

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Submitted by Ron B: This is what the club looks like. A bunch of us together enjoying the hobby.

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

Welcome to 2024!

I am looking forward to another successful year of our Oregon Treasure Trail Society.

OTTS is in great shape thanks to our members and this past year's leadership. Remember You are what make us click!

Not every one is an officer or board member but we can all do our part to help out.

This year I am going to reinstitute Name Tags at meetings. This is as much for myself* as it is for our new members. I have asked Tim Schade, last years VP to be our Sargent at Arms. I have asked him to make sure every member and guest wears a name tag with their first and last name. He will be greeting you at the door. You will find blank name tags to fill our. Please print your name clearly in a size that can be read several feet away.

Big thanks for Ryan and Don for the end of the year hunt. We all had a good time and appreciate your efforts.

Respectfully,

President Rick Page

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 23rd, 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

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting December 9, 2023

No coins for December Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 3pm by Scott H. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. Club hunt report was given by Ryan and The Treasurers report was given by Don and was approved and passed by motion. Elections for board members were had, and the following actions took place:

Some discussion by members and the board of directors preceded the nomination for President. Luara Smith nominated Rick Page for President and this was seconded. A vote of members agreed and Rick was voted in as President of the Oregon Treasure Trail Society for 2024/2025.

Previously nominated for Vice President was Ed Verboort, A vote of members agreed and Ed was voted in as Vice President of the Oregon Treasure Trail Society for 2024/3025.

Volunteering for the Secretary position was Ron Boehm. A vote of members agreed and Ron was voted in as Secretary of the Oregon Treasure Trail Society for 2024/2025.

Don Spillman volunteered for another year at the Treasurer position.

The meeting was adjourned and the Christmas party festivities began. There was much good food, deserts and snacks for everyone. Thanks to all who participated, volunteered and enjoyed the Holiday event.

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.

**Find of the Month Winners
for 2023**

1	Jackee A	263
2	Ryan P	211
3	Bill B	164
4	Scott J	153
5	Kirk E	144
6	Harold V	138
7	Laura S	100
8	Tim S	79
9	Lee H	55
10	Scott H	49
11	Willy A	47
12	Ed V	23
13	Ron B	21
14	Tom S	12
15	Richard S	11
16	Jeff S	10
17	Rick P	9
18	Sean T	6
19	Allysin	4
20	Dan	3
21	Lee S	2
22	Chuck P	1



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

December 31st, 2023 Location: David Douglas Park, Vancouver, WA



General Information: None

Historical Information: None.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results:

28 members and 1 guest turned out for the Christmas club hunt. Don put out 50 white zinc pennies good for a silver quarter, seven gold pieces of clad good for a dime, five silver half dollars were hidden in the park, and a special token. Thanks to members who brought cookies and fudge to count out.

The club found some silver coins in the park, Tim found a Rosie and War Nickel, Jackee found a 1939 Washington Quarter and Mercury dime. Jerry found a 1919 wheat penny and won the oldest coin. A nice silver ring was found by Willy and Ryan found a broken earring stamped Mexico 925.

At count out, Kirk and Bill announced they had each found a hidden silver half dollar. Don is recovering the other three. Everyone who didn't find a white zinc penny was awarded a silver quarter, which was about half the turnout. Then members with found tokens turned them in, some members had up to four tokens good for a quarter! In all, 28 of the 50 were found. Only two of the gold tokens were found and the special token was not recovered. Extra member draws were held for each natural silver coin found on the day, and the special token prize. So five additional silver coins were given out to members by random draw. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion.

For the membership drawings, Steve E. and Dan R. won Franklin half dollars. Kirk won a \$50 gift card to Heathen Brewing donated by Tom S. Willy won a Washington quarter.



Top 6 winners:	
1) Tim S	124.5 points
2) Jackee A	114 points
3) Willy A	94.5 points
4) Lee H	69 points
5) Ryan P	65 points
6) Scott H	57 points

Total clad found: \$47.24
Trash collected: 10 lbs

Next Club Hunt: Ryan will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Saturday, January 27th. The meeting location will be announced soon, check the club calendar for updates.

We will start at 9am and count out at 1pm. Be there by 8:30am!

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: 207 lbs
All Hunts Trash collected: 1,267 lbs.
Total School Trash: 346 lbs.
Total Park Trash: 936 lbs.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Dan M

On my family's farm there is what remains of an old homestead dating back to the mid 1800's. I've detected the site many times over the past 10-15 years and found a few coins, interesting relics and lots of iron. Up until last week the only silver coin the site produced was a 1900 Barber dime. Recently I asked my dad to scrape a shallow layer of soil off using his dozer so I could get a little deeper in hopes of finding some better targets. Well, about 5 minutes into detecting the newly scraped site, my third target was this 1861 seated half dollar in very fine condition. I also found a buffalo nickel (no date), a 1917 wheat cent and a colored glass brooch on that day. I always knew there had to be more silver there - I just needed to get down deeper. Obviously this a bucket lister for me, and to date the oldest U.S. coin that I have found.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Richard S

Trash collected at November club hunt.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Matt N

Hi All!

Matt Nelson here! Hope you all are doing well and your 2024 is off to a good start. I miss you all. Clyde is now 1 and is growing fast. Hopefully I'll be able to make it to meeting and club hunts this year!

I am working on something for the club and wanted to reach out to see if any members have an extra OTTS silver round from back in the day that they could donate to my cause. The round will stay in the club of course just need it for this project. I will gladly trade you a silver round or whatever.

So if you have one, or even an extra to donate to the cause that would be awesome. Please reply to this email if you can help out.

Thanks all! Hope to swing with y'all soon

Best regards,

Matt N.

Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ed V

This is a screen shot of the new xp Go Terrain software from XP. The red line is my track (where I walked) at the last hunt in Douglas Park



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

I found a 1944-S Walking Liberty Half Dollar in Portland during December! One of the best designed coins in my opinion, I was ecstatic to find it!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V



Ok. I gave this pinpointer a chance and this is my conclusion. Not having to turn it on and off is pretty nice. Having it indicate Ferrous or Non-Ferrous is ok. Being rechargeable is great, But getting it to do it's basic function, pinpoint was painful. And the battery does not last very long. So, I would give it a miss.

Now, why would anyone put this message a junk penny? Unless maybe they were looking for change for a nickel.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Sean T

I was hoping this pocket tree would hold a Franklin or painted zinc at the dec 31 hunt, but alas it was empty.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ron B : Christmas Party



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ron B : Club 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

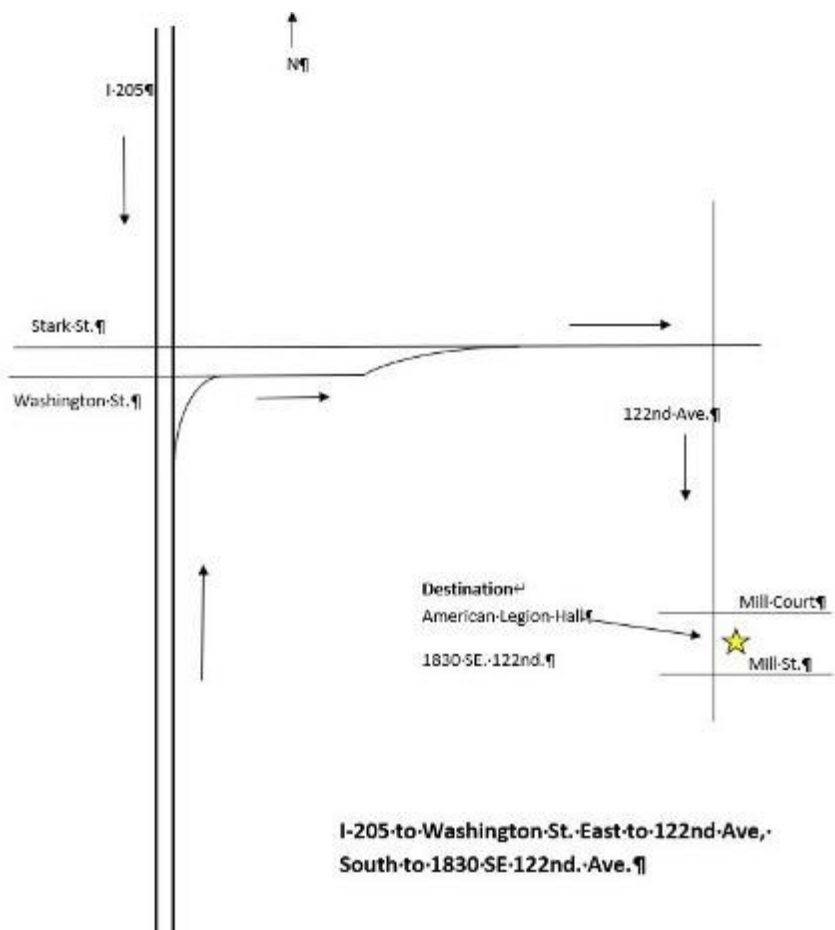
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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
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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