

# Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Submitted by Harold V: Early morning. The lone Detectorist searching for something memorable.

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# OREGON TREASURE TRAIL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

I like the energy that our club has, and the direction it is heading. Our members are clearly taking a leadership role in many areas of our operations. As we approach fall, there will be more opportunities for individuals to step into a position of leadership to propel the club into the future.

When I first stepped into a leadership role with the club I was a bit apprehensive, and maybe a bit reserved in my approach. I kept telling myself, "These are my friends, and they love this hobby as I do, so don't be afraid of making a mistake". I've made a few mistakes, but I like to think they are learning opportunities. In general if someone doesn't like your ideas, they will let you know, and you can either adjust and move on, or grimace over it. I chose to adjust and move on.

The future of our club is up to you. Will you sit by and watch, or will you bring your idea to move our club forward to see where it goes. As an example: Richard S. thought it would be a good idea to focus on our Dangerous Finds and provide a direction for the club to take in how we present ourselves and these items to other groups or individuals who may have a negative attitude about metal detecting and what we do. Richard then brought Sharps containers for us to use in the field. This has re-energized our club with respect to these types of finds and the perception we present to ourselves and the public. Good job Richard and thank you for stepping up.

Financially we did well with the picnic and hunt. We will continue to monitor our funding of projects and raffles so we don't find ourselves overextended. Our committees are being supplied with silver for next year as I write this. And our future is bright. Now we just need a little rain to help us out in the field.

Respectfully submitted:

President Scott.

President Scott H

### **Announcements**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, August 22nd, 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 July 25, 2023

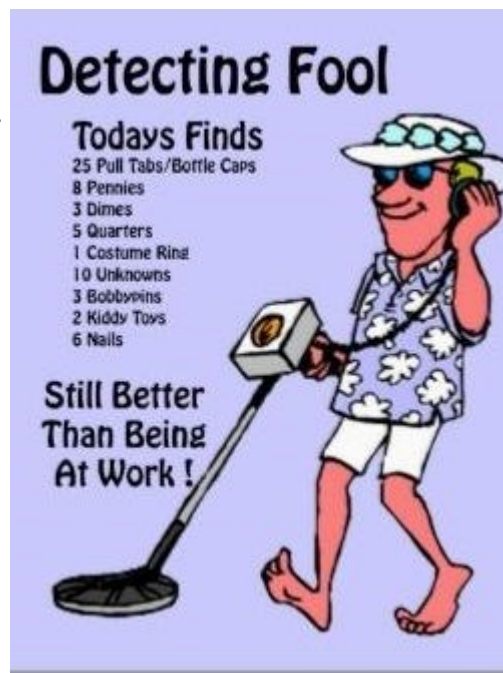
Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Scott H. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 29 members and 2 guests (Mark and Holly). Scott thanked everyone who attended and helped make a successful picnic and treasure hunt for 2023. Attendance for the hunt was 40 people. Reading of the previous month's minutes was approved and passed by motion. The Treasurers report was given by Don and was approved and passed by motion. President Scott went over the numbers for the purchase of silver to be used for committees and general distribution for 2024. He noted the club is on track to have a successful year. The members drawing was won by (not recorded) however a 1964 Silver ½ dollar was given out. The Progressive draw was won by Mike M. and He won a 1923 Peace Dollar. Members with birthdays in July were awarded a silver half, Happy Birthday to Allyson. No club tokens were turned at this meeting for a silver dime.

Ryan gave a report on the Club hunt at Delta Park and gave us information about the upcoming club hunt for June.

Snacks tonight were provided by Linda C. and Larry W. Rick P. and Willy A. will be bringing snacks for our August meeting.

Some discussion was had in reference to the picnic, but all thought it went well. Scott reported that while we have no special raffle at this time we will next month, along with a Basket Sale in October and our Bake Sale in November. Also discussed was the reminder that no silver or gold item will be accepted into such a category within the FOTM or Club hunts that is not hall-marked as such. FOTM may still have items submitted as long as they are identified by a third party.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.



### 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**

1853 1\$ gold Type 1 (holed) Sherrie B.

**Silver**

1897 Peace Dollar Ryan P.  
 1921 Morgan Dollar Steve E.,  
 1921 Morgan Dollar Larry W.  
 1922 Peace Dollar Ed V.  
 2021 1 oz Kangaroo Mike J.  
 2022 St Helena Round Jeff S.  
 1989 Comm Silver Dollar Allyson W.  
 Comm Constitution Silver Jackee A.  
 1 oz Morgan Silver round Scott H.  
 1 oz Silver Round Aztec Tim S.  
 1073 Constitution Silver Ryan P.  
 1 oz Buffalo Silver Round Jeff S.  
 Coin necklace (donation) Mike M.



**Find of the Month Results—May 2023**

**Item of the Month**

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Axe Head
2	Ryan P	Acme flavor bottle
3	Laura S	Teeth grill



**US Coin**

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1875 Seated Half
2	Jackee A	1944 S Nickle
3	Laura S	1948 S Dime



**Foreign Coin**

Place	Name	Item
1	Laura S	Brass Chinese coin
2	Jackee A	1971 2 pence Great Britten
2	Jeff S	2017 E. Caribbean



**Token**

Place	Name	Item
1	Rick P	Cates Place token
2	Jackee A	Good for 5 cents trade token
3	Bill B	High Desert token



**Gold Item**

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	14k pendent
2	Kirk E	14k ring
3	Jeff S	10K white gold w blue stone

**Silver Item**

Place	Name	Item
1	Jeff S	Cross
2	Kirk E	Sterling ring with stones
3	Jackee A	.925 pendent
3	Harold V	Tiny silver ring



## Find of the Month Results—May 2023

### Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	Gold plated tinker bell
2	Rick P	silver color ring with stones
2	Ed V	Stone bracelet

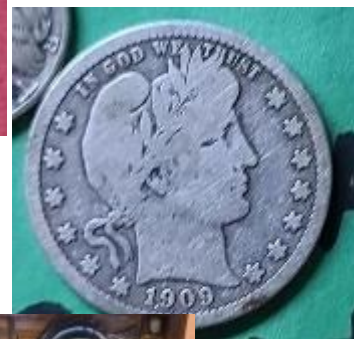


### Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	USMA button
2	Jackee A	PRL&P button
3	Bill B	Hawaii key fob

### Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1899 Barber dime
2	Jackee A	no date V nickel
3	Laura S	1939 Wheat cent



### Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1909 Barber quarter
2	Jackee A	1931 s dime
3	Bill B	2003-dollar coin
3	Kirk E	1979-dollar coin



### Display

Place	Name
1	Jackee A
2	Ryan P
3	Ed V
4	Scott J

### Best of the Best

Name	Item
Ryan P	1875 Seated Half



### 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

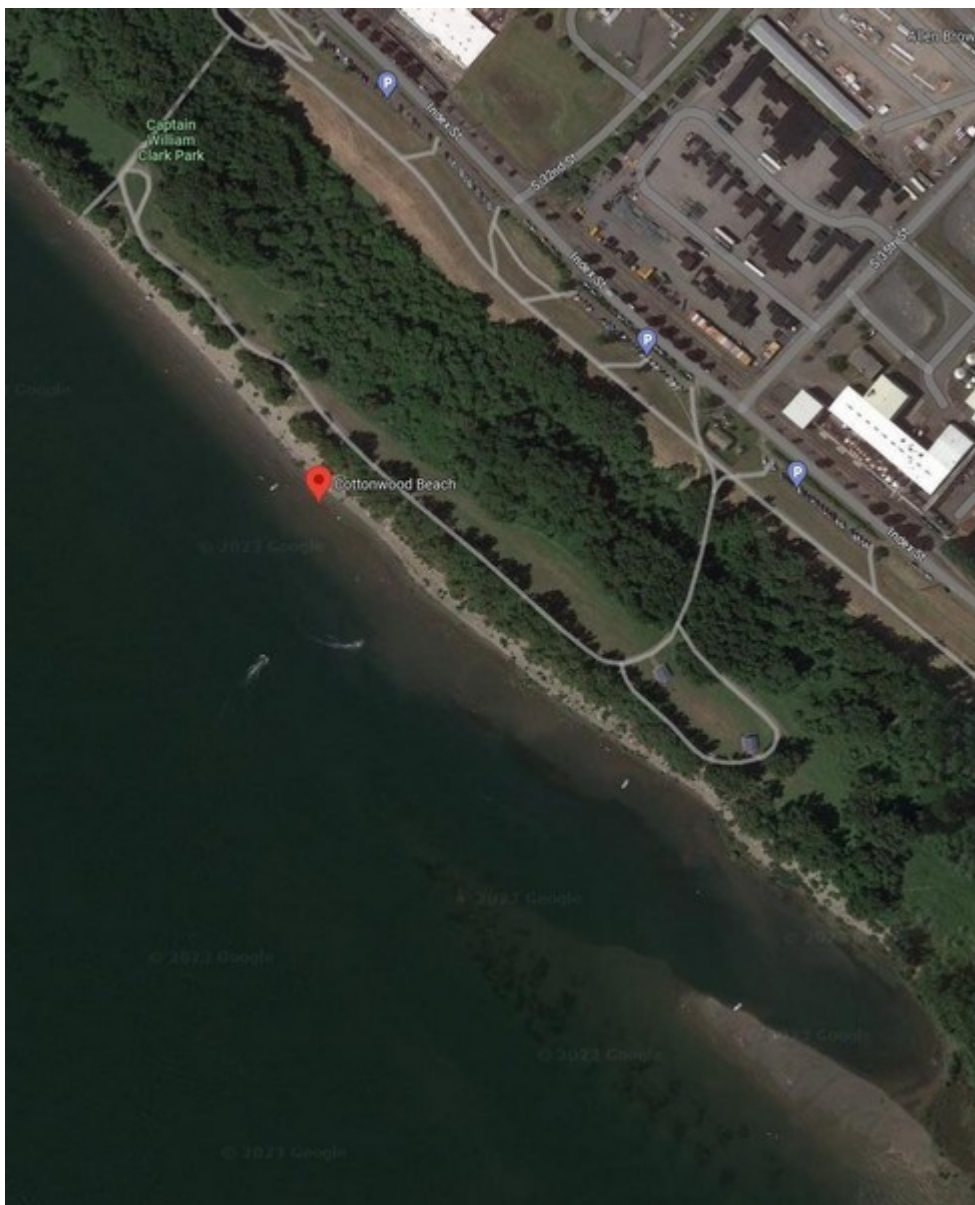
Place	Name	Points
1	Jackee A	163
2	Ryan P	148
3	Scott J	102
4	Kirk E	95
5	Bill B	83
6	Harold V	72
7	Lee H	55
8	Tim S	49
9	Scott H	43
10	Laura S	42
11	Willy A	25
12	Ron B	21
13	Ed V	14
14	Tom S	12
15	Richard S	11
16	Jeff S	10
17	Rick P	7
18	Lee S	2
19	Chuck P	1





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

July 29th 2023    Location: Cottonwood Beach



**General Information:** None

**Historical Information:** On March 31, 1806, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark established a camp at Cottonwood Beach while they secured provisions for the return trip through the Columbia River Gorge. They remained at Cottonwood Beach for six days, which is the longest period of time the Corps of Discovery camped at any site in Clark County. Almost 200 years later, a multijurisdictional effort celebrated the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in 2006 by opening Captain William Clark Regional Park at Cottonwood Beach. In addition to water access at Cottonwood Beach, the 93-acre park also features multi use trails, restrooms, historic interpretive elements, picnic shelters and parking lots.

## Club Hunt Details

**Hunt Results:** 17 members turned out for the club hunt after the railroad crossing was stuck in the down position and many had to detour to make it to the club meeting spot. Luckily everyone did. Ryan provided donuts for anyone who wanted one. Hidden on the beach were 10 regular club tokens, two special tokens, and two grab bag tokens.

The beach was scenic and quiet at 8am, by noon it had filled with beach goers. Many members found the beach to be fairly empty of targets. Some working the brushy edges had better luck. Laura A. found a silver 1908 2 Franc coin. Tylor found a nice silver ring in the water. Otherwise a few members found a few non-club tokens and other interesting items. Jackee found a 1935 tax token from New Mexico. Members found a few wheat pennies and non-club tokens to round out the day. Not a single wheat penny was found.

At count out, Lee S. claimed a silver Standing Liberty quarter for finding the special token. The other special token good for a 80% 1944 George VI Canadian 50 cent was found by Richard. Tim and Jackee found grab bag tokens and won five seconds to reach in and pull out a prize. Club members turned in 8 of the 10 club tokens good for a silver dime each. The remaining tokens are still in the park and good for a silver dime at any club meeting. Some members were also subjected to a barking dog during the hunt whose owner could not control nor refused to lease until way later. So instead of a derby item this hunt Ryan awarded every member who stayed until count out a silver dime as a reward for a tough hunting location with railroad and dog difficulties. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion.

For the membership drawings, Laura S. and Rick won Franklin half dollars. Amy won a Washington quarter.

The next club hunt will include a 1865 two cent piece donated by Ed which can be won by finding its token!



### The top 6 winners:

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|-------------|-----------|
| 1) Amy      | 71 points |
| 2) Jackee   | 60 points |
| 3) Laura A. | 56 points |
| 4) Harold   | 47 points |
| 5) Lee H.   | 45 points |
| 6) Tylor    | 42 points |

**Total clad found: \$23.65**

**Trash collected: 13 lbs**

**Next Club Hunt:** Ryan will be hosting the next club hunt on Sunday, August xxth. The meeting location is TBD, check the club calendar for updates. We will be using normal hours (8am - 12pm) so plan on being at the meeting spot by 7:30 am.

**Year to Date Trash collected: 157 lbs**  
**All Hunts Trash collected: 1,231 lbs.**

## Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Mike

Club Picnic pre-hunt pictures.



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Club Picnic Children's hunt pictures.



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Club Picnic Post-Hunt pictures.



## Club Member's Experiences continued

### Submitted by Ryan P

There's really no words that adequately describe how it feels to find a bucket list coin. One of the most amazing things about this hobby is its ability to create these moments that you will never forget. Friday morning with my cousin is now one of those.

Kyle is the one who got me into detecting and the bummer is he lives 2.5 hours away. So when we get together it's usually full pedal to the metal as much as possible. Thursday evening when debating on a possible location to detect I said I wanted to re-visit a site that two years prior we had pulled some amazing stuff, but in the follow up trips over the last few years had been getting thinner and thinner. But I had a brand new machine and Kyle was trying a new mode on his, so we thought why not? There's always a chance when you're on old ground, and maybe we could coax out a tiny silver coin or old nickel. Never in my wildest dreams did I think we'd missed two big silver coins.

About 3 hours in the only coin I'd found was a zinc penny but I was having a blast. Digging lots of iron and deep stuff, I'd already emptied my pouch once and re-applied sunscreen. As chance would have it I was working an area with ring pulls everywhere near the surface, so I was methodically pulling them all out. I heard a deep signal that sounded interesting but I had trouble pinpointing it I figured it was more iron. About two scoops down my pinpointer locked on to whatever it was and a third scoop popped in into the bottom of the sandy hole and there was a shiny silver reeded edge staring back at me. Surprised, I thought oh wow a silver coin, but old silver is typically black and dark, so this must be something like a Washington quarter. As I pulled it out of the sand the immense size immediately unveiled this find to not be a quarter but a half dollar! And keeping with my newer silver theory I thought it was going to be my first Ben Franklin half dollar. As I laid it flat in my palm I was confused, where I expected to see Franklins face there was a lady with a flag. Immediately I started repeating "No wayyyy" which caught the attention of Kyle and I flashed him a look of get the hell over here now. He pulled out his phone and recorded our dumbfounded reaction to a large seated type coin being found where it had laid hidden right under our noses for so long!

There's really no way to describe the feeling that washes over you when you realize you've found a dream item. The world becomes really tiny as raw, unfiltered, emotion pours out and legs and hands shake. Laughing, hugs, and phone calls take place. Whiskey is toasted. Then the dopamine wave subsides and real thought returns. Your day is shot, concentration is a lost cause as you replay what just happened over and over again. It's like nothing I've ever experienced!

About an hour later Kyle calls me over for his big find of the day, a silver dollar, his third! After a few tense moments without knowing what type we discover it is a 1923 Peace Dollar. More toasting and more bewilderment that two giant coins have escaped us during all the previous trips where the largest silver coins we'd found were dimes.

A bucket list for a detectorist is just a very personal way to catalogue what we dream of finding. It differs from other bucket lists in that you can't just say this year I think I'll check off a few bucket listers. You can't pay money to check one off, you can't cut corners to check one off. There's never any expectation or guarantees you'll ever find a bucketlister. All you can do is sit back and enjoy the journey.

That's what makes this a truly magical experience. Thanks Kyle for getting me into detecting and most of all being there for this amazing moment.



## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A

Some finds from the past month.



## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Richard S

Pics of the garbage the club picked up at the club hunt held at Delta Park.

Items of note:

Handheld torch, Tube this joint inside, Box cutter, Razor blade, Syringe with needle



## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V

Bought a new pinpointer, the MI-6 which links wirelessly to the Deus 2. Works great!



Went to a school where they watered the grass, ring 1.



Went to a school where they watered the grass, ring 2.



Went to a school where they watered the grass, ring 3.



Then I found a pair of earrings that rang up like a nickel/pull tab.



This is one day at the beach. Granted I eyeballed a lot of this. There were a billion nails and thousands of bottle caps. Fortunately, the D2 is pretty good at wedging through this stuff. I wasn't finding anything interesting so I decided to clean up the beach instead.

## 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

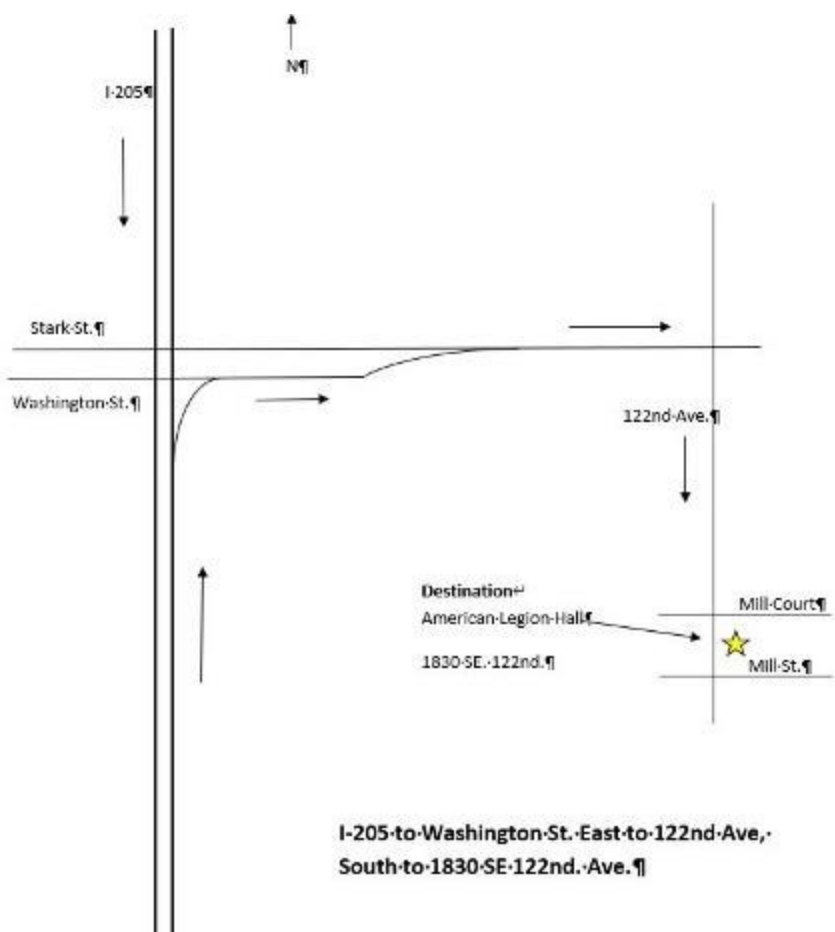
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**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: