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Submitted by Harold V: Green grass? What a luxury.

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OREGON TREASURE TRAIL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

The lazy days of summer are upon us. Early mornings and late evenings mean more hours of daylight to metal detect. This opportunity will flit by fast so get out there and find some treasure.

I can't wait to see what you find!

See you at our next meeting.

Happy hunting,

Club President, Rick Page (rickpage2@comcast.net)



Submitted by Ron B: One of our industrious detectorists at the club hunt.

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 27th, 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

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting July 23, 2024

Meeting called to order by Rick Page at 7 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Club officers and board members introduced

Meeting attended by 34 members and 0 guests

Minutes of June meeting were noted and accepted as posted

Treasury report by Don S. was given but not as yet finalized. Report was accepted as given

Member draw from the sign in sheet was won by Tim S.

Three birthday coins given to members present with a July birthday

Progressive draw from the member list was won by Dan. If member drawn is not present another \$1 in silver is added to next the months progressive drawing.

Ryan gave a club hunt report and continued with a report on this years very successful club picnic.

New/Old business. Raffle tickets were sold at the picnic and members either signed or stamped their names on said tickets. Tickets were then deposited in corresponding drawings. Winners were drawn from said drawings. This system was successful enough that members decided to adopt it for regular meeting drawings.

Bill B. talked for a few minutes about his 1st detector.

Next Meeting s Snack Volunteer(s): Willy A. & Sandie & Don S

Other Meeting Information:

Ongoing club fundraising includes collection of cans and bottles with deposits and washed pennies 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

No Gold this time

Silver

1 oz Kookaburra Mike M

1 oz Valiant Dragon Mike M.

1 1/2 oz Silver Eagle Ashley W.

1 1/2 oz Silver Bears Kathy B.

1921 Morgan Danielle S.

1922 Peace 1\$ Jessyca H.

1880 Morgan Allison W.

1889 Morgan Bill B.

2 oz Werewolf Silver Sherrie B.

2 oz Silver Platypus Mike J.

2021 1 oz Owl Silver Mike M.

1986 Liberty 1 oz Mike M.

Mystery Envelope

Larry W.



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Find of the Month Results

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Jeff C	Pigeon Tag
2	Jackee A	Drugs and Guns
3	Harold V	Coke spoon

US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	3 coin spill
2	Ryan P	1909 P Cent
3	Harold V	1960 Nickel
3	Willy A	1964 Nickel

Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	Spain 10 cent
2	Willy A	20 Pence 1982
3	Jackee A	1953 Canadian Penny

Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Brian E	Lucky Star token
2	Jackee A	Gratto Elevator token
3	Harold V	Golden 8 Real
3	Willy A	Super Patent token

Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	10K ring
2	Harold V	10k bracelet
3	Kirk E	22k ring

Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Kirk E	925 Snow Flake ring
2	Harold V	925 Pendant
2	Willy A	Silver Bracelet
2	Ryan P	Butterfly

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	Amethyst pendant
2	Ryan P	Crystal pendant
2	Jackee A	Poodle pendent

Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Brian E	Vintage Printing press plate
2	Willy A	Great seal button
2	Bill B	Teddy bear

Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1897 Barber dime
2	Ryan P	1900 V Nickel
3	Harold V	1904 Indian head cent

Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1914 S Wheat cent
2	Harold V	1918 Mercury dime
3	Jackee A	1943 S Nickel

Display

Place	Name
1	Kirk E
2	Jackee A
2	Harold V

Best of the Best

Name	Item
Jackee A	10K ring

2024 Detectorist of the Year Standings

Place	Name	Points
1	Jackee A	188
2	Ryan P	138
3	Harold V	132
4	Willy A	111
5	Kirk E	106
6	Bill B	45
7	Tim S	41
8	Scott H	29
9	Sean T	22
10	Brian E	19
11	Laura S	16
12	Lee H	14
13	Allisyn W	13
14	Rick P	4
15	Susan P	3
16	Lorilee C	2
17	Lorilee C	1
17	Jeffery C	1
17	Ed V	1
17	Jessica H	1
17	Jeff C	1



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

July 27, 2024

Location: Frenchman's Bar, Vancouver, WA



General Information: None

Historical Information: None.

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Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results:

14 members turned out for a nice cool day of easy digging at the monthly club hunt. Ryan hid 10 regular club tokens in the park and seven special tokens. There were special tokens hidden for a silver quarter, silver half dollar, coin flip of old coins, and some grab bag chances.

The natural finds were hard to come by, Brian found a silver earring. Ashley found a 1948 Jefferson nickel and won a Mercury dime for the oldest coin. The club also found some foreign coins, tokens and costume jewelry.

At count out six of the ten club tokens were turned in. Willy won a Washington quarter for finding the OTTS stamped star token. The other four club tokens are still in the park, they are good for a silver dime at any club meeting. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion.

For the membership drawings, Brian and Ashley won silver half dollars, Ron won a silver quarter. Sue won a Canadian silver dime.



Top 6 winners:

1) Harold	86 points
2) Willy	79 points
3) Ashley	37 points
4) Richard	34 points
5) Ryan	32 points
6) Brian	29 points

Total clad found: \$20.06

Trash collected: 12.5 lbs

Next Club Hunt: The next monthly club hunt is scheduled for Sunday, August 25th. The meeting location will be announced soon, check the club calendar for updates.

We will start at 8am and count out at 12pm. Be at the meeting spot 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: 121 lbs.

All Hunts Trash collected: 1,388 lbs.

Total School Trash: 343 lbs.

Total Park Trash: 1045 lbs.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Jackee A

A few Pics of recent finds.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Richard S

Frenchman's Bar Club hunt trash photos. Danger items vape dispenser, several refills, glass, tent stakes, rusty spikes



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

My first ever 1909 wheat penny!! What a cool feeling to finally find one after hundred and hundreds of wheaties over the years. The 1909 Lincoln cent was struck to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The designer was Lithuanian immigrant sculptor Victor D. Brenner. The original design featured the designer's initials "V.D.B" at the bottom of the reverse and those initials were relatively large. 27 million of those were minted until the mint changed the design and removed the initials. 72 million were minted without the initials, of which this one falls into. If this had been a 1909-S VDB oh man... that's the holy grail of small cents. Only 464,000 minted. Fun to get the first of anything and this was no exception!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V



This is how my month started: 14kt gold earring and a potato.



Then I found more gold. 10kt bracelet



Then I found a creepy 14kt. Pendant.



One of the few Indian Head pennies I have found.



I thought for sure this encrusted item was going to be a silver quarter. I broke it open when we got home and it was a grommet. Oh well.



Found the jack buried in the sand. Pendant was found earlier. I liked the picture.



Couldn't believe I found this Merc on the water's edge,

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

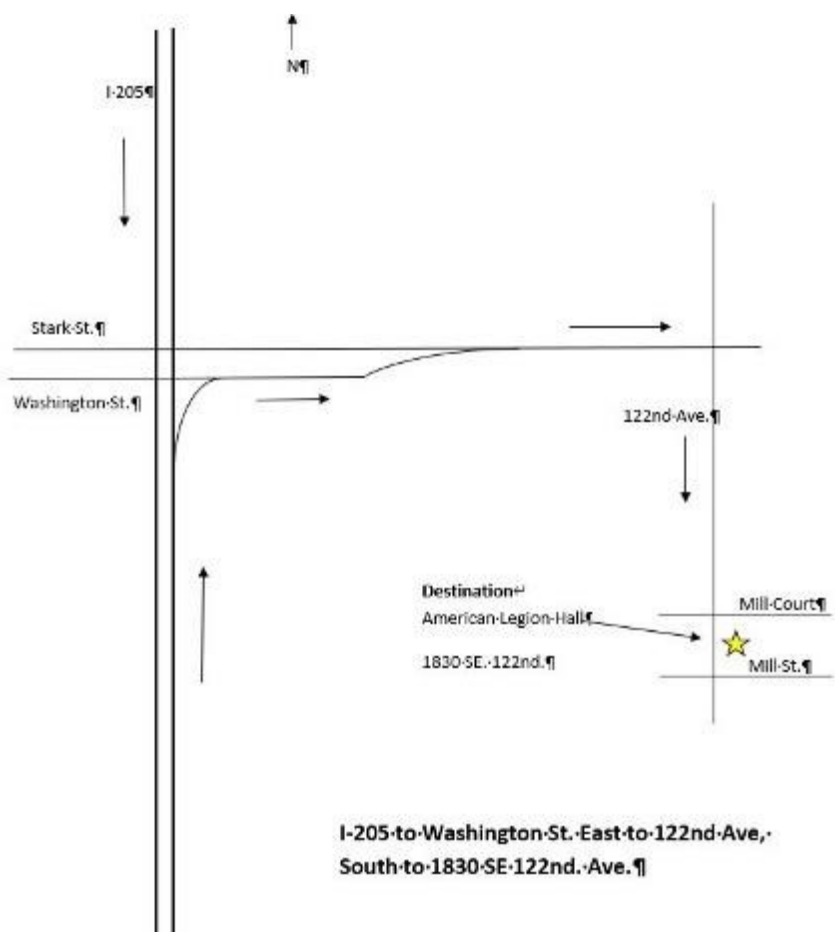
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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