

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Submitted by Ryan P: Nothing but style and grace in this hobby. Clearly represented in this photo.

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

As we approach Fall and Winter, I have been more conscious of conditions that may affect my detecting adventures and thought I would mention what I was thinking. The other day while at our club hunt we had pretty severe wind conditions. When hunting in the open you are fine, but when you get under trees be aware that you could be in the line of sight for a falling limb. I remember looking up a couple of times and deciding to change my direction just to insure I don't become a statistic. This could also be said about water hunting with potential drop offs, mud or sand that could cause you to struggle. It's good insurance to always hunt with a friend when possible, it's more fun too.

Well it's that time of the year with the planning for our Christmas party. We'll have a sign-up sheet for food next month. The November Bake sale is next month also, please bring some goodies to auction off. And we are currently looking for members to step up to a board position that is open for next year.

I'm encouraged by our progress this year and how financially we are getting prepared for next year. Silver prices have been good and I think the premiums have dropped a bit, allowing the club to purchase silver at a fair price. Being on the board has allowed us to keep a better focus on the metals market and obtain some good opportunities for the club. Thanks to all who have contributed to the success of our Club.

I'll close by saying that this is OUR club. Without you, and the efforts you make in our success we could not achieve the results we all enjoy. Thank you all.

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 October 24, 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. Scott mentioned the Basket Sale will be held tonight. Also noted was the schedule for the Christmas Pot Luck dinner to be held at the American legion hall on December 9th at 2pm to 6pm. Another reminder was stated that October starts the beginning of the selection process for new board members. There are many positions open Including President, VP, and Secretary. Tonight's meeting was attended by 33 members and no guests. OTTS currently has 73 paid members. Reading of the previous month's minutes was approved and passed by motion. Club hunt report was given by Ryan and noted 17 members showed up to Gabriel Park where a good time was had by all. Ryan also noted that the next hunt will be the Halloween hunt and encouraged you to wear your best costume. A winner of the best costume will be voted on and that person will win Silver. The Treasurers report was given by Don and was approved and passed by motion. The member drawing was won by Richard S. who won a Walking Liberty Half dollar. The Progressive draw was won by Scott J. and he won 3 Morgan Silver dollars. Another Morgan was placed in the pot for next months draw. Members with birthdays in October were awarded a silver half, Happy Birthday Bill and Sherrie B. One club token was turned in by Harold for a silver dime. Snacks tonight were brought by Ron and Kathy B, and Mike J. Next month snacks will be brought by Sherrie B and Ron and Kathy B.

Tonight's Basket sale drew the attention of many bidders with quite a few battles for the goods. There were 5 baskets brought in tonight and we must thank those who put these together for their creativeness and donation to the club. The club raised \$635. In these sales and that set a new record for this event. Good job to all!

Scott J. reported on the night hunt in Renton and there were 41 hunters who had a good time finding tokens and prizes.

Dan R. representing Prospectors Treasure Trove mentioned that Clark N. will be giving a presentation on the Lidar mapping program at Dan's shop in Beaverton, on Nov 4. at 2pm.

Harold has also volunteered to take on the Challenge token for next year and will coordinate that with Don for prizes.

Mike M. reported that former President Steve Tucker has had some serious health issues and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

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

1/10 oz gold Eagle Don S.

Silver

1943 Half Dollar Don S.

1934-S Half Dollar Kirk E.

1 oz Indian Head Round Steve E.

1 oz Indian Head Round Ron B.

1879 Morgan Dollar Ron B.

1900 Morgan Silver Dollar Richard S.

1921 Morgan Silver Dollar Ashley W.

1 oz Silver Eagle bar Steve E.

2-14 1 oz Silver Liberty Mike M.

Ongoing Special Raffle

5 ounce Samoa Coin (Raffle held November meeting 2023)



Find of the Month Results

Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	Lions Head drawer pull
2	Jackee A	1914 Liberty lens glass
3	Tim S	Bic lighter
3	Rick P	Aztec key chain

US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1941 S Dime
2	Ryan P	1944 S Dime
3	Tim S	1945 wheat cent

Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	China 20 cash dragon
2	Ryan P	1989 Canada 5 cent
3	Harold V	5 ptas Spain

Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Sean T	Tax Token
2	Scott J	Look Magazine Saving token
3	Tim S	Flat Penny

Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott J	14kt ring
2	Kirk E	18kt ring

Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Willy A	Leopard skin Pendant
2	Tim S	Silver ring
3	Bill B	Turquoise ring

Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Harold V	Bee pin
2	Tim S	Muslim pendant
3	Jackee A	1900 Elgin pocket watch

Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1900's serving tray
2	Harold V	10k gold fill pin
3	Bill B	Toy tomahawk

Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1918 s wheat
2	Harold V	1919 s wheat
3	Scott J	1929 d wheat

Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1915 s wheat
2	Scott J	1957 quarter
3	Harold V	1929 d wheat

Display

Place	Name
1	Harold V
2	Bill B
3	Tim S
3	Jackee A

Best of the Best

Name	Item
Scott J	14k 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.

2023 Detectorist of the Year Standings

Place	Name	Points
1	Jackee A	240
2	Ryan P	193
3	Bill B	145
4	Scott J	135
5	Kirk E	128
6	Harold V	124
7	Laura S	88
8	Tim S	79
9	Lee H	55
10	Scott H	49
11	Willy A	36
12	Ed V	23
13	Ron B	21
14	Tom S	12
15	Richard S	11
16	Jeff S	10
17	Rick P	9
18	Sean T	6
19	Lee S	2
20	Chuck P	1



O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

October 29th, 2023

Location: Brentwood Park & Lane Middle School, Portland, OR



General Information: None

Historical Information: Year acquired 1951.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results:

14 members and one guest turned out for the monthly club hunt. Ryan put out 10 regular club tokens, nine special tokens, and two grab bag tokens. It was a clear, crisp morning, but a wind gusting pretty hard at times made things a little more cold than everyone would have liked.

Five members showed up in costumes for the occasion. In the chaos of count out I forgot to get a group photo. Ashley won the vote narrowly edging out Ryan's hippie costume with his crazy scarecrow! He won a Franklin Half Dollar that was donated by Tom. Despite the lower than usual turn out, the club really found some nice items. Allisyn found an amazing Navajo style turquoise and silver bracelet. Willy found a 14k gold ring, and a silver ring. Tom and Ryan found silver chains. Scott Jo. found a probable silver ring, and a spill of 61 pennies (which he dug all of). As far as old coins went, a few wheat pennies were found. Ryan found a 1945 S Mercury dime at the school that was found together with a 1941 wheat penny. Tom won the oldest coin with a 1940 wheat.

At count out, Richard and Harold claimed Standing Liberty Quarters for finding its special token. Richard also found the diamond tester token and finally that prize was won after many months. Jerry found a grab bag tokens and won five seconds to reach in and pull out a prize. He grabbed a silver Washington quarter! Club members turned in 5 of the 10 club tokens good for a silver dime each. Club members also found 3 of the 5 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. Allisyn found the special white zinc penny and won a hat. Everyone in a costume won a Mercury dime for participating. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion.

For the membership drawings, Willy and Bill won Franklin half dollars. Ryan won a Washington quarter. The next club hunt will include a 1864 Two Cent piece donated by Ed which can be won by finding its token!



Win this coin next month!

Top 6 winners:

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|-------------|--------------|
| 1) Willy A | 141.6 points |
| 2) Harold V | 98.1 points |
| 3) Scott J | 88.5 points |
| 4) Ryan P | 73 points |
| 5) Tim S | 71 points |
| 6) Jerry H | 64 points |

Total clad found: \$34.07

Trash collected: 7 lbs

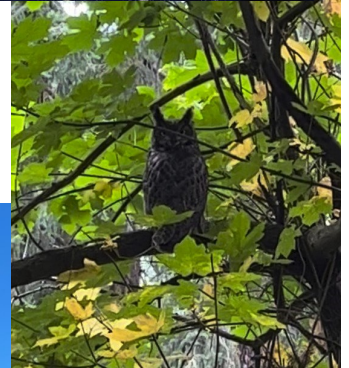
Next Club Hunt: Ryan P. will be hosting the Monthly Club Hunt on Saturday, December 2. We will start at 9am and count out at 1pm. Daylight savings will push us to start using winter hours. Be there by 8:30 am.

Year to Date Trash collected: 184 lbs
All Hunts Trash collected: 1,258 lbs.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Ryan P

Pics from the Club Hunt



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Richard S

The hunt collected 6.75 lbs for trash during our club hunt. One item of interest (danger item) was found by Scott, a rusty box cutter blade.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A

Pics from some of Jackee's finds.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V

My favorite find of the month.



My almost gold for the month.
10kt gold filled.



The dime that started my hot streak.



After the dime I found this nice silver ring.

Then I found this bracelet.



Then I found this Tungsten ring.



The next day I found this
very nice silver ring.



Then I found these 4 silver
rings at a park.

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

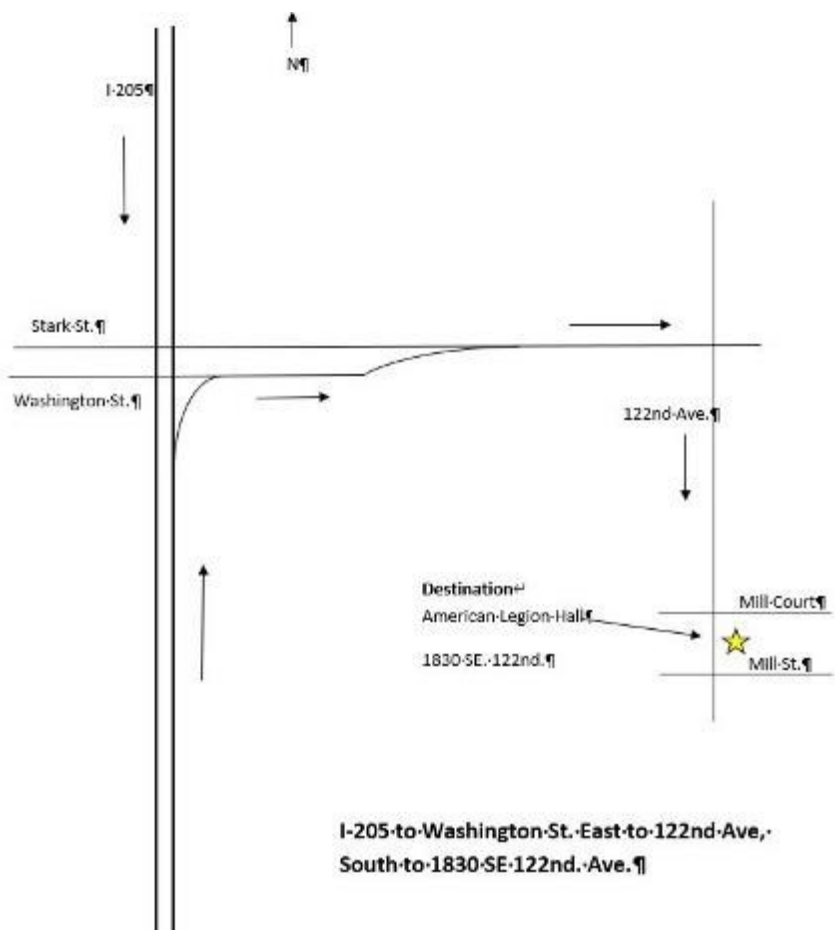
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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: