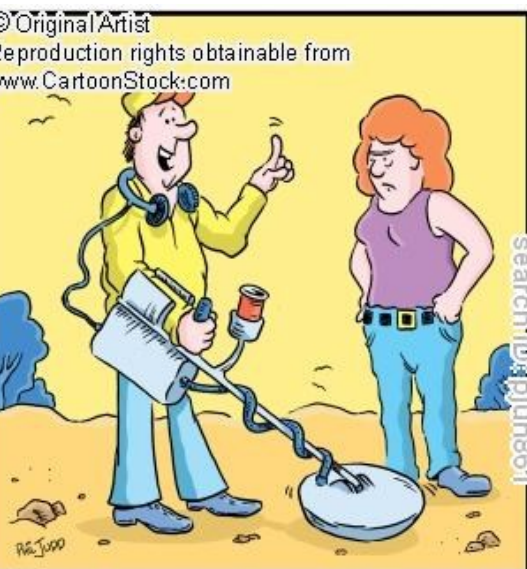
For me, I tend to use metal detecting as a source of relaxation from the many things that are hurled at us these days. When I'm in the zone, nothing really interrupts my thoughts until I hear that sound I'm listening for. Then the analysis of that particular sound or sounds comes into play. Do I dig or do I pass? More often than not, I'm disappointed at the results. But on occasion, I'm surprised and delighted by what I have discovered.

As a member of a group of hobbyists with similar ambitions, I also enjoy hearing of your latest finds and how it may have affected you. Our Find of the Month table and the displays of coins, rings, buttons, tokens and so many different items show one of the best aspects of our club. The history on display makes for a learning experience and a source of exciting recreation of finding something special. If someone doesn't know what they had

found, more than likely someone else will offer an answer or some thought on what has been discovered.

I'm always dazzled by the gold and silver jewelry found. I have been on several hunts with other members and found that this is also a favorite part of the hobby for me. A friendly bit of competition never hurts anyone. After all these years of detecting I find the excitement and planning of an upcoming hunt with other members to be the most rewarding.

My message would be for you to reach out to someone who may be changed by an invitation to go on a treasure hunt with you and a couple friends. I'm



"Talk about advanced technology!  
It even has a beer holder!"

surprised by the number of people I have met in the field that said "Hey, my dad had one of those". I usually reply by saying "so did my dad", and that was 40 years ago.

Scott H.

### Announcements

#### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Setup starts at 5:30 p.m.

Socializing starts at: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting starts at: 7:00 p.m.

#### Meeting location:

American Legion Post 1

1830 S.E. 122nd Ave.

Portland, OR 97233

## Meeting Minutes

### Minutes for meeting July 26, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Scott H. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 25 members and 0 guests. Scott reported the minutes of the last meeting were published on the website, at this time a motion was made, seconded, and the meeting minutes were accepted by the membership. The Treasurers report was read, motions made and accepted by the membership. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins given. The club spontaneously jumped into the birthday song for Matt as his birthday was tonight. The monthly birthday draw was also won by Matt and he was awarded a Silver Half Dollar. Maggie won the member draw and received a 1936 Liberty half dollar. The Progressive draw was won by Ed who won an 1886 Morgan Dollar. New Silver was also added to the pot for next month. Ryan gave a club hunt recap that was held at Fernhill Park in Portland. The next Club hunt will be Sunday the 31st of July. See the newsletter calendar for time and location details on this event. Donations were also collected by the membership for the Fremont United Methodist Church. Snacks tonight were brought by Jackee, Ron, Kathy and Jerry and Laura. Thanks to them for their efforts. Next month Don S. and Mike J. will be providing snacks for our August meeting.

Old/New business was discussed. The Picnic was the center of discussion with some concerns about silver/clad distribution to the picnic hunt. Other discussion on types of finds and low conductive targets being introduced were also of interest. It was suggested we not place steel washers in the field in place of the silver quarters as they were not as easily found. The Board of Directors will take note of these concerns for discussion in upcoming meetings prior to next year's Picnic. At this time Tim S. volunteered to become the clubs Vice President. Not delaying, the members voted Tim into the position and by a unanimous vote Tim is now our new VP. Congratulations Tim.

I would like to thank Mike M. for his explanation on the workings of the board during the picnic planning process. Mike gave a positive representation of those who volunteer or donate but choose to remain anonymous and how the general membership may not fully understand the contributions made by such members. It's what we learn from others we can take with us. Thanks Mike.

For myself, since joining the board I have a better understanding and appreciation of not only the workings of the club, but the contributions made by each member to insure we continue to grow, have fun and open new doors. Everyone has a voice in our clubs operations. Remember, your voice will only be heard if you choose to speak up. At times it may be uncomfortable, maybe even draw challenges to your views, but in the end we all will benefit. Thank you to all who choose to speak up.

The Find of the Month results was read by Laura H. Our meeting was adjourned at 9:00. Thanks to all that attended

### Other Meeting 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

### Winners:

#### Gold Coin

2021 3 gram Panda Gold coin      Rick P.

#### Silver Morgans

1879 Morgan Dollar    Allison

1921 Morgan Dollar    Matt

1921 Pease Dollar      Sue

#### Silver Other

1893 Columbus Half    Jackee

1940s Liberty Half    Ed

1952 Franklin Half    Ashley

1963 Kennedy Half    Ashley

1964 Kennedy Half    Mike



### Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

To Be Determined



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## Find of the Month Results—June 2022

### Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1920 Darnee Compact
2	Scott H	Zipper Pull
2	Kirk E P	ink Sunglasses

### US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1935 Merc
2	Matt N	1927 Wheat
3	Jackee A	1917 S Merc

### Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1914 Canada 10 Cent
2	Willy A	Turkey 5 kurus 1969
2	Scott H	1945 s Philippines victory coin

### Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	Vancouver/Portland Toll Bridge Token
2	Ryan P	76 lucky piece
3	Willy A	Amusement

### Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Kirk E	14K Diamond Ring

### Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	Ring with Stone
2	Kirk E	Ring with Stone
3	Scott J	Mexico Ring
3	Bill B	Ring

### Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Matt N	WW2 Airforce Hat Pin
2	Bill B	Devils head neckless
2	Willy A	Heart Pendant
2	Scott J	Necklace

### Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	1923 Bicycle Tax Tag
2	Scott J	3 Knife set
2	Scott H	Old button
2	Matt N	1920 Djer Kiss compact
2	Kirk E	Button
2	Willy A	Blue Cross memento

### Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	1884 S Morgan Dollar
2	Ryan P	1900 P V Nickle
3	Jackee A	1911 Wheat

### Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1912 S Buffalo
2	Kirk E	1954 D Dime
3	Matt N	\$1 Coin
3	Bill B	\$1 Coin
3	Scott J	\$1 Coin

### Display

Place	Name
1	Ryan P
2	Bill B
2	Willy A

### Best of the Best

Place	Name	Item
1	Kirk E	14K Diamond Ring

### 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.

**2022 Detectorist of the Year Standings**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Willy A	136
2	Jackee A	132
2	Ryan P	132
4	Bill B	113
5	Scott J	98
6	Matthew N	69
7	Scott H	49
8	Ron B	47
9	Kirk E	43
10	Laura S	33
11	Tim S	21
12	Byron D	16
13	Lee H	11
14	Ed V	10
15	Allisyn W	7



## O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

July 2022

Location: Vancouver Lake Park, 6801 NW Lower River Rd, Vancouver, WA 98660



**General Information:** Located west of Vancouver

**Historical Information:** Vancouver Lake was referenced in Lewis and Clark's journal entries from November 4th, 1805. Shortly after the lake was deeded to the Port of Vancouver, Washington, in 1919, agricultural interests proposed draining it, (A smaller lake to the north, Shillapoo Lake, was drained and used for agriculture) but by the end of the 1920s, recreational uses were also considered. Because of cold weather, the lake was frozen solid to "several inches" in depth on February 10, 1929, and was home to 500 ice skaters one weekend. The lake was briefly considered as a decommissioning harbor in 1945, but after the Memorial Day flood of 1948 was also seen as a possible resource in flood control.



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## Club Hunt Details

**Hunt Results:** The OTTS June Club Hunt was held on Saturday July, 31 2022. We met at the 1910 W Fourth Plain Blvd #400, Vancouver, WA 98660. 13 members and 2 guests met at the Minit Mart between 7:15 and 7:45 am. The club left for the park at 8 am sharp.

Hidden on the day was 8 regular tokens, one special token, and two grab bag tokens. General location of the tokens was given, and the club turned in a good effort recovering six tokens, but nobody could find the special token. One of the two grab bags tokens was found. Ryan P. recovered the remaining special token and grab bag token. The remaining club tokens are still at the site. Ron B. won the membership drawing, winning a 1963 Franklin half dollar.

## Club Hunt Token Count

Tim S. found a grab bag token and was given 5 seconds to pull something from the mystery bag. After using all 5 seconds he claimed a large Maui commemorative coin!

Laura A. found a 1957 Jefferson nickel and won the oldest coin for the day. Ed V. found a silver earring stamped 925. Laura and Ed both found men's stainless steel rings as well. Otherwise it was pretty thin for finds, but members collectively dug a huge bag of trash.

### The top 6 winners:

1) Jerry H.	57 points
2) Laura A.	53 points
T-3) Harold V.	52 points
T-3) Jackee A.	52 points
T-5) Tim S.	49 points
T-5) Ed V.	49 points
7) Scott H.	48 points

**Total clad found: \$22.61**

**Trash collected: 25.9 lbs.**

**Next Club Hunt:** Matt N. and Ryan P. will be hosting the next club hunt on August 27th (Saturday). The meeting location is TBD, check the club calendar for updates. We will be using normal hours (8am - 12pm), so the club will leave for the hunt location promptly at 8am! Be there early!

Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ron B

Some Pics from the Rooster Rock Picnic



Club Member's Experiences continued

Picnic Pics Continued



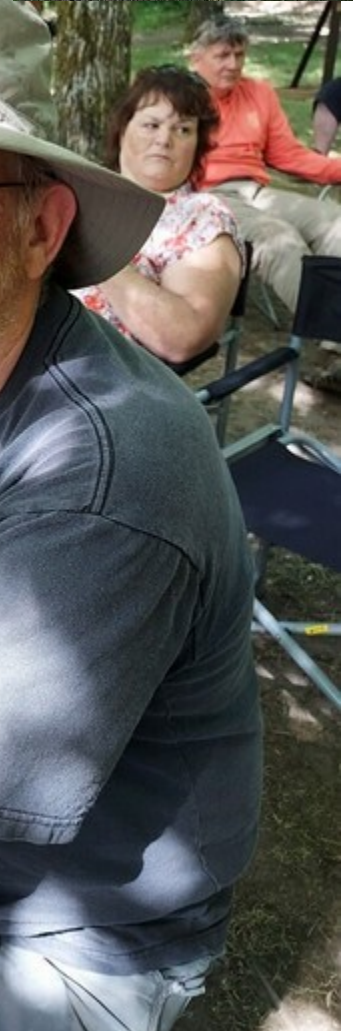
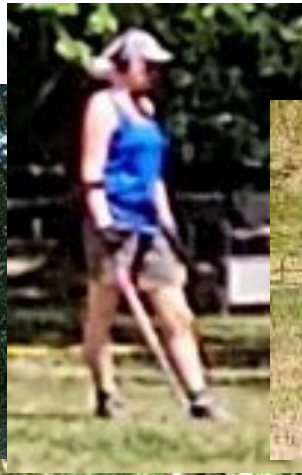
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Picnic Pics Submitted By Ed V



## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

I had a triple dime day this month - 2x 1930s mercs and a Rosie to add to my 1964 D Rosie I found a few days before that. All of these in Portland parks. I also found a 1922 wheatie which has a very cool history I had no idea about. The Denver mint made all the cents that year and there's a variety missing the mint mark which could be worth a lot! Mine does have the D but still cool little piece of history. Also this month I found a 1900 V nickel and a 1921 S buffalo!



In the mid-30's, Ivory soap promoted a radio show that featured stamp collecting. Called "The Ivory Stamp Club with Captain Tim", the show was a radio stamp club where listeners followed along as Captain Tim, for fifteen minutes at a time, three times a week, regaled his listeners with stories about stamp collectors. Members of the Ivory Stamp Club could buy low priced stamp the H E Harris available for pers. So I just

albums specially prepared by company. The albums were 10c and two Ivory soap wrap- imagine siblings arguing over





**Club Member's Experiences continued**

**Submitted by Bill B**

Found this at Cathedral Park (and not much else).



## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A

A few of my favorite finds from July!



## **Club Member's Experiences continued**

**Submitted by Harold V**

Some Pictures from our trip up to the Silver Coin Hunt held in Renton, WA. First set of Pics were taken the day before the hunt. Jerry, Tim, Allysin, Scott, Willy and I hit some beaches and parks.



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Submitted by Harold V

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## 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

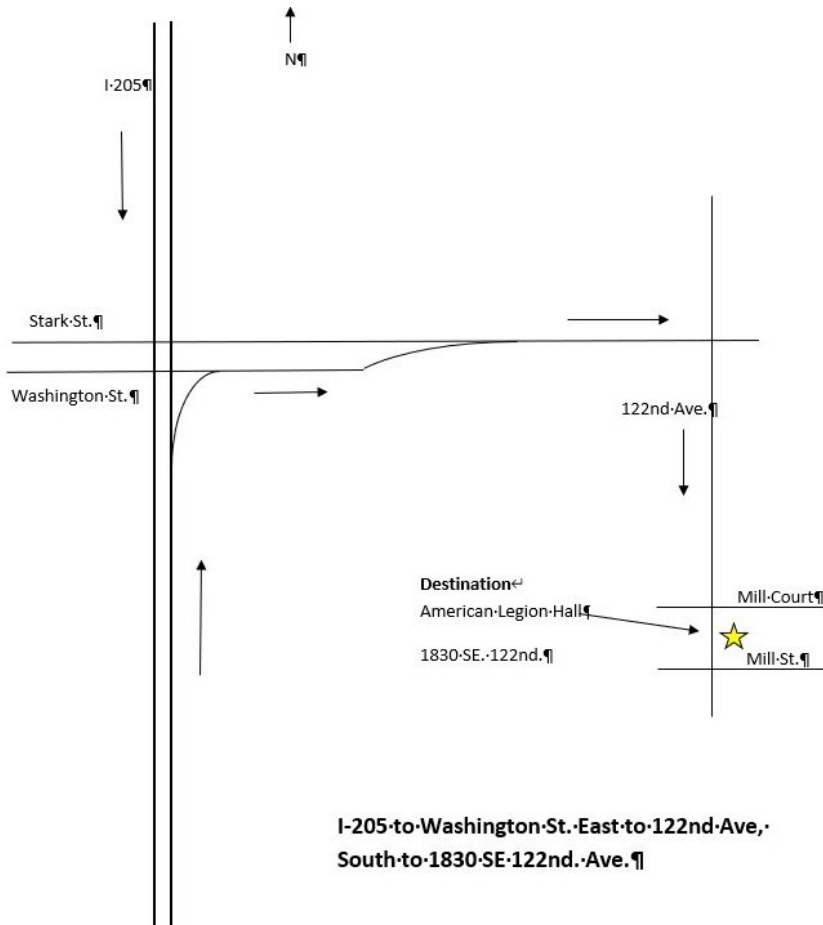
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**American Legion Lodge** located at:

1830 S.E. 122nd Ave. Portland, OR 97233

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

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/1830+SE+122nd+Ave,+Portland,+OR+97233/@45.5103612,-122.539511,787m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x5495a194bdcdf261:0xff6c9ba5d829687d!8m2!3d45.5103575!4d-122.5373223?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**

President: Scott H                      e-mail: gpawscott@icloud.com

Vice President: Tim S

Secretary: Diane H

Treasurer: Don S

At Large Board Members: Rick P, Ron B

Club e-mail address: oregontreasuretrailsociety@gmail.com

## **Extracurricular Positions**

Website Editors: Jerry H, Harold V

Newsletter Editor: Harold V

Find of the Month Team: Jerry H, Laura A.

Club Hunts: Matthew N, Ryan P

Forms Support: Sue F

Raffles: Scott Jo

Challenge Token: