



OTTS NEWSLETTER September 2019

OTTS President's Message

Fellow Members,

Where did summer go? We have had some great weather, but it seems to be leaving too quickly. You and I had better get out there and hunt while the weather still cooperates.

I hope you are checking around for items you might put in your basket for our October basket sale. I have already picked out a couple of items I am including in mine.

No basket? Check your local Goodwill store for a container that works for you. Remember all the dollars the club raises go back to you and other members for prizes and the Christmas party.

I continue to be so proud of our member's willingness to help out on various club activities. Thank you so much. Your efforts make OTTS stronger and a lot more fun for us all.

Good hunting,

Rick Page, President



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Minutes from September 24, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Rick Page. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and the officers and at large board members were introduced. The meeting was attended by 33 members and 0 guests. The minutes of the last meeting, as published on the website, were noted and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Scott J reported on the July club hunt. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins were given. The birthday draw was won by Steve E. He was awarded a 1922 Peace dollar. Jeff S won the member draw. He was awarded a 1935 Walking Half Dollar. The progressive draw was not awarded. New silver was added to the pot.

Old business was discussed. The club is still waiting for members to turn in possible designs for new t-shirts. The club will be holding a basket auction in September. It is suggested that members bring in baskets that relate to metal detecting or choose a theme that others might enjoy. It was suggested that art work or themes such as movie night would be well received. In November the club will hold a back sale. The sale will be right before Thanksgiving. Treats were still needed for September and November so the treat signup sheet was circulated. There are still many club tokens in several local parks.

At this point, the club was adjourned for a break and finds voting.

New business: Steve E. talked about the East Linn Treasure Seekers hunt in Sweet Home.

The hunt and camp out will be held September 21-22.

First finds and other significant finds were discussed.

Drawings for Plinko, Coin Drop and The Big Raffle we held.

Bill B presented the results of the monthly finds.

The winner of the gold coin was announced.

Other 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.

August Club Hunt

Location: Colonel Summers Park
 17th Ave and Taylor St.
 Portland, OR 97214

General Information: Originally called Belmont Park, this site was renamed in 1938 in honor of Colonel Owen Summers, a former member of the Oregon Legislature. Summers was the commanding officer of the Second Oregon Volunteers Regiment in the Spanish-American War. He also introduced the bill which later created the Oregon National Guard. In the southwest corner of this park there is a huge rock, which came from Kelly Butte. This rock holds a bas relief image of Colonel Summers on a bronze plaque

Historical Information: None



The OTTS August Club Hunt was held on Sept 1, 2019 (Sunday). We met at McDonalds located at 1520 NE Grand Ave.. The Club met between 7 & 8 am. Members left for the schools at 8 am. 22 members and 2 guests attended. All members stayed for the count out at 12 pm. Terry hid 15 regular tokens and 1 special token. 13 regular tokens were recovered. The special token was found by Jeff S.

Don Spillman won the membership drawing. He received a 1939 Walking Liberty Half Dollar. The top 6 winners at the hunt were:

- 1) Terry B 80 Points
- 2) Harold V 77 Points
- 3) Laura A 72 Points
- 4) Jeff S 69 Points
- 5) Willy A 68 Points
- 6) Tim S 62 Points



Oldest coin found was a 1911 (something). Found by Ron Boehm.

Notable items found: 2 gold rings, 1 tungsten ring, 3 silver jewelry items, 2 Wheat Pennies, 18 foreign coins, and 36 pieces of costume jewelry. 23 Tokens were found (13 club tokens and 10 others).

Total in clad found: \$32.40

Total Trash collected during the hunt: 20 lbs.

No "Bude" trays were sold.

Next Club Hunt Details

The next club hunt will be on Sept 28th, a Saturday. We will be meeting at the McDonalds located at 10050 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland OR 97229. The meeting is from 7 & 8 am. We will leave for the hunt at 8 am. Count out will be at 12 noon.



September 2019 Find of the Month Results

Oldest US Coin

- 1st Tim B. 1825 Capped Bust half
- 2nd Ron B. 1889 Indian head penny
- 3rd Don S. 1907 V nickel

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Tim S. 1936-S Walking Liberty half
- 2nd Tim B. 1916-D Buffalo nickel
- 3rd Harold V. 1940-S Washington quarter

US Coin

- 1st Tim B. 1826 Capped Bust half
- 2nd Jerry H. 1969-D Kennedy half
- 3rd Scott J. 1928-S Mercury dime

Foreign Coin

- 1st Harold V. 1911 Great Britain half penny
- 2nd Willy A. 1944-P Netherlands 10¢ silver
- 3rd Steve E. 1942 Great Britain 6 pence

Token

- 1st Bill B. ENCO Free Steak Knife
- 2nd Jerry H. Geo. Washington 1st President
- 3rd Tim S. 1935 Washington tax token
- Tie Tim B. San Francisco Sea Lions of Pier 39

Gold Jewelry

- 1st Tim S. 14k Locket and chain
- 2nd Steve E. 14k Signet ring
- 3rd Linda C. 14k Fine gold chain

Silver Item

- 1st Steve E. Sterling (tested) labradorite pendant
- 2nd Tim B. Sterling ring black onyx & palm trees
- 3rd Tim S. 925 Turquoise ring

Jewelry

- 1st Tim B. Movable turtle ring w/ abalone shell
- 2nd Steve E. Red & white heart ring
- 3rd Tim S. Child's ID bracelet

Artifact

- 1st Tim B. Brass nude woman figurine
- 2nd Linda C. 12 lb. shot put
- 3rd Jerry H. 1900 Tacoma 4th of July badge

Display

- 1st Tim B.
- 2nd Bill B.
- 3rd Jerry H.

Item of the Month

- 1st Tim S. WWII sterling officer pin back
- 2nd Scott J. WWII Military dog tag
- 3rd Jerry H. Leatherman tool

Best of the Best

- Tim S. 14k Locket and chain

2019 Detectorist of the Year Standings

1st Tim B	228
2nd Bill B	143
3rd Tim S	127
4th Jerry H	92
5th Harold V	82
6th Willy A	79
7th Linda C	59
8th Tim R	48
Tie Rick P	48
Tie Ron B	48
11th Laura A	47
12th Colleen V	43
13th Don S	35
14th Ashley W	34
15th Scott Jo	33
16th Don F	32
17th Steve E	30
18th Laura S	27
19th Jeff S	21
20th Nancy A	19
21st Ed A	18
22nd John M	15
23rd Byron D	14
24th Gary B	11
25th Terry B	5
26th Steven C	4
27th Owen F	3
28th Brian L	1



Find of the Month Information

FOTM Team

- Bill B
- Tim B
- Linda C



Information, entry form and rules on the find of the month competition:

Find of the month entry form:

<https://ottsclub.org/files>

Monthly Meeting Big Raffle Results

Raffle Results

- Gold Coin 2016 5dollar 1/10oz American Eagle-???
- 1891 Morgan dollar – Michael P
- 1900 Morgan dollar – Clarence S
- 1900 Morgan dollar – Laura A
- 1900 Morgan dollar – Brian L
- 1902 Morgan dollar – Scott H
- 1904 Morgan dollar – Mike M
- 1921 Morgan dollar – Michael P
- 1921 Morgan dollar – Tim S
- 1951S Franklin Half – Sue M
- 1954S Franklin Half – Mike J
- 1958D Franklin Half – Clarence S
- 1959D Franklin Half – Jeff S
- Mystery Envelope (1)-1976S Liberty Dollar – Ron B
- Mystery Envelope (2)-1973S Liberty Dollar – Ron B



Coins for Next Monthly Meeting Big Raffle

Here is the selection of coins for this coming month’s raffle. Remember tickets are one for \$1.00, or six for \$5.00. And 25% of the ticket sales goes back to your club the remaining 75% is used to purchase the next month’s prizes.

Gold Coin

2003-w \$5 dollar Gold Eagle PCGS PR69



Silver Coins

- 1881 Morgan Dollar
- 1890s Morgan Dollar
- 1898 Morgan Dollar
- 1921 Morgan Dollar
- 1921S Morgan Dollar
- 1922 Peace Dollar
- 1922D Peace Dollar
- 1923S Peace Dollar
- 1925 Peace Dollar
- 1954S Franklin Half
- 1960D Franklin Half
- 1964 Kennedy Half
- 1964D Kennedy Half
- Mystery Envelope ???
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OTTS Club Meeting Snack Assignment

September:

- Tim Schade
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October:

- Mike and Sue Maxon
- Maggie Fitzgerald

November

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OTTS Club History

The Oregon Treasure Trail Society 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.

OTTS Club Meeting Location

Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings which are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Eagles Lodge in North Portland. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., and the official meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Eagles Lodge 7611 N. Exeter Avenue, Portland, OR 97203

[Web Directions] <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>



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.



Board Members

President: Rick Page 503-422-8279
Vice President: Ron Boehm
Secretary: Laura Alvstad-Hittle
Treasurer: Tim Root
At large: Mike Maxon
At large: Jim Cornwell



Other Club Contacts

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