

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

Summer is official. It's here and it is shaping up as a hot one. With the summer picnic less than 2 weeks away this is my final opportunity to pass on this year's plans. We officially begin at 10 am on Sun, July 18. Set up will start at 7 am. Feel free to come early and assist in set up. **WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEER HELP FOR GAMES.** Please contact Laura A.H. if interested. A reminder that you must pay to park. There is a \$5.00 daily fee.

As previously discussed, (both at meetings and in the previous newsletters) the club will not provide a barbeque and we will not have a potluck. **YOU NEED TO BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH.** The club will provide water and soda. In addition, individually wrapped snacks, such as cookies and chips will be provided by the club. If you do bring a personal BBQ it should be propane. We don't know at this time what restrictions regarding open flame there will be. If you have an extra ice chest we can probably use it, so bring it along. If you have any special requests for items, such as the club is providing, contact Laura A.H. and she can possibly help.

The competition hunt will begin at 1:30 pm and end at 2:30 pm. A reminder that we have a special permit and detectors cannot be used anywhere else in the park. A full list of hunt regulations may be found on the club website (ottclub.org) listed on the competition hunt registration form. A few suggestions for the hunt:

Hydrate

Carry water

Wear a hat

Wear thin gloves (coins may be hot)

Remember to bring sun screen and bug spray

Raffle prizes, token redemption prizes and drawings will follow the hunt so plan on a full day.

See Everyone There,

Ron B

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

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.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting June 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Ron B. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 34 members and 1 guest. The minutes of the last meeting, as published on the website, were noted and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Matt reported on the June club hunt. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins were given. The monthly birthday draw was won by Diane H. She was awarded a 1942 half. Bill B. won the member draw. He was awarded a 1945 Half Dollar. The progressive draw was awarded to Harold V. New silver was added to the pot.

Old business was discussed. Ron reminded the members of our ongoing pop can and penny jar and food drive donation jar. The picnic is on. Due to state regulations, we will not be allowed to have a potluck. The club will supply pop, water, individually wrapped chips and cookies. Picnic raffle tickets are on sale now. We will be raffling a metal detector, head phones and many other great prizes. You don't need to be present to win. Be sure to put your name on the back of your tickets if you will not be at the picnic. There will be no diggers or pin pointers allowed at the hunt. No large coils. A stock coil or smaller will be allowed. Teri talked about mud hunting at PIR. Her talk was interesting and informative.

New business was discussed. Harold and Willy will be taking over Finds of the Month (FOTM). Bill B gave an update on Tim B. Everyone in the club wished him well. Don S was voted in as Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Please remember no outside food is allowed in the Eagles building.

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

1999 US 1/10 oz gold- Mike J

1881-S Morgan dollar- Rick P

1887 Morgan dollar- Krystal F

1886 Morgan dollar- Ashley W

188-O Morgan dollar- Ashley W

1886 Morgan dollar- Sue M

1889 Morgan dollar- Brian L

1880-O Morgan dollar- Kirk E

Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

None have been announced.

Find of the Month Results

FIND OF THE MONTH REPORT By Bill Bogynska

After having major eye surgery in early May, my vision has not turned out as well as hoped. I can see things but there is much distortion. Reading is doable but not easy. I have given up on being able to drive again and cancelled my car insurance.

Accordingly, it is now time for me to turn the Find of the Month (FOTM) over to someone else. This was tough for me to do as I have been the longest serving FOTM person in the history of the club, originally starting in the late 1980's, then taking some time off and now having served continuously since 2011. The May FOTM was mostly done by my wife Sherrie. There's a lot of behind the scenes work that you don't see, like summarizing the points for the Detectorist of the Year standings and typing the monthly results for the newsletter. Sherrie has had to become my driver and has to do additional tasks that I formerly did. It is too much for me to ask of her to take on the FOTM every month.

I explained this at the June meeting and asked if anybody would like to take over my position. Fortunately, Harold volunteered to be your new FOTM Chairman. He based this on the condition that somebody take over his position as Newsletter Editor by the end of the year.

I'd like to thank Harold for succeeding me. I thank Linda C. for being my dependable assistant and for her help in entering finds for many past years. I also thank everybody else who has ever helped with the FOTM over the years. It's been a fun run.

May 2021 Find of the Month Results

Oldest US Coin

1st Ryan P. 1872 Seated Liberty Dime
 2nd Rick G. 1917 Wheat cent
 3rd Willy A. 1946 Wheat cent

Most Valuable US Coin

1st Kirk E. 1943 P Quarter Silver quarter
 2nd Rick G. 1967 Kennedy Half
 3rd Tim S. 1928 Mercury
 Tie Ryan P. 1942-S Mercury

US Coin

1st Harold V 1943 Mercury
 2nd Laura A. 1926-D Mercury
 3rd Linda C. 1964 Quarter

Foreign Coin

- 1st Ryan P. 1873 Japan 1 Sen
- 2nd Willy A. 1969 Peruvian Un Sol
- 3rd Linda C. 1981 Mexican 20 Peso

Token

- 1st Jerry H. Tillamook Cheese Factory
- 2nd Kirk E Restroom Token
- 3rd Willy A 2 Elongated Pennies

Gold Jewelry

- 1st Harold V. 14kt Religious Pendant
- 2nd Willy A. 10K Diamond Ring
- 3rd Scott J 14kt Ring

Silver Item

- 1st Laura A. .925 Chinese Hearts Ring
- 2nd Harold V Elephant Spinner Ring
- 3rd Ryan P. ST Christopher Sterling

Jewelry

- 1st Harold V. 1988 Wassila Class Ring
- 2nd Bill B. Multi-color Stone Ring
- 3rd Rick G. Celtic SS Ring

Artifact

- 1st Scott J. Door Plate
- 2nd Willy A. Alcatraz Tin Treasure Chest
- 3rd Tim S. Lead Button

Display

- 1st Scott J.
- 2nd Harold V.
- 3rd Jerry H.

Item of the Month

- 1st Scott H. Bunker Hill Lead Ingot
- 2nd Tim S. Tootsie Car
- 3rd Kirk E. Swiss Army Knife

Best of the Best

- Willy A., 10kt Diamond Ring

Find of the Month Entry Form:

Located on the O.T.T.S. website: <https://ottclub.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.

2021 Detectorist of the Year Standings

1st	Rick G	40
2nd	Willy A	38
3rd	Harold V	38
4th	Scott J	34
5th	Jerry H	24
6th	Tim S	24
7th	Laura A	17
8th	Ryan P	17
9th	Linda C	11
10th	Kirk E	10
11th	Matthew N	10
12th	Bill B	7
13th	Steven E	1

O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

The OTTS May Club Hunt was held on June 19, 2021 (Saturday). We met at the parking lot at Fred Meyer 7555 SW Barbur Blvd, Portland, OR 97219. The Club met between 7:30 & 8 am. Members left for the hunt at 8 am. 13 members attended. All members stayed for the count out at 12 pm. The hunt was held at the Ida B. Wells High School. It was hot, the ground was hard, but we had a blast.

They hid eight regular club tokens, one special token and two "Good For" tokens to be redeemed at the club meeting. The Special token was found by Ashley W. 4 of the 8 Regular tokens were found. None of the "Good For" tokens were found. The other tokens were NOT picked up by the hunt masters.... so go find them and get rewarded with a shiny silver dime!

Bill B. won the membership drawing which netted him a Walking Liberty Half.

The top 6 winners at the hunt were:

Matthew N.	73 Points
Harold V.	66 Points
Jerry H.	59 Points
Laura A.	53 Points
Tim S .	49 Points
Bill B.	48 Points

Oldest coin found was a 1957 D Wheat Penny.

The other notable finds were by two members that had left before count out. Scott H found a silver ring, a 1960 silver dime, and the super cool Bunker Hill Lead Ingot. Ryan P. found a Sterling silver St Christopher Pendant that was engraved "Merry Xmas Scott 1966"

\$34.05 in clad was found for the day. As we all know, this park has been hunted many times, but some goodies were still left to be found.

Total Trash collected during the hunt: 8.27 lbs.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Master Notes:

None

Next Club Hunt Details:

The next club hunt will be at the Picnic on July 18th. Please stay tuned for August for the next real club hunt.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Rick G

Here are a couple photos of my step son Cole Lindsley trying out metal detecting for the first time when we were on vacation in Florida. We were at Manatee beach on Anna Maria island.



Submitted by Ryan P

My cousin sort of jokingly invited me up to his house for a hunt on his birthday (June 12). As we live 3 hours apart, I don't know if he actually thought I would accept. When I said yes let's do it, we settled on a good spot he knew had some potential, but expectations were low. Neither of us had ever popped a silver coin while hunting together and it was going to take some work to access the site. Loading up kayaks we set off and hauled them down to the beach. After loading up our equipment we paddled out into Puget Sound, keeping an eye on the current. We arrived at our site after about 15 minutes and the tide was going out. I decided to hit the shoreline where the water was receding. A few clad quarters and pennies. Not long after that my cousin found a wheat penny a little higher up on the bank. I decided to shift gears and hit the flat areas above the high tide mark where scattered vegetation was growing. After about 30 minutes I had two signals on my Equinox in close proximity. Focusing in on the left signal first it was a clad dime. The right signal was the same VDI, 24-26 and shallow. Expecting another clad dime I saw wheat/wreaths on the back of a dark coin and thought "oh cool a wheat penny." When I flipped it over and saw the obverse I nearly lost it, it was an 1872 Seated Liberty dime! I

said to myself no %@\$&ing way! I yelled at my cousin, and as he hurriedly came over, I was dancing around with a huge smile. I just extended my hand out and let him pick it up and see for himself. He nearly lost it and almost shoved me over! Here was a 149 year old coin, which also eclipsed my previous oldest coin by 15 years. That really got us both jacked up and the day had only just begun. A little bit later in some loose sand, essentially sitting at the surface I discovered a 1944 Merc. Moments later my cousin said “I’m on the board” and showed me a 1920 Merc. We continued to comb the area above high tide, and what happened next I wasn’t prepared for. My cousin yelled over “hey I found a military button” and we looked at it in bewilderment and excitement. Neither of us knew what it was but that it was old, in great shape and foreign. It had French wording and a “No.25” with a bird on it. Some quick googling had us both speechless. Here, in amazing condition was a Haitian Military Phoenix button with a regimental number clearly showing. It's just an awe inspiring find with an amazing history! With the sun beating down on us we kept swinging determined to find more. I found a 1942 Merc shortly thereafter and then as our stamina was on empty, I made one last quick sweep around and I found a great signal. It was 27-28 on the Nox and I said ok here is my last target and out came a 1946 Rosie! The day concluded with a total of five silver dimes between us and an amazing 1800s relic. Needless to say, we'll both be talking about this day for a long time. It was such an amazing experience to share the moment of each big surprise. We may need to turn his birthday into an annual event! I know I have a new lifelong memory of this legendary day full of dancing, fist bumps, smiles, and sunburn.





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!1s0x5495a7eefbf6831:0x80dc15723d738faa!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: Ron B

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Secretary: Laura A

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At large: Byron D

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Find of the Month Team

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