

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

The November 23rd monthly meeting will be the last regular monthly meeting of the year. We will have a short monthly meeting on December 11th preceding the yearend Holiday Party. I hope that we can have a large turnout this month. We will need to discuss elections and the Party. Please come to the meeting prepared to sign up for the party as this is an entirely catered affair and it is imperative that we know how many plan to attend. A reminder that there is a \$10.00 per person charge to eat. The menu will be announced at the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting and are planning to attend the Party please contact a board member so that we can count you in. You may pay at the door.

Membership renewals are fast approaching and we ask that members renew at the Nov. meeting if possible. This will help Don by removing some of the pressure during Dec. All renewal information is on the club website (ottsclub.org). Please print and fill out your membership application and have the appropriate moneys ready prior to the meeting. This will help keep things moving. As if Don won't have enough going on up front, tickets for the 5oz silver coin raffle will be on sale \$1 each or 6 for \$5. These will also be sold prior to the Dec. drawing.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting,

Ron



Incredible Relic photo submitted by Matthew N

Announcements

From Harold: "I have a new metal detecting name for Willy. It is The Destroyer. She actually broke her carbon fiber rod used on the Equinox. We contacted Steve's Detector Rods and he was super nice and replaced it for free. Now Willy has a purple one, which she wanted all along. Moral of the story: Carbon Fiber is tough, but The Destroyer is tougher....."



Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 23, 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.

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for meeting oct 26th, 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 29 members and one guest. The minutes of the last meeting, as published on the website, were noted and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins were given. The monthly birthday draw was won by Bill B. He was awarded a 1964 Kennedy half dollar. Tim S won the member draw. He was awarded a 1964 Kennedy half dollar. The progressive was won by Don S. New silver was added to the pot. Ryan P gave a club hunt recap.

Old business was discussed-. The holiday party will be held Sat December 11th. It will be at our regular meeting location. It will likely start around 2:30. The time and menu will be confirmed at the November meeting. Club elections will be held at the party. There will be a raffle for either 5oz of silver or a 5oz silver round. Tickets will be available before and at the party. Byron talked about the Minelab treasure hunt. Club finds were viewed and voted on.

New business was discussed. The club held an auction of baskets and treats donated by club members. The auction brought in \$335. Scott J will hide the club token in 2022. Scott J talked about a hunt he attended with the Cascade metal detection Club. It was suggested that board meeting times and location be announced so that the general membership can listen in. Ron will post the time and place when it is decided.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

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.

Please make sure to remove all bottle caps from plastic bottles before putting them in the bags for return. This will save Rick a ton of work having to remove the caps before turning them in.

Meeting Raffle Results

Results:

Raffle results were not available at time of publishing and will be posed in the December newsletter.

Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

No information at time of publishing.



Keys found on a Maui Beach night hunt returned to the owner the next day. Submitted by Rick G

Find of the Month Results

October 2021 Find of the Month Results

Item of the Month

1	Harold V	Jar #86
2	Jerry H	Army Rifle Pin
2	Rick G	Matchbox Excavator
2	Tim S	Ox Knob

US Coin

1	Willy A	V Nickel
2	Bill B	1977 Eisenhower
3	Allysin W	1800 Indian Cent

Foreign Coin

1	Allysin W	1917 Canadian Dime
2	Harold V	1949 Cypress 1/2 Cent
3	Rick G	South Korean 100 Won

Token

1	Allysin W	1800's Candian Bank Token
2	Harold V	Spanish Dubloon Replica
3	Scott Jo	(3) St. Demetrios Tokens

Gold Jewelry

1	Scott Jo	14kt Religious Chain
2	Ryan P	14kt 1902 Pocket Watch
3	Rick G	14kt Ring w Ruby
3	Willy A	14kt Earring

Silver Item

1	Willy A	Child Charm Bracelet
2	Harold V	Big .925 Ring
3	Ed V	.925 Pandora Knotted Heart Ring

Jewelry

1	Kirk E	Amethyst Bracelet
2	Matthew N	Brass Bull Skull
2	Willy A	Ladies Ring

Artifact

- 1 Jerry H 1700's Croatal Bell
- 2 Matthew N 1938 Spanish American War Veterans Medal
- 3 Allys W Civil War Officer's Coat Button

Oldest US Coin

- 1 Allys W 1800 Large Cent
- 2 Ryan P 1884 Indian Head Penny
- 3 Matthew N 1891 Indian Head Penny

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1 Matthew N 1908-S Indian Head Penny
- 2 Allys W 1957 Roosevelt Dime
- 2 Harold V 1959 Roosevelt Dime
- 2 Ryan P 1963-D Roosevelt Dime

Display

- 1 Harold V
- 2 Rick G
- 3 Scott Jo

Best of the Best

Scott Jo 14kt Religious Chain and Pendant

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. Thank you to everyone who brought in their finds. It is not only motivating but also gives us all compelling reasons to get out and enjoy the hobby that we love.

2021 Detectorist of the Year Standings

1 st	Rick G	122	9 th	Matthew N	39
2 nd	Harold V	116	10 th	Laura A	31
3 rd	Scott Jo	113	11 th	Kirk E	30
4 th	Willy A	106	12 th	Allysin W	19
5 th	Jerry H	64	13 th	Steven E	13
6 th	Ryan P	63	14 th	Ed V	11
7 th	Tim S	53	14 th	Linda C	11
8 th	Bill B	42	15 th	Dale I	1



Some amazing finds submitted by Matthew N



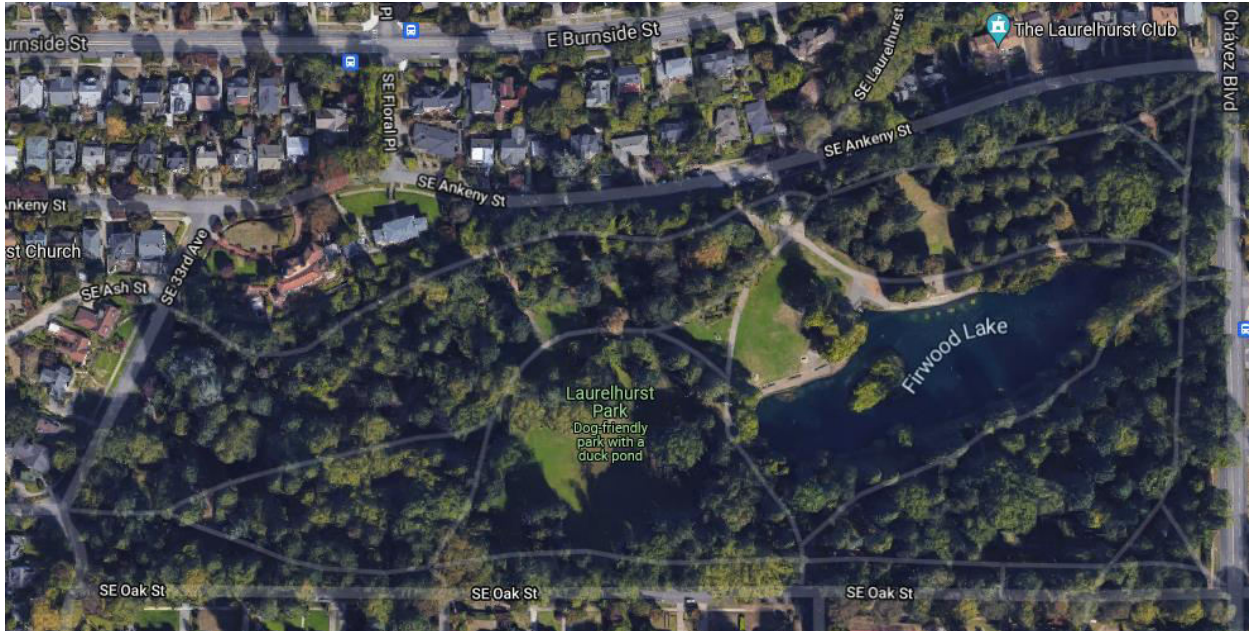
Kayak detecting outing submitted by Harold V



Matthew N was on the indians in October!

O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

Laurelhurst Park- SE Cesar E Chavez Blvd & Stark St | Portland OR 97214



Club Hunt Details

General Information: Covers 30 acres. Acquired in 1909

Historical Information: In 1909, the land that is now Laurelhurst Park was purchased from the estate of William S. Ladd, who developed Ladd's Addition and twice was mayor of Portland. A spring-fed pond on the property had always been a favorite watering hole for cattle, as well as a favorite swimming hole for both children and adults. In 1911, seeing the potential for a park as part of the Olmsted Plan, the City of Portland bought 30 of the acres, including the pond. Laurelhurst Park is a perfect example of the City Beautiful Movement in landscaping. In 1919, the park was named the most beautiful park on the west coast by the Pacific Coast Parks Association.

Hunt Results: The OTTS October Club Hunt was held on Saturday the 30th. We met at the Whole Foods on SE 28th & Burnside. 19 members met between 7:15 and 7:45 am. The club left for the park at 8 am sharp. The air was cold but clear and windy at times. There was a blanket of leaves on the ground in many areas. Bottle caps were found in abundance, many members removed 50+ from the ground! Great job everyone on helping clean up the park.

Ryan P. and Matt N. hid 10 regular tokens and one special token. The club was only able to recover two of the regular tokens and the special token. Lee H. found the special token and won a 1957 quarter. The remaining club tokens are still in the park.

The top 6 winners at the hunt were:

- 1) Rick G. 99 points
- 2) Scott Jo. 94 points
- 3) Laura A. 84 points
- 4) Tim S. 82 points
- 5) Ryan P. 68 points
- 6) Matt N. 67 points

Honorable Mention: Lee H. 62 points, Bill B. 60 points, Steve E. 58 points, Jerry H. 54 points

Matt N. won the membership drawing, winning a 1963 Franklin half dollar.

The oldest coin was found by Matt N. - a very nice 1915 wheat penny with a nice green patina. He narrowly edged out Ashley W. who found a 1916 wheat penny. Scott Jo. found a 1919 wheat penny. Club members found a total of 14 wheat pennies on the day. Rick G. found a buffalo nickel. Other notable finds include a silver ring found by Steve E. and silver jewelry found by Lee H. Six foreign coins were found and 26 pieces of costume jewelry.

Three club members dressed up for the costume contest. Ashley W. won best costume by an overwhelming margin for his Army Mine Sweeper. He won a 1942 Walker half dollar. Matt N. was a scary viking and Ryan P. was a baseball player. Everyone that came in costume was awarded a Mercury dime.

Total clad found: \$37.71

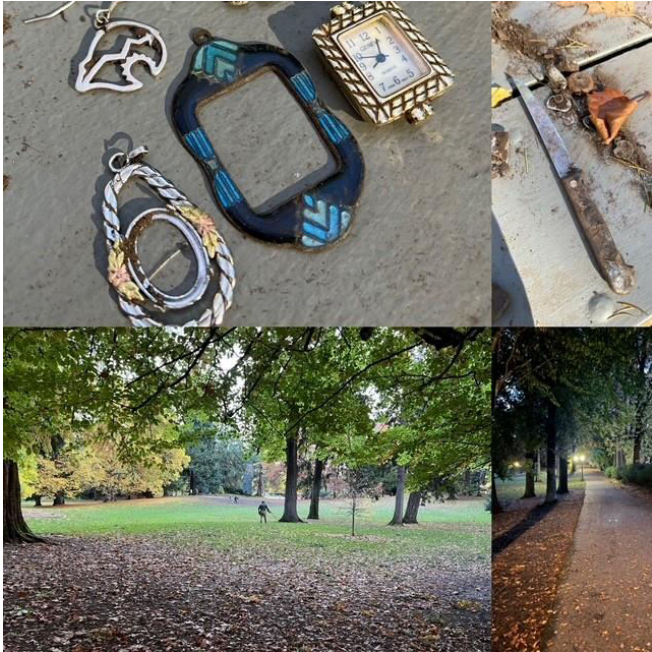
Trash collected during the hunt: 25 lbs. Including a bbq grill, knife, and over 1,300 other items



Next Club Hunt Details:

November Club Hunt: Ryan P. and Matt N. will be hosting the November Club Hunt on Nov. 28 (Sunday). We will be moving to winter hours, starting at 9am and counting out at 1pm.

The meeting location will be at the Safeway located at 8330 N Ivanhoe St, Portland, OR 97203. The club will leave for the hunt location promptly at 9am so be there early!



Club hunt photos submitted by Matthew N

Metal Detectors for Sale:

Mike J. has a MXT Pro for sale. Price \$500 comes with headphones and extra battery case.

Email: hawaii1@aol.com

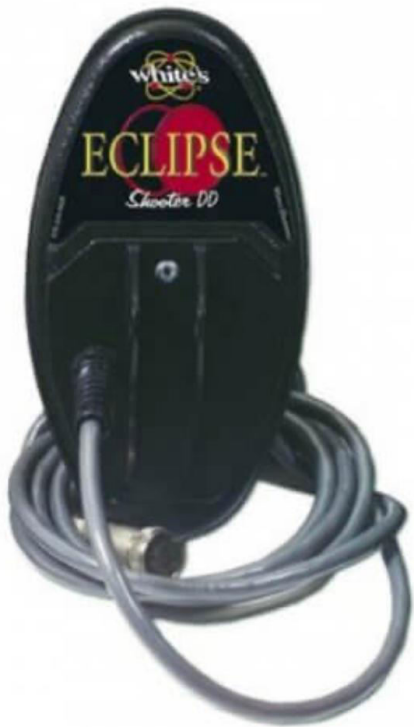
Bruce D. has an XP Deus for sale. Make offer. Comes with a couple of coils.

Email: msgt.bruce.dixon@outlook.com

Ryan P. has a White's MXT. He doesn't use it anymore and it would like to find a great new home for it.

Price: \$250. Comes with wired headphones, rechargeable battery pack, AA battery pack, lesche digging tool, pouch, original box & owner's manuals. Coil is standard Eclipse 950. Plus it comes with the White's 4"x6" Shooter DD coil and a spare shaft

Email: ryanccc3@yahoo.com



Club Member's Experiences

Ryan P's AMAZING October find-
14k solid gold pocket watch, circa 1902! The find of a lifetime and I still can't believe it!

I researched a new spot recently, and boy, did it pay off big. I was out with my Nox and stock coil running in Park-1, recovery 5, sensitivity 22 and this rang up 21-23 showing 2 bars deep. One scoop of dirt came out and there it was! My eyes got wide and I took a pic - it definitely looked like a pocket watch. But because I lifted it out bottom first the crown came off and got left in the hole (I went back the next day and got it). Looking at it in my hand without the crown suddenly it seemed liked more of a locket that maybe once contained a photo. I was definitely thrown off by the smaller size. There was no external markings to be seen indicating metal type. In fact this became my first legit solid gold item so I was by no means doing a happy dance I figured it was just gold filled, or something cheap dropped last week. I was optimistic it was old but I kept on detecting oblivious to the magnitude of what it was. It wasn't until I got home and got it open that I discovered what I truly had found. I opened the back case and saw the 14k stamp the happy dances begun!



This is an American Waltham Watch Co. model 1898, Riverside grade, size 6/0s, with 17 jewels, s/n 11519748. The total production of the Riverside grade was just over 12,000, and this one has an estimated production year of 1902. According to The Complete Guide to Watches No. 29 (I had to go to the Library) it has 17 ruby jewels, a raised gold setting and gold center wheel. All of the movement is in such rough shape, but I can confirm all the stamped lettering and serial number are in the correct places to confirm it's type. It's set in an American Watch Case Co. 14k gold case stamped 158336. The case features a hinged front lid, back lid and hinged Cuvette (dust cover) for a total of 3 hinges. They all have lips for opening them. The two exterior hinges were completely toast when I opened them, but to my surprise the dust cover protecting the movement still has a working hinge. The back has the fancy engraving "MOB." The dial is mostly gone now but it was fairly plain and featureless. Two hands, an hour and minute rotated around black Arabic numbers and red 5 minute marks. There is no second hand or mini dial near the bottom.

This find still hasn't sunk in. I tried scouring the internet to locate similar finds, they seem to be extremely rare. Apparently only 5% of pocket watches were made with solid gold cases...that's just, wow. I found this on public land and I'm just floored that it had been laying there for at least 100 years out in the open.

From Harold V-

I opened the jar. The note read:

"And the Answer is "George is in the Jar." I'm having fun and I like to metal detect. This is jar #86 of 100 (or more). Hope it was fun for you to find it."

Inside were several items. You can see the contents in the pics provided. The George reference is in regards to a dollar bill, which was registered on a tracking website. It allows people to see where a bill has been, if they register it and people visit the website.



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:

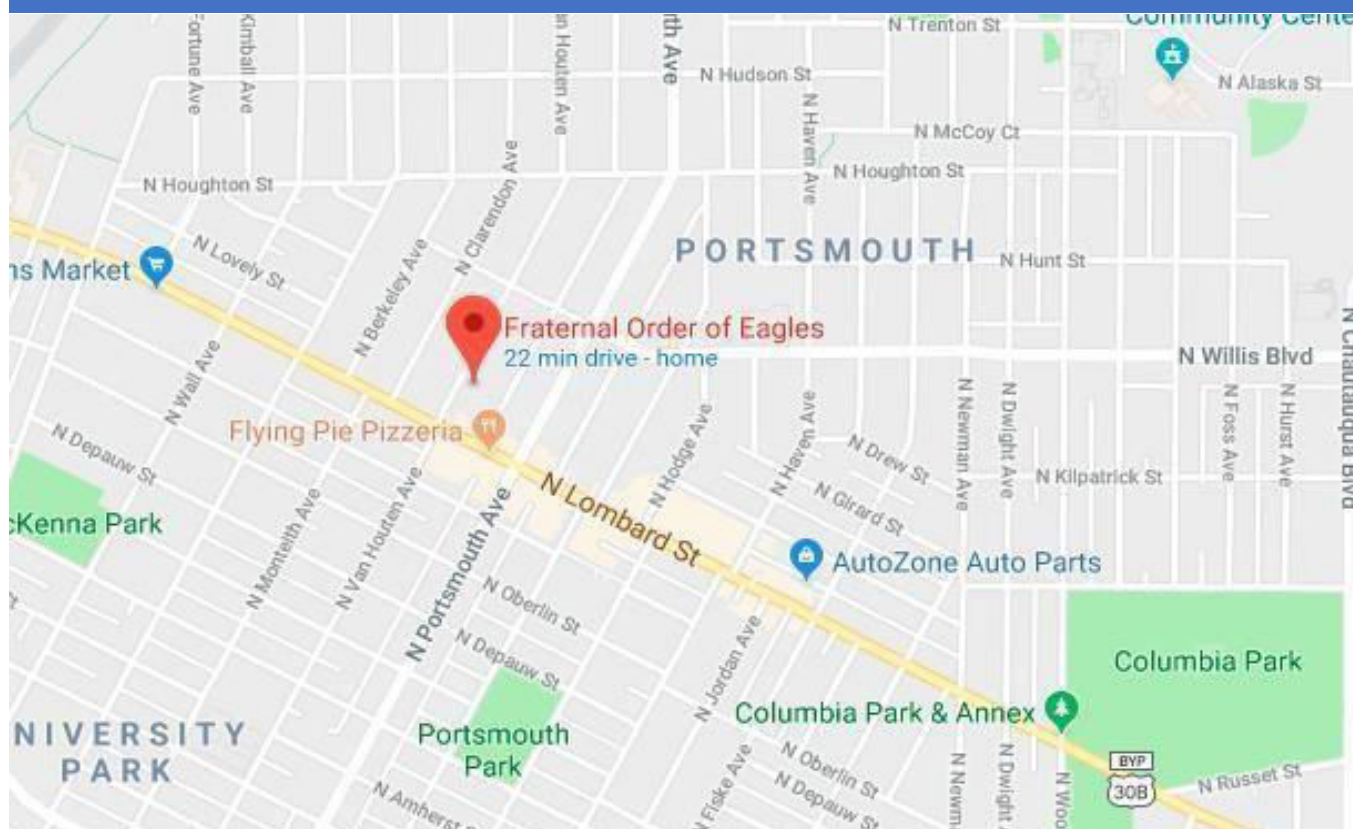
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Web Link to O.T.T.S. Location:

<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 Hunt finds submitted by Rick G



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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Vice President: Ashley W

Secretary: Laura A

Treasurer: Don S

At large: Rick P

At large: Byron D

Other Club Contacts

Club Hunts: Matt N/Ryan P

Forms Support: Sue F

Raffles: Scott J

Challenge Token: None

Newsletter/Website Editors

Website: Randy W

Website: Jerry H

Newsletter: Rick G

Find of the Month Team

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