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Pic Submitted by Harold V: Winter. Oh joy!

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

The Hazards of Hunting:

Many times I have been faced with difficult situations while detecting in the field. Whether it was a charging dog that seems Intent on causing a reaction, to someone taking pictures of you while digging a target and telling you that you are breaking the law. If you hunt a lot like I do, you will eventually run into a situation that causes a reaction by you. How will you handle this situation? Will you be combative and challenge the insulting party or animal to a dual? Are you one that is ready to whack an angry dog if he gets too close? Do you stand your ground? Or will you simply ignore the situation and hope it goes away? Trying to reason to someone who is intent on disturbing your existence can be difficult. I haven't had a dog yet try to bite me, but some have sure got my attention, and I was ready to defend myself.

Just the other day I was hunting with a friend in a park we have both detected in for years. My friend was confronted by someone representing the city, who did come from a nearby official building. He demanded that my friend leave and not to come back as there was an ordinance protecting the park from such activity. My friend tried to communicate with this person and even tried to introduce himself in a friendly manner which was abruptly discounted with a disapproving smirk and demanded he leave. There was no communication by this "official", just a get off my property approach. My friend agreed to move on, so we left. After meeting at the truck we discussed how this person had no skills in communication and didn't offer any proof of his authority, but how it was best to not cause an incident that could have gotten out of control.

I learned that many of these people, who approach you in anger or with questions as to why you are digging in the park, are the same people who; like an HOA board member who takes ownership to everything around them, believe only they are right in any situation. Clearly they have no tact or skills, only anger drives them.

Be careful how you handle a difficult person or animal in the field. In today's world you can be accused of just about anything, and find yourself defending a situation that never even took place. Detecting in a group or with a friend is the best remedy for defusing or protecting yourself from a hazard from a person or animal.

At our next meeting I'm sure others would like to hear your story about a difficult or confrontational situation that has taken place while you were detecting. Until then; happy hunting.

Sincerely

President Scott

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 28th, 2023

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 February 28, 2023

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 25 members and 1 guest. Anthony G. was tonight's guest and decided to become a member by the end of the meeting. Welcome to Anthony for becoming member #49. Also reported was the current raffle taking place for an 1884 Carson City Silver Dollar in MS 62 condition. President Scott also reported that he is trying to raise awareness to the club through the Facebook page and was reminded that the current page is not public. He will be looking into getting us setup with a public page. 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 at this time a motion was made, seconded, and the treasurers report was accepted by the membership. February birthdays were announced. Happy birthday to Kathy B, Lee H and Jim E. Harold V. turned in 3 club tokens; one was fairly old, from a previous club hunt. Larry W. won the member draw and received a Silver half dollar. The Progressive draw was not won so for March, there will be \$2 in the kitty. Ryan gave a club hunt recap that was held at Westmorland Park, where Jackee A. found the surprise token and won the 1834 Draped bust half dollar. Ryan also reported that the next Club hunt will be Sunday the 5th of March with a special token placed for a 1943 Walking Liberty half dollar, which was donated to our club for this month. See the web site calendar for the location to meet for the club hunt. And let's thank Ron and Kathy B. for bringing snacks in tonight. Next month Linda C. will be providing snacks for our March meeting.

Old business:

Scott mentioned the registration form, for the club picnic/hunt are online, Included is a check box for volunteering. We need lots of volunteers to have a successful event. The picnic will be a pot luck lunch and we will be planting a good portion of silver dimes, and quarters into the field. Scott requested that those who would like to donate to our picnic do so soon, so we can coordinate the donations to the event or game they will go to. We need silver, foreign coins, Indians and Buffalo's for our hunt. Please look through your extras and bring them in for use in our event. Lee H. gave an accounting of his efforts in securing vendor donations for our picnic. Several major companies have already responded and more are being developed. Let's all give Lee our support in his efforts to make our picnic and hunt a great success.

New business:

Scott requested that we have a couple people volunteer to be backup FOTM coordinators in the event someone is absent. Ryan Paradis volunteered to help with this. Thanks Ryan for your support. Lee Hahn has accepted the position of Picnic Coordinator/Hunt Master. Thank you Lee (applause ensued)

Plinko and Quarter drop winners were announced, Thanks Sue and Scott J. for helping with this. Raffle winners were announced by Kathy B. (You're doing a great job)

The Find of the Month results were read, Thank you Harold and Willy for standing in for Jerry and Laura And finally Kathy reported our Gold winning ticket of this month was Lee H. Congratulations Lee

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.

Meeting Raffle Results

Winners:

Gold Coin

2-1/2 dollar Gold Coin Lee H.

Silver

2006 Silver Eagle Ron B.

2015 Panda Lee H.

2013 Canadian Maple Leaf Larry W.

2014 Australian Koala Allison W.

1896 O Morgan Dollar Scott H.

1921 S Morgan Dollar Scott J.

1923 S Peace Dollar Jim E.

1988 Silver Olympic Dollar Kirk E.

1984 Silver Olympic Dollar Steve E.

1951 S Franklin Half Dollar Lee H.

1953 Franklin Half Scott H.

1943 Walking Liberty Half Ryan P.

Mystery Envelopes

#1 2013 Silver Buffalo Steve E.

#2 1995 Andrew Jackson ?

#3 1959 Franklin Half Steve E.



Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

To Be Determined

Find of the Month Results—January 2023

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Tom S	Iron
2	Jackee A	Metal Toy Soldier
3	Scott H	Button Give Me Chocolate
3	Tim S	Key Knife

US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Lee H	1934 D Walking Liberty
2	Ryan P	1920 P Dime
2	Bill B	1971 D Kennedy Half

Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1907 Canadian Half Dime
2	Lee H	1918 Canadian Penny
3	Scott H	1997 British 50 P
3	Scott J	2006 Canadian Dollar
3	Jackee A	1971 Nederland 1 Gulden
3	Tim S	1 Euro
3	Tom S	1 Euro

Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	1954 Uncle Sam Play Nickel
2	Ryan P	One Henny Penny
2	Tim S	Car Wash Token

Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	Class Ring
2	Jackee A	10kt Peridot Diamond Ring
3	Kirk E	10kt Stevenson Class Ring

Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	Class Ring
2	Scott J	Sterling Hawaiian Name Pendant
3	Scott H	.925 Ring w Stone

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Kirk E	Horse
2	Bill B	Green Stones Bling Earring
3	Scott H	Thin Wavy Ring
3	Scott J	Religious Bracelet
3	Jackee A	Gold Colored Rose Ring

Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	Abe Lincoln Bookend Piece
2	Scott J	13 Star US Air Force Pin
2	Bill B	Harley Davidson Wings

Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1917 S Penny
2	Ryan P	1919 S Penny
3	Scott H	1940 Wheat Cent

Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1942 S Quarter
1	Tom S	1957 Quarter
2	Harold V	9 Quarters in one hole

Display

Place	Name
1	Scott H
2	Jackee A
2	Scott J

Best of the Best

Name	Item
Scott H	Class 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.

2023 Detectorist of the Year Standings

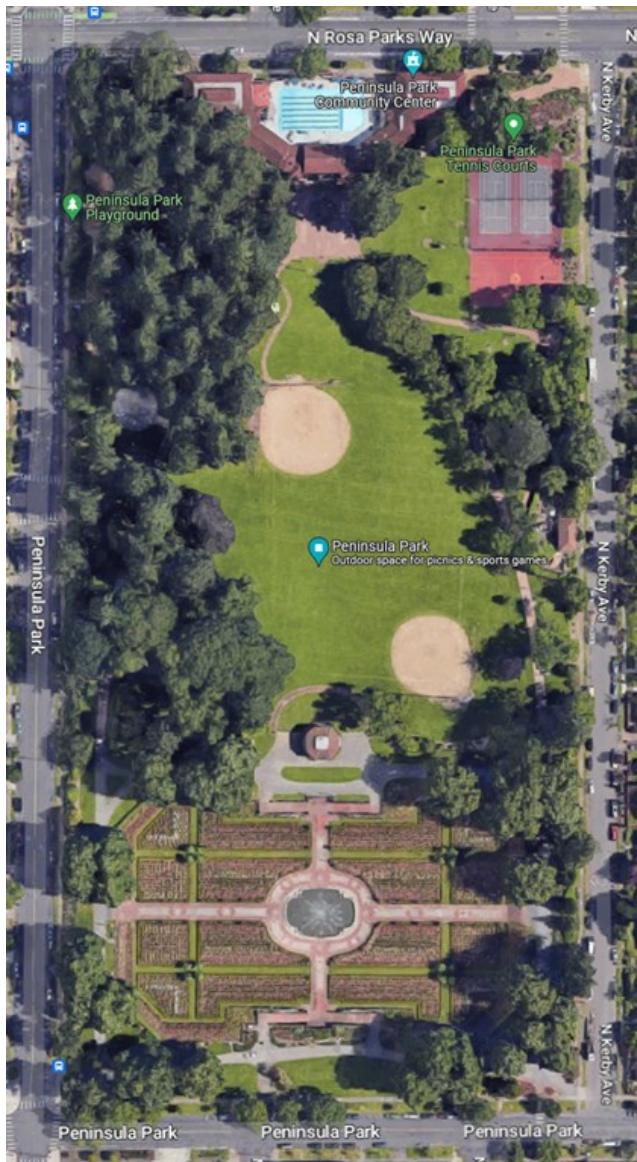
Place	Name	Points
1	Jackee A	40
1	Ryan P	40
2	Scott H	39
3	Harold V	30
4	Bill B	29
5	Scott J	28
6	Lee H	26
7	Kirk E	25
8	Tim S	19
9	Tom S	12
10	Laura S	7
10	Ron B	7
11	Ed V	2



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

March 5th 2023

Location: Peninsula Park, 700 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR 97217



General Information: None

Historical Information: The park was purchased by the city in 1909 for \$60,000 with funds raised in a 1908 bond measure. Originally owned by local businesswoman Liverpool Liz, it had been the site for a roadhouse and racetrack for quarter-mile horse racing. An autopark and campground were also included in the original parcel. Planned by renowned Oregon architects Ellis Lawrence and Ormond R. Bean, the park was a result of Portland's 1912 'City Beautiful' movement. Completed in 1913, much remains of the original features, including the lantern-style streetlights, the stone pillars, vast brickwork, and the nearly 100-year-old fountain in the center of the rose garden. Disc #4, a bronze sculpture by Jerry Allen, was installed in 1979 along the west side of the park.

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Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results: 15 members turned out for the club hunt at Peninsula. Hidden on the day were 12 regular club tokens, four special tokens, two grab bag tokens, and 1 white zinc penny token. The hunt master offered a clue none of the tokens were hidden in the lower bowl of the rose garden. Included in the special tokens was one good for a 1942 Walking Liberty half dollar which was donated by a member.

For natural finds in the park, the club had a great day. Dan, Harold, and Tom found gold rings (Harold's wasn't marked but he tested it when he got home). Don and Tom found silver dimes, Don a 1949 D Rosie and Tom a beautiful 1920 S Mercury dime. Jackee, Tylor, and Willy found silver jewelry. A few wheat pennies were found by members, including a very nice green 1917 found by Scott H. Jackee found \$8.20 in clad, which is one of the highest totals seen recently. Tom found the oldest coin on the day, an 1896 V nickel, amazing that we were able to see the date on it!

At count out, the 1942 Walking Liberty was awarded to Harold who found the special token marked with an S. Tylor found the special tokens marked with A & B, winning a Standing Liberty Quarter and Washington Quarter. Nobody found the normal club special token and Ryan couldn't remember where he hid it, so it's still in the park. Dan got to try the grab bag, getting five seconds to reach in and pull out a prize. He pulled out a nice junk ring to much excitement. Club members turned in 11 of the 12 club tokens good for a silver dime each, the remaining token is still in the park and good for a silver dime at any club meeting. Ed found a white zinc penny token with a hat on it, winning a Nokta hat.

This was the second month of extra member drawing prizes!

Willy won the first membership drawing, winning a Franklin half dollar. Tom won the second drawing, also getting a Franklin half dollar. Bill won the third drawing for a Washington quarter.

Tom donated all of his silver wins back to the club for inclusion in the Summer BBQ event. This included a silver half, quarter and dime.

Once again, for the third month in a row, nobody found the normal special token. It must be a sign we need a new one and good thing because it's lost somewhere in the park! Next club hunt will feature two special tokens worth a silver quarter!



The top 6 winners:

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| 1) Jackee | 122 points |
| 2) Tom | 81 points |
| 3) Harold | 78 points |
| 4) Willy | 58 points |
| 5) Don | 56 points |
| 6) Dan | 49 points |



Total clad found: \$39.65

Trash collected: 25 lbs.

Next Club Hunt: Ryan P will be hosting the next club hunt on April 8th (Saturday). The meeting location is TBD, check the club calendar for updates. We will be moving back to normal hours (8am - 12pm) so plan on being at the meeting spot by 7:30 am.

Year to Date Trash collected: 55 lbs

All Hunts Trash collected: 1,129 lbs.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Ron B

Some Pictures from the latest Club Hunt



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ron B

Some Pictures from the latest Club Hunt



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Matt N

Some Recent Finds



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Bill B

Bill found this 1954 Uncle Sam Play Money token in his next door neighbor's yard. He found these Harley-Davidson brass wings on his own property where his neighbor had chopped down some of Bill's brush collection.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Scott H

I had a good month hunting, and found several silver rings, a silver bracelet, and 3 gold rings. My best find was this 1969 gold class ring. My first class ring ever found. It was a bucket list find for me. I was in a local park, hunted many times, and we have had club events there as well. Well of the main park area was a small hill and at the bottom I received a loud signal, but deep on the Manticore. I speculated it was a deep penny as it was a mid tone, but just below the penny range. I like to dig signals that are a bit different this was very repeatable, but loud. I dug a good size plug and didn't find it in the plug. So I dug a couple scoops from the bottom of the hole and a coin ball fell to the side when I laid the dirt down. As I picked up this coin ball, it was odd and didn't register at first with me. It was heavy and had gold along one edge. A ring! The coin ball was a big dirty gold ring. I pushed the dirt out and looked it over. Wow. It was beautiful. I had a hard time hunting after this find. Now let's find the owner...



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V



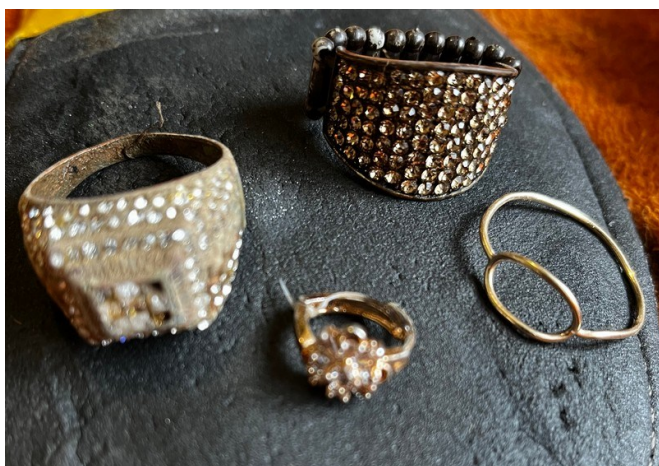
A 5 ring day



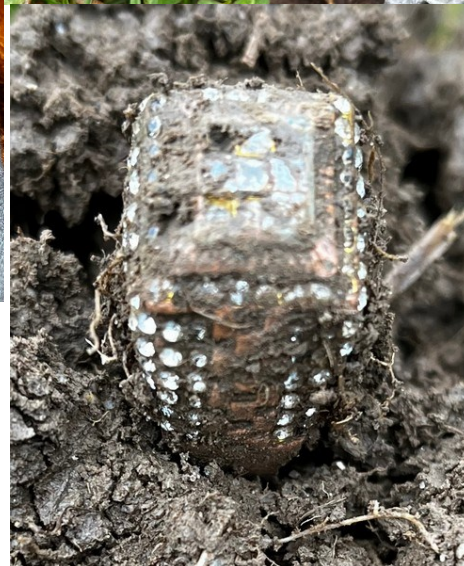
Had high hopes for this one, but at least it is silver



Penny Signal?



Can anyone say bling? And one gold



My bling king ring

Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A

Some Recent Finds



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

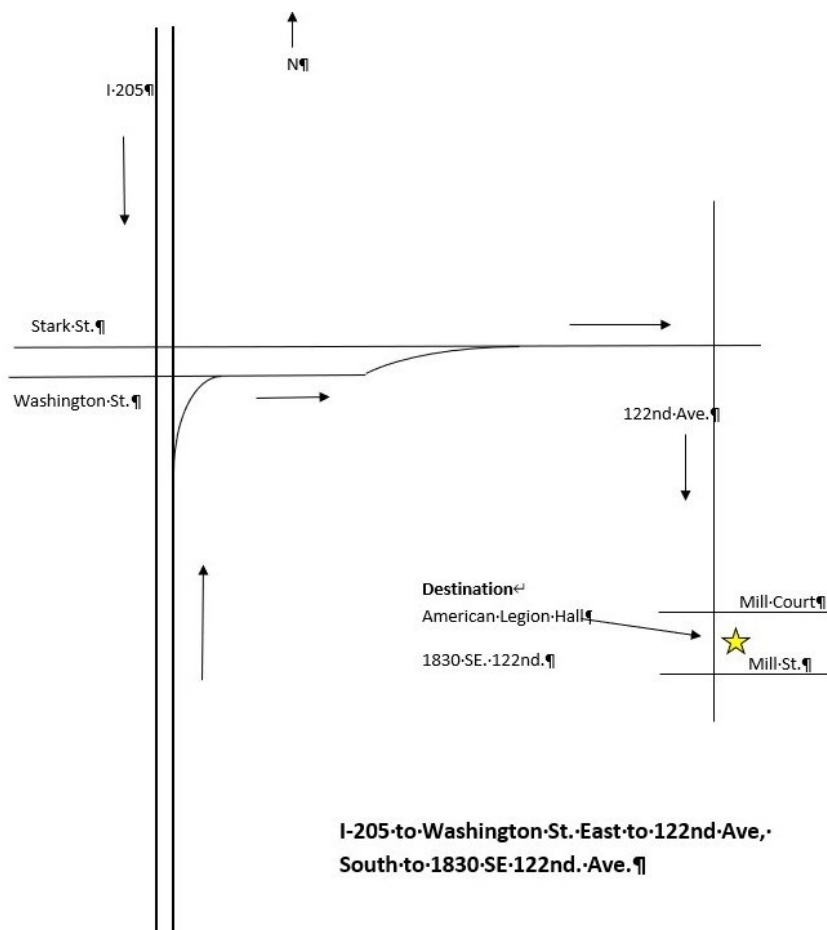
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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

In Kind board member: Ryan P

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: