

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter



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

Here's to everyone taking advantage of the of late great weather to get outside and have some fun. If you, for some reason, are not able to get out try putting some effort and thought into creating a Halloween basket for the next meeting. Yes we are having a Halloween Basket auction at the monthly meeting on October 26th. As usual all proceeds will go toward club activities and prizes with our Christmas Party being the main beneficiary. Use your own best judgement as to the contents as state and county restrictions are still in effect. The date and location of said event is still in limbo. I should have some news on or around the 14th. It will be posted on our face book page We are still hopeful for Saturday Dec. 11th.

In other news, along with all the extra cash that you bring for the basket auction, bring some for the silver raffle to be held at the December meeting/Christmas Party. Tickets will be on sale at the Oct., Nov., and Dec. meetings. Plans are to raffle a 5 oz. silver round. If we cannot acquire one, it will be 5 oz. of silver. We will know for sure at the next meeting. Just remember to bring plenty of cash.

See you all at the next meeting:

Ron



Matthew N helping a little girl with her detector at the club hunt

Announcements

From Byron, "I talked to Mike this morning (Thursday September 30th), he is doing very well, stamina is returning and makes any excuse to get out of the house. Mike would like to thank everyone for the nice cards he has received and the well wishes. He is looking forward to maybe making it to the next meeting and thanking everyone in person. I hope this happens because he has been missed." Thank you Byron for the update.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 26, 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.



(Photo submitted by Willy A.)

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes for meeting Sept 28, 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 25 members and no guests. 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 Linda C. She was awarded a 1964 half dollar. Ashley W. won the member draw. He was awarded a 1964 half dollar. The progressive draw was not awarded at the meeting because we did not have the updated member list at the meeting. The progressive was won by Larry Williams and will be given to him at the next meeting. New silver was added to the pot. Ryan P gave a club hunt recap. The next club hunt will be on October 30th.

Scott thanked Portland Precious Metals for being easy to deal with and giving the club a good deal.

Old business was discussed-The club will be having a Halloween themed basket auction at the October meeting. The holiday party is still being figured out. We are hoping to have it Sat December 11th. We are still trying to confirm a location. 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. Rick is working on an updated version of the membership card with updated address and QR code.

New business was discussed. Byron talked about a Minelab treasure hunt. He will have more information soon. Club members voted on a new t-shirt design. More information will follow once the costs are figured out. Please take caps off of bottles before turning in.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Please remember no outside food is allowed in the Eagles building.

Other information that club members might find helpful:

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.

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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.

OTTS T-shirt Design:

Multiple t-shirt designs were submitted for voting during the regular club meeting. The Design by Scott Jo received the most votes and will be discussed by the board for further consideration.



Jerry H had some incredible bucket list finds in September



(O mint mark Barber Quarter photo, submitted by Ryan P.)

Meeting Raffle Results



Results:

1982 1/10oz Krugerrand gold- Rick G

1888 Peace Dollar- Steve E

1899 Peace Dollar- Scott J

2021 Canadian Maple Leaf \$5.00 Silver- Bill B

1982 Proof George Washington Commemorative \$.50- Ron B

1929 Standing Liberty Quarter- Ed V

1930 Standing Liberty Quarter- Willie A

1913 Barber Dime and 1918 Mercury Dime- Ryan P

1916 Barber Dime and 1945 Mercury Dime- Laura A

1 Mystery coin Booker T Washington- Rick G

5 bonus drawing copper rounds- Steve E, Ed V, Willie A, Ron B and Rick G

second tier drawing for a 2003 American Silver Eagle Silver Dollar- Ryan P

Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

No information at time of publishing.

Find of the Month Results

August 2021 Find of the Month Results

Item of the Month

1	Ryan P	Japanese Dragonfly Bell
2	Jerry H	1800's Eagle C Button
3	Rick G	Toyota Key Fob

US Coin

1	Ryan P	1909 Barber Quarter
2	Scott Jo	1920 Buffalo Nickel
3	Laura A	1918 Wheat Cent

Foreign Coin

1	Rick G	2016 Japanese 100 Yen
2	Scott Jo	2013 Arabic coin
3	Ryan P	2010 Japanese 10 Yen

Token

1	Willy A	Winchester Mystery House Token
2	Harold V	Apollo XI Token
2	Ryan P	Presidential Spill

Gold Jewelry

1	Rick G	14kt Pendant w Diamond
2	Ed V	10kt Leaf Ring
3	Jerry H	10Kt White Gold Ring

Silver Item

1	Willy A	Pendant w/Agates
2	Harold V	Big .925 ring
3	Scott Jo	.925 Earring

Jewelry

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| 1 | Willy A | Rose Quartz Pendant |
| 2 | Harold V | 14kt Gold Filled ring |
| 3 | Rick G | Men's Mickey Mouse Watch |

Artifact

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|---|----------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Jerry H | 1800's Engineer Button |
| 2 | Harold V | 1915 Panama Pacific Fob |
| 3 | Laura A | General Service Button |

Oldest US Coin

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|---|---------|-------------------|
| 1 | Jerry H | 1857O Seated Dime |
| 2 | Ryan P | 1914 Wheat Cent |
| 3 | Rick G | 1919 Mercury Dime |

Most Valuable US Coin

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|---|---------|----------------------|
| 1 | Willy A | 1921 D Morgan Dollar |
| 2 | Rick G | 2019 W Quarter |
| 3 | Ryan P | 1952 D Quarter |

Display

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|---|----------|
| 1 | Rick G |
| 2 | Jerry H |
| 3 | Scott Jo |

Best of the Best

Rick G with the 14t Gold Pendant w/ Diamond

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	108	9 th	Laura A	31
2 nd	Scott Jo	98	10 th	Matthew N	23
3 rd	Harold V	96	11 th	Kirk E	21
4 th	Willy A	88	12 th	Steven E	13
5 th	Jerry H	56	13 th	Linda C	11
6 th	Ryan P	49	14 th	Ed V	8
7 th	Tim S	49	15 th	Dale I	1
8 th	Bill B	34			



Some amazing finds submitted by Matthew N

O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

Albert Kelly Park- SW Dosch Rd & SW Mitchell St, Portland, OR 97239



Club Hunt Details

General Information: Covers 12 acres. Acquired in 1956

Historical Information: This park was named for Albert Kelly, an early settler in Oregon. Albert first scouted the area now known as Holladay Park, but was discouraged by the lack of a reliable supply of water. Later, he explored the area west of the hills, and found it much more to his liking. Albert and his family farmed the land until his death in 1873. The park came into being in 1956 when Mrs. Hildegard Plummer Withers offered 9 acres of the family land to Portland Parks if it would be dedicated as a park and named after her grandfather, Albert Kelly.

Hunt Results: The OTTS September Club Hunt was held on Sunday the 12th. We met at the Albertsons on SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. 17 members met between 7:15 and 7:45 am. The club left for the park at 8 am sharp. The ground was hard and clouds kept it cool with a little sprinkle of rain towards the end. Count out was held at noon.

Ryan P. and Matt N. hid 10 regular tokens and one special token. The club turned in their best token effort for the new hunt masters finding eight of the regular tokens and the special token! Scott Jo. found the special token and won a 1964 quarter. The two remaining club tokens are still in the park.

Allisyn W. won the membership drawing, winning a 1964 Kennedy half dollar.

The top 7 winners at the hunt were:

- 1) Rick G. 55 points
- 2) Tim S. 47 points
- 3) Laura A. 46 points
- 4) Scott Jo. 35.8 points
- 5) Ryan P. 34 points
- 6) Harold V. 31 points
- 6) Jerry H. 31 points

There was a surprise category and a silver dime was awarded to the lowest point total on the day, netting Allisyn a dime to go with her half dollar.

There was a tie for oldest coin between Rick G. and Scott Jo. who both recovered coins from 1946. Rick found a nickel and Scott found a wheat penny. Silver dimes were awarded to both, and Rick in a very generous and welcoming gesture offered his dime to the newest member Jackee A. (who had just joined the club that morning in the parking lot). Jackee found the only other wheat penny on the day, a 1958.

Other notable finds included a silver ring found by Jerry H. and the end of a silver spoon found by Lee H. Scott Jo. found a pressed penny marked "1983 Old Tucson Famous Movie Location." One foreign coin was found and ten pieces of costume jewelry.

Total clad found: \$24.41

Trash collected during the hunt: 15.44 lbs

Hunt Master Notes:

None

Next Club Hunt Details:

Ryan P. and Matt N. will be hosting the October Club Hunt on Halloween Eve - Oct. 30 (Saturday). There will be an optional costume contest with the winner taking home a special prize. There is only one rule, you must hunt the entire time in your costume! The winner will be voted on by the members during the count out.

The meeting location will be at the Whole Foods Market at 2825 E Burnside St, Portland, OR 97214. There is a Starbucks on the corner if you'd like coffee. The club will leave for the hunt location at promptly 8 am so be there early!

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

Hello everybody! I hope this finds you all happy, healthy and enjoying the hunt for treasure.

Some of you may recall that I wrote a post for the newsletter, back in July 2020. I told of the gold class ring I found in May of 2020. The ring was from the class of 1988, from a high school in Randallstown, Maryland, just outside Baltimore. It had a name etched inside. COVID prevented me from showing it at the time, that's a bummer because in my mind there is no doubt, I would have gotten first place in the gold category for it! (; I decided that rather than hang on to it, I would go on a quest to find its owner. I told of my attempts at the time and asked you all to stay tuned.

Time for an update! On Sunday morning, September 7th of this year I sat down to read the Oregonian. Just inside the front page I found an article written by Samantha Swindler. It was the tale of three class rings that Samantha had helped the finders of locate and return the rings to their true owners. I was thrilled, as efforts to find the owner of the ring I found had not worked out. I reached out to Samantha and told her my story.

On Saturday October 2, thanks to Samantha, I was able to give the ring back to its owner, who is now living in the Portland area! I will tell you all to stay tuned again, as Samantha plans to do a follow up article in the Oregonian about it. I made it a point to tell them about the Oregon Treasure Trail Society. I told them it was full of great folks that would be more than happy to help people search for lost treasures. I believe she plans to include this comment in her article.

I'm so happy to have met another one of my metal detectorist's goals! I hope you all are meeting your goals too!

Take care, and happy hunting. Colleen



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:

7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

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 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

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Find of the Month Team

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