# Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

#### Welcome to OTTS 2021.

With 2020 in the rearview mirror the board and I are anxious to get back to some kind of normalcy. Because of ongoing restrictions in both Oregon and Washington not much can happen for now. We have done and are doing everything possible to function in our limited capacity. We were able to elect, as required, an Executive Board. No surprises here.

#### **2021 Executive Board**

| President      | Ron B                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Vice President | Ashley W                            |
| Secretary      | Laura A                             |
| Treasurer      | No one was elected to this position |

#### **Other Board Members**

| Past President | Rick P  |
|----------------|---------|
| Past President | Byron D |
| Past Treasurer | Mike M  |

#### **Other OTTS positions**

| Newsletter/Facebook | Editors         | Randy W, Harold V, Jerry H  |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| FOTM                | Bill B, Sherrie | e B, Linda C                |
| Club Hunt Master    | No one has vo   | lunteered for this position |

NOTE: The Board positions are elected positions and the others are appointed positions. If you are qualified and interested in the vacant Treasurer position please contact a board member so we can make it happen. If you are interested in the vacant Hunt Master position the same applies.

I would like to thank the above mentioned for their past and future involvement in the OTTS. My thanks, also goes out to other members, who also involve themselves in other club activities such as games and drawings at club meetings, the club picnic, and the annual Christmas party. I realize that for the most part these activities did not happen in 2020 but it takes group participation to make these things happen. To the members who made themselves available in 2020 I hope that you will do the same this year.

Because of the rising value in precious metals and the inability of the club to have meetings from which some of our operating revenue (table games and raffles) Is derived it is necessary to adjust some prize levels this year. 2021 club prizes will be as follows:

- 1. Membership Draw from sign in sheet 50 cent coin prize
- 2. Birthdays 25 cent coin prize
- 3. Birthday Draw 50 cent coin prize

4. Member Progressive Draw 1 dollar to start and 50 cents added for every month not won. Start over with 1 dollar after it is won.

5. Club Tokens 10 cent coin prize

A reminder that membership renewal applications are due this month. If you haven't already done so please renew your membership.

It is my unfortunate duty to inform members of the passing of member Mark Rutledge in early December. We will miss you Mark.

Happy Hunting,

Ron B



(Pictures submitted by Scott J. Silver ring found recently.)

## Announcements

### **Next Meeting:**

#### **Postponed until further notice.**

Setup starts at 5:30 p.m. Socializing starts at: 6:00 p.m. Meeting starts at: 7:00 p.m. Meeting location:

Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

### **Guest Speaker:**

No Guest Speaker has been scheduled for the upcoming meeting.

### **Birthdays for the Month:**

None have been announced.





(Pictures submitted by Scott J. Some of the rings he found on various hunts.)

# **Meeting Minutes**

None.

### **Other 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**

None.

### **Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:**

None.



(Picture submitted by Matthew N.)

# **Find of the Month Results**

None.

### 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.

# **2020 Detectorist of the Year Standings**

Suspended



(Picture submitted by Harold V. Had a weird signal on this one. Sounded good, but the VDI was strange. I decided to dig it and found three nickels and a dime in the same hole.)

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

**Cancelled until further notice.** 

# **Club Hunt Details**

### **Hunt Master Notes:**

Are you a member of OTTS? Who likes to attend the club hunts? Who would like to see them continue to be held next year? Who is going to step up and want to run them in 2021?

Next Club Hunt Details: Cancelled until further notice.



(Picture submitted by Harold V. The back side was up and it looked bad when I uncovered it. Flipped it over and it looked good. Turned out to be marked 18kt filled.)

# **Club Member's Experiences**

#### Submitted by Matthew N

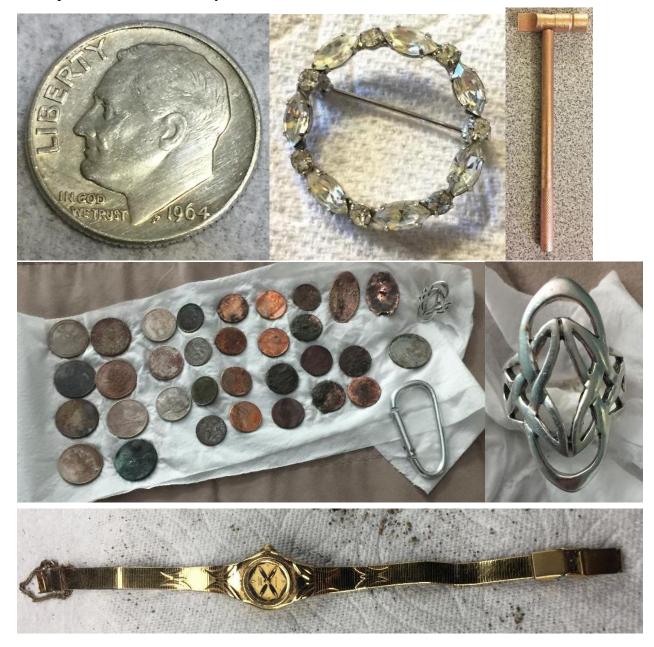
Hi there hope all is well. First, My wife and I want to thank the OTTS for the wonderful Christmas gifts. Very thoughtful.

Here are a few things from recent hunts. Hope we can meet again soon!



#### Submitted by Scott J

Some pictures from some of my recent hunts.



#### Submitted by Harold V

I would like to say that I have gone to 3 places where the club tokens have been left behind and not found one of them. Bill B found one. Terry B did a great job of hiding them or someone else has scooped them up.



Left Picture: Busted up ring that says Portland Timber Hawks Memorial Cup Champions. Right picture: 7" deep Buffalo nickel found at Clinton City Park. Went to park to find a club token.



Left Picture: Does this look familiar? Wet, wet, wet. This isn't even at the beach. Right picture: 2 Silver items found on one hunt.

### Submitted by Willy A

Willy found 2 Silver items on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.



# **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. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., and the official meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. Meetings are held at the Eagles Lodge located at:

7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

#### Web Link to O.T.T.S. Location:

https://www.google.com/maps/place/Fraternal+Order+of+Eagles/@45.5839492,-122.7260428,17.16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x5495a7eeffbf6831:0x80dc15723d738faa!8m2!3d45.5835352!4d-122.7249067?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 and Extracurricular Positions**

#### **Board Members**

| President: R | lon B |
|--------------|-------|
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#### **Other Club Contacts**

Newsletter/Website Editors

Find of the Month Team

Bill B Sherrie B Linda C

### Club Hunts: Terry B Forms Support: Sue F

Raffles: Jeff S Challenge Token: Scott J Website: Randy W Website: Jerry H

Newsletter: Harold V

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