

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Submitted by Harold V: Too hot, back to the water we go!

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

Wow, the weeks just fly by. Now it's already September. I need a few more weeks of Summer.

We still have good, but hot, weather. Remember to keep hydrated when on you hunt. If we are lucky the rain will fall at night and it will be sunny all day. And we will have at least 8 to 10 weeks of good hunting.

Ryan sure did pull a rabbit out of the hat on the Mt Tabor hunt. Several of us didn't think we would find much but the members came through with 7 or 8 silver finds. I wasn't one of the lucky ones.

Happy hunting this month,

Club President, Rick Page (rickpage2@comcast.net)

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 24th, 2024

Setup 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

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting August 27, 2024

Meeting called to order by Rick Page

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members and club officers introduced

Meeting attended by 36 members and 3 guests

Minutes of previous meeting noted and accepted as published in the previous newsletter

Treasurer report was read and accepted

Jeff C. won the member draw

2 birthdays were announced

Mike J. won the progressive draw

Club hunt reported on by hunt master Ryan

1/10 silver coin donation drawn by guest Pat D.

1 token redemption by Harold V.

Bill B. talked briefly about founding OTTS club member Don Lieurance who recently passed away.

Bryan E. stepped up and volunteered to do next years special token

Next Meeting s Snack Volunteer(s): Ashley W and Lorilee C.

Other Meeting Information:

Ongoing club fundraising includes collection of cans and bottles with deposits and washed pennies 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

1945 Mexican Dos Pesos 1/20 oz. Sean T.

Silver

1922 Peace Dollar Dave A.

1921 Morgan Ryan P.

1896 Morgan Kirk E.

1891 Morgan Ashley W.

1 oz US Assay silver round Tim S.

1 oz 1973 ship silver round Kathy B.

1 oz 1983 sunshine silver round Steve E.

1 oz Pledge of Allegiance silver round
Mike J.

1 oz steamboat silver round Ashley W.

1 oz Darth Vader silver round Mike M.

1oz Liberty Bell silver bar Steve E.

1 oz stagecoach silver bar Mike J.

1 oz 1984 Liberty Bell silver Ashley W.

Mystery Envelope

#1 1 oz silver bar Scott H

#2 1968 Mexican Olympics Steve E.
75% silver round

#3 922 Peace Dollar
Don S.



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Find of the Month Results

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Rose City Iron Craft tag
2	Loralee C	Panasonic Tape Player
3	Harold V	Pin Sculpture

US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1854 Seated Liberty Quarter
2	Jackee A	1925 S Mercury Dime
3	Harold V	1958 D Dime
3	Ed V	1958 Wheat Cent

Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1855 France 10 cent
2	Willy A	1906 Canadian quarter
2	Bill B	1965 New Zealand Shilling

Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Ttrade token 2.5 cents in trade
2	Harold V	Boobs and Butts token
3	Ryan P	Rare eagle token

Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	14K ring
2	Willy A	18K ring
2	Kirk E	Platinum ring

Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	925 Sapphire bracelet
2	Ryan P	925 bracelet
3	Jackee A	Diamond Heart Necklace

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	Bling ring
2	Loralee C	Lion head ring
3	Ed V	Bumble Bee pendant

Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	Yale & Towne padlock
2	Bill B	Buckner Sprinkler head
3	Brian E	Tiny copper basket

Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1897 S barber quarter
2	Willy A	1899 Indian Head Penny
3	Ryan P	1901 Indian Head Penny

Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1897 S Barber Dime
2	Ryan P	1913 S & 1903 cent
3	Scott H	1958 D quarter

Display

Place	Name
1	Willy A
2	Harold V
3	Jackee A

Best of the Best

Name	Item
Jackee A	14K gold ring

2024 Detectorist of the Year Standings

Place	Name	Points
1	Jackee A	217
2	Ryan P	158
3	Harold V	147
4	Willy A	136
5	Kirk E	118
6	Bill B	55
7	Tim S	41
8	Scott H	33
9	Sean T	26
9	Brian E	26
11	Laura S	16
12	Lee H	14
13	Allisyn W	13
14	Lorilee C	8
15	Ed V	7
16	Rick P	4
16	Jeff C	4
18	Susan P	3
18	Dave A	3
20	Jeffery C	1
20	Jessica H	1

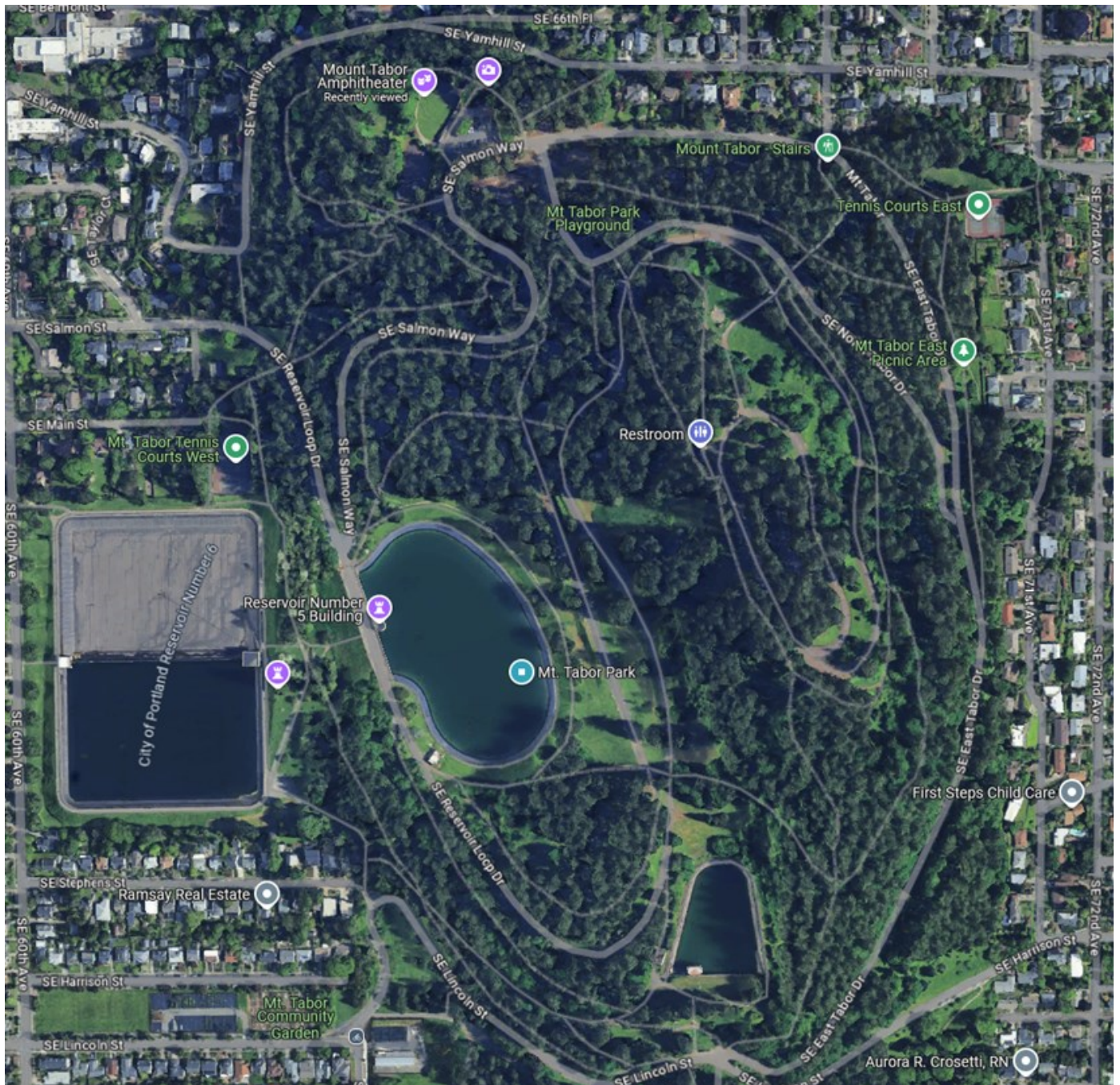


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O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

September 1, 2024

Location: Mt. Tabor Park, Portland, OR



General Information: None

Historical Information: None.

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Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results:

21 members turned out for a nice day of metal detecting at the monthly club hunt. Ryan hid 10 regular club tokens in the park and seven special tokens. There were special tokens hidden for a silver quarter, two silver half dollars, a silver bracelet, and some grab bag chances.

The natural finds in the park were surprisingly good, the club counted out eight silver items (nine if you count the silver ring found in the parking lot during the pre-meeting), and one 1958 silver Rosie. Ashley found three silver items including a pair of hand engraved sterling nail clippers! Other members who found silver were Ed, Sean, Allisyn, Richard, and Ryan. New member Pat found a 1924 wheat penny and narrowly edged out Ryan's 1928 S Buffalo nickel and won a Barber dime for the oldest coin. The club also found some foreign coins, relics, tokens and costume jewelry. Ashley was especially stoked for the Himalayan ceremonial knife he found.

At count out six of the ten club tokens were turned in. Pat and Sean won silver half dollars for finding special tokens. Tim won a 1924 British Half Penny from the grab bag. The other four club tokens are still in the park, they are good for a silver dime at any club meeting. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion.

For the membership drawings, Sue and Ryan won silver half dollars, Don won a silver quarter. The club held two additional membership drawings in tribute to the silver dime and sterling nail clippers found, and Mike and Fabian each won a silver dime.



Top 6 winners:

1) Ashley	105 points
2) Ryan	66 points
3) Ed	62.5 points
4) Sean	61 points
5) Tim	50.8 points
6) Allisyn	47.9 points

Total clad found: \$14.93

Trash collected: 4 lbs

Next Club Hunt: The next monthly club hunt is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th. The meeting location will be announced soon, check the club calendar for updates.

We will start at 8am and count out at 12pm. Be at the meeting spot by 7:30am!

Non-members are always welcome, and if you are not a member we have a special prize for coming to check out the event.

Year to Date Trash collected: 125 lbs.

All Hunts Trash collected: 1,392 lbs.

Total School Trash: 343 lbs.

Total Park Trash: 1049 lbs.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Jackee A

Some favorite finds from August!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

Speechless. I found an 1854 Seated Liberty quarter in Portland yesterday! I would have lost my mind finding this on a trip back east, but my first one came here right in the PNW. What a complete shocker to find this and I my heart started pounding so hard when I realized what it was!!! My best guess is that it was in circulation until the late 1800s/early 1900s when the area I found it in was platted. Everything else from this areas has been early 1900s at the oldest, so sometimes you just get really really lucky! Minted in 1854 in Philadelphia, what a wild story this coin must of had. Portland was a small pioneer town butting up against a standing forest of Douglas Firs, and had only been officially chartered as a city three years earlier. How and when this coin made it here is a fun question to think about along with where else it went and who touched it as it pre-dates the civil war. This year was only minted in Philadelphia or New Orleans. The 1854 design is considered type 4 and has arrows to signify it was a lower weight coin which the mint changed in 1853. I knew this would be a tough coin to find and one you can never expect. My day was done shortly after finding it because it was too hard to focus and so then it became time to celebrate! This hobby never stops surprising me, cheers to an amazing find.

I also found my first Ben Franklin half this month too!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Sean T

Mt Tabor doesn't disappoint. Vintage sterling earring and my first silver Rosie!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ed V

Here are a couple of pictures from the Silver Shoot from up in Redmond WA.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V



Went to a lakeside park with former member Scott J and found 2 silver rings, WA tax token, Wheatie and a Merc.



2 Gold Rings and
One Silver w Gold.
Not a bad month

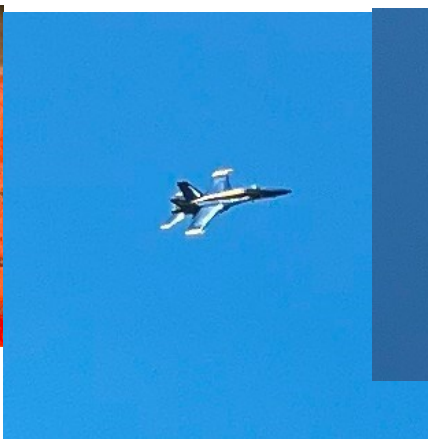


3 nice
Silver
rings



One of my favorite finds.
Too bad it is a
bottle opener.

Metal Detecting while the Blue Angels flew overhead



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

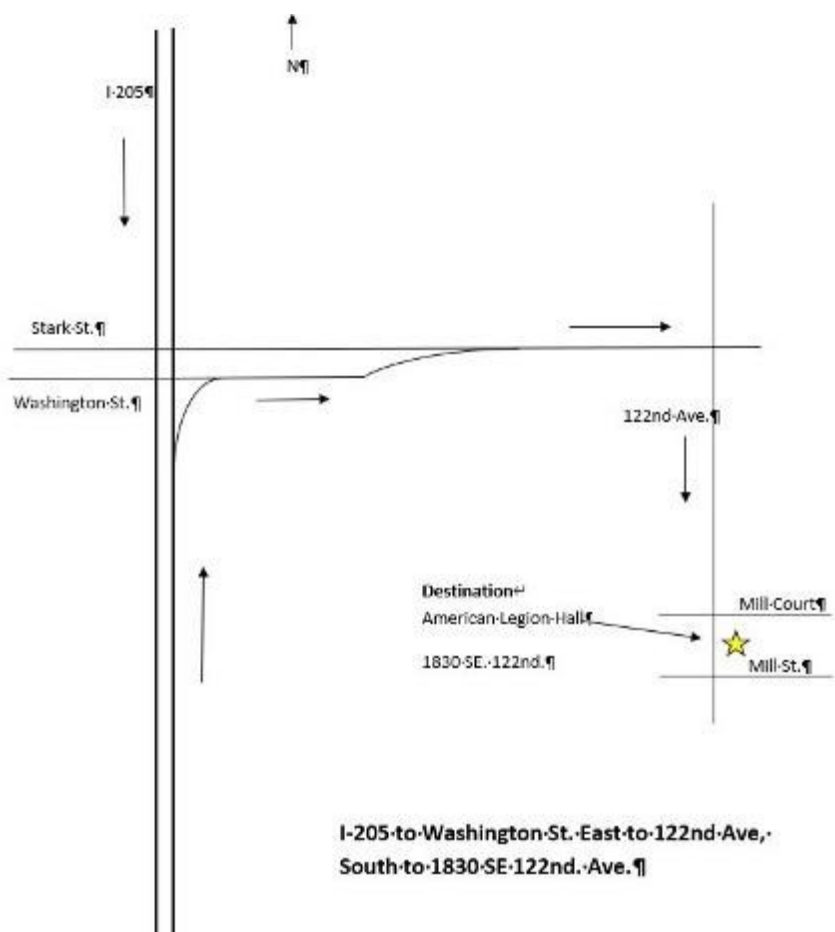
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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: Richard L Page e-mail: rickpage2@comcast.net

Vice President: Ed Verboort

Secretary: Ron Boehm

Treasurer: Don Spillman

At Large Board Members: Scott Hadley

In Kind board member: Ryan Paradis

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: Kathy B

Challenge Token: Harold V