

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Submitted by Harold V: Autumn becomes winter and the avid detectorist continues to search high and low through the rain and cold

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

This message is in closing to my term as president of our club. We have seen many changes during this time and hopefully you would agree that each change was an improvement in the way we operate or manage our affairs. I cannot leave without saying thank you to all those who made my term successful as I did nothing without the support of our executive board of directors and you, our membership at large. Yes there were a few things I did not get accomplished, and I would hold no one responsible except for myself for these shortcomings. Our club has a sound base of operations that can only be improved upon and with the many supportive people in our club I believe we can only advance in our success.

Please join me in supporting our new Board of Directors for the future of the Oregon Treasure Trail Society.

Respectfully,

President Scott



Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 28th, 2023

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

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for meeting November 28, 2023

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 5 guests. Each guest introduced themselves and gave a short accounting of the experience in detecting. Thanks to all our guests for attending our November meeting. OTTS currently has 75 paid members. Reading of the previous month's minutes was approved and passed by motion. Club hunt report was given by Ryan, The Treasurer's report was given by Don and was approved and passed by motion. The member drawing was won by Rick P. The Progressive draw was not won. Members with birthdays in November were awarded a silver half, No club tokens were turned at this meeting for a silver dime.

Nominations for board positions were opened and Ed V. responded with his request to be considered for the VP position. Kirk E. responded with his request to be considered for the VP position (Kirk rescinded his request next day). No other nominations for positions were made. Elections will be held at our Christmas meeting.

The bake sale was a resounding success and raised \$482.00 dollars for the club. Thanks to all who contributed to this event.

Discussion on the Christmas party was had by all and some details finalized. December 9th at 2pm is the start of our event. Please come prepared to help setup and get the activities going. Board Elections will be held.

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

1981 1/10 oz S African Ron B.

Silver

1 oz. silver bullet Mike M.

1960 Phil/Den Mint set Scott H.

1999 Painted Silver Eagle Steve E.

1780 Taler Restrike Ron B.

1884 Morgan Dollar Kirk E.

1899 Morgan Dollar Shawn T.

Silver pound Mike J.

1901-D Unc Silver Pound Dan R.

1oz. Silver M. Christmas Steve E.

1oz. Silver Bah Humbug Jeff S.

1oz. Silver Bethlehem Mike M.

Special Raffle

5oz. Silver Samoa Coin Larry W.



Find of the Month Results

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Metal Planter
2	Bill B	Keen Kutter Lock
3	Laura S	1930 Mercedes toy car



US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1889 Seated Dime
2	Bill B	1920 S Mercury Dime
3	Scott J	1923 Buffalo Nickel



Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	1916 Philippines 20 Centavos
2	Jackee A	1771 King George III Half Penny
3	Ryan P	1967 Canadian 50 cent



Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott J	Excelsior 1910 Boy Scout
2	Laura S	1996 Atlanta Olympic Token
3	Jackee A	25 Cent Token



Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	14kt Men's Wedding ring
2	Kirk E	14kt White Gold Diamond
3	Harold V	10kt Opal ring



Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Allysin W	.925 Turquoise Bracelet
2	Dan R	.925 Bracelet
3	Kirk E	.925 Emerald & Diamond ring



Find of the Month Entry Form:

Located on the O.T.T.S. website: <https://ottclub.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.

Find of the Month Results

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Honorable Discharge Pin
2	Laura S	Bid Eagle Ring
3	Kirk E	Gold Chain w Cross

Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	Zurich Button
2	Harold V	1956 Tootsie Truck
3	Jackee A	Banjo Tensioner

Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1835 Matron Head Large Cent
2	Ryan P	1920 d wheat
3	Harold V	1927 wheat

Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1942 S Quarter
1	Ryan P	1942 S Quarter
1	Bill B	1960 D Quarter

Display

Place	Name
1	Scott J
2	Kirk E
3	Bill B

Best of the Best

Name	Item
Willy A	14kt Men's Wedding ring



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

December 2nd, 2023 Location: Hudson Bay High School, Vancouver, WA



General Information: None

Historical Information: None.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results:

13 members turned out for the monthly club hunt. Ryan put out 10 regular club tokens, four special tokens, and one grab bag tokens. Conditions getting to the hunt meet up spot were rainy and treacherous at times, the forecast called for lots of wind and rain. However, around 9:00 am the rain broke and conditions were great for the duration of the hunt. Thanks Ed for bringing donuts!

Notable finds were limited to a 14k Men's White and Yellow gold diamond ring found by Jackee. She also found a titanium ring in the same hole! As far as old coins went, a few wheat pennies were found. Ryan found a 1941 wheat penny and won the oldest coin. Otherwise, the finds were pretty sparse, club members brought a good amount of bullets to count out, but it appeared everyone decided to leave the silver and other cool finds in the ground for the day.

At count out, Sean claimed a Standing Liberty Quarter for finding its special token. Laura S. found the special token and won a 1864 two cent piece. Richard found a grab bag token and won five seconds to reach in and pull out a prize. He grabbed a key chain accessory in the shape of an animal paw! Club members turned in 6 of the 10 club tokens good for a silver dime each. Allisyn found the gold painted clad tokens, good for a St. Augustine token and silver dime donated by Steve. The remaining club tokens are still in the park and good for a silver dime at any club meeting. Jackee found the special white zinc penny and won a hat. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion.

For the membership drawings, Allisyn and Richard won Franklin half dollars. Laura S. won a Washington quarter.



Total clad found: \$15.89
Trash collected: 6 lbs

Top 6 winners:	
1) Jeff S	62.4 points
2) Tim S	61 points
3) Harold V	54.2 points
4) Scott H	50 points
5) Willy A	40.5 points
6) Ryan P	39 points

Next Club Hunt: Ryan will be hosting a special Christmas Club Hunt on Sunday, December 31st. You may want to brave the cold weather for this one as nobody will go home empty handed. The club has allocated a significant amount of additional silver to be given out, along with some special prizes Ryan has been saving up over the year. In addition, the normal club hunt silver is included, so the regular competition hunt and club tokens will be awarded in addition to the membership draws. We will start at 9am and count out at 1pm. Be there by 8:30am! 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: 197 lbs
All Hunts Trash collected: 1,264 lbs.
Total School Trash: 346 lbs.
Total Park Trash: 926 lbs.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Ryan P

I had a great month, including a Merc/Wheat spill at the club hunt and then a trip to North Carolina to detect an 1820s property! I had a blast and the weather was perfect! I almost kissed my seated dime with my T shovel, missed by 1/4" of an inch. I can't wait for the next trip back.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A

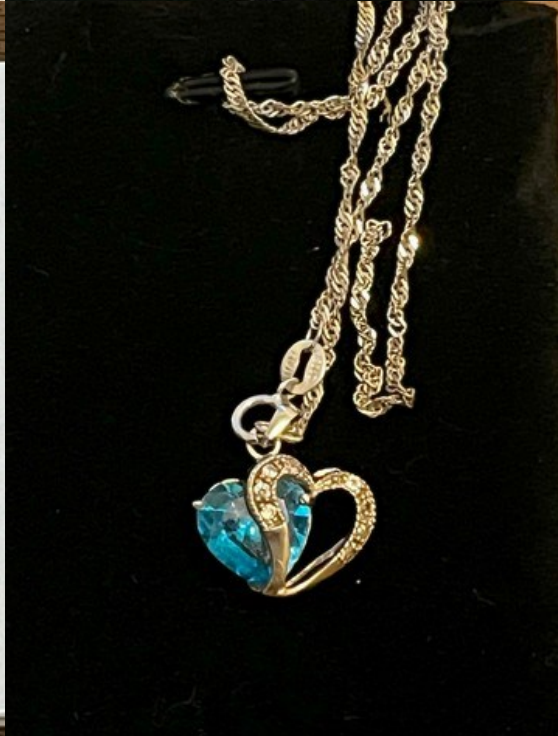
My favorite finds this month include my first largie...Dateless Matron Head 1816-1835. A beyond jacked up 1771 King George III Half Penny & a 14K yellow & white gold men's Diamond ring!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Willy A

Some great finds this past month.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V

Bought another pinpointer. This one you only have to turn it on once and it auto turns on and off when you holster it.



I thought for sure this was gold. But, alas only brass.



This ring is stamped 14kt. Too bad it isn't,



I found a lot of bullets this past month.

Lots of cars this month as well and I didnt even go to the beach.



So many keys!



A rare silver dime.



Another hopeful ring find that turns out to be nothing special.



2 rings found in the same hole.

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

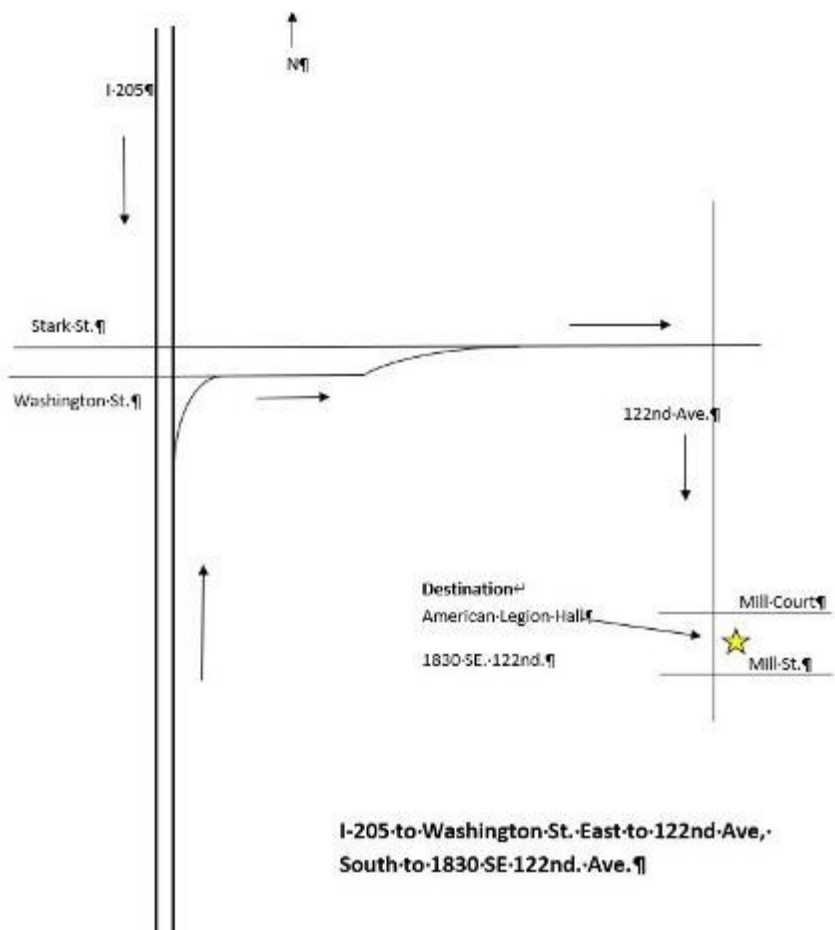
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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

In Kind board member: Ryan P

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: