



OTTS NEWSLETTER May 2019

OTTS President's Message

Fellow Members,

Wow the sun is shining, amazing what that does for one's attitude.

May is here already and we are just a few weeks out for the Club Picnic. Byron and Tim have been busy gathering a host of goodies for the hunt and raffle. Byron tells me Tickets for the Picnic Raffle will be available at the May 28 meeting. Be sure to bring a few extra dollars to the May meeting for tickets.

This month the program is Errol Belda, talking on some of the latest metal detecting hardware and his recent experience hunting back east.

Those of you who attended April meeting found out Tim, our treasurer, has a job promotion. Unfortunately for the club this means Tim will be leaving us for Houston Texas, the company's home office. During his short service period, Tim has performed exceptionally well. We thank him and wish him the very best in his new position. For the Moment Mike M will assume the Treasurer's duties.

Good hunting,
Rick Page, President



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Minutes from April 23, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Rick Page. The pledge of Allegiance was recited then the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 31 members and 1 guest. The minutes of the last meeting, as published on the website, were noted and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Terry B reported on the March club hunt. There were seven people with birthdays in April. Each person was given a birthday coin. The birthday draw was won by Michael P. He was awarded an 1882 Morgan dollar. Mary S won the member draw. She was awarded a 1964 Kennedy Half Dollar. The progressive draw was not awarded to and new silver dollar 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. The big summer hunt and picnic will be held on July 14th at Rooster Rock State Park. A new special token that is the shape of Oregon was hidden this month and a clue was given,

New business- Ten "Bude" trays have been sold. The garage sale will be postponed until after the picnic. Next month's speaker will be Errol Belda, of Belda's Metal Detectors. There is a new contact list available. An illegal dig at Lewis and Clark Park was discussed. Tim R is vacating the treasure position because of a job promotion. Mike M will fill in temporarily. Tim was thanked for an excellent job. He will be missed!

Other Information

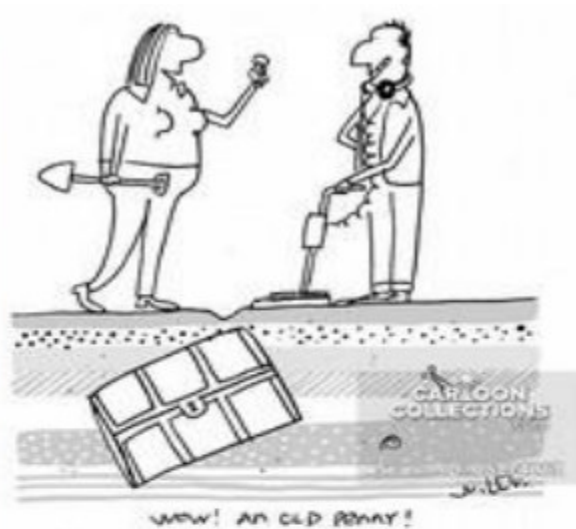
Ongoing club fundraisers and charitable contributions include a monthly can food/money drive for the needy. Cans with deposits and washed pennies are collected each month. The money is used for club activities. Clean pull tabs are collected and donated for scrap metal.

May Club Hunt

Location: Fernhill Park
 4050 NE Holman St.
 Portland, OR 97211

General Information: Acquired in 1940. Consists of 26.63 acres.

Historical Information: According to rumor, the land that is now called Fernhill Park was used as a dumping ground for stolen cars. Auto thieves would steal cars, take them to the ravine, and strip them down for parts. Portland Parks & Recreation 'rode to the rescue' and removed briar patches, graded the hills, and planted grass – turning this one-time valley of vandals into a beautiful park for everyone to enjoy!



The OTTS April Club Hunt was held on April 28, 2019 (Sunday). We met at McDonalds located at 8011 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. The Club met between 7 & 8 am. Members left for Fernhill Park at 8 am. 27 members and 1 guest attended. 24 members all stayed for the count out at 12 pm.

Terry hid 15 regular tokens and 1 special token. Only 11 regular tokens were recovered. The special token was found by Colleen V. Stuart P won the membership drawing. He won a 1964 Kennedy Half Dollar.

The top 6 winners at the hunt were:

- 1) Ashley W 81 Points
- 2) Tim S 57 Points
- 3) Byron D 56 Points
- 4) Rick P 50 Points
- 5) Harold V 50 Points
- 6) Jeff S 49 Points



The oldest coin was a 1929 Washington Quarter found by Tim Schade.

Notable items found: 4 non-OTTS tokens, 1 silver coin, 1 silver ring, 9 wheat pennies, 5 foreign coins, and 27 pieces of costume jewelry.

Total in clad found: \$22.13

Total Trash collected during the hunt: ???

Terry sold 2 more "Bude" trays for \$10 to put towards more of silver for the club summer hunt.

Next Club Hunt Details

The next club hunt will be on June 1st, a Saturday. We will be meeting at the McDonalds located at 13002 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA 98686. The meeting is from 7 & 8 am. We will leave for the hunt at 8 am. Count out will be at 12 noon.



April 2019 Find of the Month Results

Oldest US Coin

- 1st Tim B. 1887 Indian head penny
- 2nd Bill B. 1918-S Wheat penny
- 3rd Tim S. 1925-D Wheat penny

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Tim B. 1925 Standing Liberty quarter
- 2nd Tim S. 1957-D Roosevelt dime
- Ties Linda C., Harold V., Ron B., Bill B., Willy A., Colleen V. \$1 coins

US Coin

- 1st Tim B. 1917-D&S Mercury dimes (same hole)
- 2nd Bill B. 1918-S Mercury dime
- 3rd Tim S. Dateless buffalo nickel

Foreign Coin

- 1st Tim B. 1641-56 Portugal John IV hammered silver
- 2nd Harold V. Xian Feng 5 Chi Chinese cash coin
- 3rd Rick P. 1974-J Germany 50 pfennig

Token

- 1st Bill B. 1933 76 (gasoline) lucky piece
- 2nd Harold V. Fort Clatsop commemorative token
- 3rd Tim S. Safe-o-Mat token

Gold Jewelry

- 1st Tim S. 14k Gold necklace
- 2nd Bill B. Small 14k band

Silver Item

- 1st Tim B. 925 Turtle brooch w/ 4 stones
- 2nd John M. 925 Ring w/ purple stones
- 3rd Bill B. Sterling & 10k GP labradorite ring

Jewelry

- 1st Tim B. Silver colored ring w/ tiger's eye
- 2nd Linda C. Fancy locket w/ chain
- 3rd Bill B. Large amethyst ring (costume)

Artifact

- 1st Tim S. 1940's Junior sheriff badge
- 2nd Tim B. Virgo watch fob
- 3rd Bill B. Antique brass floral makeup com-

Display

- 1st Tim B.
- 2nd Bill B.
- 3rd Willy A

Item of the Month

- 1st Tim B. 925 Salt dip spoon w/ cherub
- 2nd Tim S. Small Zippo lighter

Best of the Best

- Tim S. 14k Gold necklace
- Tim B. 1641-56 Portugal John IV hammered silver

2019 Detectorist of the Year Standings

1st Tim B	122
2nd Bill B	76
3rd Tim S	65
4th Tim R	48
5th Harold V	40
6th Jerry H	35
7th Ron B	28
8th Colleen V	27
9th Rick P	26
Tie Willy A	26
11th Linda C	25
12th Ashley W	22
13th Laura A	20
14th Scott Jo	16
15th Laura S	15
16th Don F	13
Tie John M	13
18th Gary B	10
19th Jeff S	8
20th Don S	4
21st Byron D	3
Tie Owen F	3
23rd Ed A	1
Tie Nancy A	1



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FOTM Committee Message:

Please do your civic duty at the meetings and vote in the Find of the Month. At the April meeting, we had 17 people enter finds but only 14 people voted, including people who didn't enter anything.

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

Gold Coin: 1989 \$5 Dollar Gold Eagle – Sandie S
 1883 Morgan dollar – Ashley W
 1891 Morgan dollar – Rick P
 1899-O Morgan dollar – Ashley W
 1922 Peace dollar -Sue M
 1922-S Peace dollar- Tim S
 1922-S Peace dollar- Mike J
 1925 Peace dollar -Kathy B
 1928-S Peace dollar- Tim S
 1935-S Peace dollar -Don F
 1936 Walking Liberty Half -Nancy A
 1951s Franklin half-Sue M
 1954D Franklin half -Ashley W
 1958D Franklin half -Mike J
 1848 Large Cent -Nancy A
 Mystery Envelope – Silver Quarter and Silver Dime - Tim 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

2015 Canada 1/10 oz Howling Wolf



Silver Coins

1885 Morgan dollar
 1896 Morgan dollar
 1897 Morgan dollar
 1900 Morgan dollar
 1921 Morgan dollar
 1921 Morgan dollar
 1921 Morgan dollar
 1922D Peace dollar
 1922S Peace dollar
 1951S Franklin half
 1958D Franklin half
 1960D Franklin half
 1961D Franklin 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.

April

- From this place you can see a Diamond.

May

- Stop, Look and Listen for Planes, Trains, Automobiles and Boats.

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

President: Rick Page 503-422-8279
Vice President: Ron Boehm
Secretary: Laura Alvstad-Hittle
Treasurer: Tim Root
At large: Mike Maxon
At large: Jim Cornwell



Other Club Contacts

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