

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Early morning: A Bird, a Detectorist, and a River

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

The fall air is soon to arrive. The Leaves will line our streets, and yes; the ground will soften up with some much needed rain. There is much to look forward to this fall and winter. The Oregon Treasure Trail Society will conclude October with one lucky person winning "Skully" for our final special raffle of the year. Also the basket sale, held at our October meeting, will see some interesting creations of holiday spirit. November brings the bake sale and preparations for our upcoming Christmas party.

Lately much of my thoughts are of past events and members who are no longer with us. Sadly we lost Jim Cornwell last week. I will remember Jim for his enthusiasm in seeking adventure and sharing his stories with the club. Jim and his wife Mary brought many fantastic finds to club meetings for everyone to enjoy. And thanks to Byron D. for showing a sampling of Jim's treasures, and sharing of the many journeys Jim had throughout his life. Rest in Peace Jim!

And remember:

"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin" (Tony Robbins)

Scott H.



The group before the club hunt.

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 25, 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 September 27, 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 28 members and 1 guest. Scott reported the following: We have secured the American Legion Post 1 as the location for our 2022 Christmas party on December 3rd at 1pm. The Basket Sale is being held at our October meeting. Bring baskets to the next month's meeting. 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 Linda C. and she was awarded a 1964 Kennedy Silver Half Dollar. Kirk E. won the member draw and received a 1935 Walking Liberty Silver Half Dollar. Kirk then gave a story about his "Catio" he's building at home. The Progressive draw was won by Jackee A. who won a 1922 Peace Dollar. New Silver was also added to the pot for next month. Ryan gave a club hunt recap that was held at Sellwood Riverfront Park. Harold was the big winner for this hunt with points, and a gold ring found. The next Club hunt will be Sunday October 2nd, meeting at Frenchman's Bar at 7:30 for an 8am start. See the Calendar for details. There were no club tokens turned in this month.

Scott J. spoke to the members about his challenge to fill a complete book of Natl. Park Quarters. It took Scott almost 2 years to fill this book. He then told us about a need to relinquishing his position as the Raffle Chairperson to take care of business at home and to support his wife in her quest with schooling for a new career. Scott; we thank you for your contribution to our club and wish you both a successful future.

Unfortunately no snacks were provided for tonight's meeting. Next month Willy and Linda will provide snacks.

Scott H. spoke of changes to our monthly dues to take place for 2023 and will provide details next month. Scott also reported on an unauthorized transaction on our bank account and his progress in rectifying the situation.

The floor was given to Byron D. to speak on the collection of Jim Cornwell and his travels through life. The collection shown was just a sample of his amazing life of finding treasures and travels throughout Europe and other locations. Jim was a retired Navy Commander and was a dedicated member of the Oregon Treasure Trails Society. It is with great sadness I must report we have lost Jim this week. His was a long life, well lived. We will miss you Jim.

After our Break we noted that Mike M. will be taking on the role of our new Raffle Chairperson. Thanks Mike for stepping up, you'll do a great job. Scott mentioned that anyone is welcome to our board meetings and encouraged you to contact him for an email noting the time and location of the next meeting.

As always see the newsletter calendar for times and location details of our club hunts, meetings and special events.

And a few announcements:

- Welcome to Kyle Bonner, Holly and Griffin as our newest members
- Please remember the board of directors is also looking to purchase silver coins or bullion for future events. Please contact one of our board members with what you may be interested in selling.

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

Raffle winners announced, Thanks Scott J.

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

Our meeting was adjourned at 8:45. 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:

No report was made on the raffle distribution.

Gold Coin

Silver Morgans

Silver Other

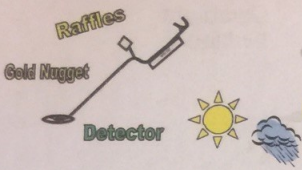


Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

To Be Determined



Upcoming Event



CTC

&

MDAW

(Metal Detecting Association of Washington)

Raffles
Gold Nugget
Detector

At New Life Church
Renton, WA

Silver!
Gold!

48th Annual Oct 29th 2022

Moonlight Funz

2 Daylight Hunts

Sat Oct 29rd, 2022

*Suprise Awards
Continuing the Legacy of
"Dudley Do Right"
John Shape*

The Cascade Treasure Club and MDAW will be hosting our 48th annual Moonlight Hunt and potluck, located at New Life Christian Church, Renton WA. See map (same location as Silver Shoot).
 Cost: MDAW \$40 CTC \$50 Pre-register before 10/24,2022, and receive a special treat. At hunt CTC \$55 (kids 12 & under MDAW \$30 / CTC \$40) *Pre-registering helps preparation for the potluck.
 Hunt info on back

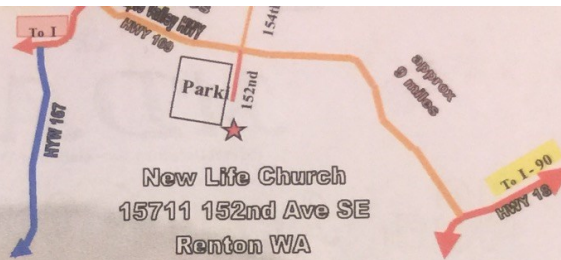
Schedule					
Registration	12 - 2pm	Warm up	2:45 - 3:15	MDAW	3:45 - 4:30
Potluck	5pm	Moonlight	Dusk + 45 min	Special game /Raffles	Shortly after last hunt

<p>Pre-Register: \$40/55 12 & under \$30/\$35 & special treat</p>	<p>More info contact :</p>	<p>Mark Kulseth: mkulseth@gmail.com (206) 730-2694</p>	<p>Mark Jenkins: call or text: (425) 223-2985</p>	<p>Ron Sharer: MDAW call or text: (360) 265-7478</p>
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Make payment to: Cascade Treasure Club c/o **Mark. Kulseth** address: **260 E. George Hopper RD #300 Burlington, WA. 98233**

Entrance Fee	MDAW \$40	CTC \$50 / \$55	Both \$90 / \$95	Total:
Name				
Name 12 & under	MDAW \$30	CTC \$35/ \$40	Both \$65 / \$70	
Optional: Emergency Contact name & phone#	email			Final Total
Number of People Attending Potluck				

Upcoming Event (Continued)



Driving directions:

South on I - 405 take exit 4 @ 2nd light turn left onto Maple Valley hwy (169)

North on I - 405 exit 4 & stay to the right onto Maple Valley hwy (169) turn right at 152nd Ave SE and park in the parking on right.

Hunt site is about 5.7miles from I -- 405

Hwy 18 take exit onto 231st St SE go east 1 block take left on Maple Valley hwy (169) towards Renton, turn left onto 152nd Ave SE. parking on right. Hunt site is about 9 miles from hwy 18 exit.

Overnight parking Friday is OK (no tent area). Park nearest to hwy.

Hunt Description

Registration begins at noon (12pm) at the north end of the parking lot next to the highway. There will be 3 hunts: 2 daylight and the moonlight hunt:

1st hunt: CTC's warm up with a special game token as well as more tokens and prizes.

2nd hunt: MDAW's membership hunt with 100% returned in the field.

3rd hunt: main hunt, 45 minutes beginning at dusk: prizes include 2 tokens for a special game as well as gold, silver, metal detector, cash and other gifts.

Potluck

After the second hunt will be a potluck, bring a dish to share and the clubs will serve: hotdogs & hamburgers. . Donations Accepted

Closing

Special token game: Mark Jenkins has a crazy game for the 3 people who found them. Throughout the event you can purchase raffle tickets— winning tickets will be drawn at closing: prizes include a gold nugget, silver, metal detector, and other items

Returning again this year is the: in memory of John Shape's "Dudley Do Right" performed by the 3 hunt chairman:

Mark Jenkins, Allan Henneberry, & Ron Sharer—MDAW

Information—surprise

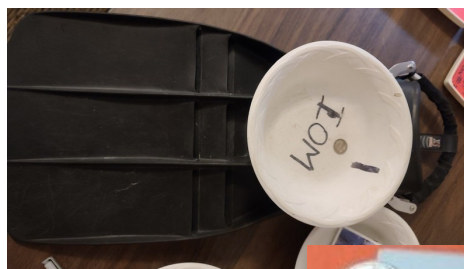
We are watching you.

Be prepared for the Weather and dress accordingly

Find of the Month Results—June 2022

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Kurt E	Swim Fin
2	Jackee A	Dog Tag
3	Ed V	Cell Phone



US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1876 S Seated Dime
2	Jackee A	1905 Barber Dime
2	Willy A	1923 Mercury Dime



Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1889 Great Brittan Penny
2	Bill B	1999 Swaziland 5 emalangeni
2	Willy A	1950 Hong Kong 10 cent



Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1973 Kauai Dollar tourist token
2	Willy A	8 elongated penny tokens
3	Kirk E	AA token



Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	14k gold 1/4 carat diamond ring
2	Jackee A	14k gold pendant
3	Ed V	14k gold monogram ring



Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	Tiger eye silver cross
2	Jackee A	Wallace sterling dove ornament
3	Bill B	925 spinner ring with artificial diamonds



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.

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Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	Men's Tungsten carbide ring
2	Bill B	Guardian angle pendent
2	Jackee A	Indian coin earring



Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Ed V	Rifle cartridge knife
2	Bill B	Tootsie toy cement truck
3	Willy A	Buckle



Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1892 Indian cent
2	Jackee A	1904 V Nickel
3	Willy A	1923 Wheat cent



Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1898 Barber dime
2	Jackee A	1920 S Buffalo Nickel
3	Willy A	1952 S Roosevelt Dime

Display

Place	Name
1	Willy A
2	Jackee A
3	Bill B
3	Ed V

Best of the Best

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	14k Brushed gold 1/4 carat diamond ring



2022 Detectorist of the Year Standings

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Jackee A	186
2	Willy A	177
3	Ryan P	165
4	Bill B	144
5	Scott J	110
6	Matthew N	80
7	Kirk E	62
8	Scott H	60
9	Ron B	47
10	Laura S	35
11	Tim S	28
12	Ed V	26
13	Byron D	16
14	Allisyn W	14
15	Lee H	11
16	Don S	9
17	Rick P	4
17	Chuck P	4



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

September 2022

Location: Frenchman's Bar Park, North Vancouver



General Information: This lush 120-acre regional park is located on the Columbia River about two miles west of Vancouver Lake Park. It was dedicated in 1997 and features a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. A 2.5 mile trail connects the park to Vancouver Lake Regional Park.

Historical Information: Frenchman's Bar and Frenchman's Bar Park are located on the Washington side of the Columbia River. The bar separates the Columbia from Vancouver Lake to the east. And there is a Frenchman behind the name of this Columbia River bar. In 1915, the sign along a park trail reads, "Frenchman's Bar was named after Paul Hauray, a Frenchman who bound out to engage in fur trading in Alaska. Fleeing intolerable conditions, Hauray jumped ship and made his way to Astoria to work in the salmon canneries. Wanting to increase his wealth above that of a low-paid cannery worker, he perused the shoreline of the Columbia River for an ideal fish netting location and in 1915 he purchased land five miles downstream from Fort Vancouver."

The Bureau of Land Management's 1863 cadastral survey (tax survey) for T2N R1W, shows the location of today's Frenchman's Bar Park being located in Section 1, on the Donation Land Claim (DLC) of David Sturgess. This is just north of the DLC of William Dillon, the DLC on which today's Hewlett Point is located.

An 1888 plat map for Washington Territory shows the land around Frenchman's Bar to be part of the Donation Land Claim (DLC) of D. Sturgis.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management's General Land Office (GLO) records database (2015) lists an Adelaide Wodow Sturgess and Heirs of David Sturgess being granted title to 643.23 acres of T2N R1W, parts of Sections 1 and 2, and T3N R1W, part of Section 36, on August 27, 1871 (1850 Oregon-Donation Act).

An undated plat map for Clark County, Washington, presumed to be between 1915 and 1925 shows the area of Frenchman's Bar owned by D. Mullingan.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results: The OTTS September Club Hunt was held on Sunday Oct, 2nd 2022. The Hunt Masters decided to do things a little differently for this hunt. They decided to change things up a bit and held a seeded “Junk Ring” hunt along with the standard count out sheet. 136 junk rings were hidden along the shore line and within the picnic area to give members a chance at a Barber Half for finding the most junk rings junt the 4 hour hunt. It was a great opportunity for members to practice listening for all ranges of tones to get more familiar with different ring tones so they can find more during their own hunts. Instead of meeting at an offsite location, they had members meet at the Frenchman's Bar location at 730AM. 18 Members Joined for this hunt. We will be returning to OFF SITE meeting locations for future hunts.

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!

Ashley of course drew his own number for the member drawing which netted a nice silver Washington Quarter. Ed V. was the winner of the “ring of fire” seeded ring hunt. Ed found a total of 12 junk rings on the beach with his new Deus 2 which won him a well-worn Barber Half Dollar. We had two new members join us for their first club hunt and walked away with a silver dime each for their awesome efforts as new metal detectorists.

Club Hunt Token Count: 136 Rings Seeded = 63 RINGS were recovered, 8 OTTS stamped tokens = 6 of 8 were Ž on found good for 1 silver dime, 1 Special Token = Found by Jackee which won her a silver quarter’, 4 Special Grab Bag Tokens = 4 of 4 were found good for a chance at the grab bag:

Willy A. won herself a functional but not valuable Compass Bottle Opener Keychain

Jackee pulled a cool vintage Casino Token

Bill pulled a junk ring

Tim S. got his hopes up by pulling a copy Morgan Dollar

Since Ed V was the winner of the Seeded Ring hunt, he was allowed to pick someone to draw from the grab bag. He chose Rick who was the only person to pick something good out of the grab bag which was a Mercury Dime.

Notable Finds:

Jackee found the oldest coin of the day which was a 1923S Buffalo nickel. Tim S found some very old gold teeth along the water line. Ed V walked away with a fully intact silver necklace.



Next Club Hunt: Ryan will be out of town at Digstock at the end of Oct. Matt will be hosting the club hunt Sunday Oct 30th. Meeting location will be posted soon.

The top 6 winners:

- 1) Harold V. 74.2 points Silver Quarter
- 2) Ryan P. 60.5 points Silver Quarter
- 3) Jackee A. 57 points Silver Quarter
- 4) Willy A. 53 points Silver Dime
- 5) Ed V. 47 points Silver Dime
- 6) Tim S. 41 points Silver Dime

Total clad found: \$16.59

Trash collected: 24.6 lbs.

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



Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Jackee A

I spent the month detecting by the river where I found a surplus of jewelry and pins! I never expected to figure out who they belonged to until I found two dog tags. Unfortunately, the gentleman passed away on 9/30/2021. There were many things in his obituary that were related to what I found, including his fraternity pin, company pin, items from his travels, and cuff links with his initials. The sterling bracelet also had the names of his children engraved on it. I met with his daughter last week & she said they were robbed in the 80s and couldn't believe this stuff ended up in the river...I guess it was the thief's dumping ground. I told her to take anything she wanted, but she said the gold pendant & sterling doves didn't belong to the family so I got to keep those. Returning the items to the family was the real treasure ?? I also found my 1st real gun at low tide and turned it into the police!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A (continued)



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

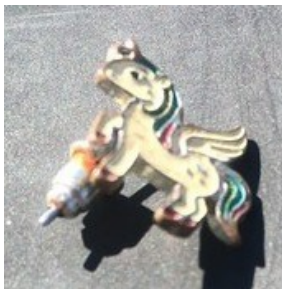
Unbelievable find and I'm still in shock: an 1876 S Seated Liberty dime, my new oldest coin from Oregon. I was at an old park I've been to plenty but I'd been focusing mostly on areas I felt hadn't been hit as hard. I finally made it through a picnic area and really not a lot of signals. So when I saw a shallow 21-22-23 flash on my Equinox the last thing on my mind was silver. The coin popped out reverse facing up and I saw the "ONE DIME" staring back at me. I had a moment to collect myself before flipping it over and seeing Lady Liberty sitting with her flag left me breathless and having it become my new oldest coin was icing. If you know that feeling when your brain just can't process what has just come out of the dirt, that was me. I think mine rebooted about five times due to the error "does not compute." I am blown away that this beautiful coin was hiding out in the open for so long waiting for me to come along. It's more proof of the old saying "never hunted out." It's also the first silver coin for me that has rung up that low, I had a Rosie hit 24 once but usually it's 27+. I knew a thinner coin could hit 21 and for the first half of this year I'd been hoping for a thin Barber on 21-22 signals so I shouldn't be surprised, at any of this. But I am. What an amazing surprise on an already perfect day!



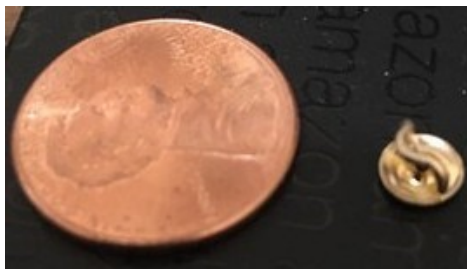
Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V

Some Pictures from some recent hunts



My first great find was a magical unicorn. A little later I found the match, so I found 2 magical unicorns.



Then I found this 14kt gold earring back. Item compared to a penny.



Found a few silver rings one day.



If only it were real....the ring that is.



Finally found a gold ring!



Then what could be better than a pack of super heroes?

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

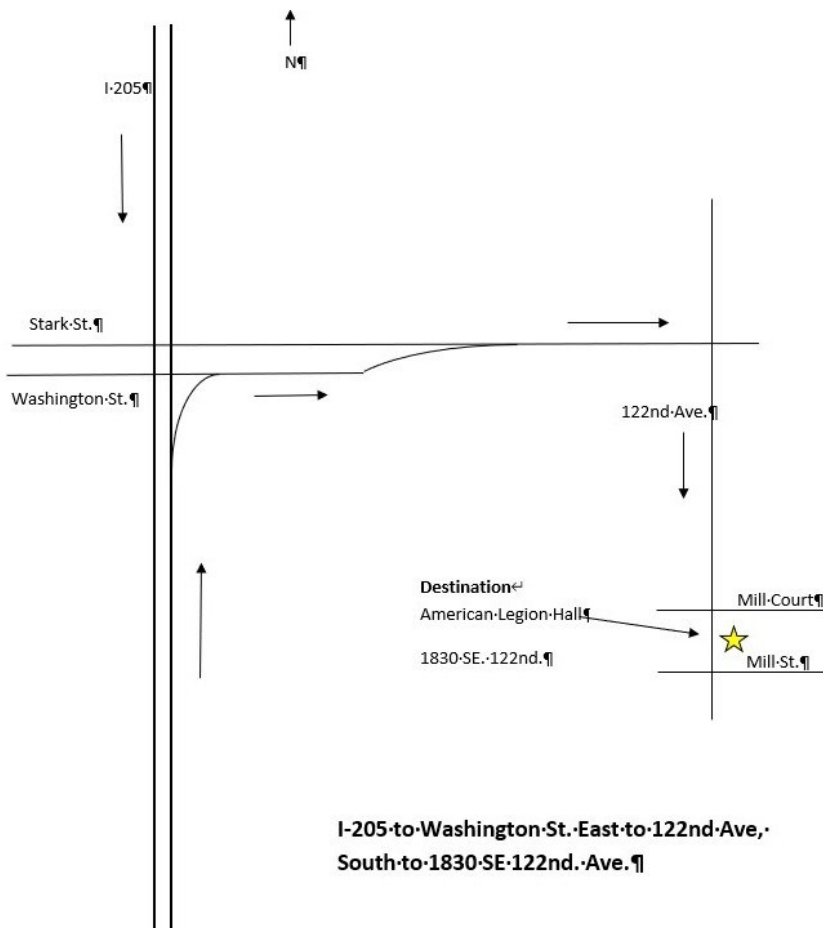
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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: