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

I want to thank everyone for your support as your new Club President. I will do my best.

Hey, did you know that this year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Oregon Treasure Trail Society. Can you imagine what detecting was like 40 years ago? Detectors were quite heavy with metal housings, tons of batteries, transistors, resistors and capacitors oh my. Ergonomics was, well, I don't think it was even a word back then. Garrett Detectors had the Deepseeker VLF/TR with A.D.S. (Automatic Detection System) it just sounds good. I don't have to do anything, it will do it all itself. Whites Coinmaster 6000 di, had "Ground Exclusion Balance Discrimination". Wow, I'm sure you didn't dig any pull tabs with that technology. Minelab wasn't quite in the game yet, their first detector was the Goldseekers 15000, introduced in 1985 and used for locating gold. However it's resemblance to today's detectors is uncanny. We are fortunate to have such great technology at hand to make such wonderful finds when conditions are challenging. I continually think back to those early Club members and how they would detect parks, schools, vacant lots, etc. and the silver coins would be like picking berries from a vine (LOL). What will detecting be like in the next 40 years? What will our club be like? I'm looking forward to it.

Happy Anniversary to the Oregon Treasure Trail Society, and all our dedicated members.

Scott H.



Found at an Elementary School

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 24, 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

Guest Speaker:

No Guest Speaker has been scheduled for the upcoming meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting April 26, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Ashley W. At this time Ashley spoke, and told of new opportunities with his career and a need to step down from the Presidency position. Scott H. proceeded and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced.

A Thank you to Ashley for his commitment to the club was made by Scott H. and all in attendance applauded. Good Luck Ashley!!!

The meeting was attended by 33 members and 3 guests. The membership welcomed new member Bryon S, recently retired and ready to find some great treasures with his Equinox. 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 and accepted. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins given. The monthly birthday draw was won by Sandie S. and she was awarded a Walking Liberty half dollar. Scott J. won the member draw and received a 1957 Franklin half dollar. The Progressive draw was won by Maggie F. who graciously donated the Morgan Dollar back into the progressive draw for our next meeting. New Silver was also added to the pot. Ryan P. gave a club hunt recap, where 15 people showed up to Willamette Park in Lake Oswego. Donations were collected by the membership for the Fremont United Methodist Church. Club tokens were turned in by Scott Jo, Harold V and Willy A. Scott H. turned in the Challenge token, he was awarded a 1922 Peace dollar for this find.

Old/New business was discussed. Scott H. reported that the board had located a new meeting location. We will be meeting at the American Legion Hall Post #1, at 1830 S.E. 122nd Ave. Our first meeting there will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, May 24th. 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. asked the membership for a donation of foreign coins for the picnic, if you can help please contact Byron. At this time Byron made a motion to nominate Scott H. for President of the Oregon Treasure Trails Society, a second was made and a vote of the membership affirmed that our new president is Scott H. Some discussion was made for a new VP and a motion was made and passed to continue this at our next regular meeting.

Krystal F. asked that we provide signup sheets at our next meeting for members to volunteer to operate the picnic games and for pot luck dishes to bring. Scott H. and Byron D. will help with this.

The nights Raffle and Find of the Month awards were given out

Scott H. closed the meeting with a message about leaning his detector against his car, and driving off without it. Fortunately all ended well and lessons were learned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

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

2008 1/10oz Type II Eagle Head Ashley W.

Silver Morgans

1880 Jackie A.

1884 Don S.

1921 Mike J.

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Silver Other

1922 Peace Dollar Rick P.

1939 Liberty Half Kirk E.

1961 Franklin Half Scott H.

2018s Proof Kennedy Half Harold V.



Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

1998 1/10 gold US coin

1886 and (2x) 1921 Morgan Dollars

1922 Peace Dollar

2022 Saint Helena Silver 1£

1893 Morgan Half

1942 Walking Liberty Half

1962 Franklin Proof Half

1964 Kennedy Half



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Find of the Month Results—March 2022

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1919 Compact
2	Ron B	Micky Padlock
3	Ryan P	4 Ninja Stars

US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Lee H	1943 Half Dollar
2	Laura S	1944 Dime
2	Scott Jo	1945 Dime

Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott J	1967 Canadian Quarter
2	Bill B	Costa Rican 5 Colona
3	Willie A	1960 Canadian Penny
3	Scott J o	1984 100 Peso
3	Matt N	1973 United Arab Emirate

Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1913 Rose Fest token
2	Laura S	24 Hour Sobriety token
3	Scott Jo	1898 Jw Conner token

Gold Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	18K Gold ring with diamonds
2	Scott J	14k Gold ring w "Bee" stamped

Silver Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1910 Typewriter Pin
2	Willy A	Cat Pin
3	Laura S	Spiritual ring

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott Jo	Giant Bling Ring
1	Bill B	Black Heart Ring
3	Willie A	Heart Pendent

Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott Jo	Musket Powder Shot measure 1890's
2	Bill B	School Bus hot wheel car
2	Jackee A	Dog Pipe

Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott Jo	1897 Indian
2	Ryan P	1918 Wheat
3	Bill B	1928 Wheat

Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Matt N	1932 S Key Date Quarter
2	Scott Jo	1898 Half Dollar
2	Ryan P	1957 D Dime

Display

Place	Name
1	Scott H
2	Scott J
3	Willy A
3	Jackee A

Best of the Best

Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	18K Gold with diamonds 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>
1st	Willy A	75
2nd	Ryan P	74
3rd	Jakee A	72
4th	Scott Jo	67
5th	Bill B	58
6th	Matthew N	36
7th	Ron B	31
8th	Kirk E	24
9th	Tim S	21
10th	Scott H	20
11th	Byron D	16
12th	Laura S	13
13th	Allysin W	7
14th	Lee H	7
15th	Ed V	6



Submitted by Harold V: Penny and it's imprint

O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

April 2022

Location: Raleigh Swim Center Park, 3500 SW 78th Ave, Portland, OR 97225



General Information: Located between SW Canyon Road and SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway in Raleigh Hills, 16-acre Raleigh Park offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities.

Historical Information: None provided.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results: The OTTS April Club Hunt was held on Saturday April, 30th 2022. We met at the Fred Meyers located at 77007700 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy, Portland, OR 97225. Byron D hosted the hunt. Thanks Byron! 10 members attended to my surprise due to the weather forecast of rain, however the rain held off until just as we were leaving, thank you.

Byron D hid 10 regular tokens and three special token. Eight of the regular tokens. All three of the Special Tokens were found. Ed V was the lucky winner of the Club draw. He received a Walking Liberty Half. A Special prize was awarded to Laura S as she had the lowest total points, 28.

Lee H, was the big winner finding a chunky gold ring. Other notable finds were 9 pieces of junk jewelry and 5 wheat pennies. The oldest being a 1944.

Thanks to our generous Host everyone walked away with a silver coin.

The top 6 winners:

- 1) Harold V. 85 points
- 2) Lee H 79 points
- 3) Laura A. 54 points
- 4) Scott H. 53 points
- 5) Jerry H. 45 points
- 6) Ed V. 38 points

Total clad found: \$18.24

Trash collected: 17 lbs.

May Club Hunt: May Club Hunt: The meeting location is **7525 SW Barnes Rd, Portland, OR 97225**, check the club calendar for updates. We are going back to normal hours (8 am - noon), so the club will leave for the hunt location promptly at 8 am! Be there early!



OTTS Club Challenge Token 2022

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!

January

We will search High and Low, but in the end the token is neither north or south.

Bonus: Look to the beginning and all will be revealed.

February

Each month that goes by the hunt gets easier. I am not high in elevation. Some may say I am on the flat. It rings up at a 12-11 on the CTX which is just under a nickel for you non-CTX people.

Bonus: Rivers snake to the north and to the west of my location.

March

Surely by now, you know the token is hidden in a park.

April

To tell you the truth, the token lies between a noisy black river of stone and a pond that fisher's like to practice in.

The Challenge Token was found by Scott H. Congratulations! He was awarded a 1922 Peace Dollar.



RECOVERY TIPS

Method 1—Probe

Use this method to unearth shallow targets (1 to 4 inches), when the ground is dry and when the risk of damaging the grass is high. This method requires a bit more practice, but is much less damaging to the grass than Method 2. After pinpointing the target (as accurately as possible), use a probe to locate the target by pressing it down into the soil. A probe can be an ice pick or small screwdriver with the end rounded so as not to mar your target. Next, insert the probe just above the target center, and rotate slightly to open the ground. Now insert the probe just under the target at an angle and work the target to the surface. Brush all the loose dirt back into the hole and close by exerting pressure all around the opening.

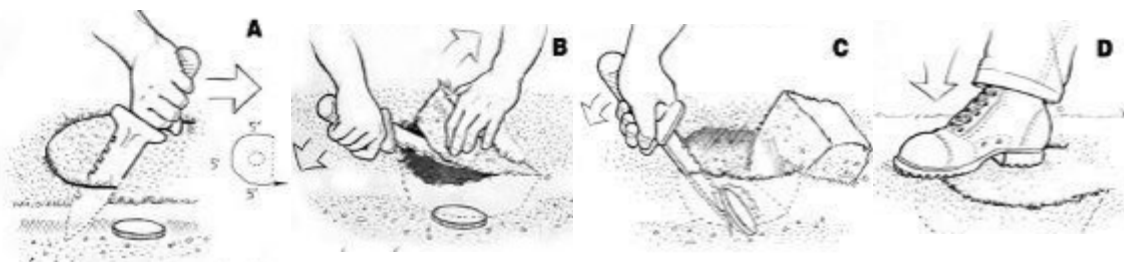


Method 2—Plugging

Use this method only where allowed in natural wooded areas or fields, or in very moist lawn areas. Removing plugs from hard, dry ground can damage the grass roots and kill the grass within the plug, leaving a yellow “dead” spot that will remain long after you leave. This leaves a terrible image and needs to be guarded against.

After pinpointing the target, cut (using a digger or a sturdy blade) a half-moon shaped plug, 4-5” deep and 4-5” in diameter, around the center of your target. Cut straight down into the ground, but leave the one side of the plug attached. Cutting a hinged plug rather than an entire “plate” will properly orient its return, prevent removal by a lawnmower and lessen the chance of scratching your target. Most importantly it will allow the root system of the plug to remain intact, keeping the plug alive and green.

Once cut, insert your knife or digger down opposite the hinge and carefully fold it back. Scan the plug and the hole to isolate the target location. If the target is in the plug, carefully probe until located, and carefully extract to minimize damage to roots and plug integrity. If the target is in the hole and not visible, use an electronic pin pointer or probe the bottom and sides of the hole until the target is located and removed. If you need to remove more dirt from the hole, carefully collect it on a rag or small tarp patch so it can be returned to the hole when finished. By placing any dirt on a cloth, it will keep the site clean and make it much easier to return to the hole. Replace all loose dirt with the plug, seat firmly and press it down with your foot to remove any air pockets. Done properly, you will leave no trace and the grass will remain healthy.



Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Kirk E

Not sure if this qualifies as a real metal detecting success story, more of a cute special interest story. As with so many things in life it is all in the eyes of the viewer. Last summer I was detecting and found a small lavender fuzzball on the surface it has a small metal clasp like it was attached to a keychain or something and fell off. I put it in my trash bag intending to toss it later. When I got home and was cleaning up my find, as sometimes happens Manda decided to help. She took a particular interest in the fuzzball and carried it off. She has a basket full of toys most of which she gets bored with after a month or two but to date she has not grown tired of it, and this seems to be her favorite. She will carry it all over the house you often see her laying on a rug with it sitting next to her. Sometimes she will carry it to the stairs and drop it, but she always seems to know where it is. Certainly not my favorite or best find but in reality it makes me smile seeing how much she enjoys it so maybe it is.

Submitted by Jackee A

My fav finds was the 1919 Djer Kiss compact (upper left pic). It was really deep and I'm glad it wasn't a can! And some pics of other great finds.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Scott Jo

April Fools! Two pictures of two different rings. If only I had found a diamond that big! Some other pics of my latest finds. A couple of coin spills I found and a Mercury dime.



Submitted by Matthew N

Some recent Finds!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Matthew N

1932 S Key Date , 1960s Tootsie Toy Car, 1958 D Washington , 3 Silver Rings



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

Awesome token, Silver pin circa 1915 and 1984 American Racing Pigeon Union leg band, Oregon chapter



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

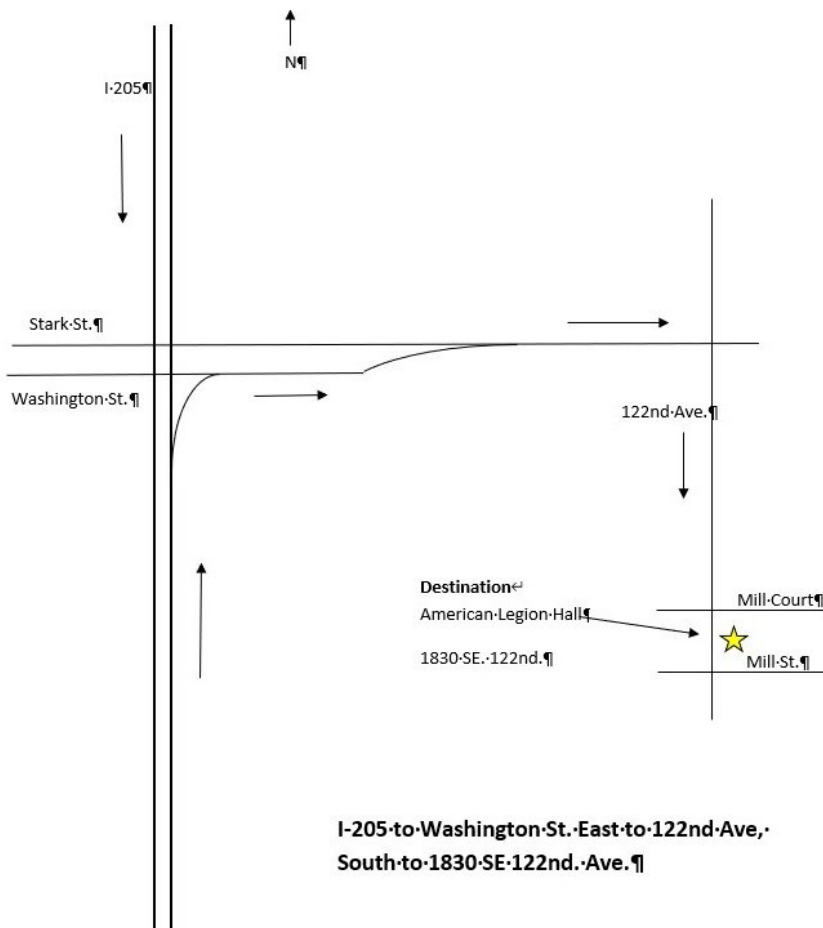
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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