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Oregon Treasure Trail Society members at the Fernhill Club Hunt.

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

“The strength of the Team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.” (Phil Jackson)

As I was thinking the other day about our team of individual members who make up the Oregon Treasure Trail Society, I realized that this quote was perfect for who we are. We are a group of people who have a desire to succeed in a hobby we love, by being involved as a team. Our strength is in our foundation of teamwork and dedication. Thank you to all.

By the time this message is posted in our newsletter it will be mid July 2022. The weather has turned for the better; and the club will have held its annual picnic and club hunt at Rooster Rock Park on the 11th of July. I will be excited to report on some details of this event next month. But let me say thanks to a dedicated team that has put it all together. Once again good food was eaten and memories have been shared with friends.

This being our 40th Anniversary of the Oregon Treasure Trail Society, I can honestly say our club is in good standing with our finances and operations. Our membership is growing and we have successfully made the transition to the American Legion Hall. I would like to personally thank all of our committee leaders who keep our club operating smoothly and enjoyable. You do a fantastic job! We are all winners because of the dedication and commitment you provide

Scott H.



Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Setup starts at 5:30 p.m.

Socializing 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 June 28, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Ron B. standing in for President Scott H. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 24 members and 2 guests, (Robert and Paul). Welcome new members Marshall M. Charles P. Terri J. and Leo D. Ron B. 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, motions made and accepted by the membership. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins given. The monthly birthday draw was won by Diane H. and he was awarded a 1945 Walking Liberty half dollar. Don S. won the member draw and received a 1902 Barber half dollar. The Progressive draw was won by Ron B. who won a 1025 Peace Dollar. New Silver was also added to the pot for next month. Jackee A. gave a club hunt recap at the from the Cedar Hills Elementary School in Beaverton. Jackee reported on our next Club Hunt on Saturday July 2 May 29. See the newsletter calendar for time and location details on this event. Donations were also collected by the membership for the Fremont United Methodist Church. Snacks tonight were brought by Sherrie B and Diane H. Thanks to them for their efforts. Ron and Kathy B and Jerry and Laura H. will be providing snacks for our July meeting.

Old/New business was discussed. The Picnic was the center of discussion with Byron D giving a report and answering questions. In attendance was Leo Dillon of Oregon Metal Detector Sales from Salem Oregon. Thank you Leo D. for bringing such great prizes for our picnic, and welcome back to the club. Please remember there is a \$5.00 parking fee at the park. The picnic games will start at 10am. Kids hunt (12 and under) begins at 10:30 to 11am. Lunch is served between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. All games will close at 1:15 and the adult club hunt will begin at 1:30 to 2:30pm. Remember that there are no digging tools allowed, you must wear headphones and it is suggested to wear gloves (coins can get HOT if it's sunny for the event). This event is a pot luck lunch, if your name ends in A-H please bring a desert, if your name ends in I-N please bring a side dish and if your name ends in O-Z please bring an appetizer. Please be there early to help setup as there are a lot of tasks to be completed prior to the opening of the event.

The FOTM results were read by Laura H. Let me at this time thank Ron B. for filling in for me at this meeting while I was incapacitated.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00. Thanks to all that attended.

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

1999 1/10oz American Eagle Gold coin Sue M

Silver Morgans

1921 Mike J.

1897 Tim S.

Silver Other

1999 Painted Silver Eagle Steve E.

2021 1 Oz. S. Korean CHI Woo Steve E.

1895 Barber Half Mike J.

1958 Franklin Half Sue M.

1963 Franklin Half Steve E.

1964 Kennedy Half Bill B.



Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

2021 gold Panda 3 grams

1879 Morgan Dollar

1921 Morgan Dollar

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1893 Columbus Half Dollar

1940s Walking Liberty Half

1952 Franklin Half

1963d Franklin Half

1964 Kennedy Half

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Find of the Month Results—June 2022

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	Cap Gun
2	Scott Jo	Knife
2	Jackee A	1916-1918 belt buckle

US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1920 Merc
2	Bill B James	Polk \$1 Dollar
3	Willy A	John Adams \$1 Dollar

Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1956 Canadian Quarter
2	Willy A	1942 Mexican Penny
3	Bill B	1984 France 5 Centimes

Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	Venetian \$1 Chip
1	Willy A	American Bicentennial Token
3	Ryan P	Oregon Sea Lion Cave Token

Gold Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	Alpha Delta Phi Pin
2	Jackee A	10K heart ring

Silver Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Willie A	Silver ear ring
2	Jackee A	Pitman & Keeler Bracelet
3	Bill B	Silver clasp

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott J	18k? Ring
2	Bill B	Turquoise Paw
3	Willy A	Necklace

Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	Butter Creek key fob
2	Ron B	3 ring civil war era bullet
2	Laura S	100 year old Brass Cupboard pull

Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1901 S v-nickel
2	Ryan P	1902 Indian cent
3	Willy A	1948 Jefferson Nickle

Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1917 S Buffalo Nickle
2	Ryan P	1918 S Buffalo Nickle
3	Willy A	7 quarter spill

Display

Place	Name
1	Jackee A
2	Willy A
3	Bill B
3	Ryan P

Best of the Best

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	Alpha Delta Phi Pin

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.

2022 Detectorist of the Year Standings

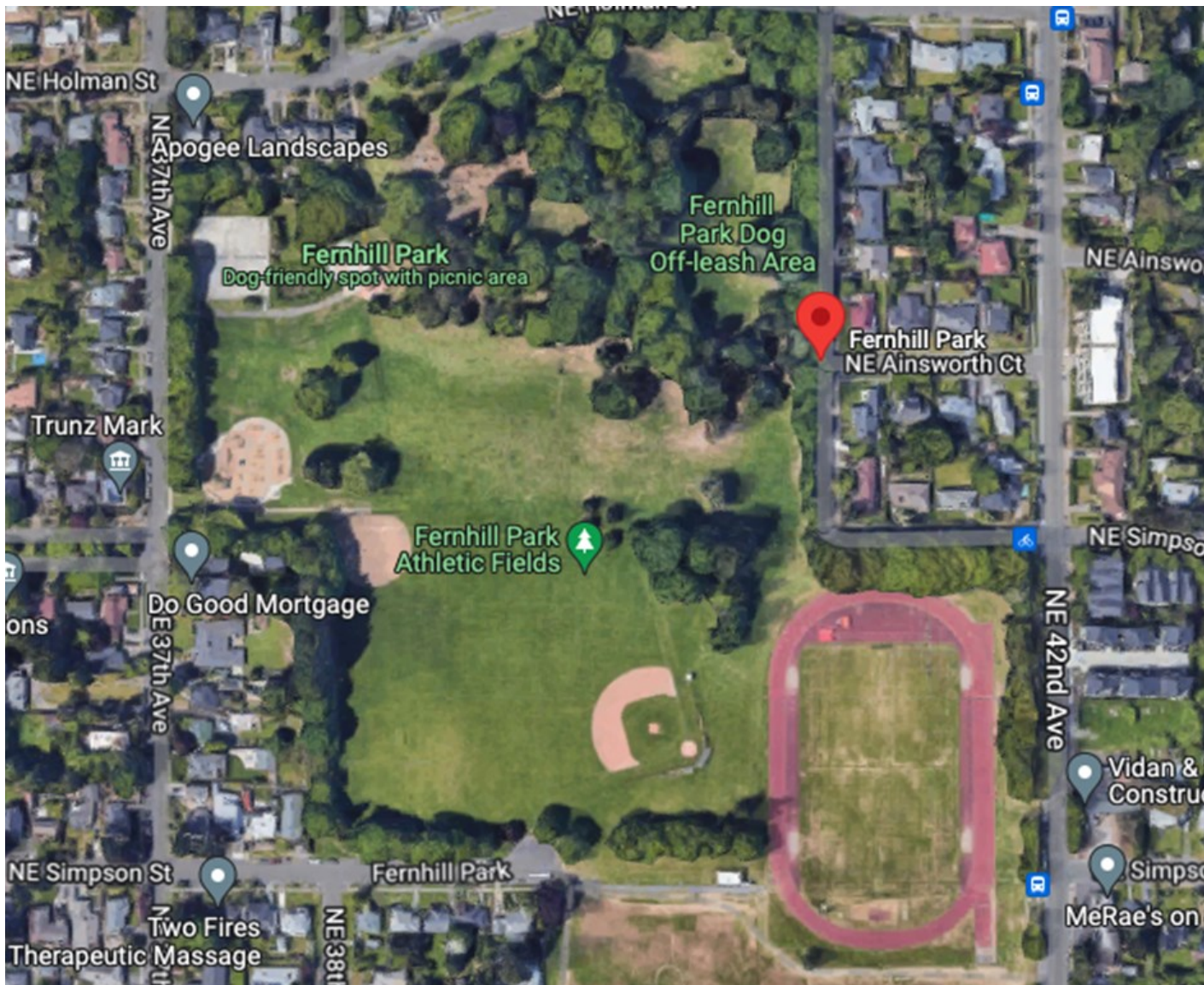
<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Willy A	119
2	Jakee A	118
3	Ryan P	110
4	Bill B	97
5	Scott J	84
6	Matthew N	54
7	Ron B	41
8	Laura S	33
9	Scott H	27
10	Kirk E	24
11	Tim S	21
12	Byron D	16
13	Lee H	11
14	Ed V	8
15	Allysin W	7



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

June 2022

Location: Fernhill Park 6010 NE 37th Ave, Portland, OR 97211



General Information: Located in NE Portland

Historical Information: Acquired 1940. According to rumor, the land that is now called Fernhill Park was used as a dumping ground for stolen cars. Auto thieves would steal cars, take them to the ravine, and strip them down for parts. Portland Parks & Recreation 'rode to the rescue' and removed briar patches, graded the hills, and planted grass – turning this one-time valley of vandals into a beautiful park for everyone to enjoy!

In 2018, Fernhill Park received a new splash pad and an expanded play area with new play equipment thanks to funds from the 2014 Parks Replacement Bond and System Development Charges.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results: The OTTS June Club Hunt was held on Saturday July, 2nd 2022. We met at the Walgreens parking lot located at 5420 NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97211. 17 members of the club and 1 guest met between 7:30 and 7:45 am. The club left for the park at 8:00AM. It was a good start to the Fourth of July weekend with mild weather; which made for a nice day of hunting in the park. As we all know, the summer months suck up the moisture in soil which leaves us digging in tough ground. Ed V. won the member drawing which netted him a nice Barber Half-Dollar. Since no one found the special token at the last club hunt, Matt and Ryan decided to host another membership draw. Jerry H. won himself a shiny silver quarter.

Club Hunt Token Count

10 OTTS stamped tokens = 7 of 10 were found good for 1 silver dime

1 Special Token = The special token was NOT found and still remains in the park. You all know what that means!

2 Special Grab Bag Tokens = 1 of 2 were found good for a chance at the grab bag

This was the second club hunt that introduced this new fun way to have members look for other tokens and try their luck in the grab bag. Like metal detecting, the grab bag is full of some great things, and well, some good things. We decided that you only get 5 seconds of rummaging in the bag.

It seems like Harold V. has the best luck at finding these special tokens as he is the only member so far to have found one. Unfortunately, he isn't having the best luck at pulling something good from the bag. He found himself grabbing a Morgan dollar sized item only for it to be a vintage Gold Dust Casino gaming token. Better luck next time!

The top 6 winners:

- 1) Harold V. 76 points Silver Quarter
- 2) Ryan P. 60 points Silver Quarter
- 3) Matt N. 50 points Silver Quarter
- 4) Tim S. 47 points Silver Dime
- 5) Scott H. 44 points Silver Dime
- 6) Ed V. 41 points Silver Dime

Total clad found: \$19.64

Trash collected: 11.2 lbs.



Next Club Hunt: Ryan P. and Matt N. are still discussing if there will be a club at the end of July. We will send an email as soon as it is finalized. BE SURE TO BE THERE FOR THE CLUB SUMMER PICNIC JULY 10TH!

Club Hunt Details (continued)

Big shout out to Scott H. who was the real winner of the day. Scott was near the playground when he got a deep iffy signal on his Deus 2. After pecking away at the hard ground, he found himself about 8 inches down staring at something with a glowing shimmer. To his amazement, Scott had just unearthed a 1884S Morgan Silver Dollar! The whole club was in awe and Scott had a smile from ear to ear as he had just checked off a personal bucket list item. Scott also found a beautiful silver turquoise ring in the same vicinity. Congrats on one heck of a find in a 1940's park!

Other Notable Finds:

1900 V Nickel and silver ring found by Ryan P.

Two silver earrings both found by Harold V.

Silver jewelry found by Ed V.

22 pieces of costume jewelry



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ed V

Dug coins cleaned, rolled and ready for the Bank. My form of recycling.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A

Here's some of my favorite finds from last month.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

I had a really fun hunt out on an old beach. I had my Equinox as usual and the first fun find was a very rough Mercury dime, date unknown. The next coin was a 1927 buffalo nickel, and my first buffalo with a legible date on it! Then, a 1906 Indian head penny popped out. The day could have ended there and I'd been pumped, but there was some icing on the cake to come. Shortly before we left I got a 12-13 signal and it was a clad nickel, and then next to it another 11-12 I figured it was more of the same. But the gleam of gold was obvious and "1832" had my head spinning. It was a small pin, with a moon and crescent on it. After some research it is an Alpha Delta Phi fraternity pin, probably 1920-1930s vintage. AAA precious metals confirmed it is 14k gold! What an amazing day to find three awesome old coins and a gold pin.



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

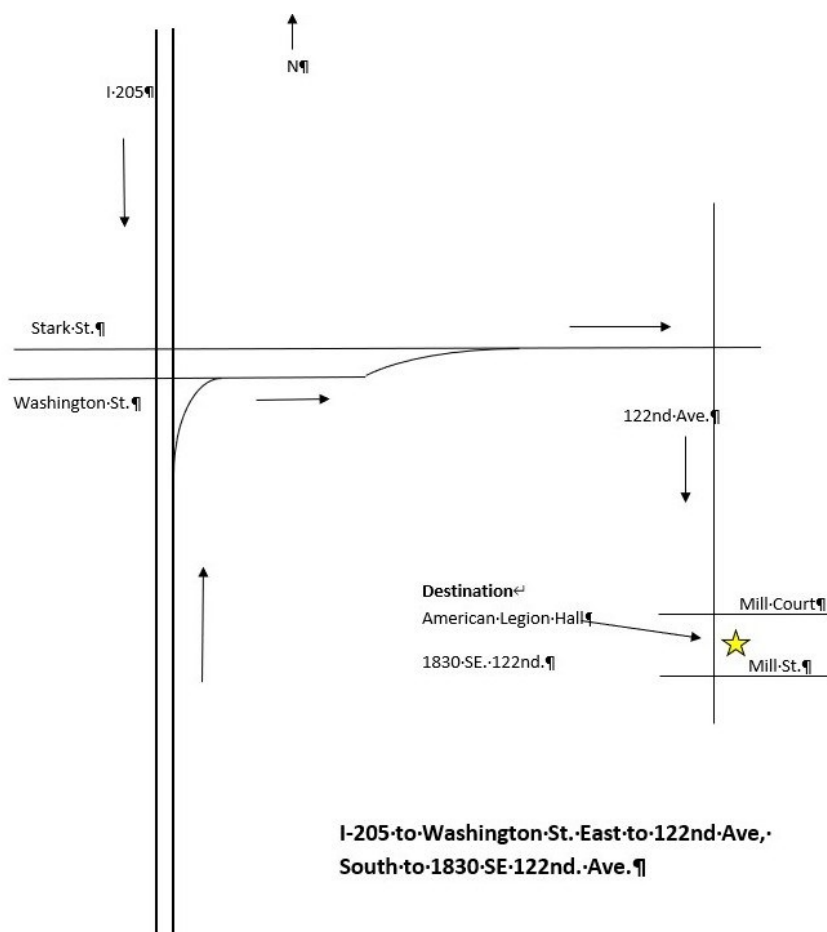
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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: (Vacant)

Secretary: Diane H

Treasurer: Don S

At Large Board Members: Rick P, Ron B

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: Scott Jo

Challenge Token: