



OTTS NEWSLETTER

February 2019

..“Yet it isn’t the gold that I’m wanting, so much as just finding the gold.”
 – Robert W. Service

PORTLAND OREGON BASED METAL DETECTORISTS CLUB

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Well if you are reading this you may notice a few changes from our regular format. Jerry Hittle is trying his best to put together this newsletter. Hopefully Randy will be up to snuff for next month with Jerry’s help. In the mean time we can look forward to warmer weather and better hunting conditions.

You won’t want to miss the February meeting. Our speaker will be: Douglas C. Wilson, Ph.D.
 Director, Northwest Cultural Resources Institute &
 Adj. Ass. Professor, [Portland State University](#)
 Pacific West Region Cultural Resources
[Fort Vancouver National Historic Site](#)

I will try to keep the meeting to 9:00 pm or earlier.



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Minutes for meeting January 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Rick Page. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 37 members and 2 guests. The minutes of the last meeting, as published on the website, will be noted and accepted next month. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Byron reported on the December club hunt. No Birthdays were announced. Mike M won the member draw. He was awarded a Kennedy Half Dollar. The progressive draw was not awarded and a new silver dollar was added to the pot.

Old business:

Old business was discussed including a reminder that the club is still looking for a new hunt master for the club hunts. Don will do it for a two more months. Members were asked to consider being the hunt master for a month or two. A new bonus clue for the challenge token was distributed. Members were reminded that dues are due by the start of the January meeting in order to be illegible for club privileges. The summer picnic and club hunt will be held on July 14th at Rooster Rock State Park. Volunteers are needed to Chair the picnic committee.

New business:

Snack sheet for 2019 was passed around. Randy will be making a danger page on our website. Please email Randy pictures of dangerous items that were detected including bullets, Knives, needles and any other items you think might fit the category. The yearly garage sale will likely be held in the Reed College area around the end of June. There will be more information soon. Please start saving your donations.

Show and tell items and first finds were enjoyed and discussed.

Ron announced the next three club programs. February we will have a Fort Vancouver Archeologist. March will feature Belda's. April will be presented by Dick Pugh the Meteorite expert.

Mary from Lucky Dog talked about the Gold Master 24K and offered some detectors at discounted prices. She also reminded members that they will receive a 20% discount on all orders.

Big raffle winners were drawn. Monthly finds winners were awarded. Other information that club members might find helpful:.

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January 2019 club hunt



The January 2019 club hunt was hosted by Don Spellman. It was held on Saturday the 26th at Arbor Lodge Park and Gamman Park in North Portland.

We had 30 members show up and no guests. Don hid 10 regular tokens and 1 special token. Nine regular tokens were found.

The surprise items this month were dog tags. They were redeemable for a silver dime - 6 dog tags were found.

The membership drawing was won by Ron Boeham and he received a 1964 half dollar.

The top 6 point winners

1) Tim Bogynska	114 points
2) Tim Schade	88 points
3) Tim Root	72 points
4) Jerry Hittle	70 points
5) Linda Carlson	60 points
6) Jeff Sikorski	59 points
6) Bill Bogynska	59 points



Gammans Park
 N Buffalo Street and Burrage Avenue
 1.64 acres acquired in 1910

Arbor Lodge Park
 N Bryant Street and Delaware Avenue
 8.69 acres acquired in 1940

January club hunt results

(1) 18K ring, (6) Silver jewelry, (36) costume jewelry, (13) wheat pennies, (1) buffalo nickel, (2) silver dimes, (7) foreign coins, (20) tokens of which nine were club tokens. The oldest coin was a 1925 wheat penny for a total of \$42.16 in coins.

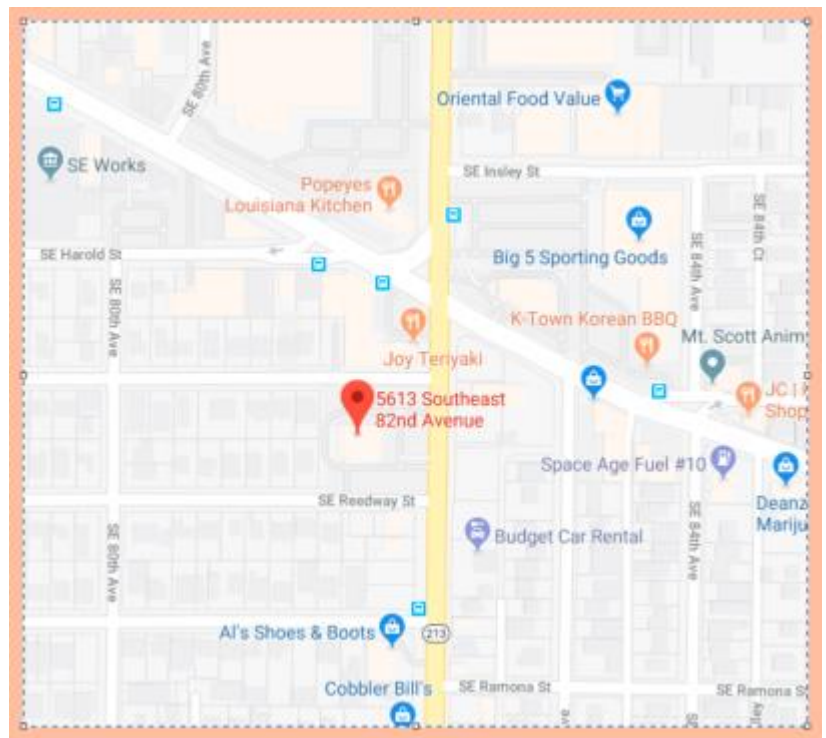
Total trash removed from the park 28.19 pounds which brings the yearly trash removed from club hunt sites to 118 pounds.

February (in March) club hunt

The next club hunt will be held on Sunday March 3rd. We will meet at the Mc Donald's at [5613 S.E. 82 Ave Portland OR. 97266](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5613+SE+82nd+Ave,+Portland,+OR+97266)

Meet between 8am and 9am where Don Spillman will provide the details on the hunt site location.

The count out will be at the end of the hunt at 1pm



thank
YOU

This will be Don Spillmans last hosting of the club hunt. A big thanks to Don for all the hard work and great hunts he's hosted.

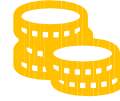
February Meeting Guest Speaker: Professor Douglas Wilson

Our February monthly meeting will feature guest speaker Douglas Wilson. Douglas is the Director of Northwest Cultural Resources Institute. He is also Adj. Ass. Professor at Portland State University. Douglas will be talking about metal detecting projects in national parks. He will also discuss collaborations with metal detectorists and archaeologists. The discussion will be followed by questions and answers.

About - Douglas C. Wilson, (Ph.D. 1991, University of Arizona). Since 2000, I have served as a National Park Service archaeologist and began partnering with Portland State University in 2001, running the Public Archaeology Field School. Since 2004, I have served as an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of

Anthropology, serving on the faculty of the Department, mentoring graduate and undergraduate students, serving on master's committees, and teaching courses in archaeological method and theory, cultural resources management, historical archaeology, and running the archaeological field school. My primary research site is Fort Vancouver, which contains the remains of the Hudson's Bay Company's headquarters, supply depot, and colonial village (ca. 1825-1860) and Vancouver Barracks (1849 to 1948), the U.S. Army's first permanent fort in the Pacific Northwest. I have also studied colonial period sites throughout the Pacific Northwest, including the Chinook Middle Village and Lewis & Clark's Fort Clatsop, and Fort Astoria/Fort George, the first terrestrial American fur trade post in the region. I integrate students from many Universities, with professional archaeologists, and volunteers with National Park Service staff to provide new scientific and historical research while interpreting National Park Service sites to the public in new and interesting ways. Major interests include public archaeology, historical archaeology, Pacific Northwest archaeology, and cultural resources management.





January 2019 Find of the Month

Oldest US Coin

- 1st Tim B., 1894 Indian head penny
- 2nd Tim R., 1897 Indian head penny
- 3rd Jerry H., 1898 Indian head penny

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Jerry Hittle., 1924-D Wheat penny
- 2nd Tim R., 1959-D Washington quarter
- Tie Tim B., 1943 Washington quarter
- Tie Ashley W., 1935 Washington quarter

US Coin

- 1st Tim R., 1942-S Walker & no date Standing Liberty 25¢
- 2nd Scott J., 1934 Walking Liberty half
- 3rd Bill B., 1954-S Franklin & 1943-D Mercury dime

Foreign Coin

- 1st Tim B., 1626-1868 Japan cash coin 1 mon
- 2nd Tim S., 1736-1795 Chinese cash coin Gao Zong
- 3rd Jerry H., 1913 Canada dime

Token

- 1st Bill B., 1933 Saint Gauden's \$20 gold copy
- 2nd Tim R., Fruity Pebbles cereal token
- 3rd Tim B., Washington tax token

Gold Jewelry

- 1st Ashley W., 14k Plumb ring w/diamonds & fire opal

Silver Item

- 1st Rick P., "Vanport Flood" sterling fork
- 2nd Bill B., Sterling NW Coast Indian ring
- 3rd Tim R., 925 Friendship bracelet

Jewelry

- 1st Tim B., 1892 Religious cross in Latin
- 2nd Byron D., Titanium ring
- 3rd Linda C., Gold tone ring w/ rhinestones

Artifact

- 1st Tim B., 1826-39 US Army "Great Coat" button
- 2nd Jerry H., 1820's Great Coat eagle button
- 3rd Ashley W., 1930's Ford tractor radiator cap

Display

- 1st Tim B.
- 2nd Jerry H.
- 3rd Tim R.

Item of the Month

- 1st Tim B., 1840-50's US Infantry officer button
- 2nd Jerry H., US Military 1885 Cavalry spur
- 3rd Tim R., Native American lead soldier toy
- Tie Colleen V., Coast Guard Aux. Post Officer pin

Best of the Best

- Ashley W., 14k Plumb ring w/diamonds & fire opal

2018 Detectorist of the year final standings

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Favorite Find

1st Tim Bogynska	393 Club record!
2nd Bill Bogynska	243
3rd Tim Schade	184
4th Rick Page	125
Tie Linda Carlso	125
6th Don Fantz	109
7th Jeff Sikorski	107
8th Laura Smith	79
9th Ron Boehm	62
10th Ed Arcement	57
11th Nancy Arcement	48
12th Don Spillman	42
13th Randy Winn	37
14th Byron Dunn	35
15th Tim Root	34
Tie John MacClanathan	34
17th Mike Maxon	33
18th Colleen VanHouten	30
19th Gary Bude	24
20th Terry Bude	20
21st Laura Alvstad-Hittle	18
22nd Jerry Hittle	15
23rd Tom Severson	14
Tie Mike Maloney	14
Tie Sue Maxon	14
26th Sandy Maloney	12
27th Dick Armstrong	11
28th Steven Criss	8
29th Dick Gaboury	6
Tie Peter Mickelsen	6
Tie Jim Cornwell	6
Tie Roger Bosch	6
Tie Steve Eichman	6
34th R.J. Banks	5
Tie Duane Larson	5



10k Gold in quartz ring
14k Lost wax casting diamond ring
Gold ruby ring
Thin gold ring
3 Silver bars on club hunt
Silver tear drop shape conch/pendant
Gold nugget ring or Gold Bar token
Civil War belt plate
Silver dancing lady pendant
Silver dollar and concrete foot
Hot rocks with Indian arrowhead
Gold & garnet ring
22k Gold filled mechanical pencil
1911 Barber half
10k Gold ring w/10 diamonds
A couple of gold rings

The final Detectorist of the Year results include the points for monthly find entries, club hunt attendance and club volunteer service. To save newsletter space, the names of people who earned fewer than five points have not been listed. The Top 15 were awarded certificates and a bonus at the Christmas party. They announced their best finds above.

Congratulations to 2018 Detectorist of the Year Tim Bogynska. He set a new club record for total points with 393, breaking the old club record of 321 set by Dick Gaboury in 2009.

Tim found 7 gold items, a platinum band and lots of silver jewelry. He had 52 silver coins, including 3 Walking Liberty halves, 2 Barber halves, a Franklin half, 2 Barber quarters and 4 Standing Liberty quarters. Type coins included a flying eagle cent, a 3¢ silver, a Seated half dime and a shield nickel, all with readable dates.

Happy hunting in 2019!

Bill Bogynska

2019 Detectorist of the Year Standings

1 st Tim Bogynska	27
2 nd Tim Root	20
3 rd Jerry Hittle	18
4 th Bill Bogynska	15
Tie Ashley Wilmes	15
6 th Tim Schade	11
7 th Scott Johnson	9
8 th Rick Page	8
Tie Ron Boehm	8
10 th Linda Carlson	7
11 th Don Fantz	6
12 th Laura Smith	5
Tie John MacClanathan	5
14 th Colleen VanHouten	4
15 th Byron Dunn	3
Tie Laura Alvstad-Hittle	3
17 th Jeff Sikorski	2
18 th Gary Bude	1
Tie Owen Fantz	1



Monthly Meeting BIG Raffle results

January Big Raffle

- Gold 1915 Austria Ducat -Byron
- 1881s Morgan Dollar - Terry B
- 1881 Morgan Dollar - Jeff S
- 1886 Morgan Dollar - Byron
- 1921s Morgan Dollar –Willy A
- 1921s Morgan Dollar –Terry B
- 1921D Morgan Dollar –Jeff S
- 1921 Morgan Dollar - Laura A
- 1921 Morgan Dollar - Tim S
- 1951S Franklin Half - Don F
- 1958D Franklin Hal f-Terry B
- 1963 proof Franklin Half -Tim B
- 1964D Kennedy half - Tim B
- 1964D Kennedy half - Herald B
- 1964D Kennedy half - Bill B
- Mystery-1983S Dime – Don F



Coins for February’s Monthly Meeting BIG Raffle

Hi Everyone,

Here is the selection of coins for the February raffle. Remember tickets are one for \$1.00, or six for \$5.00. And 25% of the ticket sales goes back to your club the remaining 75% is used to purchase the next month’s prizes.

Gold Coin

2010 \$5 dollar Gold Eagle
PCGS MS70



- 1901-O Morgan dollar
- 1921 Morgan dollar
- 1921 Morgan dollar
- 1921 Morgan dollar
- 1921 Morgan dollar
- 1921 Morgan dollar
- 1921 Morgan dollar
- 1921 Morgan dollar
- 1922 Peace dollar
- 1922 Peace dollar
- 1954 Franklin half
- 1961D Franklin half
- 1962D Franklin half
- Mystery Envelope???
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Good luck! - Jeff Sikorski

Club Challenge Token (2018)

Latest report the club challenge Token has been found

RULES:

- ✦ Please follow the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics. This is for fun and we want to be able to continue this event in the future.
- ✦ Each month, a new clue will be published in the newsletter.
- ✦ A Bonus clue will be given to those attending the monthly club meeting.
- ✦ When found, turn in the Challenge Token at the next OTTS club meeting for the prize.
- ✦ Have fun figuring out the clues and Happy Hunting!



CLUES:

- ❖ **January** - As our solar body closes each day; you must stay south of this Highway.
- ❖ **February** - Dividing Metropolis, a current gentle and slow; keep west of this (river), as North it does flow.
- ❖ **March** - You'll see this face of mine, on a dollar or a quarter; don't cross over my county line, and the search will be much shorter.
- ❖ **April** - A playground, a Ball field, and even some Courts, acres of athletes will play their own Sports.
- ❖ **May** - Though' not in plain sight, it's fair to warn 'ya, go left or go right from Texas, Nevada and California.
- ❖ **June** - Play off-leash, tend gardens, walk trails through the center, for seasonal fun all summer and winter.
- ❖ **July** - "When you're in, you get out, and you're safe wearing socks; you must run when you steal, but, think outside the box.
- ❖ **August** - When the Mercury rises, keep digging deeper. You win all the prizes; those finds are now keepers!
- ❖ **September** - Can the Challenge be found, or is it a Riddle? Are you looking around, or just in the Middle?
- ❖ **October** - Not a secret is kept, as the Winner declares: "I re-traced my steps, without taking the stairs."
- ❖ **November** - In the Southern half, you will be much warmer. For a good laugh, avoid every corner.
- ❖ **December** - Walk a straight line as the year descends, the Token you will find, where it all begins.

About Us The Oregon Treasure Trail Society was formed in 1982 when five avid hobbyists put \$5 each into the kitty and started the club as an effort to provide an organization that would unite people together with the same interests in metal detecting and searching for coins, tokens, and other small interesting treasures of the past. Today, we continue to provide a wonderful environment for those interested in this great hobby. Our club pro-vides an opportunity to join with others and enjoy spending time on outings and sharing experiences. Everyone is welcome to attend one of our meetings.

Monthly Meetings

Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings which are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in North Portland. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., and the official meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

➤ Eagles Lodge 7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

[\[Web Directions\]](#)

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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.

RECOVERY TIPS

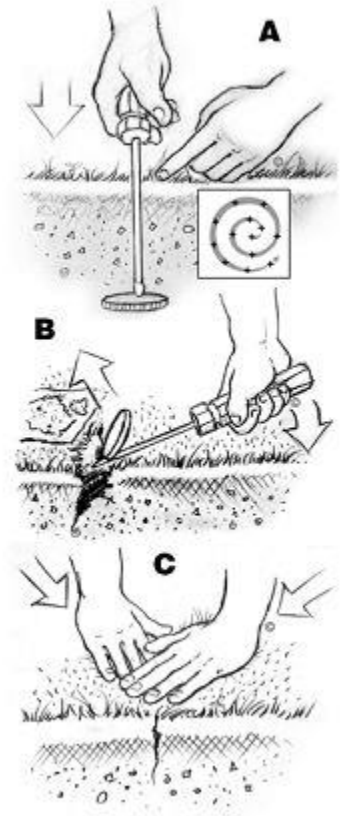
Probe

Method 1

Use this method to unearth shallow targets (1 to 4 inches), when the ground is dry and when the risk of damaging the grass is high. This method requires a bit more practice, but is much less damaging to the grass than

Method 2.

After pinpointing the target (as accurately as possible), use a probe to locate the target by pressing it down into the soil. A probe can be an ice pick or small screwdriver with the end rounded so as not to mar your target. Next, insert the probe just above the target center, and rotate slightly to open the ground. Now insert the probe just under the target at an angle and work the target to the surface. Brush all the loose dirt back into the hole and close by exerting pressure all around the opening.



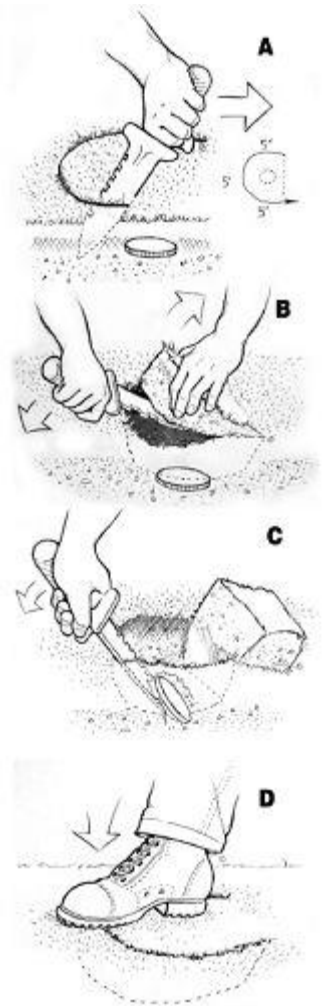
Plugging

Method 2

Use this method only where allowed in natural wooded areas or fields, or in very moist lawn areas. Removing plugs from hard, dry ground can damage the grass roots and kill the grass within the plug, leaving a yellow "dead" spot that will remain long after you leave. This leaves a terrible image and needs to be guarded against.

After pinpointing the target, cut (using a digger or a sturdy blade) a half-moon shaped plug, 4-5" deep and 4-5" in diameter, around the center of your target. Cut straight down into the ground, but leave the one side of the plug attached. Cutting a hinged plug rather than an entire "plate" will properly orient its return, prevent removal by a lawnmower and lessen the chance of scratching your target. Most importantly it will allow the root system of the plug to remain intact, keeping the plug alive and green.

Once cut, insert your knife or digger down opposite the hinge and carefully fold it back. Scan the plug and the hole to isolate the target location. If the target is in the plug, carefully probe until located, and carefully extract to minimize damage to roots and plug integrity. If the target is in the hole and not visible, use an electronic pin pointer or probe the bottom and sides of the hole until the target is located and removed. If you need to remove more dirt from the hole, carefully collect it on a rag or small tarp patch so it can be returned to the hole when finished. By placing any dirt on a cloth, it will keep the site clean and make it much easier to return to the hole. Replace all loose dirt with the plug, seat firmly and press it down with your foot to remove any air pockets. Done properly, you will leave no trace and the grass will remain healthy.



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