

# Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

The November 23rd monthly meeting was the last regular monthly meeting of the year. We will have a short monthly meeting on December 11th preceding the yearend Holiday Party. I hope that we can have a large turnout this month. We will need to discuss elections and the Party. Please come to the meeting prepared to sign up for the party as this is an entirely catered affair and it is imperative that we know how many plan to attend. A reminder that there is a \$10.00 per person charge to eat. The menu will be announced at the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting and are planning to attend the Party please contact a board member so that we can count you in. You may pay at the door.

Membership renewals are fast approaching and we ask that members renew at the Nov. meeting if possible. This will help Don by removing some of the pressure during Dec. All renewal information is on the club website (ottclub.org). Please print and fill out your membership application and have the appropriate moneys ready prior to the meeting. This will help keep things moving. As if Don won't have enough going on up front, tickets for the 5oz silver coin raffle will be on sale \$1 each or 6 for \$5. These will also be sold prior to the Dec. drawing.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting,

Ron

### Christmas Party details and Menu

Meeting at 1:30 eat at 3pm. Menu as follows.

Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Cranberry sauce, Mashed potatoes, Butter, Gravy, Rolls, Green beans, Garden salad, Water, Coffee, Tea, Soda, Apple cider, Apple pie, Pumpkin pie

Catered affair, no food allowed to be brought in. COVID RULES

## Announcements

### Next Meeting:

**Saturday December 11, 2021**

Setup starts at 1:30 p.m. Socializing starts at: 1:30 p.m. Meeting starts at: 2 p.m. The Christmas party Dinner will be at 3 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.

## Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for meeting Nov 23, 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 30 members and one 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 Ryan P. He was awarded a 1964 Kennedy half dollar. Ryan P won the member draw. He was awarded a 1964 Kennedy half dollar. The progressive was not awarded. New silver was added to the pot. Ryan P gave a club hunt recap.

Old business was discussed. The new t-shirt design will be available soon. The club will take orders at Jan meeting. Members can arrive for the holiday party at 1:00 on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start at 1:30 and the meal around 2:30. The menu will be traditional holiday menu including ham. Water, coffee and soda will be included. Finds displays are welcome but will not be judged.

New business was discussed. Rick made a donation for the raffle. Due to rising silver costs prizes for raffle will be reevaluated. Rick G found his first 18k gold ring! Byron talked about Washington crossing the Delaware quarters.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

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

Other information that club members might find helpful:

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.

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## Meeting Raffle Results

October Raffle results:

2010 1/10 oz Gold Eagle- Mike J

1998 1oz silver eagle-Rick P

2021 1oz silver krugerrand- Ashley W

1985 Canada national parks 50% silver- Steve E

1982 Canada bison skull – Ashley W

1915 barber half dollar-Don S

1943 walking liberty half- Lee H

1964 Kennedy half- Sharri B

1964 Kennedy half-Byron

1971 Eisenhower silver proof- Ashley W

1908 barber quarter – Don S

4 bonus copper rounds- Rick, Byron, Sharrie B, Steve E

1896- Steve E

November Raffle results:

2014 1/10 oz Gold Eagle \$5- Mike M

1881 Morgan dollar- Ashley W

2021 St Helena 1 pound angel- Scott H

2012- Star spangled banner- Scott H

2005-Silver proof quarter- Steve E

2005-Silver proof quarter- Byron D

1941 Walking liberty-Dale I

1943 Walking liberty- Rick G

Mystery Washington half- Ron B

### Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

No information at time of publishing.



Kennedy Half submitted by Rick G.



# Find of the Month Results

## November 2021 Find of the Month Results

### Item of the Month

|   |        |                     |
|---|--------|---------------------|
| 1 | Ryan P | Wallet w/ License   |
| 2 | Rick G | Monopoly Game Piece |
| 3 | Kirk E | Beyond Pulse        |

### US Coin

|   |          |                        |
|---|----------|------------------------|
| 1 | Jackee A | 1900 Barber Dime       |
| 2 | Ryan P   | 1926-P Quarter         |
| 3 | Willy A  | 1972 Eisenhower Dollar |

### Foreign Coin

|   |          |                    |
|---|----------|--------------------|
| 1 | Jackee A | 1400 Croatian Coin |
| 2 | Harold V | Barbados 5 cents   |
| 3 | Scott Jo | 1995 Canadian \$1  |

### Token

|   |          |                 |
|---|----------|-----------------|
| 1 | Tim S    | Lead Token      |
| 2 | Steve E  | AA Token        |
| 3 | Harold V | Multnomah Falls |

### Gold Jewelry

|   |          |                        |
|---|----------|------------------------|
| 1 | Rick G   | 18kt Black Gold Ring   |
| 2 | Willy A  | 18kt 4 Diamond Ring    |
| 3 | Scott Jo | 14kt Gold Wedding Band |

### Silver Item

|   |          |                     |
|---|----------|---------------------|
| 1 | Harold V | Massive Silver Ring |
| 2 | Laura A  | .925 Brooch         |
| 3 | Scott Jo | .925 Turquoise Ring |

### Jewelry

|   |         |                         |
|---|---------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Ryan P  | Owl Pendant             |
| 2 | Willy A | Purple Clear Stone Ring |
| 3 | Rick G  | Cross Necklace          |

**Artifact**

- 1 Tim S Civil War Hat Pin
- 2 Steve E Golden Snitch
- 3 Rick G Arizona US Marshal Badge

**Oldest US Coin**

- 1 Steve E 1870 Indian Head Penny
- 2 Jackee A 1883 Shield Nickel
- 3 Ryan P 1900 P Dime

**Most Valuable US Coin**

- 1 Matt N 1915-S Wheat
- 2 Harold V 1941 Quarter
- 3 Scott Jo 1923-S Wheat

**Display**

- 1 Rick G
- 2 Scott Jo
- 3 Ryan P

**Best of the Best**

Rick G with the 18kt Black Gold 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. Thank you to everyone who brought in their finds. It is not only motivating but also gives us all compelling reasons to get out and enjoy the hobby that we love.

## 2021 Detectorist of the Year Standings

Results as of the October meeting. Final results for the 2021 season will be announced at the Christmas Meeting

|                 |          |     |                  |           |    |
|-----------------|----------|-----|------------------|-----------|----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Rick G   | 122 | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Matthew N | 39 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Harold V | 116 | 10 <sup>th</sup> | Laura A   | 31 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Scott Jo | 113 | 11 <sup>th</sup> | Kirk E    | 30 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Willy A  | 106 | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Allysin W | 19 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Jerry H  | 64  | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Steven E  | 13 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Ryan P   | 63  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Ed V      | 11 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Tim S    | 53  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Linda C   | 11 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Bill B   | 42  | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Dale I    | 1  |



Matthew N was on some old Wheat!





Ryan had some incredible silver finds in November



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

Pier Park (St Johns Neighborhood) 10325 N Lombard St | Portland OR 97203



## Club Hunt Details

**General Information:** Covers 87.43 acres . Acquired in 1922

**Historical Information:** The parcel of land on which the park was developed was part of the James Loomis donation land claim. The city of Portland passed an ordinance in 1921 naming the park for Sylvester Charles Pier (1853–1935). Previously a sales manager of Marshall Wells Hardware Company, Pier took office as City commissioner in 1919, serving four years in charge of parks. His son, Stanhope S. Pier succeeded him as commissioner and served two terms. Prior to the park, St. Johns brick company operated just a block away, until 1905 when the factory ran out of clay. The abandoned brickyard was used as a playground until 1920 when the buildings were demolished. In development of the area which was previously a wetland more than 100 men were employed from the unemployment list. Wood from clearing the site was sent to local families in need of fuel.

**Historical Event:** On the morning of July 11, 1934, a train full of Portland police officers moved toward Terminal 4 in the St. Johns neighborhood. Their intent was to forcibly break the picket line of striking longshore workers, but near the intersection of what is now Columbia Boulevard, picketers blocked the train's passage. Following the police chief's orders, officers opened fire on the unarmed workers. Four were wounded, but the picket line held firm. The event became known within the International Longshore and Warehouse Union as "Bloody Wednesday." Ryan P. and Matt N. hid 10 regular tokens and one special token. The club was only able to recover two of the regular tokens and

the special token. Lee H. found the special token and won a 1957 quarter. The remaining club tokens are still in the park.



Striking longshore workers occupy the railroad tracks near Pier Park and N. Columbia Blvd.

**Hunt Results:** The OTTS October Club Hunt was held on Sunday the 28th. We met at the Safeway located at 8330 N Ivanhoe St. 19 members met between 8:15 and 8:45 am. The club left for the park at 8:55AM. It was a gorgeous and unusually warm winter day at the park. Lots of Frisbee golfers at the park giving us funny looks and curious as to why there were so many of us at the park (it's rare to see one person MDing, let alone 19 of us!)

Ryan P. and Matt N. hid 10 regular tokens and one special token. The club was only able to recover 4 of the regular tokens and the special token was not recovered. The remaining club tokens are still in the park.

Based on past hunt data, this was one of the better days the group has had in a long time. For the past few hunts, Ryan I decided that we would hold another member drawing IF someone found a silver coin. We have not had the opportunity until the Pier Park hunt. To our amazement, a total of 6 silver dimes were found that day (details below). We held 6 separate draws and awarded 6 silver dimes to 6 different members.

To keep things fun and fresh, Ryan and I also decided to award silver dimes for new rotating categories. A silver dime was given to Rick G. for having the worst Zinc Lincoln. And Byron was awarded a silver dime for having the best of the best jewelry for his stunning silver and natural pearl ring.

The top 6 winners at the hunt were:

- 1) Matt N. 124 points
- 2) Tim S. 92 points
- 3) Rick G. 87 points
- 4) Scott Jo. 82.1 points
- 5) Laura A. 63 points
- 6) Harold V. 56 points

Matt N. won the membership drawing, winning a 1942 Walker half dollar.

The oldest coin was found by Rick G. - a heavily circulated and worn 1903 Barber dime. Tim S. pulled a beat up no date V nickel. Club members found a total of 18 wheat pennies. The oldest wheatie was a 1917 found by Bill B. Three pieces of silver jewelry were also found (Silver pearl ring by Rick G, Silver pearl ring by Byron B. and a silver bracelet by Scott Jo.

Total clad found: \$23.94

Trash collected during the hunt: 48.7 lbs.

Silver Dimes on cover page were found during the club hunt: Silver dimes found at the November Club Hunt. 1903 - Rick, 1943 - Lee, 1944 - Byron, 1947 -Ryan, 1962 - Matt, 1964 - Dan M.

## Next Club Hunt Details:

**November Club Hunt: Club Hunt:** Ryan P. and Matt N. will be hosting the December Club Hunt on Jan 1st 2022. Starting at 9am and counting out at 1pm.

The meeting location will be at the Fred Meyers at 3800 SE 22nd Ave, Portland, OR 97202 97203. The club will leave for the hunt location promptly at 9am so be there early!



Club hunt photos submitted by Matthew N



## Metal Detectors for Sale:

Mike J. has a MXT Pro for sale. Price \$500 comes with headphones 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

Harold V. has an Equinox 800 for sale \$850.00

Comes with 2 shafts. The original aluminum one and the Steve's detector rod carbon fiber shaft. Includes 2 pairs of headphones. The Garrett Grey Ghost Amphibians and the Minelab wireless headphones. Also included are the charging apparatus and the WM08 wireless audio module. Comes with the standard 11" double d coil.

Email: hlvail@yahoo.com





## Club Member's Experiences

From Rick G.

Had a surprise two-day business trip to Silver City New Mexica Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Of course I always bring an Equinox with me. The first afternoon I was able to find 2.5 hours to detect before dark in the main park in town. It was obvious that the towns folk are not used to seeing detectorists as to the number of people that wanted to talk. The results of the hunt were staggering. This is not an old park and the finds were contemporary but the clad targets were amazing. 2.5 hours produced \$11.20 in clad including 34 quarters, and a 1992 Kennedy half. Can you say Virgin Park?



The next day my work day was a bit shorter and I was able to spend some real time detecting the same park. This time I was also able to get on some jewelry finds, but the winner was the clad again. \$32.95 in clad plus pennies in 6 hours of detecting (325 coins). The killer with this was that I found 88 quarters! I did find one wheat cent, 1951, and a pair of rings, a locket, earrings.... 8.5 hour clad/pennies total of over \$46!!!



The best part about this 8.5 hours of detecting was one of the rings that I found. It was a non-conventional class ring inscribed "Rikki" and "SHS 20214".



After a couple days of web sleuthing and a few mis-steps I located the original owner in Tuscon AZ. Rikki had lost her class ring two weeks after she got it. It has been sitting in the dirt in that park for 7 years. I am shipping the ring back to her this week. I love this hobby.

## 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

Treasurer: Don S

At large: Rick P

At large: Byron D

### Other Club Contacts

Club Hunts: Matt N/Ryan P

Forms Support: Sue F

Raffles: Scott J

Challenge Token: None

### Newsletter/Website Editors

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Newsletter: Rick G

### Find of the Month Team

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