

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

Finally, some good news. We had both a successful club hunt and monthly meeting. I am confident that we are going to be able to continue with both as we move forward with recovery from the covid pandemic. Our member list is growing (46) and from all appearances we should be able to have our monthly meeting on the 25th of May. A reminder to check your email, phone, club calendar, and the OTTS face book page for any messages concerning club activities.

Mike has decided to step down from the Treasurer's position at the end of August of this year. The club needs someone to fill this position. If you are interested contact someone on the board.

Happy Hunting,

Ron B



(Pictures submitted by Ron B. After our first club hunt in a long time.)

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Setup starts at 5:30 p.m. Socializing starts at: 6:00 p.m. Meeting starts at: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting location:

Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

Guest Speaker:

No Guest Speaker has been scheduled for the upcoming meeting.

Birthdays for the Month:

None have been announced.



(Pictures submitted by Scott J. Another silver ring found this year.)

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting April 27, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Ron B. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 35 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. Harold reported on the September club hunt. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins were given. Monthly birthday draws were won by Nancy A, Rick P, Mary S and Willie A. Ashley W. won the member draw. He was awarded a 1947 Half Dollar. The progressive draw was awarded to Ed A. New silver was added to the pot.

Old business was discussed. Club tokens were turned in. 2021 dues can be paid at any time. Ron reminded the members of our ongoing pop can and penny jar.

New business- Jerry H talked about Facebook and our online calendar. Crystal and Jerry will work on the t-shirt logistics. The club picnic will most likely happen. The number of hunters may be limited. Hunters will be allowed on a first come first serve basis. Members are encouraged to sign up early. Due to state regulations, we will not be allowed to have a potluck. The club will supply pop, water, individually wrapped chips and cookies. Picnic raffle tickets are on sale now. You don't need to be present to win. Be sure to put your name on the back of your tickets if you will not be at the picnic. Harold V will hide the challenge token this year. More details to come. It was decided, by the club, that whoever finds the challenge token will hide it next year. Mathew N and Ryan P volunteered to take over the job of hunt masters.

Many members brought in finds trays that included finds since our October meeting. Members talked about their finds.

The winner of the gold coin was announced.

Please remember no outside food is allowed in the Eagles building.

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.

Meeting Raffle Results

2017 Gold Coin American Eagle 1/10 oz- Brian L
1879 Morgan dollar – Ryan P
1921 Morgan dollar – Rick P
1921 Morgan dollar – Ashley W
1921 Morgan dollar – Byron D
1923 Peace dollar-Diane H
1923 Peace dollar- Scott J
1925 Peace dollar-Sue M
1926s Peace dollar- Steven C
1964 D Kennedy half- Scott H
Mystery Envelope (1) 1962 Canadian Dollar-Scott H
Mystery Envelope (2) 1962 Canadian Dollar- Ashley W

Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

None.



(Pictures submitted by Ron B. Club hunt.)

Find of the Month Results

April 2021

We did not have a formal Find of the Month due to the Covid anti-touching regulations. Members brought in displays of their finds since the last meeting, which was October 2020. Each member was allowed to tell detecting stories, discuss their finds and report their favorite find.

The next Find of the Month (or displays, depending on the virus) will consist of finds made after the April meeting.

<u>Display</u>	<u>Favorite Find</u>
Jerry H.	18K Gold filled red stone ring
Laura A	Buffalo nickel (dateless)
Allisyn W.	George Washington memorial urn cufflink (1799)
Tim S.	Esgle "I" (Infantry) military button
Bill B.	18K Large gold diamond ring
Linda C	"Dime-In-Ring" novelty ring
Scott J.	Standing Liberty quarter (dateless)
Willy A	1855 Seated half dime, 14K gold ring
Matt N.	1922-D Peace silver dollar
Ryan P.	1887-S Seated dime
Rick G.	Tacoma good luck swastika token

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.

2020 Detectorist of the Year Standings

Suspended until further notice.

O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

The OTTS April Club Hunt was held on Apr 25, 2021 (Sunday). We met at the parking lot for Rite aid and Albertsons located at 5415 SW Beaverton Hwy, Portland, OR. The Club met between 7:30 & 8 am. Members left for the hunt at 8 am. 16 members attended. All members stayed for the count out at 12 pm.

Scott J and Harold V hid 10 regular tokens and 2 special tokens. 4 regular tokens were recovered. One special token was found by Tim S and one was found by Lee H.

Byron D. won the membership drawing. He received a silver Quarter.

The top 6 winners at the hunt were:

Rick G	196 Points
Bill B	155 Points
Matthew N	131 Points
Ryan P	130 Points
Willy A	108 Points
Tim S	104 Points

Oldest coin found was a 1938 Buffalo Nickel found by Scott H.

Notable items found: 1 gold ring, 5 silver rings, 4 Wheat Pennies, 3 Foreign coins, 16 pieces of costume jewelry. 3 Tokens, 2 Bullet Casings, 7 Clothing Fasteners, 6 Dog Tags, 1 Fishing Gear, 7 Keys, 1 Metal Toy, 8 Tools, 1 Glasses, 15 Rusty Nails, 570 Bottle Caps or Pull Tabs, 495 pieces of trash, 1 Surprise Item (bobby pin) and 625 clad coins.

Total Trash collected during the hunt: 10 lbs.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Master Notes:

None

Next Club Hunt Details:

Matthew N and Ryan P will be hosting the next club hunt. The next club hunt will be Saturday May 29th. The next club hunt will be on Saturday, May 29th. We will meet at the following address: 4515 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland, OR 97206. We will meet at 7:30 and begin the hunt at 8 am. Count out will be at 12 am.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Ron B



Submitted by Willy A

Some Pictures of recent finds



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. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., and the official meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. Meetings are held at the Eagles Lodge located at:

7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

Web Link to O.T.T.S. Location:

<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>



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 and Extracurricular Positions

Board Members

President: Ron B

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Secretary: Laura A

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At large: Byron D

Other Club Contacts

Club Hunts: Terry B

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Challenge Token: Scott J

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Find of the Month Team

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