

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Detective Lee H doing what he does best. Searching for treasures and alien remains

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

Each one of us has a unique relationship with metal detecting, collecting coins, silver, rings or whatever your taste is in the collecting world. For me it's the hunt, finding something lost or tossed, it doesn't matter. It's a small treasure enjoyed for a short amount of time, or until I find something else. History has to be one of my biggest reasons in being involved in this hobby. I find something, I study it, I put it in a box or on a rare occasion it makes it to my display cabinet. I once found a bronze piece that had a cutout in the center the shape of the Chevrolet symbol. I did my research, and found it to be a radiator emblem from a 1923 automobile. It was pretty cool, but It's not going to the Smithsonian, It's a bit bent and missing the porcelain center piece, so I guess it goes in the box. My box is getting pretty full. The other day my mom gave me a bag of coins and pieces my dad had collected when he metal detected almost 50 years ago. There were silver coins, Indian head pennies, old buttons, some train tokens from Seattle, and a few spent bullets from the Hudson Bay HS area. One in particular was a complete 45 caliber pistol bullet, I remember him finding these things at the East end of the track on the south side of Mill Plain. Items like these are not of great monetary value. But they have a greater value to me as having been a treasure my dad had found and enjoyed like I do today. These items can't go in a box to be forgotten. So I picked out a few good examples and they now are in my display cabinet where I can enjoy the memory of them and tell my grandkids that they have greater value in another way. What's in your collection?

As the year comes to a close, let's remember those who put effort in place to create this club 40 years ago. I recently was able to look through one of the first issues of the Oregon Treasure Trail Society's newsletters from the original members. It's in our archives and hopefully we'll be able to share this through our website soon. The history of our club, it's member and our passion for metal detecting is a treasure in its self. Let's continue to make history for many years to come.

Reminders:

*December 3, Pot Luck Christmas Dinner at the American Legion Hall. Please sign up for a food item. Event is from 1 to 5.

*November 22, Bake Sale at our next meeting

*Bring your Membership Application and payment (in an envelope) to November meeting.

Scott H.

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 22, 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

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting October 25 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Scott H. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 31 members and 1 guest. Scott reported the Christmas Holiday event will be held on Dec 3, 2022, at the American Legion Hall. We will begin setup and social time at 1pm; with dinner beginning at 2:30 pm. Scott provided a signup sheet for this potluck event. Please be sure to sign up for a dish to make this event successful. President Scott talked about the new membership registration form with a new dues structure. The OTTS web site has been update and new form is available for download and printing. Please bring your completed form and payment in an envelope, and drop it off to Diane or Don at the next meeting. We will not be processing applications at the meetings or Christmas party as they will be done offline.

Scott asked for nominations for board positions as this is the time of the year to start planning your volunteer career with the OTTS board. Scott 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, motions made and accepted by the membership. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins given. The monthly birthday draw was won by Ed V. and he was awarded a 1964 Kennedy Silver Half Dollar. Ryan P. won the member draw and received a 1964 Kennedy Silver Half Dollar. The Progressive draw was not won this time and new silver was added to the pot for next month. Matt gave a club hunt recap that was held at Vancouver Lake Park. The next Club hunt will be Sunday the 30th of October. Donations were also collected by the membership for the Fremont United Methodist Church. Snacks tonight were brought by Linda C. Willy, A. and Diane H. Thanks to them for their efforts. Next month Krystal F. will be providing snacks for our November meeting.

This October meeting, we said goodbye to Skully, he went on to his new home with Scott J. as the winner of this raffle. Congratulations to Scott.

Also tonight we had our annual basket raffle and boy was it a big success. There were 6 baskets raffled and the bidding was quite entertaining. The club raised just shy of \$600 for this event.

Also be advised that our November meeting will host the Bake Sale. Bring your favorite recipe including cakes, pies, cookies or whatever you are able to bring. These treats will be auctioned off to help support our club.

Plinko and Quarter drop winners were announced, Thanks Sue and Maggie

The Find of the Month results were read, Thank you Laura and Jerry

Our meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Thanks to all that attended

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

1988 Queen E. Gold coin Harold V

Silver Morgans

1881 Morgan Dollar Ashley W

Silver Other

Silver Korean 1oz Willie A

2016 American Eagle 1oz Bill B

2016 Panda 1oz Laura H

Buffalo Silver Round Ashley W

Buffalo Silver Round Allysin

1914 Barber half Laura H

1964 Canadian Half Ed V

1945 Walking Liberty Half Scott H

1949 Ben Franklin Half Mike M



Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

1985 Gold 1/2 Sovereign

2019 1Oz Korean Commemorative

2016 Silver Eagle

2016 1Oz Panda

1881 O Morgan

2 Buffalo Rounds

1892 Commemorative 1/2 Dollar

1945 Walker Half Dollar

1949 Franklin Half Dollar

1951 Washington 1/4 Dollar

1952—D Washington 1/4 Dollar

2 Surprise Packs



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Find of the Month Results—June 2022

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Creepy Baby head walking stick
2	Matt N	1993 Matchbox Jurassic Park car
3	Kirk E	Gerber Knife

US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1944 S Mercury Dime
2	Jackee A	1945 S Jefferson Nickle
3	Kirk E	1945 Lincoln Cent
3	Willy A	John Adams dollar

Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	2017 Mexico 10 paso (bimetal)
2	Matt N	1985 100 Peso Mexico
3	Jackee A	2000 One Penny Great Brittan
3	Chuck P	1966 Peso Mexico

Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Matt N	W.N. Palette Peninsula Hotel 10 cent trade token
2	Willy A	1978 American Veteran token
3	Chuck P	Tillamook County Token
3	Jackee A	Play money token
3	Kirk E	Knotts berry Farm token

Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Tim S	16k Gold Dental Bridge
2	Chuck P	14K Gold ring

Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Matt N	1983 Class Ring
2	Jackee A	Silver ring 925
2	Scott H	Pandora bracelet
2	Willy A	Trinity Ring

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Kirk E	Faux Diamond studded cross
2	Willy A	Laborite Necklace with price tag
2	Matt N	1930's Art Deco pin

Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Matt N	WW2 Great Seal Button
2	Bill B	Hawk toy cap gun
2	Jackee A	Drawer Pull knob

Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1899 Indian cent
2	Jackee A	1906 Indian cent
3	Bill B	1920 S Wheat cent

Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Matt N	1916 S Buffalo Nickle
2	Jackee A	1923 S Buffalo Nickle
3	Ryan P	1924 S Mercury Dime

Display

Place	Name
1	Willy A
2	Ryan P
3	Jackee A

Best of the Best

Place	Name	Item
	Chuck P	14k Gold 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

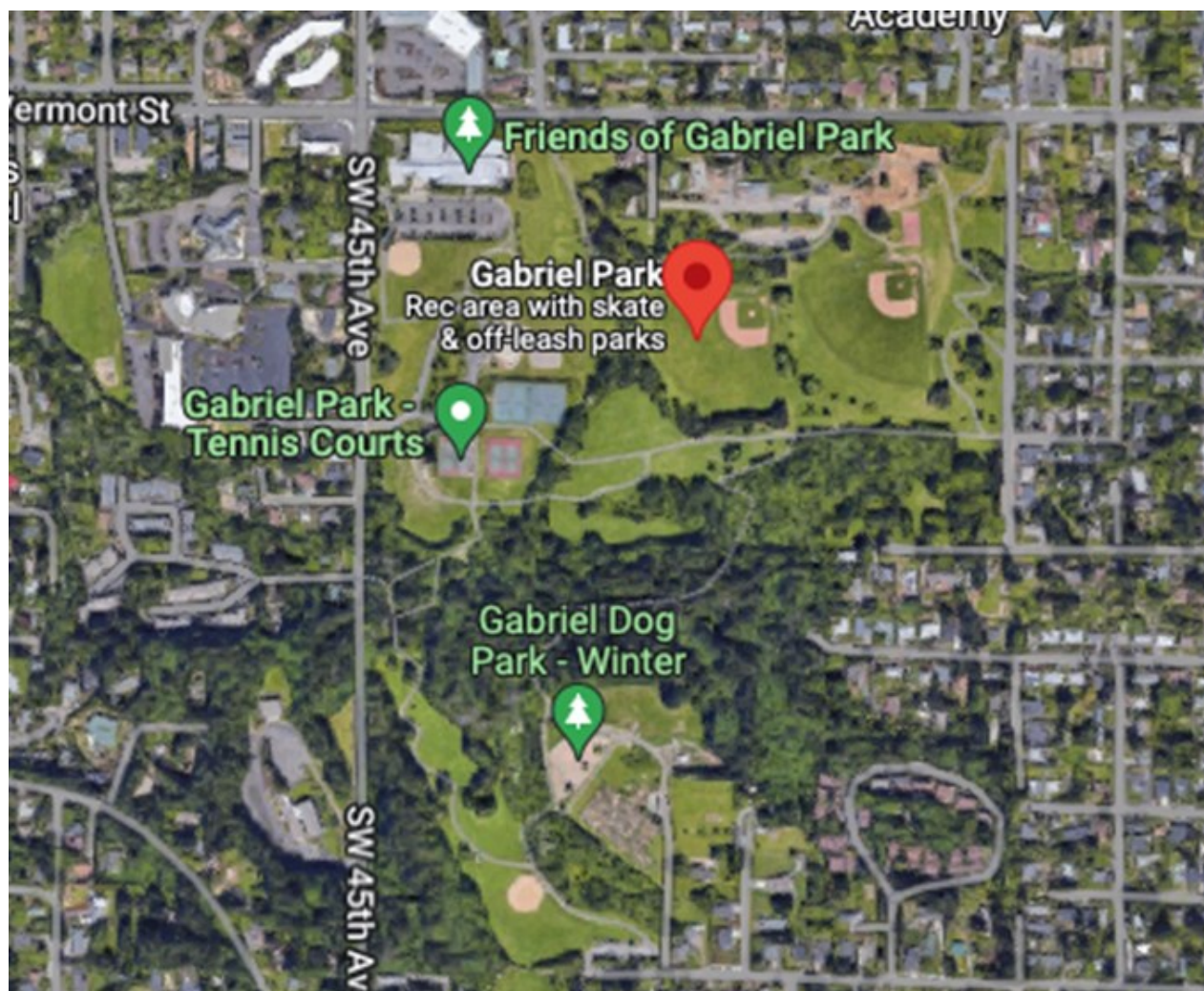
<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Jackee A	208
2	Willy A	196
3	Ryan P	182
4	Bill B	156
5	Scott J	110
6	Matt N	105
7	Kirk E	73
8	Scott H	63
9	Ron B	47
10	Laura S	35
11	Tim S	32
12	Ed V	29
13	Byron D	16
14	Allisyn W	14
14	Chuck P	14
16	Lee H	11
17	Don S	9
18	Rick P	4



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

October 2022

Location: Gabriel Park, SW 45th Ave & Vermont Street, Portland, OR 97219



General Information: Acquired 1950

Historical Information: October 1950, the Parks Bureau purchased an 87-acre (350,000 m²) tract of land featuring two small creeks and wooded areas between Vermont and Canby Streets for \$120,000. The land had been bought in 1890 by a Swiss immigrant named Ulrich Gabriel, who farmed this land and operated the Pine Creek Dairy as well.[3] In July 1995, Portland Parks & Recreation offered a 1.75-acre (7,100 m²) dog off-leash area on a six-month trial basis in Gabriel Park. The Southwest Community Center was funded by Measure 26-10 and opened in June 1999.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results: The OTTS October Club Hunt was held on Sunday Oct, 30th 2022. It was a beautiful day for a Halloween club hunt. The rain Gods were in our favor and decided to rain the day before the hunt which lead to finally having some soft ground to dig in. The top three inches of soil were soft, making shallow targets a breeze to dig. Unfortunately, four inches and deeper is still rock hard. Only a few more rain storms this we all can finally plunge our spades into the ground without breaking our wrists! The rain also decided to hold out until after count out which was a nice blessing.

It was a fairly small turn out this time around. There were a total of 11 club members that joined for the day. Lee H. was the lucky man of the day who won the member draw and won himself a nice 1944 Walking Liberty Half Dollar. Matt and Lee were the only two that were brave enough to hunt in a halloween costume and for that, there were rewarded with a silver washington quarter.

With the time change right around the corner, we will be switching to 9AM hunt start and a 1PM count out for the next club hunt and moving forward.

NOTE: We are always looking for new ways to add more fun and challenges to the club hunts! If you have any ideas for future hunts, be sure to chat with Matt or Ryan about what you have in mind!

Club Hunt Token Count

10 OTTS stamped tokens = 8 of 10 were found good for 1 silver dime (this might have been our best recovery ratio in a long time!

1 Special Token = Found by Lee H. good for 1 Silver Washington Quarter

4 Special Grab Bag Tokens = 2 out of 4 found good for a chance at the grab bag

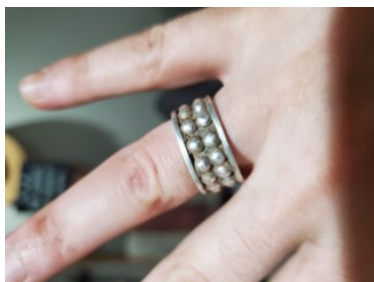
Willy A. won a Silver Rhino 1 Gram Bar

Scott H. won a Silver Rhino 1 Gram Bar

SEE THE MORE BAZINGAS PULLED FROM THE BAG THE MORE THE TREASURE STARTS TO SURFACE!

Notable Finds

Don S. was the big winner of the day finding himself not 1, but 2 gold rings. One being a 10K child's ring with a small diamond and the other being a hefty 14K men's ring with a beautiful green emerald in the middle. Both were found on in the grass hill right by the parking lot. Matt N. recovered a nice chunky silver ring from the dog park area and Lee H. found a busted up silver ring as well.



The top 6 winners:

- 1) Harold V. 113.3 points Silver Quarter
- 2) Willy A. 76 points Silver Quarter
- 3) Tim S. 59 points Silver Quarter
- 4) Jerry H. 52 points Silver Dime
- 5) Lee H. 50 points Silver Dime
- 6) Ed V. 48 points Silver Dime

Total clad found: \$28.60

Trash collected: 15.7 lbs.

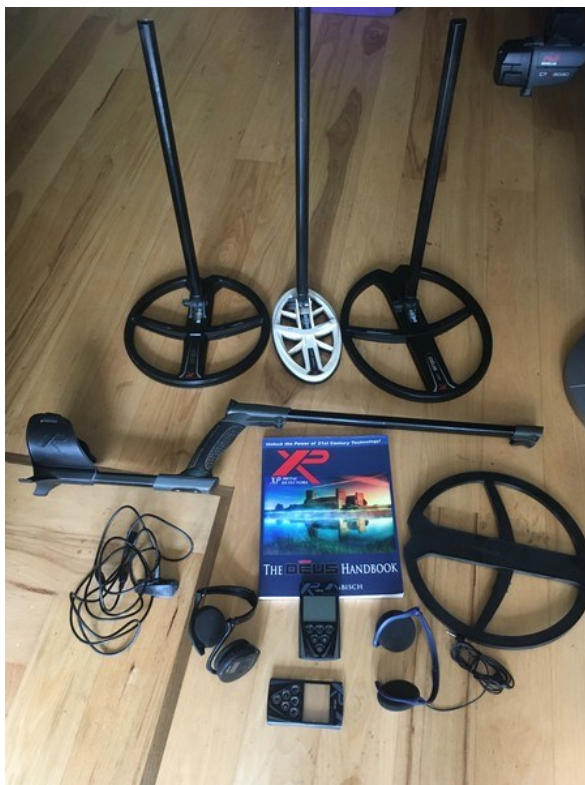
**Year to Date Trash collected:
249.32 lbs**

**All Hunts Trash collected: 1,058
lbs.**

Next Club Hunt: Next club hunt will be Saturday November 26th. The meeting spot will be posted shortly

Metal Detectors for Sale:

Willy A has a XP Deus, first generation for sale. Price \$1000. Package includes: Complete Detector with standard coil, a High Frequency Elliptical coil, the big coil, wireless headphones, wired headphones, charging cable assembly, extra skid plate, how to use book, and extra parts. This is a great buy for someone who wants a light fast detector. The coils alone cost a few hundred dollars a piece. Willy has found a lot of great items with it. If you are interested contact Willy at willyinges@gmail.com



Simplex for Sale:

Tim S has a Nokta Simplex for sale. Price \$300. Package includes: Complete Detector with standard coil, It is a brand new detector in the box. Never been used. If you are interested contact Tim at tshe-one2002@yahoo.com



Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Matthew N

Hotel Token is from 1907. Silver Class Ring 1983. 1960s Magics Immortals Token. Silver Braided Ring. 1 OZ 14K White Gold Bracelet.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V

I have been digging through some of the Newsletters and I have found some interesting data. I looked at all of the past Club Hunt winners and tabulated who was the Detectorist with the most wins. Can anyone guess who has the best record of wins? I will prefix this with I only looked at the newsletter that are posted on the O.T.T.S. website. I will bring some data in at the next club meeting.



Keeping with the Magical Unicorn theme. I picked this beauty up.



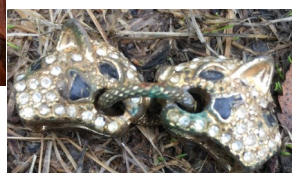
I think Matt is dropping some of his bazinga's. I found this and I thought for sure it was silver, but nooooo.



However, the next day I did find this silver ring.



Got to love finding these at an Elementary School. What are they teaching kids these days?



Fighting Cats?

Crimes in Progress.....911
 Police Non-Emergency.....503-823-3333
 Animal Control503-988-7387
 Parks Customer Service ...503-823-2525
 Problem in a Park..... PDXReporter.org
 or dial 311

PORTLANDPARKS.ORG

I recently went to a Beach/Park and found someone living in a tent who was clearly cutting the trees down for fire wood. The next day Willy and I ran into one of the Park Rangers, who of course, asked us about our detecting in the park. Anyway, 1st be sure and fill your holes in! Second, you can call 311 to report issues at any of the Portland Parks and a Ranger will check it out.

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

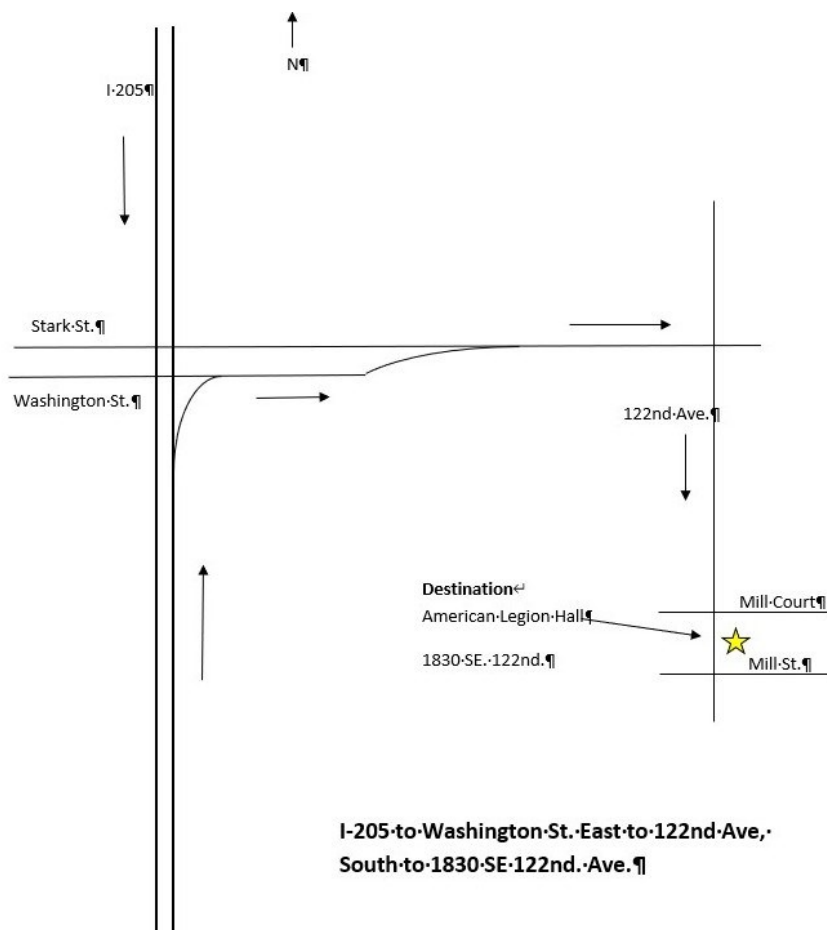
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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: Tim S

Secretary: Diane H

Treasurer: Don S

At Large Board Members: Rick P, Ron B

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: Mike M

Challenge Token: