

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Submitted by Velo G: Detectors around a tree. This is from the club hunt count out.

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

Well fans this is the month! The OTTS Picnic Sunday, July 14, Rooster Rock State Park.

Ryan has done an excellent job of planning another great picnic, now it is our job to help him make it happen. We all need to help out running the games, setting up, and more. Ask Ryan how you can help. Set up starts at 7am - 9am and Registration at 9am.

Games open at 10am - Tryout luck at the dart board, wheel of fortune, plink, quarter drop, raffles and 50/50 drawing. Win great prizes.

Bring a pot luck treat - if your last name starts: a-h appetizers or chips. i-n deserts o-z side dish/salad.

Hot dogs, burgers, condiments soda, water plates cups and utensils is provided by the club.

Club President,

Rick Page (rickpage2@comcast.net)



Submitted by Ron B: Club Meeting

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 23rd, 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

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting June 25, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7 PM by President Rick Page.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Club officers and board members introduced.

Meeting attended by 40 members and 1 guest.

Mike M. won a silver half for the member draw.

Don S. gave a financial accounting for the club.

8 members were present for their birthday month. Each was presented a silver half.

Isla H. was not present to win the progressive draw so another 1\$ in silver was added to the pot for the July drawing.

Ryan P. reported on the May club hunt.

Jackee A. redeemed 2 club tokens found in the field last month.

Ryan P. reported on what progress has been made with the Club Picnic planning.

Rick page instigated a conversation about "Special Finds".

Raffle prizes were presented.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting s Snack Volunteer(s): Ashley W. and Ed V.

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

1/20th oz gold lunar series Laura A

Silver

1922 Peace dollar Ashley W.

1884 Morgan Dave A.

1900 Morgan Ashley W.

1921 Morgan Tim S.

2021 1oz Dragon Mike J.

1oz silver bar Mike J.

90% silver proof set Ron B.

George Washington commemorative 50 cent
Bryan E.

Bicentennial silver proof set Mike M.

Mystery Envelope

1 Ron B.

2 Ashley W.

3 Jason C.



Find of the Month Results

Item of the Month

| Place | Name | Item |
|-------|----------|----------------------|
| 1 | Brian E | Brass SSN card |
| 2 | Jackee A | Mak-up compact |
| 3 | Ryan P | Shotgun shell casing |

US Coin

| Place | Name | Item |
|-------|----------|------------------------|
| 1 | Jackee A | 1907 D Barber Quarter |
| 2 | Lee H | 1971 Eisenhower Dollar |
| 3 | Harold V | 1939 Nickel |

Foreign Coin

| Place | Name | Item |
|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Willy A | 1899 French coin |
| 2 | Bill B | Chinese cash coin |
| 3 | Jackee A | 1949 Cypress 1/2 Piastre coin |

Token

| Place | Name | Item |
|-------|----------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Jackee A | Hyvis Oil Token |
| 2 | Rick P | Alexander the Great replica |
| 3 | Brian E | ABC Batting cage |

Gold Item

| Place | Name | Item |
|-------|--------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Kirk E | Italy 750 bracelet pieces |

Silver Item

| Place | Name | Item |
|-------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Allisyn W | Masonic Pendant |
| 2 | Tim S | Silver butterfly ring |
| 2 | Willy A | Turquoise ring |

Jewelry

| Place | Name | Item |
|-------|----------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Scott H | Ring with blue stones |
| 2 | Bill B | Mother birth stone ring |
| 3 | Harold V | Bling ring |

Artifact

| Place | Name | Item |
|-------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Lee H | Toy Derringer cap gun |
| 2 | Bill B | Hot Wheel car |
| 3 | Jackee A | Vintage Buckle |

Oldest US Coin

| Place | Name | Item |
|-------|----------|------------------|
| 1 | Jackee A | 1904 V nickel |
| 2 | Ryan P | 1911 V nickel |
| 3 | Lee H | 1912 barber dime |

Most Valuable US Coin

| Place | Name | Item |
|-------|----------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Ryan P | 1921 S Buffalo nickel |
| 2 | Jackee A | 1923 S Buffalo nickel |
| 3 | Scott H | 1964 Kennedy half dollar |

Display

| Place | Name |
|-------|----------|
| 1 | Willy A |
| 2 | Harold V |
| 3 | Jackee A |

Best of the Best

| Name | Item |
|--------|---------------------------|
| Kirk E | Italy 750 bracelet pieces |

2024 Detectorist of the Year Standings

| Place | Name | Points |
|-------|-----------|--------|
| 1 | Jackee A | 162 |
| 2 | Ryan P | 118 |
| 3 | Harold V | 105 |
| 4 | Willy A | 94 |
| 5 | Kirk E | 89 |
| 6 | Tim S | 41 |
| 7 | Bill B | 38 |
| 8 | Scott H | 29 |
| 9 | Sean T | 22 |
| 10 | Laura S | 16 |
| 11 | Lee H | 14 |
| 12 | Allisyn W | 13 |
| 13 | Brian E | 7 |
| 14 | Rick P | 4 |
| 15 | Susan P | 3 |
| 16 | Lorilee C | 1 |
| 16 | Jeffery C | 1 |
| 16 | Ed V | 1 |



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

June 30, 2024 Location: Kenton Park, Portland OR



General Information: None

Historical Information: Acquired by the city as a park in 1941.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results:

25 members turned out for a beautiful day full of fun at the monthly club hunt. Ryan hid 10 regular club tokens in the park and eight special tokens. The hunt was themed to commemorate Canada Day, and any Canadian coin found would win a silver dime. In addition the special token prizes were all Canadian silver coins.

Surprisingly the natural finds were hard to come by, not one piece of silver jewelry was found, but Harold found an earring stamped 14k. Ryan found a 1942-D Mercury dime. The club also found some foreign coins, tokens and costume jewelry. Lee won the oldest coin on the day for his 1935 wheat penny he found and received a Mercury dime.

At count out six club tokens were turned in, and seven of the special ones. Tim won a 1964 Canadian Half Dollar for finding the OTTS stamped boot token. Scott won a silver Canadian dime for finding the OTTS pressed penny. Jackee won a 1945 Canadian Quarter for finding a special token. Three members found Canadian coins during the hunt and won a silver dime. Laura found a grab bag token and pulled out a 100 year old British copper coin! 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, members won two silver half dollars, a silver quarter and an extra silver dime because Ryan found a silver coin during the hunt.



Top 6 winners:

- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| 1) Harold V | 112 points |
| 2) Lee H | 67 points |
| 3) Jackee A | 63 points |
| 4) Tim S | 59 points |
| 5) Willy A | 53 points |
| 6) Jeff S | 47 points |

Total clad found: \$39.67

Trash collected: 12 lbs

Next Club Hunt: The next monthly club hunt is scheduled for Sunday, July 28. 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: 109 lbs.

All Hunts Trash collected: 1,376 lbs.

Total School Trash: 343 lbs.

Total Park Trash: 1033 lbs.

Club Picnic Details

Oregon Treasure Trail Society 2024 Picnic and Seeded Hunt

Sunday, July 14th • 9am - 5pm at Rooster Rock State Park

Register by May 28th for the seeded hunt and be entered in special drawing to win one of seven 2022 Australian Kangaroo 1oz .9999 silver rounds. After May 28, registration will cost \$10 more and you will miss out on winning a special coin

Members \$40, Non-Members \$80 [includes OTTS Membership]

After 5/28: Members \$50, Non-Members \$90 [includes OTTS Membership]

Schedule of Events

- 7:00-9:00 • Setup and coffee provided
- 9:00 • Registration opens
- 10:00 • Games open
- 11:30 • Free BBQ and potluck
- 12:30-1:00 • Free kids hunt [12 and under]
- 1:15 • Games close
- 1:30-2:30 • Seeded hunt
- 2:30 • Games reopen
- 3:30 • Game prize drawings and main raffle
- 5:00 • Field reopens to all detectorists

Field will be seeded with over 500 silver coins, prize tokens, old and foreign coins, silver jewelry, and of course lots of clad! Seeded items will not be buried, they will be on surface or lightly covered in sand. No pinpointers or digging tools.

Try your luck at the Dart Board, Wheel of Fortune, Plinko, Quarter Drop, Raffles and 50/50 Drawing! Great prizes for each game!

If you don't play, you can't win, so bring some extra cash

OTTS will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, soda, water, plates, cups, and utensils. Member potluck: last names with A-H bring appetizers or chips, last name with O-Z bring side dishes, last name with I-N bring dessert.

PARKING FEE \$5 PER VEHICLE • Dogs must be leashed • No alcohol or smoking



Club Picnic Details

2024 OTTS Seeded Hunt Registration

Rooster Rock State Park, Sunday July 14, 2024 - Corbett, OR
Seeded hunt takes place from 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Field will be seeded with over 500 silver coins; clad coins, prize tokens, silver jewelry, old coins, treasure chest keys (one unlocks the goodies) and who knows what else. Items will be on the surface or lightly covered in sand.

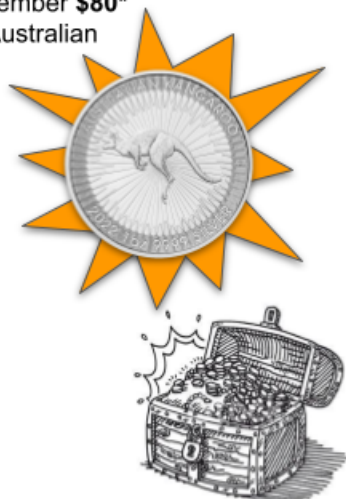
Hunt Rules: No digging tools, no pin-pointers, standard coils or smaller only, headphones must be worn (exception: those with hearing issues or non-compatible hearing aids). No one allowed on the hunt field before the hunt. No one is allowed on hunt field during the hunt unless you are a registered and paid hunter. Gloves are highly recommended as coins get hot sitting in the sun and you may want to brush sand away to find targets.

Seeded Hunt registration is as follows:

Cost if you pre-register by May 28: Current OTTS member \$40 • Non-member \$80* (Save \$10 and be entered in the special drawing to one of seven 2022 Australian Kangaroo 1oz .9999 silver rounds.)

Cost after May 28: Current OTTS member \$50 • Non-member \$90*

*Non-member registrations include 2024 OTTS membership



Member Non-member • Fee Paid Total paid

Name

Address

City/State/Zip Phone

Yes, I am willing to volunteer at the picnic. (All positions are assigned prior to event)

Yes, I will be entering a child in the kids hunt. Name

I agree to the rules set forth above and will respect the rules and integrity of the park at all times.

Signature Print name Date:

Please submit form with payment to Treasurer or mail (postmarked by 5/28 for discount)

Oregon Treasure Trail Society
10350 N. Vancouver Way
Portland OR 97217

2024 Sponsors:



Club Picnic Details

Call for Picnic Donations

Thus far we have received a few donations, but members donated a lot in 2023! These donations extend the prizes for the picnic. If you can donate war nickels, indian head pennies, or a few 1800s era coins to add into the hunt or prize pool you could make someone's day extra special.

I would love to see a few of these be available in the seeded hunt:

- US Large Cents
- US Two Cents
- US 3 Cent, Trime or Nickel
- Seated Dimes/Barber Dimes
- Barber Quarters/SLQs
- Silver jewelry

Last year members donated a Deus 1, and hundreds of silver dimes, old nickels, silver rounds, a gold coin, silver jewelry, bullets, keys, toy trucks, vendor swag, pinpointers and proof sets! Donations not suitable for seeding in the hunt can still be made into a prize for a game, or token found in the hunt.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Jackee A

Found this lovely 1907 barber quarter in a local Beaverton park. Too bad the 1901 S quarter I found last month wasn't in this condition or else it would have been \$\$\$\$. The Gale & Hayden sterling spoon is my first complete silver spoon & dates to 1848 :)



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Richard S

12 lbs. of trash pulled out of Kenton Park at the last club hunt.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Velo G

New member and novice detectorist here. I'd like to add, if you see fit, my impression of the club. I am totally amazed at the finds from the club meetings and hunts. It is truly stunning to see what just a few hours of detecting will yield from a common city park. Then, to see what folks come up with over a month it is mind blowing. It has been a real eye opener to see advanced detectorists practice their craft.

The quality of the club is a direct reflection of the quality of the people in the club and having had only a short time of participation I feel the experience has positively exceeded anything I could have expected. I look forward to participating more!

Here are a few snaps I took.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ron B

Pictures from last meeting and Club hunt.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V



XP Deus Pinpointer update: This is a great pinpointer when it is sync'ed to the XP headphones. It has superior sensitivity and can detect items from farther away than any other pinpointer I have used. I like it a lot.

Now let's talk about water hunting with this pinpointer. In short, it's main feature of communicating w the headphones is literally blown out of the water. Because it is wireless, it can't connect to the headphones. So you have to un-pair it to work in the water. This, of course, caused me all kinds of grief trying to remember how to get it to pair up again.

In short great pinpointer, on land.



My heart breaker find of the month. When I first dug this out of the muddy ground I thought Gold! Then I cleaned it and it is stamped China.



This ring rang up in the low 50s, Again hoping for platinum or gold, but no...



Found this silver ring deep in a field.



One of my favorite coins to find.



Two nice pieces, but just bling.



A silver ring that I was able to bend back into shape.

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

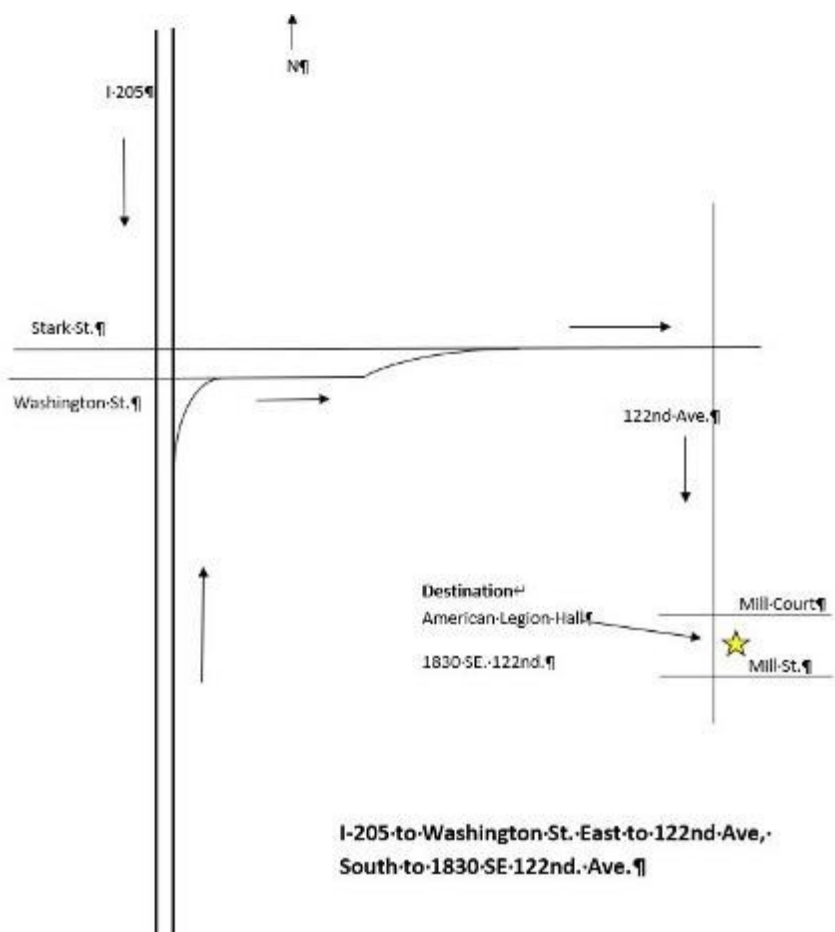
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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

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: Harold V