

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Pic Submitted by Matt N: Pier Park circa 1943

Detective Lee H doing what he does best. Searching for treasures and alien remains

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

Let me say how proud I am to serve as your President. I didn't think when I took on the role of VP that two months later I would be placed in a position to lead our group. Now that I have, I see the importance of volunteering and giving back to a great group of people who have a genuine focus of creating an environment of success, fun and support. I encourage those of you who are reluctant to step up and volunteer to give it a try. It's very satisfying to accomplish something you may have thought was not in your wheelhouse, or put you on the spot. I have found that there is support surrounding each position and each person in the club. You are not alone. You are just one peg on the wheel of success.

This year we not only increased our membership, we have also purchased enough silver to support 2023 fully. We have also found members who volunteered to give of their time to support us all. Next year we will make changes to our base to insure fairness, and we will tackle any issue that comes before us with empathy and thoughtfulness.

As our 40th year as a club comes to a close, I am humbled by the enthusiasm of our members and the support I have received from you all. Are you with me for 2023?

Thank you for your support.

Scott H.



Pic Submitted by Matt N: Silver ring found at Pier Park

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Setup starts at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting starts at: 2:00 p.m.

Meeting location:

American Legion Post 1

1830 S.E. 122nd Ave.

Portland, OR 97233

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting November 22 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 34 members and 1 guest (Phil F). Scott reported the latest addition to the website "Members Memorials" where we will memorialize members who have passed. At this time Bill B. thanked the club for our support. President Scott mentioned the Christmas Holiday event will be held on Dec 3, 2022, at the American Legion Hall. 1 pm followed by a short meeting and afterword we will dine. If you would like to bring a display of your yearly finds that would be great. The OTTS web site has been updated with the new registration form which is available for download and printing. Please bring your completed form and payment in an envelope to the next club meeting. We will not be processing membership applications at the Christmas party.

Scott asked Ryan if there had been any interest in a nomination for a board position from the group and none was reported. Scott asked the members if there was anyone interested and none spoke up. We will hold a vote at the Christmas party for current members to be reinstated. 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 monthly birthday draw was won by Ryan P. and he was awarded a 1964 Kennedy Silver Half Dollar. Rick P. won the member draw and received a 1936 Walking Liberty Silver Half Dollar. The Progressive draw was not won this time and new silver was added to the pot for next month. Matt gave a club hunt recap that was held at Gabriel Park of note was Don S. who found not one but two gold rings at the club hunt. The next Club hunt was held on Saturday November 26th at Pier Park. Donations were also collected by the membership for the Fremont United Methodist Church. Snacks tonight were brought by Diane H and Kathy B. Thanks to them for their efforts. No general meeting next month as we have the Christmas party on the 3rd.

The Bake Sale was a big success tonight and many folks went home with goodies. The club raised almost \$400 dollars. Thanks to all who contributed and thanks to Lee for a great job of facilitating the Auction.

Thank you Kathy B. for stepping up to the position of new raffle coordinator for 2023.

Also tonight President Scott announced the board is in the process of updating the Bi-Laws with respect to FOTM points and awards. Please see the newsletter for the changes being proposed and provide feedback to the board before we have an election on this issue in January. Thank you to those who expressed concern on this matter as those concerns will be addressed by the board in January.

Finally President Scott announced that next year we will be seeing an almost \$1300. increase in prizes for our games and club hunts. This is in part of the savings we have made with our Picnic and Christmas potluck vs actually catering these events. Congratulations to all for a great effort in keeping our club financially sound and moving forward.

Plinko and Quarter drop winners were announced, Thanks Sue and Maggie

The Find of the Month results were read, Thank you Laura and Jerry

Our meeting was adjourned at 8:30. Thanks to all that attended

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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.

By-Law Changes

Below are the changes proposed to the OTTS By-Laws. Please review and provide feedback to the board prior to an election of the changes this upcoming January 2023. If approved these changes will take place during the first months of 2023. To provide comments please send e-mail to President Scott. Gpawscott@icloud.com

ARTICLE VII

~~Section 1. Anyone hosting a monthly Club Hunt is entitled to an award based on the following schedule: 1st hunt 5 points 2nd hunt 10 points 3rd hunt 10 points (Max of 25 points for this incentive to any individual)~~

Section 2. Monetary awards for the top five finalists shall be limited to a max min of \$ 100.00 - (30/25/20/15/10 dollars)

Section 3. Certificates of Merit shall also be awarded to positions 6 through 15.

~~Section 4. During the year needs may arise for the chairmanship of various club functions. Functions, so designated by the Executive Board., shall be eligible for points towards FOTY in an amount not to exceed 25 points~~

Note: if approved; Section 2 and Section 3 will be renamed to Section 1 and Section 2 respectfully.

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Meeting Raffle Results

Winners:

Gold Coin

Gold coin Ryan P

Silver

2003 American Eagle 1oz	Scott H.
2016 Panda	Tim S.
Sm. Gold coin	Mike J.
Buffalo Silver Round	Linda C.
1984 Olympic Silver	Willy A.
Buffalo Silver Round	Ed V.
1952 Mexican Silver	Ashley W.
1962 Balboa Silver	Kathy B.
1946 Silver Walker	Steve E.
1960 Ben Franklin Half	Matt N.
George Washington Com.	Kathy B.
1964 JFK ½ dollar	Ryan P.



Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

To Be Determined



Find of the Month Results—November 2022

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	D & H Railroad Padlock case
2	Jackee A	Uranium Glass Marble
3	Tim S	Vintage Jeep Toy



US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1848 Large Cent
2	Jackee A	1946 Dime & 1935 Quarter
3	Tim S	1942 Wheat Cent



Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1723 Spanish 2 Reale
2	Jackee A	1886 Canada 5 cent
3	Scott H	Irish 5 pence
3	Willy A	2016 English Pound



Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Tim S	2 Washington Tax Tokens
2	Jackee A	Pastime Card Room Token
3	Bill B	Black Rhino elongated penny



Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Kirk E	Gold Ring



Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Silver Bracelet
2	Willie A	Mens Silver cigar band ring
3	Tim S	Sterling and Black Onix ring



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Find of the Month Results—November 2022

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Metal Western Buckle
2	Scott H	Tungsten Cobolt ring
2	Willy A	Titanium men's ring



Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	War of 1812 Infantry Button
2	Willy A	Great Seal Army button
3	Bill B	Antique Belt Buckle



Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1858 Flying Eagle Cent
2	Ryan P	1863 Indian Cent
3	Matt N	1907 V Nickle



Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1865 2 cent
2	Jackee A	1917 S Buffalo



Display

Place	Name
1	Jackee A
2	Willy A
3	Scott H
3	Ryan P



Best of the Best

Name	Item
Ryan P	1723 Spanish 2 Reale



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2022 Detectorist of the Year Standings

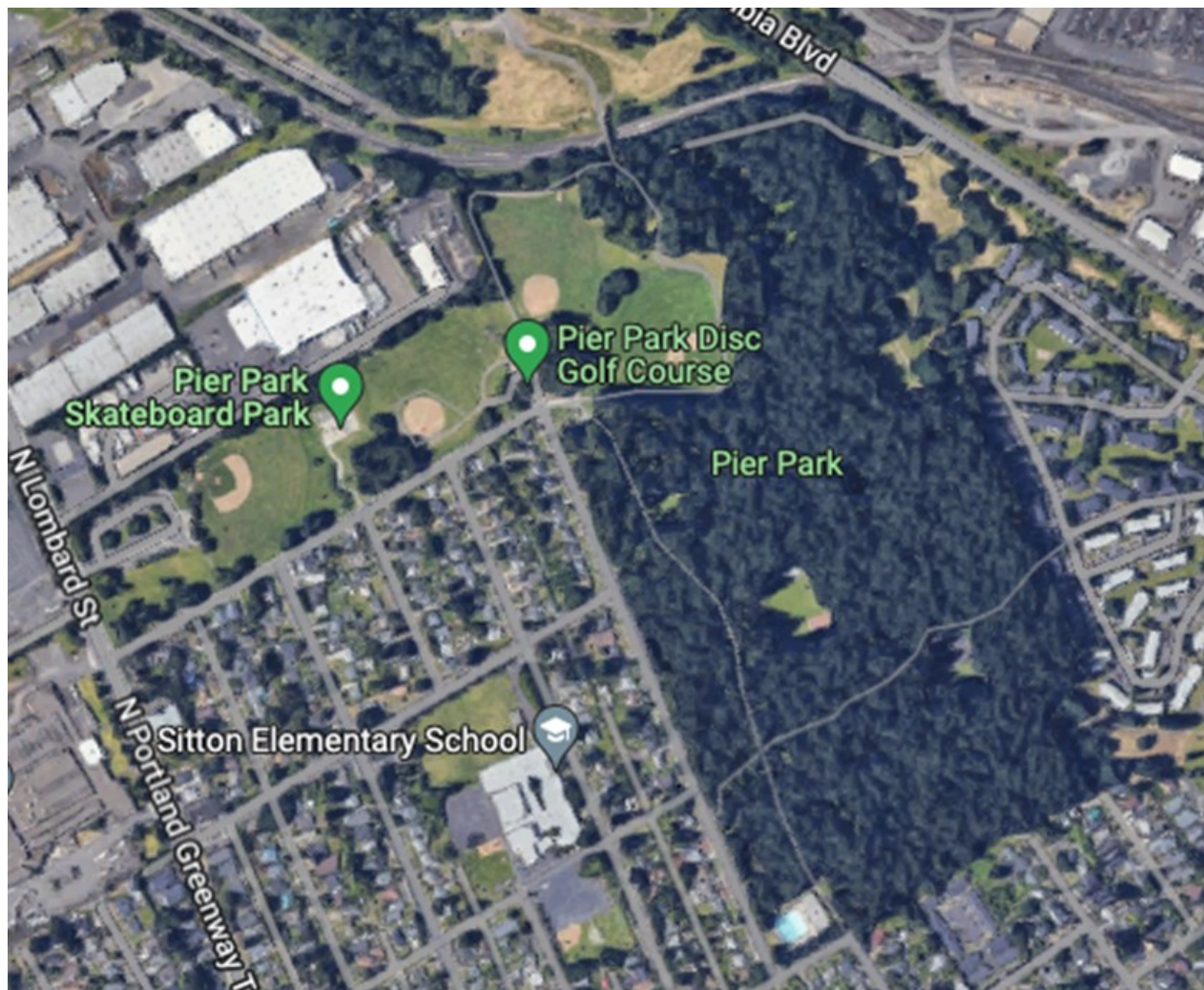
<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Jackee A	240
2	Willy A	209
3	Ryan P	203
4	Bill B	162
5	Matt N	111
6	Scott J	110
7	Kirk E	84
8	Scott H	72
9	Ron B	47
10	Tim S	45
11	Laura S	35
12	Ed V	34
13	Byron D	16
14	Allisyn W	14
14	Chuck P	14
16	Lee H	12
17	Don S	9
18	Rick P	4



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

November 2022

Location: Pier Park, 10325 N Lombard St, Portland, OR 97203



General Information: Acquired 1920

Historical Information: The park was named for Stanhope S. Pier, who served as a Portland city commissioner in the late 1920s and as acting mayor in 1931. In 1930, Commissioner Pier proposed several improvements, including a pool in Albina, the expansion of Mt Scott and Lents Parks, and the development of Pier Park in the style of Laurelhurst, then considered the most beautiful park in the city.

OREGON TREASURE TRAIL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results: The OTTS November Club Hunt was held on Saturday Nov, 26th 2022. There is lots to be thankful for. For one, the weather we have all been waiting for is finally here. It's cold and EASY digging season. After months of rock hard ground, we can now enjoy digging those pull tabs and bottle caps with little to no effort. Having a beautifully warm October was a rare and appreciated treat; but I think we were all ready to get down and dirty in the mud and rain!

The November club hunt had a bigger turn out than usual. Normally, we have around 12 members at any given hunt. This hunt there were a total of 17 club members that joined for the day and one guest. Pier park is a place we have visited in the past and had great success. This park is huge and always offers us detectors a little more danger/excitement. Pier park is a well-known disc golf course so weaving and dodging flying discs makes this place a fun place to hunt.

Lee H. was the lucky man of the day who won the member draw and won himself a nice 1943 Walking Liberty Half Dollar. Lee was also the lucky winner of the member draw in Oct. Will he win a 3rd time next club hunt? We also had a new member (Phil Ford) recently join who has never detected before and got some great pointers from Matt and Ron. He had a nice time meeting other members and learning his new Simplex machine. As always, we all had a great time searching for treasure as the end of the year closes in.

REMINDER: WINTER HOURS ARE IN AFFECT. 9AM leave time – 1PM count out

NOTE: We are always looking for new ways to add more fun and challenges to the club hunts! If you have any ideas for future hunts, be sure to chat with Matt or Ryan about what you have in mind! WE ARE ALSO ALWAYS ACCEPTING BAZINGA AND QUALITY ITEMS FOR THE GRAB BAG!

Club Hunt Token Count

10 OTTS stamped tokens = 3 of 10 were found good for 1 silver dime (this might have been our worst recovery ratio in a long time! 1 Special Token = Found by Allisyn W. good for 1 Silver Washington Quarter, 4 Special Grab Bag Tokens = 3 out of 4 found good for a chance at the grab bag, Scott H. found two of the tokens which gave him two shots at the bag. First grab was a Bazinga lapel pin. Second grab was a Bazinga Abe Lincoln commemorative coin. Looks like Scott is starting to follow Harold's footsteps for most bazingas pulled! Bill B. found the 3rd token only for him to pull a junker ring.

THE MORE BAZINGAS PULLED FROM THE BAG THE MORE THE TREASURE STARTS TO SURFACE!

Notable Finds

We had a pretty good haul this time around at Pier Park. Good day for silver! Some worthy finds include:

Silver bracelet found by Bill B., Stamped sterling good luck money pendant found by Scott H., Silver ring found by Matt N. Silver necklace/heart pendant found by Harold, Silver rosie dime found by Lee H. 1927D Mercury dime found by Byron B. Buffalo Nickel found by Amy I.

Oldest Coin: (Found by our guest) 1917 Wheatie.

Next Club Hunt: Next club hunt will be New Years Day Sunday, January 1st, 2023. Ryan will be hosting this hunt as Matt will most likely be on baby leave. We will be the Safeway at 3930 SE Powell Blvd, Portland, OR 97202.

The top 6 winners:

- 1) Harold V. 79 points Silver Quarter
- 2) Lee H. 62 points Silver Quarter
- 3) Dan M. 52 points Silver Quarter
- 4) Matt N. 51 points Silver Dime
- 5) Jackee A. 47 points Silver Dime
- 5) Bill B. 47 points Silver Dime
- 6) Scott H. 46 points Silver Dime

Total clad found: \$14.74

Trash collected: 16.3 lbs.

Year to Date Trash collected: 265.62 lbs

All Hunts Trash collected: 1,074 lbs.

O.T.T.S Memorials:

TIMOTHY BOGYNSKA



Tim had a sensational run during his six year membership in the Oregon Treasure Trail Society. He seemed like an average young guy, but he became an absolute fiend with a metal detector in his hand. He made spectacular finds that most of us will never come close to finding in a lifetime of detecting.

Tim joined OTTS at age 18. His first year, he came in at ninth place in the Find of the Month rankings. His second year, he placed second to eleven time champion Dick Gaboury. The next four years in a row, he was Detectorist of the Year, dominating the find results. That kept his father Bill in second place for those four years. In 2018, he set the club record for most points in a year with 393, and the second highest in 2019 with 341. One unbelievable record he set was that he got 39 points in one month, winning nine categories and taking second place in foreign coin.

He won many club hunts. On one, he found all ten Find of the Month categories. But he didn't find gold that day, digging up a platinum ring instead.

Tim had a knack for finding silver coins. Once, he found twelve in one day. Two other times he found eight in one day. And these were at a school and a park that had been very well hunted and considered hunted out by many.

Tim just seemed to always be lucky (highly skilled). One time he and Bill went to Mt. Tabor. Tim turned on his detector and his first target was a Walking Liberty half dollar. They avoided the picnic area there for years, because Bill considered it hunted out as detectorists have pounded that area for over fifty years. Tim eventually wanted to give it a try, and he found a Barber dime and two Mercury dimes there, which seemed impossible. As Bill always used to say, "he wasn't very fun to hunt with." Anybody who hunted with him knew the feeling.

Tim was published three times in Western & Eastern Treasures magazine's Annual "Best Finds" issues for his Barber coin hoard, his 1855 \$2.50 gold coin Oddfellow's love token and his sterling box of old coins.

Tim's list of best coin finds seem unbelievable in the Portland-Vancouver metro area and make quite a type set: 1857 Flying eagle cent, 1864 2¢ piece, 1853 3¢ silver, 1857 Seated half dime, two shield nickels, V nickels, 1885 Seated dime, Barber dimes, 1853-O Seated quarter, at least four Barber quarters, around ten Standing Liberty quarters, 1825 & 1826 Bust half dollars, three Barber halves, 1876-S Trade dollar, 1891 Morgan dollar (about uncirculated) and the above mentioned 1855 \$2.50 gold coin. More common coins to him included Indian head pennies, Buffalo nickels and pre-1965 silver coins.

Notable foreign coin finds include a 1316-35 Islamic States hammered silver dirham, a 1641-56 Portugal half tostao hammered silver coin found on a club hunt, an 1846 Guatemala silver ¼ real, an 1862 India silver two anna and an 1890-1908 Kwang-Tung Province silver dime.

Memorable gold rings include a large 10K 1938 University of Pittsburgh Panthers class ring, which was returned to the former owner's son, a gold in quartz ring found on a club hunt, a gold Marine Corps ring and a gold Montana agate ring found together with a sterling one.

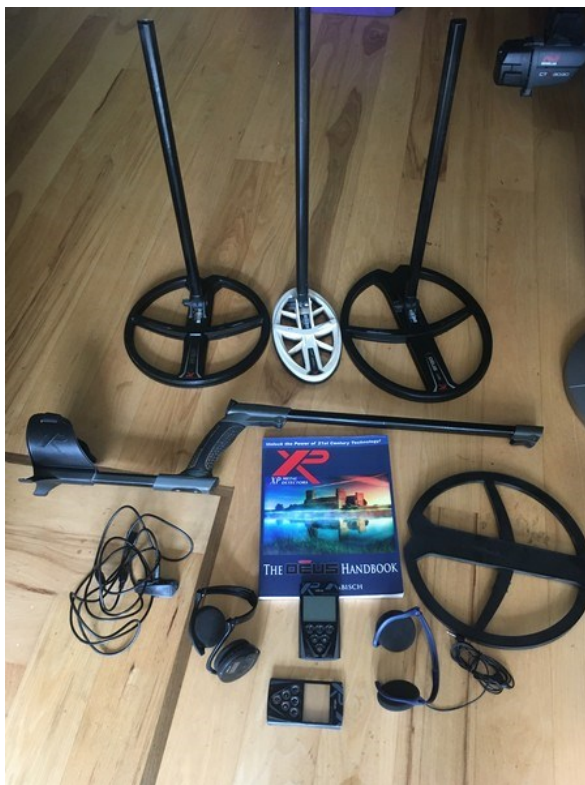
Silver items and artifacts include too many great finds to list.

The above picture shows Tim on his 21st birthday when he got his White's V3i detector. It would be an understatement to say that he did very well with it.

In December 2019, Tim married Rebekah, the love of his life, and hung up his detector. In 2021, they moved to NW Arkansas, buying a house there. Tim passed away Nov. 14, 2022 at age 27 after a year long battle with brain cancer.

Metal Detectors for Sale:

Willy A has a XP Deus, first generation for sale. Price \$1000. Package includes: Complete Detector with standard coil, a High Frequency Elliptical coil, the big coil, wireless headphones, wired headphones, charging cable assembly, extra skid plate, how to use book, and extra parts. This is a great buy for someone who wants a light fast detector. The coils alone cost a few hundred dollars a piece. Willy has found a lot of great items with it. If you are interested contact Willy at willyinges@gmail.com



Simplex for Sale:

Tim S has a Nokta Simplex for sale. Price \$300. Package includes: Complete Detector with standard coil, It is a brand new detector in the box. Never been used. If you are interested contact Tim at tshe-one2002@yahoo.com



2022 Christmas Party:



2022 President's Award Recipients: Mike and Sue M



2022 Christmas Party:



Detectorist of the Year Award Winner: Jackee A



2nd Place: Willy A



3rd Place: Ryan P



4th Place: Bill B

2022 Christmas Party:



5th Place: Matt N

6th Place: Scott J

7th Place: Kirk E



8th Place: Scott H



9th Place: Ron B



10th Place: Tim S



11th Place: Laura S



12th Place: Ed V



13th Place: Byron D



14th Place: Allys W

2022 Christmas Party:



Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Jackee A

My favorite November finds :)



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Matt N.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P.

I found my top bucket lister!!! My dream was to find a Spanish Reale, I still can't believe it happened! I dug my first Spanish silver in the final hours of Digstock day 2. Here's my 2 Reale, minted in Madrid, Spain in 1723 - almost 300 years ago. This older Reale type is also known as a pistareen.

This find is unbelievable to me in sooooo many ways. The adrenaline rush of seeing the glint of silver showing through, realizing it was a big foreign coin, and then lastly uncovering the date was INCREDIBLE. Traveling to Plattsburgh, NY for Digstock was my first crack at some really old coins, and after day 1, I had a wheat penny. But day 2 changed that and by 2pm I'd found my first two-cent and largie - my Digstock was made (a two-cent was top 3 on my list too). But detecting is always a foray into the unexpected. 15 minutes before we needed to leave for the tent I was walking a line back to the car and I hit a great signal and it was so high and pinpointed weird I honestly thought it was an aluminum can. I popped one scoop from my T shovel and when my pinpointer didn't catch anything in the hole I thought that's odd, and hit the plug. Laying on the far side out of my line of sight was the target. I reached down to grab it and saw a round brownish object, but my eyes instantly went to the shiny corner... silver?? It looks foreign, and it's a big one... could it be a Reale?? Did I just find one?? Noooooooo way did this just happen! I knelt there dumbfounded but I still had no idea what I'd found. Too big for a 1 Reale... It wasn't until my friend hurried over with some water that I could see the date. 17.....TWENTY THREE?!?! After a frantic phone call to my cousin who was one the way over he confirmed it was a 2 Reale. The rush of emotion was overwhelming to say the least. I certainly never expected to return from my first East Coast trip with Spanish silver, especially anything as crazy as a 2 Reale this old.

As a beautiful sunset appeared on the horizon, I couldn't help but feel oddly connected to the history and people that lived and worked in that field long ago. It was a very, very surreal experience I am thankful for the opportunity to dig this incredible piece of history, and for my Digstock crew who I got to share this incredible memory with. A day I will never forget!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V



I broke another digging tool recently. The ground was just too hard this summer.



Probably my best find this month.



Nice looking, but complete junk.



Found this silver 5 minutes before the club hunt ended.



Late season beach finds.



Rhinestone shark on a chain.



Silver ring found at a beach. Had been in the

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

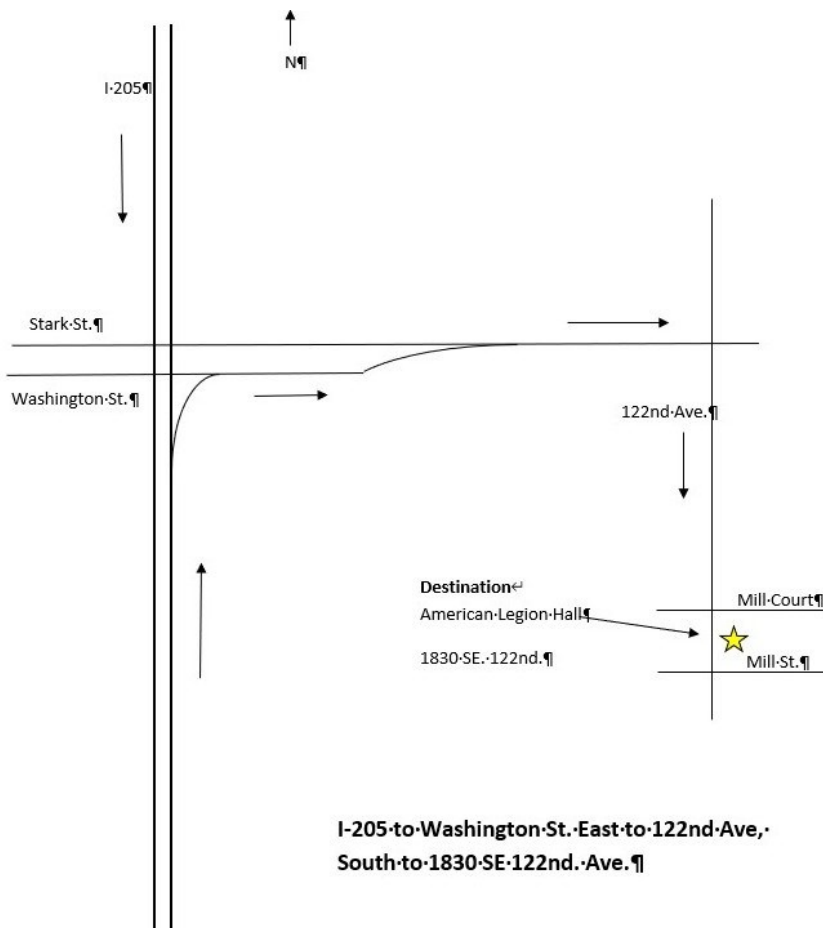
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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: Mike M

Challenge Token: