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Warm, wind swept high desert of Utah looking for Ghost Town treasure.

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# OREGON TREASURE TRAIL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

So I've done my planning, I have a location all picked out and I have my map to get me to the general spot. The location is a public owned property about 25 miles from town that use to have an old homestead and some outbuildings surrounding it. It's up a 2 mile gravel road that I should be able to navigate. This road once was used as an access road by a mining co. years ago. The weather is Ok, not great, but acceptable on the afternoon I head out. As I approach the Gravel road, I'm surprised to see its open for me to drive up. I get about a mile, maybe a bit more it's pretty rough road, I find a tank trap blocking the road to prevent anyone from driving past. I park, gather my gear thinking I'll be at my destination shortly. I only take the necessities, my detector, pin pointer, shovel, finds bag and maybe a granola bar. I walk maybe a half mile or so and see a road branching off to the right; I stay left as that is my plan now. Walk another hundred yards and a smaller road branches to the left and I figure this must be the old driveway to the homestead. It's getting brushy now and the roadbed is almost gone. A few turns and a few minutes later and I open up into a clearing that has tall grass surrounded by weathered trees. There are a few cut timbers lying down and some glass at my feet. I must be at the old homesite. I get out my detector and start to knock weed's down with it and start to detect, as it lightly starts to rain. I'm ok as I have a sweat-shirt and a hat to keep me dry. I get a few signals and dig iron on each one. Then I get an old button, then an old silver spoon. I'm excited now, as I step forward I start to slip, but catch myself and fall backwards and grab at the tall grass. I look forward where I was falling and see that it's an old open well, and it's deep. I almost fell into it! I get up and look around and surprisingly it doesn't look like the place I started detecting at an hour and a half ago. It's getting darker and It's raining hard now and I'm not sure where I'm at or where I'm going. And then suddenly.....

My message this month is safety, to always inform someone where you are going, or better yet take someone with you. How long you plan on being gone, and when you will be back, are very important to your loved ones. Take food and water with you, dress for the worst weather possible and don't underestimate the conditions of your environment. Getting lost is no joking matter. Falling and injuring yourself when no one knows where you are at, may mark your last day of detecting. Even in parks and school grounds, know who is around you, don't be surprised by others. If you feel uneasy about a location or the people around you, get out and find a safer place to detect. You owe it to your family to come home tonight.

Scott H.

### **Announcements**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, June 28, 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 May 24, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Scott H. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 33 members and 2 guests, (Dan N. and Kate K). Kate later became our newest member. Welcome Kate! Also welcome new members Valerie C and Jake A along with their kids. Scott H. 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 Byron D. and he was awarded a 1964 Kennedy half dollar. Sherrie B. won the member draw and received a 1964 Kennedy half dollar. The Progressive draw was won by Lee H. who won 2 silver dollars. New Silver was also added to the pot for next month. Byron gave a club hunt recap at the swim center in Beaverton where we were able to avoid the rain for a great day of hunting. Noted finds were the Crotal Bell by Bill B. and the stunning Gold ring that Lee H. found. Matt reported on our next Club Hunt on Sunday May 29. See the newsletter for time and location details on this event. Donations were also collected by the membership for the Fremont United Methodist Church. We acknowledged that the club was celebrating its 40th Anniversary, and we learned that Bill B. had been with the club for over 34 years. Congratulations to Bill and to everyone who helps make this club possible for so long.

Old/New business was discussed. Scott H. asked what the members thought of our new location. Various comments were made and we decided to rearrange the seating and table layout for a better flow of operations for next month's meeting. It was also noted that the parking was a bit crowded. Scott also reported on the board's efforts to streamline operations and collect data for future presentation to the club. This is an ongoing effort and as data is collected it will allow us to see areas of improvement to work on. President Scott asked if there were any nominations for a new Vice President. At this time none were made, the board is still hoping to get this position filled as soon as possible. All members were asked to bring in their registrations for the Club picnic to the next meeting if they were going to attend. Byron D. reported on ongoing operations for the picnic and club hunt. Scott also said he has made contact with Mo at Rooster Rock Park and the Special Use Permit has been submitted, and we are just awaiting confirmation any day now. It was reported that Diane H. and Ed V. will be providing cakes at the picnic for our 40th Anniversary celebration. Scott provided sign up forms for volunteering to bring potluck food and to manage games at the picnic. A sign up form was also provided for members to bring snacks to upcoming meetings. Thanks Mike, Sue and Krystal for some great snacks tonight. Also volunteers were noted that will bring cooking grills to the picnic. Thanks to all that are contributing!!!

Byron D. reported that Jim C. was not doing well. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and his family during this time. Bill B. reported on their visit with Tim and said his 2nd surgery went well. Get well soon Tim, from your biggest fans.

The night's winners for Plinko and the Quarter Drop were announced and the Raffle was completed. Congratulations to all that won. The FOTM results were read by Laura H. Wow! I am always amazed at what our club finds and displays. Hidden Treasures no more. Let me personally thank all those involved in helping make this club fun and exciting. There are many people working behind the scenes, to provide the best experience possible for each of us. It shows each and every time we get together. Let me also thank those who have donated to our club anonymously with coins, silver, prizes or their time. You are truly appreciated. And finally; Happy 40th Anniversary, Oregon Treasure Trail Society.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. 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

1998 1/10oz American Eagle Gold coin Diane H

#### Silver Morgans

1886 Ed V.

1921s Maggie F.

1921 Ryan P.

#### Silver Other

1922 (Peace) Krystal F.

2022 St. Helena 1 pound Rick P.

1893 Barber Half Diane H.

1942 Walking Liberty Half Steve E.

1962 Franklin Proof Half Mike J.

1964 Kennedy Half Paul S



### Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

To Be Determined



## Find of the Month Results—March 2022

### Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	Farmer Grange Medal
2	Ryan P	Wheat in Rusty Clump
2	Matt N	Security sale tag

### US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Matt N	1904 Barber Quarter
2	Bill B	1918 Buffalo Nickle
3	Ryan P	1908 P V Nickle
3	Willy A	Sacajawea Dollar

### Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	1886 Columbian 5 centavo
2	Jackee A	1979 UK 50 new pence
3	Laura S	Mexico 40 cent
3	Willy A	1964 Hong Kong 10 cent

### Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Laura S	1901 Presidential McKinley bronze Token
1	Willy A	Utah 1930 Tax Token
3	Bill B	Play money 25 cent

### Gold Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Lee H	Gold Ring
2	Matt N	1945 Class Ring

### Silver Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott J	Sword pendant
2	Jackee A	Ear ring
3	Willy A	Religious Charm

### Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	Enamel Bracelet
2	Jackee A	Skull ring
3	Laura S	Timberline lodge pendant

### Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	Crotal Bell
2	Scott H	Jar Lid
3	Laura S	Baptist attendance pin
3	Ryan P	US collar disk

### Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1882 Indian
2	Matt N	1917 Dime
3	Jackee A	1925 Wheat

### Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Matt N	1936 Walking Liberty Half
2	Jackee A	1952 Quarter
3	Ryan P	1920 Dime

### Display

Place	Name
1	Willy A
2	Jackee A
2	Scott H

### Best of the Best

Place	Name	Item
1	Lee H	Gold ring

### **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.

**2022 Detectorist of the Year Standings**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Willy A	97
2	Jakee A	92
3	Ryan P	88
4	Scott J	78
5	Bill B	75
6	Matthew N	54
7	Ron B	36
8	Scott H	27
9	Laura S	25
10	Kirk E	24
11	Tim S	21
12	Byron D	16
13	Lee H	11
14	Ed V	8



Submitted by Harold V: Ugly Pennies vs Spendable Pennies. Not a good ratio.

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

May 2022

Location: Cedar Park Middle School 11100 SW Park Way, Portland, OR 97225



**General Information:** Located in Cedar Hills.

**Historical Information:** Cedar Park was the Beaverton School District's fourth intermediate school. Construction was underway in 1965, but was not complete for the 1965-1966 school year. Undeterred by that minor detail, Cedar Park opened its doors in September 1965 anyway, with seventh graders only. Classes were held in the Merle Davies building that first year, with a total enrollment of 343. The new building was completed and opened to seventh, eighth and ninth graders in September 1966. With the opening of Cedar Park in 1966, the Beaverton School District completed its transition to the 6-3-3 grade configuration (grades 1-6 at elementary, 7-9 at intermediate/junior high and 10-12 at high school) for its schools. In 1994, like the other intermediate/junior high schools, Cedar Park became a middle school.



### Club Hunt Details

**Hunt Results:** The OTTS April Club Hunt was held on Sunday May, 29th 2022. We met at the QFC located at 7525 SW Barnes Rd, Portland, OR 97225. Matt N hosted the hunt. 10 members of the club met between 7:30 and 7:45 am. The club left for the park at 8:00AM. It was a good start to Memorial Day weekend with no rain in the forecast. Of course, being in Portland/Beaverton, you can never trust the weatherman. Around 10AM, the rain started to kick in and left the club members having to detect the last two hours in heavy rain. By the end of the hunt, there were only 8 members left for the count out. Don S. was the lucky one of the day when he called out "13" during the member draw and to his surprise, number 13 was drawn. This netted him a silver half.

10 OTTS stamped tokens = 8 of 10 were found good for 1 silver dime

1 Special Token = 1 of 1 were found good for 1 Silver Half Dollar

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

This was the first 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. Harold V. the first one to test his luck in the Bag. Unfortunately, He left with a Peace Sign "Bazinga".

**The top 6 winners:**

- 1) Scott H. 79 points
- 2) Willy A 77 points
- 3) Matt N 71 points
- 4) Harold V 57 points
- 5) Jackee A 51 points
- 6) Ed V. 50 points

**Total clad found: \$28.24**  
**Trash collected: 17.6 lbs.**



**Notable Finds:**

- 1953 Silver dime found by Jackee A.
- Silver earring/ring found by Ed V.
- Silver ring found by Harold V.
- 18 pieces of costume jewelry

**Next Club Hunt:** Ryan P. will be hosting the June Club Hunt on Saturday, July 2, 2022. The meeting location is Walgreen at **5420 NE 33rd Ave. Portland, OR 97211**. We are on summer hours (8 am - noon), so the club will leave for the hunt location promptly at 8 am! Be there early!

## Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Harold V

Willy And I had a successful trip to Utah. Some hits and misses on our whirlwind detecting agenda. One of the best items found the whole trip was Willy's Utah State token. She found this out in the middle of nowhere when we were looking for a ghost town. The town was so ghostly there wasn't any remnants to be found! By the way, if you want to find bullets and spent casings go to Utah. They are everywhere. Anyway, Willy finds a great token and what do I find? See below right. I left him there as I couldn't fit him in my finds bag. Ok. I did find an old spoon, too.



While in Utah, we dropped off a bunch of cars so they could be played with by children.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Matthew N

Finds from this last month.



## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

Found a nice 13 signal, and to my surprise it wasn't a beer cap, it was an old nickel. When I saw the stars emerge near the rim I knew it was a V nickel and I got pretty excited! Only my 2nd one ever and it's in great shape relative to my 1st one. After my excitement died down I got back to swinging and another deep 11-12 signal was clear as day not 6" away! When I saw the shiny edge I couldn't believe it was a war nickel! 1945-S and it's the shiniest by far of any I have ever found! And there was a 3rd nickel 12" from these two, a 1946. A super fun find in what I imagine was a pocket of nickels dropped in the late 1940s. How cool that it included a V! May netted me a personal best 12 silver coins, among some other great old coins! Pictured here: 1882 IHP, 1908 V, unknown Buffalo, 1948 10c, 1971 UK New Penny, 1945 S 5c, 1942 Merc, 1943 P 5c, 1920 Merc, 1936 Merc, 1943 D Merc, 1945 S 5c, 1938 D Merc, 1949 S Rosie, 1959 D Rosie, unknown Merc. All but 2 came from public parks and schools.



## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A

I rarely find silver coins so 10 in 30 days was a big surprise for me! I dug my 2nd seated dime, 1st quarter & 1st war nickel, then two more a week later :)



## 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

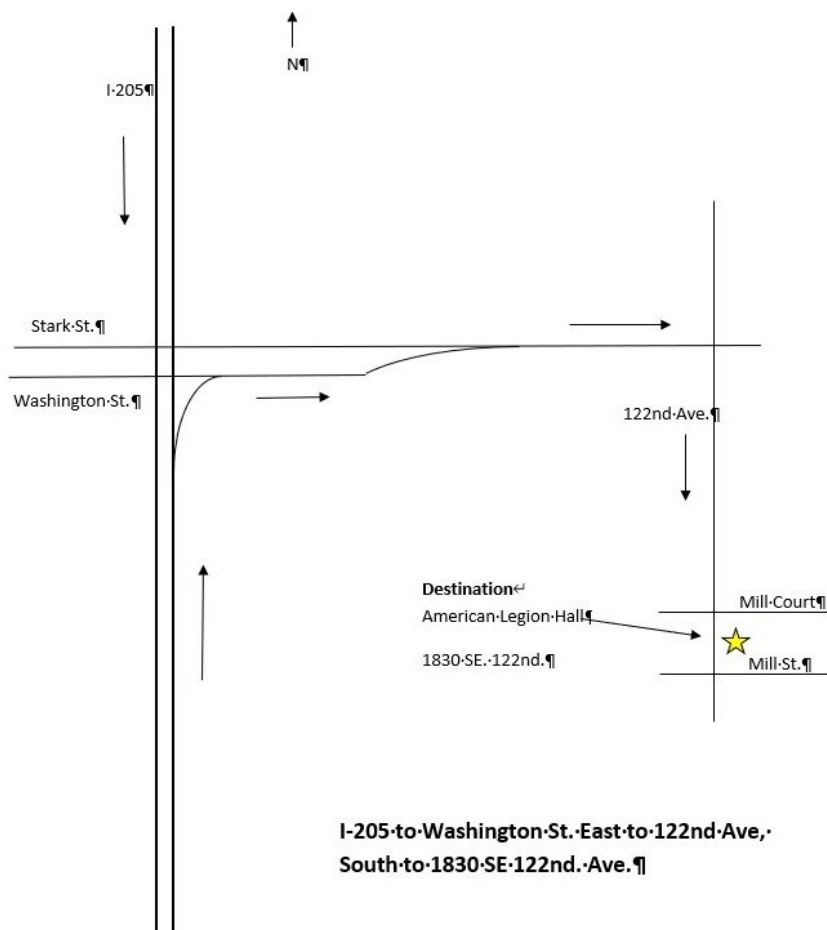
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**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

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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: Scott Jo

Challenge Token: Harold V