



OTTS NEWSLETTER March 2019

"Yet it isn't the gold that I'm wanting, so much as just finding the gold."

– Robert W. Service

OTTS President's Message

Presidents Message March

At last the temps are rising (slowly) and hunting can be more fun not freezing fingers and toes.

A reminder, our Garage sale is coming up in a few weeks so start accumulating your donations.

Laura suggests that you donate any flat ware that you find on hunts to the sale.

We are still working to get the newsletter and Web site up to speed again. Thanks to the efforts of Jerry and Harold.

Remember to take care filling your holes. This time of year it can be a bit of an effort to make them look good.

Happy hunting and see you at the meeting.

Rick Page, President



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Minutes from February 26, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Rick Page. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 31 members and 2 guests. The minutes of the last meeting, as published on the website, were noted and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Don reported on the January club hunt. Birthdays were announced and birthday quarters were given. The birthday draw was won by Kathy B. She was awarded a 1922 Liberty dollar. Nancy M won the member draw. She was awarded a 1964 Kennedy Half Dollar. The progressive draw was not awarded to and a new silver was added to the pot.

Old business was discussed including a reminder to send pictures of dangerous items (bullets, Knives etc.) to Jerry H or Randy W. Belda's will present at the March meeting. Dick Pugh will talk about meteorites in April.

New business- Willy A found the club token at Gabriel Park in SW Portland. A new token will be soon be buried and clues will follow. The club will start collecting found silverware (in good condition) to sell at our garage sale. Douglas Wilson Ph.D. presented a program about archaeology and metal detecting.

Big raffle winners were drawn. Monthly finds winners were awarded. Many people entered in multiple categories.



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February Club Hunt



Ventura Park
460 SE 113th Avenue

General Info
 Acreage: 7.25
 Acquired in 1986

Ventura Park Elementary

145 SE 117th Ave
 Portland, Oregon 97216



The February OTTS Club hunt was held on March 3rd Sunday. We meet at the McDonalds at 5613 SE 82nd Ave. Meeting between 8 and 9 am. It was a very Cold Morning

The hunt was held at Ventura Park & Ventura Park Elementary school.



Don hid 10 regular tokens and 2 special tokens – only 3 regular tokens and 1 special token was recovered. At the count out the membership drawing was won by Steve Echman winning a 1964 half dollar. The top 6 winners at the hunt were;

- 1) TIM S WITH 114 POINTS
- 2) DON S WITH 111 POINTS
- 3) TIM R WITH 64 POINTS
- 4) COLLEEN V.H. WITH 62 POINTS
- 5) GARRY B WITH 59 POINTS
- 6) LINDA C WITH 54 POINTS



The oldest coin was a 1944 wheat, notable items found: 8 non-club tokens, 2 silver dimes, (1 US, 1 Canadian) 3 silver Jewelry, 29 costume jewelry, 3 Wheaties and 7 foreign coins for a total of \$35.74.

Total Trash collected during the hunt: 12.24 pounds.

I had fun doing the hunt for the last 39 months but it's time for someone new --- Don Spillman

Next Club Hunt Details

The next club hunt will be on March 30th Saturday unknown location, we will post the hunt details on Facebook as soon as they are finalized.



February 2019 Find of the Month Results

Oldest US Coin

- 1st Tim B. 1853-O Seated Liberty quarter
- 2nd Tim S. 1904 Indian head penny
- 3rd Bill B. 1916 Wheat penny

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Harold V. 1892-CC Silver dollar
- 2nd Tim B. 1916-D Walking Liberty half
- 3rd Ashley W. 1922-S Peace dollar

US Coin

- 1st Tim B. 1916-S Barber dime
- 2nd Tim R. 1976 Bicentennial Ike dollar
- 3rd Ashley W. 1924 Buffalo nickel

Foreign Coin

- 1st Tim B. 1990 Greece Alexander the Great 100D.
- 2nd Colleen V. 1959 Swiss 5 rappen
- 3rd Tim S. 1942 Ireland 6 pence w/ wolf

Token

- 1st Bill B. Spokane Loeff Carrousel token
- 2nd Tim B. Downtown Portland parking token
- 3rd Ron B. Vancouver Portland toll bridge token

Gold Jewelry

- 1st Tim S. 14k White gold wedding band
- 2nd Don S. 18k Gold ring

Silver Item

- 1st Tim B. Sterling Siam brooch pin w/ ship
- 2nd Harold V. 925 "AGG" bracelet
- 3rd John M. Silver (tested) pendant w/ amber

Jewelry

- 1st Laura A. Ganesh & Om two sided charm
- 2nd Willy A. Silver color amber brooch
- 3rd Bill B. Gold filled tie bar

Artifact

- 1st Tim B. Phoenix button
- 2nd Bill B. 31st Infantry unit crest w/ beaver
- 3rd Tim S. Civil War era gold gilt cuff button

Display

- 1st Tim B.
- 2nd Bill B.
- 3rd Tim R

Item of the Month

- 1st Jerry H., WWI Engineer "F" Co. collar disk
- 2nd Linda C., Costa Rican money cart
- 3rd Tim S., Civil War era toe tap
- Tie Colleen V., Vincent Bach trumpet mouthpiece
- Tie Tim B., Printer's plate: Molalla Sand & Gravel

Best of the Best

- Tim S., 14k White gold wedding band

2019 Detectorist of the Year Standings

1st Tim B	58
2nd Bill B	33
3rd Tim R	32
4th Tim S	28
5th Jerry H	23
6th Ashley W	22
7th Linda C	14
Tie Ron B	14
9th Colleen V	12
Tie Harold V	12
11th Don F	11
Tie Rick P	11
Tie Laura A	11
14th Scott Jo	9
15th John M	8
16th Willy A	6
17th Jeff S	5
Tie Laura S	5
19th Don S	4
20th Byron D	3
Tie Owen F	3
Tie Gary B	3



Find of the Month Information

FOTM Team

- Bill B
- Tim B
- Linda C



Information, entry form and rules on the find of the month competition:

Find of the month entry form:

<https://ottsclub.org/files>

Monthly Meeting Big Raffle Results

Raffle Results

- 2010 \$5-dollar Gold Eagle PCGS MS70-Mike M
- 1901-O Morgan dollar-Laura A
- 1921 Morgan dollar-Kathy B
- 1921 Morgan dollar-Gary B
- 1921 Morgan dollar-Ashly W
- 1921 Morgan dollar-Linda C
- 1921 Morgan dollar-Tim B
- 1921 Morgan dollar-Bill B
- 1922 Peace dollar-Michael P
- 1922 Peace dollar-Tim S
- 1954 Franklin half-Byron
- 1961D Franklin half-Michael P
- 1962D Franklin half-Dick A
- Mystery Envelope/ 2 Silver proof Alaska quarters-Tim S
- Mystery Envelope/1873 Belgium 5 Francs-Paul S



Coins for Next Monthly Meeting Big Raffle

Here is the selection of coins for this coming month’s raffle. Remember tickets are one for \$1.00, or six for \$5.00. And 25% of the ticket sales goes back to your club the remaining 75% is used to purchase the next month’s prizes.

Gold Coin

- 1995 \$5 Dollar Gold Eagle



Silver Coins

- 1883 Morgan dollar
- 1887 Morgan dollar
- 1888 Morgan dollar
- 1891 Morgan dollar
- 1897S Morgan dollar
- 1897S Morgan dollar
- 1921S Morgan dollar
- 1921S Morgan dollar
- 1921 Morgan dollar
- 1953D Franklin half
- 1961D Franklin half
- 1963D Franklin half
- 1964D Kennedy half
- 2 Mystery Envelopes

OTTS Club Challenge Token 2019

RULES:

- Please follow the Metal Detecting Code of Ethics. This is for fun and we want to be able to continue this event in the future.
- Each month, a new clue will be published in the newsletter.
- A Bonus clue will be given to those attending the monthly club meeting.
- When found, turn in the Challenge Token at the next OTTS club meeting for the prize.
- Have fun figuring out the clues and Happy Hunting!

Good Luck and Happy Hunting!

Ed & Nancy Arcement

February

- The theme is "History".

March

- LC and Plamondon have been here.

OTTS Club History

The Oregon Treasure Trail Society 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.

OTTS Club Meeting Location

Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings which are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in North Portland. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., and the official meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Eagles Lodge 7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

[Web Directions] <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Fraternal+Order+of+Eagles/@45.5839492,-122.7260428,17.16z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x5495a7eefbf6831:0x80dc15723d738faa!8m2!3d45.5835352!4d-122.7249067?hl=en>



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.



Board Members

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Secretary: Laura Alvstad-Hittle
Treasurer: Tim Root
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At large: Jim Cornwell



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