

# Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Submitted by Harold V: Snow again. I know it is hard to see, but it is happening.

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## OREGON TREASURE TRAIL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

Well hopefully the adjustments to the furniture arrangement at this last meeting helped members hear each other better. I appreciate those that spoke-up about the issue. If you have other suggestions for how meetings could be better please let me know.

Membership has its ups and downs but this year our member growth has been very strong. Last meeting we had several new visitors join the club. Let's make sure we make our new people feel welcome. Introduce yourself, strike up a conversation and invite them to sit with your table or group.

Remember to bring a few extra dollars for your chance to Win the Oregon Slab of Silver. The drawing will be held at this months meeting. One dollar per ticket or 6 for \$5.

Picnic plans are progressing nicely. Ryan tells me we could have a flyer ready as soon as this next meeting. Our July picnic is one of the two big events each year ( Christmas Party is the other. You will definitely want to attend. Check out the flyer at the meeting and look for further details on the club website: [Ottsclub.org](http://Ottsclub.org)

Reminder: OTTS collects deposit containers (beverage, soda, beer, juice with 10 cent Oregon deposit) and turns them for cash. These funds help pay for extra silver and prizes for our members. Save your bottles and cans,, place in a garbage bag and bring them to the meeting. The members you can give them to are: Larry Williams, Mike Maxon and Rick Page. We ask you rinse out donated containers.

See you at the meeting.

President Rick Page

### Announcements

#### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, March 26th, 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

## OREGON TREASURE TRAIL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

### Meeting Minutes

#### Minutes for meeting February 27, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Rick Page.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Club officers and board members introduced.

Meeting attended by 1 guest and 40 members.

Willy A was awarded a silver half for the member draw. Members Lee H and Kathy B were awarded a silver half for their birthday month.

The progressive draw (1 silver dollar) was won by Laura H Ryan.

Reported on the club hunt.

Updates on the club picnic were given by Ryan.

Rick discussed soda cans, rearrangement of some seating, and name tags.

Harold briefly talked about the challenge token.

Mike reminded members of the 6 oz silver raffle to be held at the march meeting.

Ron C. is our most recent new member. He joined at the meeting. Welcome Ron.

The club ran a trial random number draw program for the member draw and the progressive draw. This experiment was met with mixed results and will be further reviewed at the upcoming board.

**Next Meeting s Snack Volunteer(s): ???**

### 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**

**1/10 oz Gold Eagle Lee H**

#### **Silver**

**1879 Morgan Ed V**

**1887 Morgan Ed V**

**2021 Kangaroo 1 oz silver round Jeff S**

**1921 Morgan Scott H**

**1922 Peace Dollar Ron B**

**2022 1 oz silver Britannia Mike M**

**2022 1 oz silver Britannia Jerry H**

**2023 Noah's Ark 1 oz silver round Kathy B**

**2023 Philharmonic 1 oz silver round Mike J**

**Mystery Envelope #1 1864 2 cent Scott H**

**Mystery Envelope #2 2 oz 1909 S Copper  
wheat cent collector coin. Steve E**



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### Find of the Month Results—January 2024

#### Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Tim S	Boy Scout Pin
2	Jackee A	Drill Bit thing
3	Kirk E	20 Side Dice
3	Sean T	Dr Scholl arch support

#### US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1936 Walking Liberty Half
2	Jackee A	1947 S Dime
3	Tim S	1941 S Dime

#### Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	1965 20 centavo
2	Willy A	1978 10 peso
3	Tim S	2016 5 peso

#### Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	Miller Clothing token
2	Ryan P	Mississippi tax token
3	Tim S	Washington tax token

#### Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	18k Gold and Platinum ring
2	Scott H	10k Gold ring

#### Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	Peridot ring
2	Scott H	Large silver ring
3	Harold V	Ring with gold center

#### Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Sean T	Jaw ring
2	Harold V	Gold plate earrings
3	Jackee A	Kids sheriff badge
3	Laura S	Red & Blue pin

#### Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Kirk E	Room 10 tag
2	Harold V	Micky mouse watch
3	Ryan P	WWI US collar disk

#### Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1909 V nickel
2	Jackee A	1917 s Wheat
3	Tim S	1917 s Wheat

#### Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1907 D Barber Dime
2	Harold V	1937 D Quarter
3	Jackee A	1945 S Quarter

#### Display

Place	Name
1	Jackee A
2	Harold V
3	Willy A

#### Best of the Best

Name	Item
Jackee A	18k Gold and Platinum ring

## 2024 Detectorist of the Year Standings

Place	Name	Points
1	Jackee A	54
2	Ryan P	40
3	Harold V	36
4	Kirk E	33
5	Tim S	32
6	Willy A	24
7	Scott H	21
8	Laura S	16
9	Bill B	13
10	Sean T	11





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

**March 3, 2024**      **Location:** Sellwood, Portland, OR



**General Information:** None

**Historical Information:** None.



## Club Hunt Details

### Hunt Results:

15 members turned out for a rather wet and drizzly February club hunt. Ed hid 10 regular club tokens in the park and two special tokens. The special tokens were good for a silver quarter and a 1 gram silver bar. Unfortunately neither token was found.

The park was really stingy on finds this time. Steve had the best find with a nice silver ring and he found 5 kid's rings in one hole. Willy found an old token from a previous hunt and 9 of the 10 club tokens I hid were found. Tim had the oldest coin which was a 1946 D penny. A few pieces of costume jewelry were found and just a few coins each.

I don't remember who won the club drawing coins. However, I do owe Willy a dime for placing 6th place.

### Top 6 winners:

1) Steve E	50 points
2) Scott H	46 points
3) Harold V	44.4 points
4) Tim S	40 points
5) Jerry H	33 points
5) Sean	33 points
6) Willy A	32.5 points

**Total clad found: \$12.81**

**Trash collected: 11 lbs**

**Next Club Hunt:** The next monthly club hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 30th. The meeting location will be announced soon, check the club calendar for updates.

We will start at 8am and count out at 12pm. Be there by 7:30am!

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: 27 lbs**

**All Hunts Trash collected: 1,294 lbs.**

**Total School Trash: 331 lbs.**

**Total Park Trash: 963 lbs.**

### Challenge Token Hunt

#### RULES:

Please follow the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics. (See last page of the Newsletter) We want to be able to continue this event in the future, so be respectful.

Remember, this is for fun.

Each month, a new clue will be published in the newsletter.

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!

#### First Clue:

Merry will be the one who finds the Challenge Token south of the Nchi wana river. All you have to do is find this in the dirt:



## **Club Member's Experiences**

**Submitted by Jackee A**

18K Gold & Platinum Ring, 9 grams! Finally something that isn't Platinaire!





## Club Member's Experiences continued

### Submitted by Bill B

Found on January club hunt at Irvine Park.

Miller Clothing Company

Good Luck

Corner 3RD & Alder St. (Portland)

Good For \$1.00 on Suit or Overcoat

The company was in business 1914-1959. The swastika was a good luck symbol before WWII.

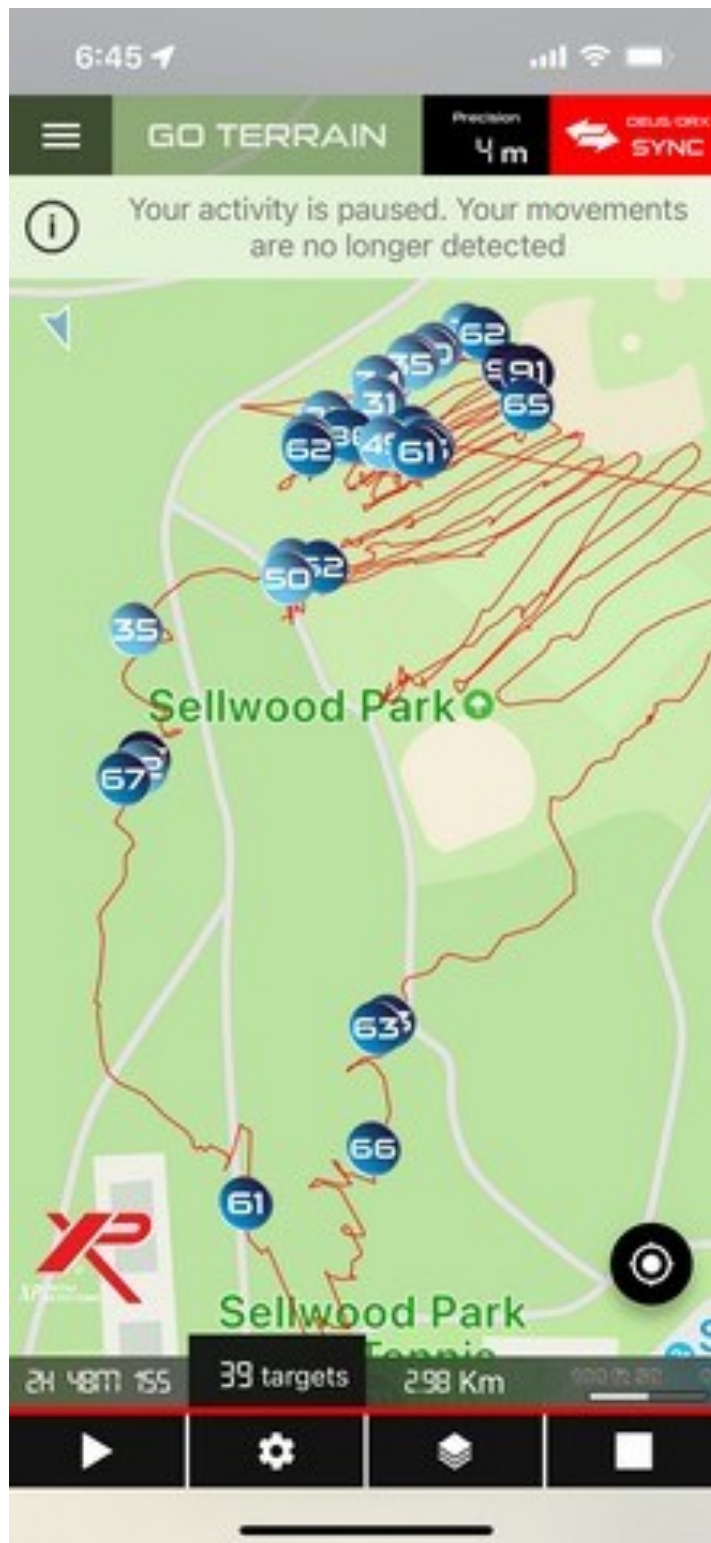




## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ed V

Map from XP Deus GO Terrain with find's locations





## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

Some finds from the past month.





## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V



I actually found 3 silver coins in one weekend.



Nagasaki spoon bowl.



Foreign coin mud imprint.



Toilet token found at Irving Park.



.925 Silver ring



Better .925 Silver ring



Found these scattered all over part of a field.



The pair really looked gold coming out of the ground. Too bad I cleaned them up.



I have found several of these things which I am told are croc shoe accessories.

## 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

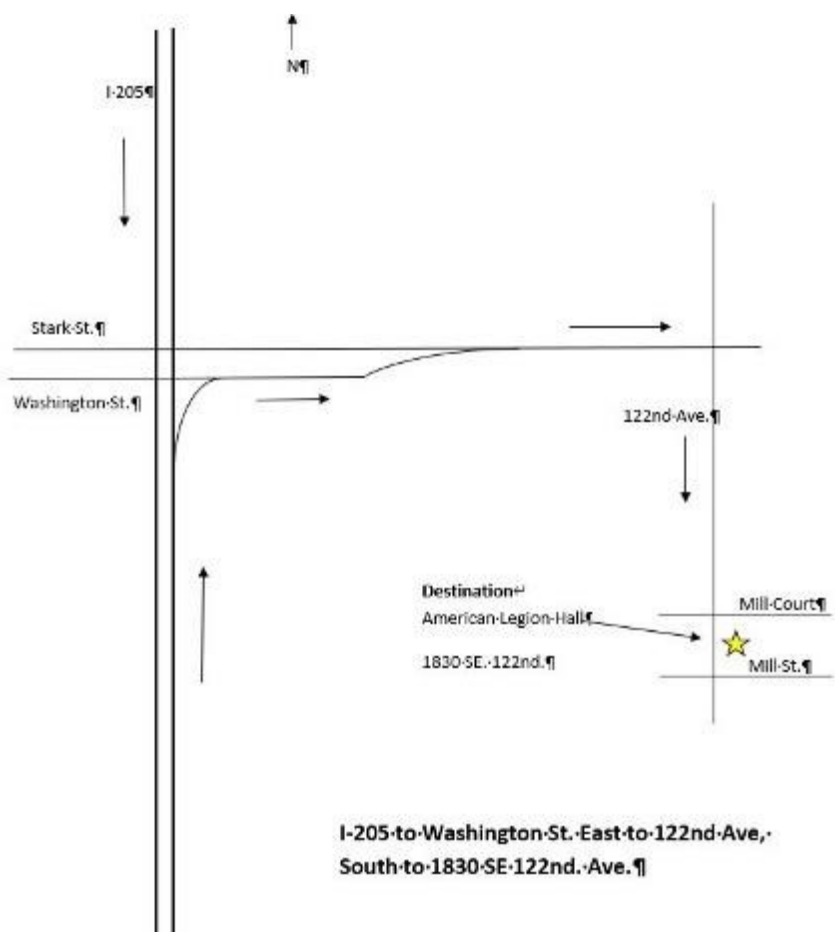
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**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