

# Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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A dedicated detectorist at the Club Hunt.

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# OREGON TREASURE TRAIL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

I would like to say congratulations to our members for your efforts in bringing our membership to a total of 66 persons at the time of this writing. At the end of March we were at a total membership of 40. We have increased our membership by a fraction over 60%. That is a direct result of each of you promoting your hobby with others and talking about the great opportunity provided by being a member of the Oregon Treasure Trail Society. Certainly other factors contribute to that growth. Our Newsletter is a fantastic example of what we do and who we are, information is powerful. Our Website has been maintained to be accurate and a great source of information to potential new members. Our club hunts are an exciting time to show our skills and communicate about our hobby and our club with others. And our meetings are a great time for us to get together and share stories and finds. But really it's the enthusiasm by each member when you discuss your hobby with a friend or potential new member that is making a big difference. Keep it up, and good job!

As of this writing, the board of directors is reviewing the current by-laws and forms for changes for the future of the club. It's interesting to see the different perspectives that each of us take on a single statement within our documents. We are working diligently on definitions that are clear and precise to eliminate confusion. I want to thank Tim S. for volunteering to be your Vice President. Tim has already shown a valuable contribution to our board, and I see him taking a key part in some of the documentation reorganization efforts that will benefit us all. Thanks Tim.

In closing, I would like to offer a hearty welcome to our newest members. And always remember: "What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you." – Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Scott H.

### **Announcements**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, September 27, 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 August 24, 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 30 members and 1 guests. 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 Treasurer's report was read, motions made and accepted by the membership. Birthdays were announced and birthday coins given. The monthly birthday draw was won by Steve E. and he was awarded a 1962 Kennedy Silver Half Dollar. Harold V won the member draw and received a 1963 Kennedy Silver Half Dollar. Harold was then awarded the opportunity to tell everyone about kayaking and treasure hunting around the Portland area. The Progressive draw was won by Scott H. who won an 1878 Morgan Dollar. New Silver was also added to the pot for next month. Ryan gave a club hunt recap that was held at Vancouver Lake Park. The next Club hunt will be Saturday the 27th of August. And let me say thanks to Ryan and Matt who are doing a fantastic job with the club hunts. Thanks to both. As always see the newsletter calendar for times and location details of our club hunts, meetings and special events. Donations were also collected by the membership for the Fremont United Methodist Church. Snacks tonight were brought by Mike J and Don S. Thanks to them for their efforts. Next month Krystal F. will be providing snacks for our September meeting.

Old/New business: Some discussion about choosing a location for the upcoming Christmas party. One option is the American Legion Hall. Update (this is available, no kitchen however, we can have hot plates in the upstairs meeting area), the Grange in Vancouver on St Johns Blvd (Don to check on this) and the Fremont Church where we have held our party in the past). The Board of Directors has set our October club meeting to hold our annual Basket Sale. Bring a basket filled with treasures, treats and detecting goodies for this fun auction which brings some much needed funding to the club. During our November meeting we will hold our bake sale, so start thinking about what you would like to contribute to be auctioned away. Mike M. has offered up two bike racks that are mounted to a wall to support your bicycle. See Mike to get one of these items.

And a few announcements: Welcome to Shelly T. as our August 2022 newest member. As announced in the meeting, Scott H will be arriving at 6pm the night of our club meetings to get things set up. 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:

#### Gold Coin

Gold coin Rick P.

#### Silver Morgans

1888 Morgan Dollar Maggie

1921 Morgan Dollar Ashley

#### Silver Other

1994 Silver Eagle Laura S.

1942 Liberty Half Mike J.

1954 Franklin Half Jackee

1957 Franklin Half Ashley

1958 Franklin Half Maggie

1963 Kennedy Half Sue M.

1964 Kennedy Half Steve E.

1964 Kennedy Half Laura S.



### Coins for Next Meeting Raffle:

1980 1/10 oz Krugerrand gold coin

2020 Korean Komsco Phoenix 1oz silver coin

1978 Morgan silver dollar

1925 Stone Mountain half dollar

1921 Morgan silver dollar

2022 1oz silver Britannia

1991 Korea 38th anniversary commemorative silver dollar

1982 George Washington commemorative half dollar

1944 walking liberty silver half dollar



## Find of the Month Results—June 2022

### Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Print Plate
2	Bill B	1951 License Plate Tab
3	Ryan P	Tin Deputy Shariff Badge
3	Allisyn W	Spoon



### US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1890 Seated Dime
2	Willie A	1945 S Merc
2	Ryan P	1906 S Barber Dime



### Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1861-1878 Emanuel II 5 Lire
2	Don S	1905 Canadian 50 cent
3	Willy A	1 Quetzal Guatemala coin



### Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Matt N	1920's Miller Clothing Co. Token
2	Allisyn W	General Mills 1998 Olympic Token
3	Bill B	Dinosaur/Portland pressed Token



### Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	10K Gold Ring



### Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Chuck P	Large Silver bracelet
2	Willie A	Silver rope bracelet
2	Bill B	Sterling Ring with leaves



### **Find of the Month Entry Form:**

Located on the O.T.T.S. website: <https://otstclub.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	Rick P	Snake Cross Pendant
2	Willy A	Horse Pendant
3	Bill B	Heart Turquoise Ring



## Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	3 Merry Widows Condom Tin
2	Matt N	1916 AE Anderson Watch fob
3	Scott J	Swiss Army knife



## Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Don S	1867 Shield Nickle
2	Jackee A	1902 Indian Head Penny
3	Ryan P	1906 Barber Dime



## Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1911 S (key date) Wheat Penny
2	Scott J	1957 Washington Quarter
3	Don S	120 Wheat Penny Horde



## Display

Place	Name
1	Jackee A
2	Tim S
3	Willy A

## Best of the Best

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	10K gold ring





**2022 Detectorist of the Year Standings**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Jackee A	156
2	Willy A	153
3	Ryan P	147
4	Bill B	128
5	Scott J	110
6	Matthew N	80
7	Kirk E	52
8	Scott H	49
9	Ron B	47
10	Laura S	35
11	Tim S	28
12	Byron D	16
13	Ed V	15
14	Allisyn W	14
15	Lee H	11
16	Don S	9
17	Rick P	4
17	Chuck P	4

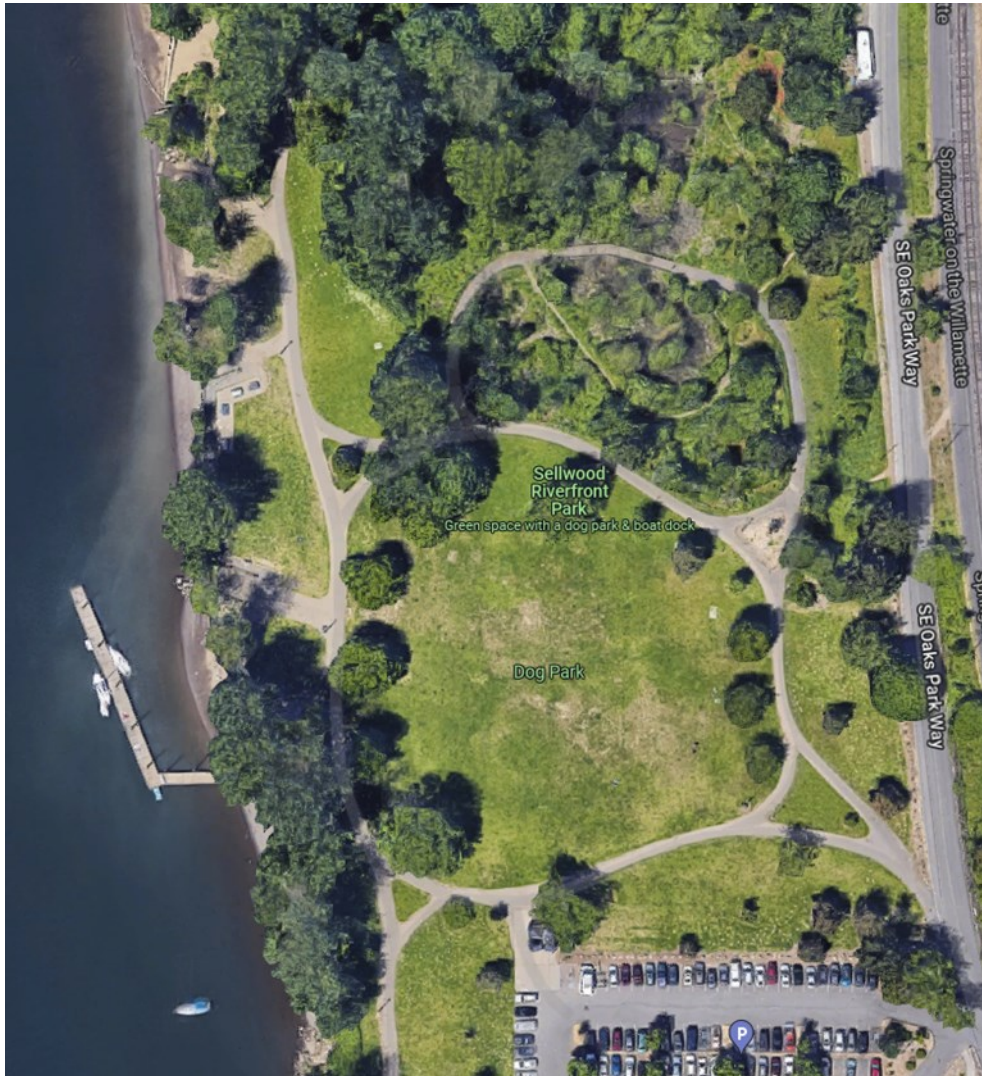




## O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

August 2022

Location: Sellwood Riverfront Park & Sellwood Park



**General Information:** 8 acres was acquired by the City of Portland in 1969. Prior to that it appears to have been unimproved land.

**Historical Information:** None

## Club Hunt Details

**Hunt Results:** The OTTS June Club Hunt was held on Saturday July, 2nd 2022. We met at the New Seasons at 1214 SE Tacoma St, Portland, OR 97202. 12 members of the club and 1 guest met between 7:15 and 7:45 am. Ryan P. announced that all of the club tokens were hidden in the Riverfront park and that there was beach access available for anyone who didn't want to dig in the ground. Ryan said that if members wanted to hunt the adjacent Sellwood Park, any finds would be allowed at count out time. The club left for the park at 8 am sharp. Ryan P. hid 8 regular tokens, one special token, and two grab bag tokens. General location of the tokens was given, but the club turned in a mediocre effort recovering only four club tokens, but both grab bag tokens and the special token. The remaining club tokens are still in the park. Laura S. won the membership drawing, winning a 1962 Franklin half dollar.

## Club Hunt Token Count

10 OTTS stamped tokens = 4 of 10 were found good for 1 silver dime

1 Special Token found by Jackee A

2 Special Grab Bag Tokens: Harold V. found both grab bag tokens and was given two 5 second attempts to pull something from the mystery bag. His first attempt netted him a junk ring, but on his second attempt Harold pulled out a beautiful 1878 Seated Liberty dime! Congrats to Harold on a great day at the club hunt!

Jackee A. found a 1928 S wheat penny and won the oldest coin for the day. Harold V. found a gold 14k ring with a blue gem and silver bracelet. Other notable finds included a silver ring found by new member Shelly T. Guest Dan C. found a silver necklace, and Ryan P. found a pair of silver rings. Lee H. found a really cool old button.

A special thanks to Don S. who donated some of his own silver quarters and dimes for giving away as special prizes in future club hunts!

**Next Club Hunt:** Matt N. and Ryan P. will be hosting the next club hunt on October 2nd (Sunday). We will be using normal hours (8am - 12pm). The club has been enjoying access to beaches on club hunts during this hot summer, and this one will be more of that opportunity while the ground is still concrete. This club hunt is going to be a bit different, as the meeting site is the hunt location: Frenchman's Bar Regional Park in Vancouver located at 9612 NW Lower River Rd, Vancouver, WA 98660. The club hunt will feature the normal competition hunt and club tokens, but in addition, a tournament for junk rings will be held for extra prizes. The hunt masters will seed junk rings donated by Kirk E. throughout the park. So come ready to dig all those mid tones! The normal pre-hunt briefing will be held at 8 am in the parking lot to go over the rules, so no hunting until the hunt masters have said go! This park requires a \$3 parking fee so you may wish to check with other members for carpooling options. Please do not arrive prior to 7:00 am, but allow some extra time to pay for parking. The parking kiosks accept cards and cash.

## The top 6 winners:

- 1) Harold V. 161 points Silver Quarter
- 2) Jackee A. 87 points Silver Quarter
- 3) Ryan P. 81 points Silver Quarter
- 4) Scott H. 57 points Silver Dime
- 5) Laura S 46 points Silver Dime
- 6) Lee H 44 points Silver Dime

**Total clad found: \$34.08**

**Trash collected: 11.2 lbs.**



**Club Hunt continued**

Some pictures submitted by Ryan P from the Club Hunt



## Metal Detectors for Sale:

Harold V has a Minelab CTX 3030 for sale. Price \$900. Package includes: Complete Detector with standard coil, a small coil, water proof headphones, charger, extra skid plate, how to use book, original box, and extra parts. This is a great machine, but I have too many now and need to trim the herd down a bit. This is a great detector. If you are looking for a water and land machine it will do both with ease. I have found a lot of great items with it. If you are interested contact Harold at [hlvail@yahoo.com](mailto:hlvail@yahoo.com)





## Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Bill B

Bill found this on Mt. Tabor the same day he found an unfriendly yellowjacket nest there. For safety reasons, he recommends that all club members avoid this area.





Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A

My first "big" silver, Indian head penny and printing plate.





## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

I was lucky enough to find a pair of Barber dimes this past month. The first dime was a 1906 and was found near a large rusty nail. The signal was not a clear dime signal, but interesting enough to dig. A few days later I found a second Barber dime, this one in great condition, a 1906 S. Another cool find was the watch fob "1915" which most likely was brought back from the Panama-Pacific expo held in San Francisco in 1915.



This month I received a frantic phone call from my cousin in Tacoma. He was out detecting with his buddy who had just unearthed an 1835 Capped Bust dime! It was his first silver coin with his new purchase - an Equinox 800. Needless to say, he's still giddy about it.





## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V

Some Pictures from the kayak trip I did with Scott down the Clackamas River and more.



Scott trying out the Deus 2. Found a nice deep pipe.



I saw this gold poking through the sand and I thought for sure I had a nice big gold ring. I was sorely disappointed.



For me this is the opitmi of river detecting. Detector in one hand and garbage bag in the other.



Found my 2nd WA State Tax Token



## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Kirk

Found this today in a Vancouver park. It is a gold disco ball necklace encrusted with diamonds. Starting the month off well, on a different day I had a new personal record for the number of rings found in a single day 8.



## 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

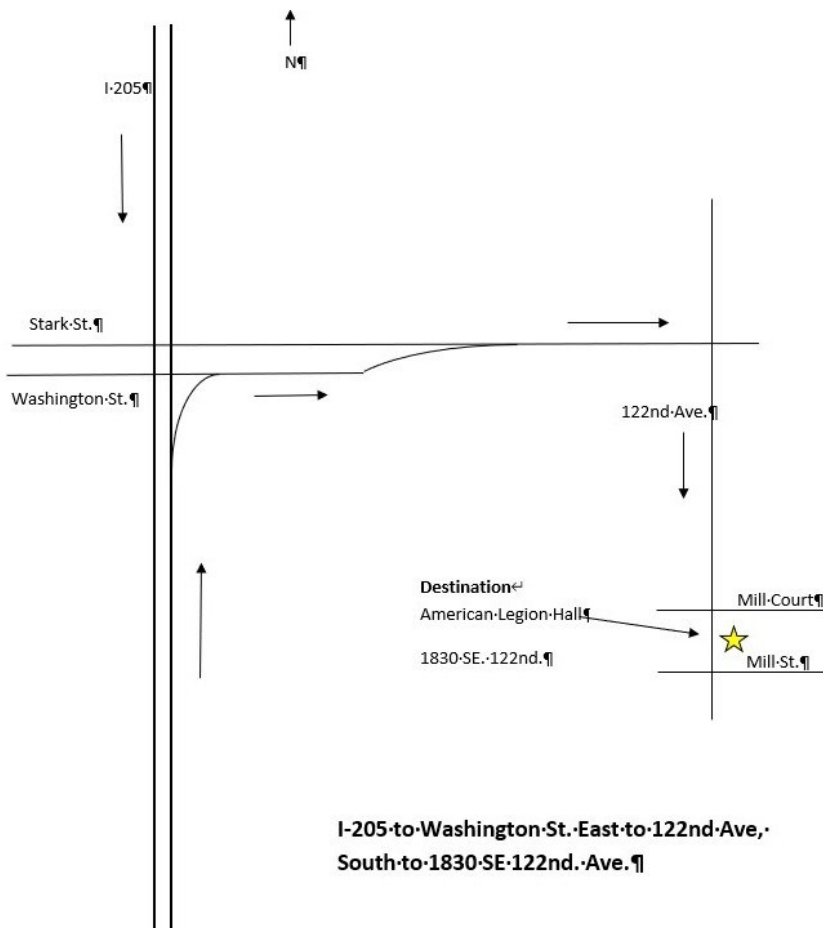
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**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

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## **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: Scott Jo

Challenge Token: