

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Submitted by Ron B: The club after another club hunt.

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

I hope you are taking advantage of all this great weather. It might be a challenge to squeeze in time to hunt with Rose Festival events, fathers day and other family activities but there is the late evening and early morning hunts.

Our picnic is coming up this next month. Make sure you set aside the time to attend. And remember our gold coin drawing with tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Roster Rock Park requires a \$5 entrance fee per car, Card or cash.

Wishing you great hunting!

Club President Rick Page

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Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 25th, 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

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Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting May 28, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Rick Page.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of club officers and board members.

Meeting attended by 34 members and 4 guests. Guests were introduced and welcomed.

Treasury report by Don S.

April meeting minutes accepted as published.

Jason C awarded a silver half for the member draw.

Jessica H. won the progressive draw but was not present so another 1\$ in silver was added to the jar.

Jerry H was the only member in attendance with a May birthday and was awarded a silver half dollar.

Ryan P. reported on last months club hunt.

Mike M. talked about the current raffle to take place at this years club picnic.

Ryan P. reminded members that we still need a grill master or mistress for the picnic.

A talk was given by guest Tom L. about his extensive experience metal detecting in Germany.

Scott H. was awarded a silver dollar for successfully locating this years challenge token.

Ed V. reported on a hunt he attended, sponsored by the SW Association of Treasure Hunters. The hunt was attended by 65 hunters from 7 different clubs. Ed also talked of upcoming events hosted by different clubs.

Don S. gave a brief accounting of his annual trip to Tonopah, Nev.

Welcome new members: Jason C, Brian E, and Travis P.

Next Meeting s Snack Volunteer(s): Linda C., Sandy & Don S., Kathy & Ron B.

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

1/10 oz Australian Kookaburra Sue P

Silver

1 oz Silver Kookaburra Scott H

1 oz Silver Darth Vader Jason C

1 oz Silver Angel Tom L

1 oz Bear/Bull Jeff S

1 \$ Morgan Ed V

Mystery Envelope

1 Alex S

2 Ashley W



Find of the Month Results—January 2024

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1941 Dog License
2	Sean T	69 cal musket ball
3	Kirk E	Tin with coins and rocks

US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1850 P seated dime
2	Jackee A	1883 Seated Dime
3	Kirk E	1963 D Penny

Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1964 10 Dong coin
2	Willy A	1953 Una Peseta Spain
3	Kirk E	2012 Mexican coin

Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Good for 12.5 cents in trade
2	Willy A	Super Patient token
3	Kirk E	Chucky Cheese token

Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Allisyn W	Gold Cross with Diamond

Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	Sterling ring with Jade
2	Kirk E	925 ring
3	Allisyn W	925 hoop ear ring

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	Mermaid necklace
2	Kirk E	Ruby colored ring
3	Ryan P	No way suspender clip
3	Jackee A	Antique buckle

Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Tim S	Complete dropped 34/70 bullet
2	Sean T	Great Seal Military button
3	Kirk E	20 side dice
3	Jackee A	Civil war era buckle

Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1880 P Indian Head Penny
2	Jackee A	1919 Wheat
3	Willy A	1940 Wheat

Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1901 S key date Barber quarter
2	Ryan P	1960 D Dime
3	Harold V	two \$1 dollar coin spill

Display

Place	Name
1	Willy A
2	Harold V
3	Ryan P

Best of the Best

Name	Item
Allisyn W	Gold Cross with Diamond

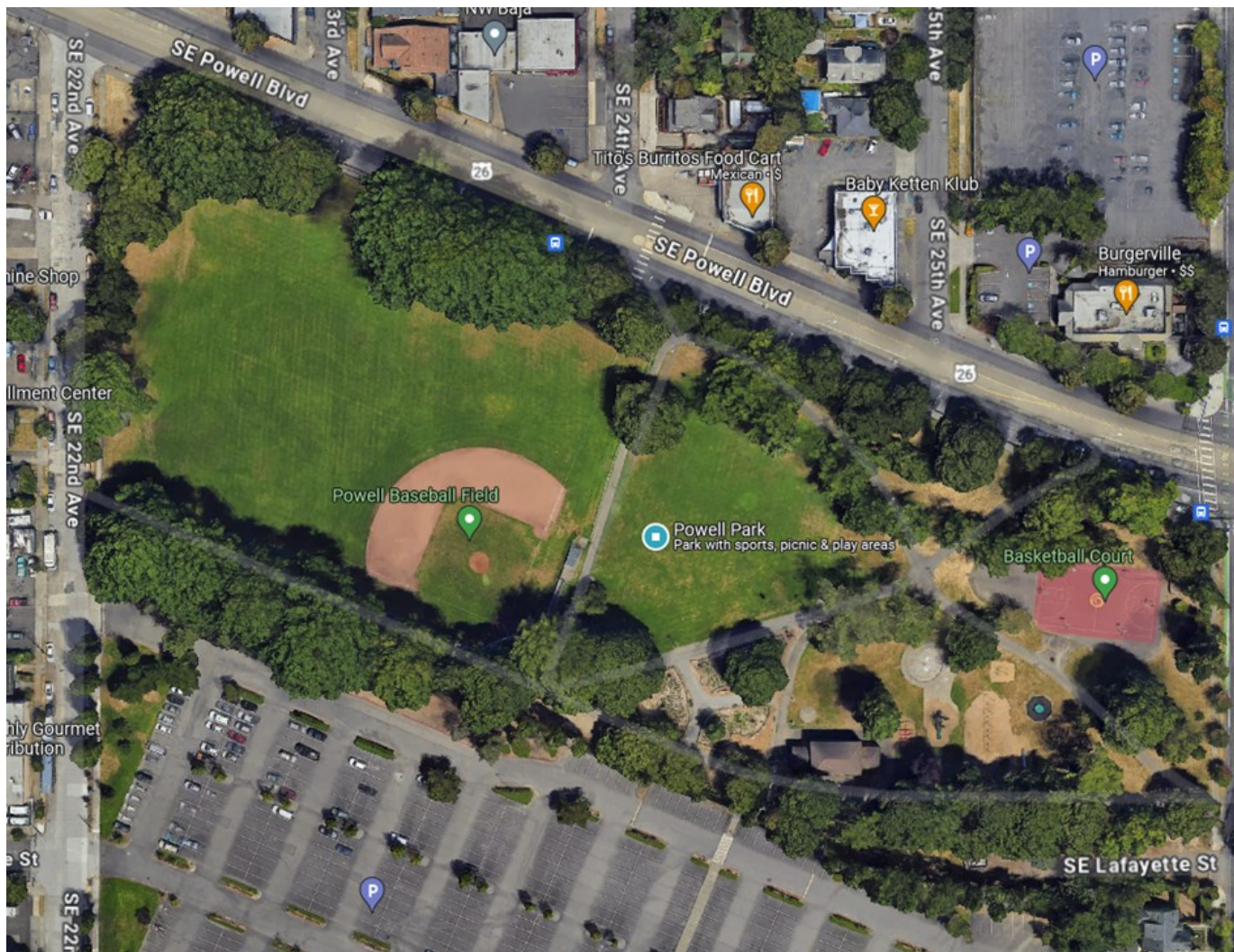
2024 Detectorist of the Year Standings

Place	Name	Points
1	Jackee A	138
2	Ryan P	105
3	Harold V	92
4	Willy A	78
5	Kirk E	76
6	Tim S	36
7	Bill B	24
8	Sean T	22
9	Scott H	21
10	Laura S	16
11	Allisyn W	8
12	Susan P	3
13	Rick P	1
13	Lorilee C	1
13	Jeffery C	1
13	Ed V	1



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

June 1, 2024 Location: Powell Park, Portland OR



General Information: None

Historical Information: Acquired by the city as a park in 1921.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results:

20 members turned out for a beautiful day for a club hunt. Ryan hid 10 regular club tokens in the park and six special tokens.

The club found some nice items in the park. Allisyn found a very cool silver Freemason pendant. Willy found a nice silver ring. Ryan found a 1950 Roosevelt dime. Tim found a 1936 wheat penny at the park which also won the oldest coin. The club also found some foreign coins, tokens and costume jewelry.

At count out six club tokens were turned in, and all six of the special ones. Jerry won a 1926 SLQ for finding the OTTS stamped key. Willy won a silver Canadian Quarter for finding the OTTS pressed penny. Jackee found the golden nickel and won a 1800s foreign nickel and a Canadian silver dime. Jeff found the OTTS stamped 8 Reale copy coin and won an 1867 2 cent coin! Sean and Jackee found grab bag tokens and got to try their luck, Sean pulled a 40% JFK half dollar and Jackee pulled out a llama with a rosie strapped to it! New member Jason also got an Indian Head penny for coming in with the lowest point total. 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, Sue and Harold won half dollars, Richard won a Standing Liberty quarter, and Willy won a Mercury dime.



Top 6 winners:	
1) Harold	88 points
2) Willy	79 points
3) Jerry	67 points
4) Scott	62 points
5) Jackee	61 points
6) Ryan	60 points

Total clad found: \$35.67
Trash collected: 24 lbs

Next Club Hunt: The next monthly club hunt is scheduled for Sunday, June 30. 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: 97 lbs.
All Hunts Trash collected: 1,364 lbs.
Total School Trash: 343 lbs.
Total Park Trash: 1021 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.

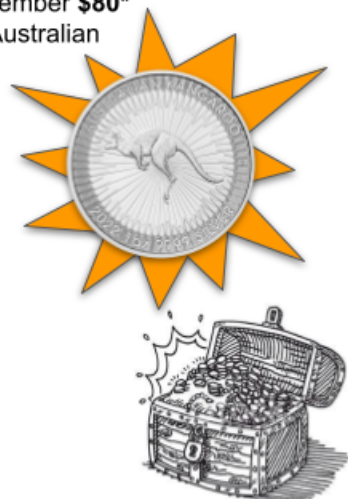
Hunt Rules: No digging tools, no pin-pointers, standard coils or smaller only, headphones must be worn (exception: those with hearing issues or non-compatible hearing aids). No one allowed on the hunt field before the hunt. No one is allowed on hunt field during the hunt unless you are a registered and 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 Ryan P

What a find is an understatement. I scored a dream permission and hoped to find something dating back to the pioneers who first built a small town at this site dating back to 1848. I was beside myself as this silver dime unveiled itself to be from 1850! When I first saw the rim it looked too pristine to be an old coin... but as I sprayed off the reverse to reveal "ONE DIME" the excitement went through the roof. Seeing the date of 1850 blew me away, because not only did it blow my oldest coin from Oregon away by decades, it was also a de facto piece of the first settlement on this site. Could this have come across the country on a wagon train following the Oregon Trail? The possibility is high as it didn't spend much time in circulation prior to being lost. There's really nothing more amazing than proving to yourself that six months of research was correct in placing pioneer activities in a certain place. You just never know. Over the three day weekend my friends and I all found a Seated coin, 1883 and 1850 dimes, and my cousin found his first Seated half, an 1855 with arrows! Huge bucket listers all around! We also found a gold nugget, gold ring, part of a military belt buckle, English buttons, and IHP and V nickel, and various local trade tokens. It was as exciting and fun filled weekend as you can get. Lifetime memories made! I can't wait to go back!!!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Richard S

Trash pulled out of Powell Park at the last club hunt.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V



I would like to thank Jerry for using his 3d printer to make some custom bling components for Willy's Deus 2. They came out great!

My detector may not look as good as Willy's but I managed to find 8 silver rings this last month.



Nice looking ring for a Walmart Special.



Found this cross almost dead center of a park field.



This small silver ring rang up a 96-97 and was about 5" in the ground.



I finally found this nice Sterling pendant after striking out at 6 previous locations.



And, for some reason I am finding a lot of smashed rings.

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

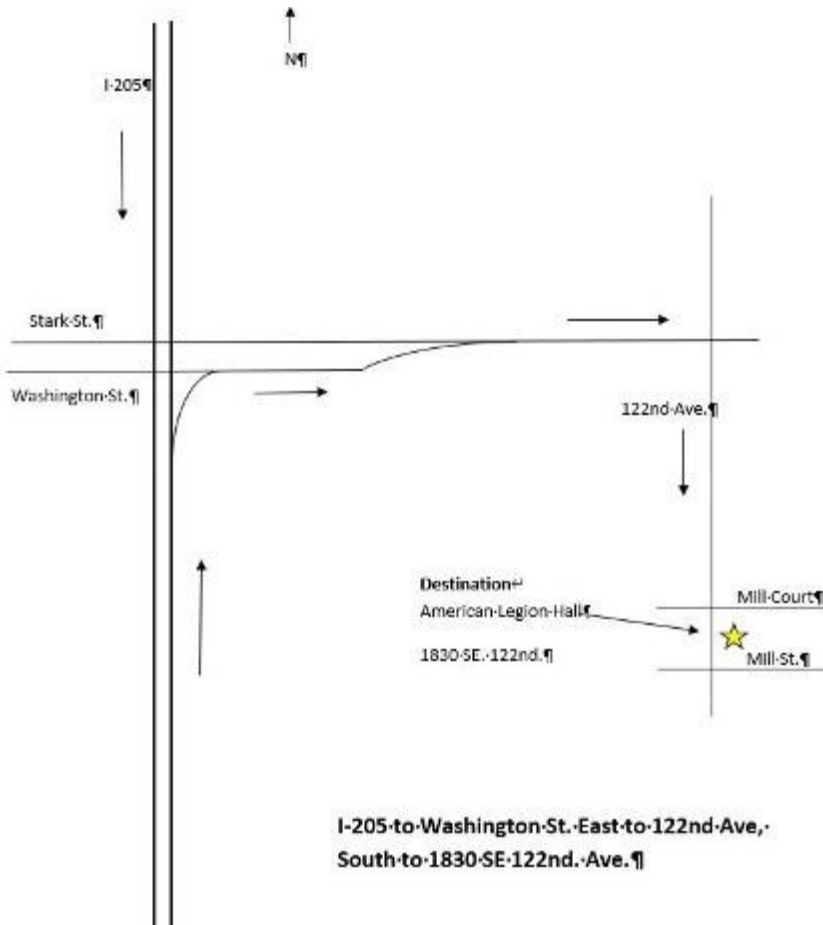
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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