

# Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Submitted by Harold V: A nameless shadow lurking at the waters edge searching for lost treasure.

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# OREGON TREASURE TRAIL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

This month I would like to thank those members who have made a donation of cans and bottles for our clubs can drive. This has been a fantastic way to bring additional funds to the club. Last month alone we raised \$116.00. What a great fundraiser and special thanks go to Rick P. for facilitating this endeavor. Thank you Rick!

I also want to mention that our club hunts have been gaining more attention with the addition of additional silver and your generous contributions as well. Each month it seems that someone steps up to donate a special coin or item to be drawn or found by special token. And how exciting is it to find a grab bag token in the field with the possibility of pulling something special from the bag. So if you would like to see one of your favorite parks or Schools used as a hunt site, contact Ryan to help facilitate that.

As we approach fall and the Holiday Season, I'm thankful for the people I've met through the club and through our functions that we enjoy together. Each month I look forward to seeing you all, and discovering what was found, the good, the bad and sometimes the ugly. It's all good in my eyes. I'm especially proud of the amount of trash we pick up at our events. It's amazing the impact we make. Keep up the good work and I'll see you next month. (with a little dirt on my boots)

Respectfully,  
President Scott

### **Announcements**

#### **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, October 24th, 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

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## Meeting Minutes

### Minutes for meeting September 26, 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 is next month so get those baskets put together with lots of goodies. 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 27 members and 4 guests from the Portland Gold Prospectors club. (John M, Gary U, Carol U, and Jessica H). Each guest introduced themselves and gave an overview of their detecting experience and gold prospecting adventures. They meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month if you are interested in one of their meetings. Thanks to all our guests for attending our September meeting. OTTS currently has 73 paid members. Reading of the previous month's minutes was approved and passed by motion.

The Club hunt report was given by Ryan and noted 20 members showed up to Sellwood Riverfront Park where a good time was had and a few jewelry pieces were found.

The Treasurer's report was given by Ron in Don's absence and was approved and passed by motion.

The member drawing was won by Kirk E. who won a 1964 Kennedy Half dollar. The Progressive draw was not won, and now there is 3 dollars in Silver in the pot. Members with birthdays in September were awarded a silver half, Happy Birthday to Linda C. No club tokens were turned at this meeting for a silver dime.

Snacks tonight were provided by Ron and Kathy B, along with Mike J. Next month Mike and Sue M. along with Don and Sandy S. will be bringing snacks for our October meeting.

Thanks to Dan R. for giving us an update on the Minelab Xtera pro. He has these machines and more for sale at the Prospectors Treasure Trove. Give Dan a call at 971-708-8699. And thanks Dan for your support of the Oregon Treasure Trail Society.

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 Gr. Fine gold bar      Ashley W.

**Silver**

Silvertown 1 Oz bar	Laura A.
Silvertown 1 Oz bar	Ron B.
Ashhi 1 Oz bar	Steve E.
International 1 Oz bar	Laura S.
1884 Morgan Dollar	Jeff S.
1895 Morgan Dollar	Larry W.
1921 Silver Dollar	Mike J.
1943 Silver ½	Tim S.
2015 1.5 Oz Canadian Silver	Tim S.
2000 Painted Silver Eagle	Ashley W.
1982 ½ Dollar5 G. Wa.	Larry W.
1982 ½ Dollar5 G. Wa.	Steve E.



## Find of the Month Results

### Item of the Month

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Airplane Letter Opener
2	Bill B	Metal Toy VW Bug
3	Ryan P	1943 Browning M2 50 cal cartridge



### US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan P	1885 Morgan Dollar
2	Laura S	1942 Merc
3	Harold V	Eisenhower Dollar
3	Jackee A	Cut Merc Dime



### Foreign Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1808 Bolivian 2 Reale
2	Bill B	1957 Hong Kong coin
3	Laura S	1901 20 Centavos

### Token

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Mitchell & Lewis token
2	Bill B	Free Tube Penn Tire
3	Ryan P	Dahl & Pene saloon token



### Gold Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Scott J	14k gold and diamond ring
2	Kirk E	10K angle ring
3	Laura S	10K dolphin ring

### Silver Item

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Silver bowl
2	Harold V	Turquoise ring
3	Willie A	Butterfly ring



## Find of the Month Results

### Jewelry

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Chambery of France pin
2	Harold V	14k electro plate ring
3	Bill B	Eagle pendant

### Artifact

Place	Name	Item
1	Bill B	Medical corps collar disk
2	Jackee A	Vintage badge
3	Harold V	WW1 cuff button
3	Ryan A	Good roads auto club

### Oldest US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	1905 Barber dime
2	Laura S	1936 S wheat
3	Ryan A	1939 S Merc

### Most Valuable US Coin

Place	Name	Item
1	Ryan A	1905 Barber 1/2
2	Laura S	1964 Kennedy 1/2
3	Jackee A	1923 s wheat

### Display

Place	Name
1	Jackee A
2	Bill B
3	Laura S

### Best of the Best

Name	Item
Jackee A	1808 2 Reale



### **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	217
2	Ryan P	181
3	Bill B	128
4	Kirk E	117
4	Scott J	117
6	Harold V	103
7	Laura S	80
8	Tim S	64
9	Lee H	55
10	Scott H	49
11	Willy A	32
12	Ed V	23
13	Ron B	21
14	Tom S	12
15	Richard S	11
16	Jeff S	10
17	Rick P	7
18	Lee S	2
19	Chuck P	1
19	Sean T	1





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

September 30th, 2023 Location: Gabriel Park



**General Information:** None

**Historical Information:** Swiss immigrant Ulrich Gabriel arrived in 1890 and eventually bought and farmed property south of what is now Vermont Street, and operated the Pine Creek Dairy. He raised corn, wheat, and potatoes, but his main income came from his dairy herd.

In October 1950, the city purchased an 87-acre tract of land featuring two small creeks and wooded areas between Vermont and Canby Streets for \$120,000. Part of the property, referred to as Gabriel Acres, gave the park its name.

## Club Hunt Details

### Hunt Results:

17 members turned out for the monthly club hunt. Ed gave Ryan a hand and hid most of the tokens for the day, including all of the special ones. Together they put out 10 regular club tokens, three special tokens, and two grab bag tokens.

The club arrived at the park shortly after 8am, and by 8:15am it seems like the entire city had descended on the park. Hundreds of kids and parents were running everywhere, as it turns out three large cross country races had been scheduled in the park that morning and soon lines of kids were running everywhere. Nobody was run over, despite the best efforts of some.

The day was nice otherwise with plenty of area for everyone to hunt. As far as old coins went, a few wheat pennies were found. Jackee found a 1945, but she left early, allowing Scott J. to win the oldest coin with his 1957 wheat cent. Some silver jewelry was brought to count out. Tim, Scott J, Laura S. and Ryan found silver rings. Otherwise members found a few non-club tokens and other interesting items. Harold found a spill of five arcade tokens.

At count out, Harold claimed the Barber Half Dollar for finding the special token. The other special tokens good for the SLQ and diamond tester were not found. Those prizes will be included in the next club hunt. Ashley found a grab bag tokens and won five seconds to reach in and pull out a prize. He grabbed a silver ring made from a Walking Liberty half dollar!

Club members turned in only 3 of the 10 club tokens good for a silver dime each. The remaining tokens are still in the park and good for a silver dime at any club meeting. Tim was drawn again for the second straight month to have the red flag for the hunt, he successfully found a dime signal and dug up a dime, winning a silver dime. Nice job! Ed found the special white zinc penny and won a hat. Rick won a Canadian silver dime for the lowest score. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion.

For the membership drawings, Tom and Tim won Franklin half dollars. Scott J. won a Washington quarter.



Win this coin next month!

### The top 6 winners:

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|-------------|-------------|
| 1) Harold   | 97.3 points |
| 2) Tim      | 82.5 points |
| 3) Scott J. | 80.8 points |
| 4) Laura S. | 53 points   |
| 5) Jeff     | 46.1 points |
| 6) Dan      | 40 points   |

Total clad found: \$24.20

Trash collected: 6 lbs

**Next Club Hunt:** Ryan will be hosting the next club hunt on Sunday, October 29th. The meeting location is TBD, check the club calendar for updates. We will be using normal hours (8am - 12pm) so plan on being at the meeting spot by 7:30 am. At the October hunt there will be an optional costume contest with prizes for the winner and all participants. The only rule is you must complete the club hunt in your costume!

Year to Date Trash collected: 177 lbs  
All Hunts Trash collected: 1,251 lbs.

## Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Ryan P

Pics from the Club Hunt



## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

A couple bucket listers for me this month. My first silver dollar and it's an 1885 Morgan minted in New Orleans! What a dream come true! I pulled this giant silver coin out of a river where it was hidden in 6" of mud. It happened in the most unexpected of circumstances because I'd been to this site at least ten times prior and never found any old coins - not even a wheatie. Jackee however found a jewelry hoard there last summer, and countless sterling items that she has pulled deep from the muddy banks. I however preferred to search the rocky or sandy beach (just about anything but mud) hoping I could find something as cool. Well, it turns out I couldn't, and so after she found her 7" sterling bowl and another napkin ring I hit the mud determined to help add something to her mounting collection. And so it went, hours of digging clad, fishing sinkers, iron nails and the occasional can from the muck. Mixed in was some cool shards of pottery and old glass, my assumptions on the age of the items in the river bank hinged mostly on my failure to pull any type of old coin from the site, and I wasn't paying attention to the clay that was intermittently mixed about. Could this clay be holding on to some old secrets? The world was about to scream the answer into my ear. I got my coil over something deep, it sounded like a good target and there was no iron showing up. Low 90s high 80s on the Manticore. I made a hole in the muck and needed my lesche to go down into the clay to get it. Out came a dark round object obscured by silt. I'd been fooled out here before by large round fishing sinkers and by a dollar sized casino token however this just felt different. It was as black as the mud I'd pulled it from and I saw the edge was reeded. As I wiped the silt from the obverse there she was! It was a Morgan! With the date of 1885! I'd found the bucketlister, in Oregon, and it was beautiful! I rinsed it off in the river and toasted her with some whiskey. When I first realized that finding silver coins gave me the incessant drive in this hobby, the magic dream item of course became a Morgan. In the years since that first silver Rosie, I've witnessed a Morgan found at a club hunt, and I'd witnessed my cousin Kyle find two of them, plus many more found and posted online. They always made me envious but motivated and now it's my turn to provide that that little extra boost of "they're out there, go find one." I'm still sort of shocked one found its way under my coil. I probably would have never braved the foot deep mud if it wasn't for Jackee blazing the trail with her "nothing is gonna hold me back" attitude. So thanks for convincing me that being a mud skipper isn't so bad!!

This silver ring is easily the coolest ring I've ever found. At first it just seemed like a plain old silver ring plucked from the river. Turns out someone made it from a 1905 Barber half dollar! The date is still visible, along with other wording and the stars. I couldn't believe it. Coin rings are really cool and especially an older one. I've read that it was a popular project by bored soldiers sitting around in the trenches during WW1. Impossible to know the history behind this one but super happy to save it from the river.





## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Jackee A

The river season is sadly coming to an end, but I enjoyed every minute of wading in the mud! The 1808 2 Reale was the last thing I expected to dig in Oregon but I couldn't be happier. My 2nd favorite find is an ornate 7" Baltimore Sterling Silver Co. bowl weighing 5.9 Oz. The company was founded in 1892 but went thru several name changes before becoming Steiff in June 1904. The bowl dates from 1895-1904. Last summer I returned some stolen jewelry and dog tags that were found in the same area as the sterling napkin rings, but these have a different name engraved on them...It makes me wonder if a few families were robbed or if someone was having a fancy picnic! The Mitchell Lewis & Staver Wagon token is a neat piece of local history!



## Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V

My favorite find of the month. Love finding the big coins.



I think I found 3 phones this month. This is one of them.

We were at a beach not really finding much but change and trash and then out popped this great ring.



I found some nice silver rings this past month, Including this one.



So close to gold....

Found these at a beach.



Some more lovely garbage, painstakingly pulled out of a beach, one item at a time.



Nice looking, but junk bracelet found in a tot lot.



Upcoming Event

**CTC**  
&  
**MDAW**  
(Metal Detecting Association of Washington)

At New Life Church  
Renton, WA

Gold Nugget Detector

Silver Nugget Detector

Gold!

Silver!

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 2023**

# Moonlight Hunt

## & 2 Daylight Hunts

**Saturday, Oct 21, 2023**

The Cascade Treasure Club and MDAW will be hosting our 49th annual Moonlight Hunt. There will be 2 hunts during the day, a potluck, and ending with our spectacular Night Hunt. Location New Life Christian Church, Renton WA. See map (same location as Silver Shoot). Cost: 1st Hunt \$25; 2nd hunt—MDAW \$40; 3rd hunt \$45. All three hunts \$110. Pre-register before 10/15/2023, and receive a special treat when you check in at the hunt. (discount 12 & under)

*\*Pre-registering helps preparation for the potluck.  
Hunt info on back*

Schedule	
Registration	12 - 1:45pm
Potluck	5pm
1st Hunt	2 - 2:45pm
Moonlight Hunt	Dusk + 45 min
MDAW Hunt	3:45 - 4:30pm
Special game & Raffles	Shortly after last hunt

<b>Fee:</b> 1st Hunt     \$25 MDAW Hunt   \$40 Night Hunt    \$45	Kids 12 & under \$20 \$30 \$40	More info contact:	Mark Kubeth: mkubeth@psnetid.com (206) 710-2654	Mark Jenkins: call or text: (425) 223-2985	Ron Sharer: MDAW call or text: (360) 265-7478
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Make payment to: Cascade Treasure Club, Address: c/o Mark Kubeth, 907 S. 1st Street, Box 104, La Conner WA 98257


You can make payments online: [cascadetreasureclub.org](http://cascadetreasureclub.org) (Pre-Registration available August)

Hunt Fee:					
Name:	1st Hunt \$25	MDAW \$40	Night Hunt \$45	All 3 Hunts \$110	Total:
Name-12 & under:	1st Hunt \$20	MDAW \$30	Night Hunt \$40	All 3 Hunts \$70	Total:
Number of People Attending Potluck	email			Final Total	

Optional: Emergency Contact name & phone #



## 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 hunt with 100% returned in the field. (MDAW is now a metal detecting consulting group)

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

### Potluck

After the second hunt will be a potluck. Bring a dish to share and we will serve hotdogs & hamburgers. \*Tip jar will be available to offset costs

### Closing

Special token game: Mark Jenkins has a crazy game for the 3 people who find the special game tokens.  
Throughout the event, you can purchase raffle tickets— winning tickets will be drawn at closing: prizes include a gold, silver, metal detector, and other items  
Returning again this year: In memory of John Shape's "Dudley Do Right" performed by the 3 hunt chairman:  
Mark Jenkins, Allan Henneberry, & Ron Sharer—MDAW

*Be prepared for the Weather and dress accordingly.*

**We are watching you.**

## 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

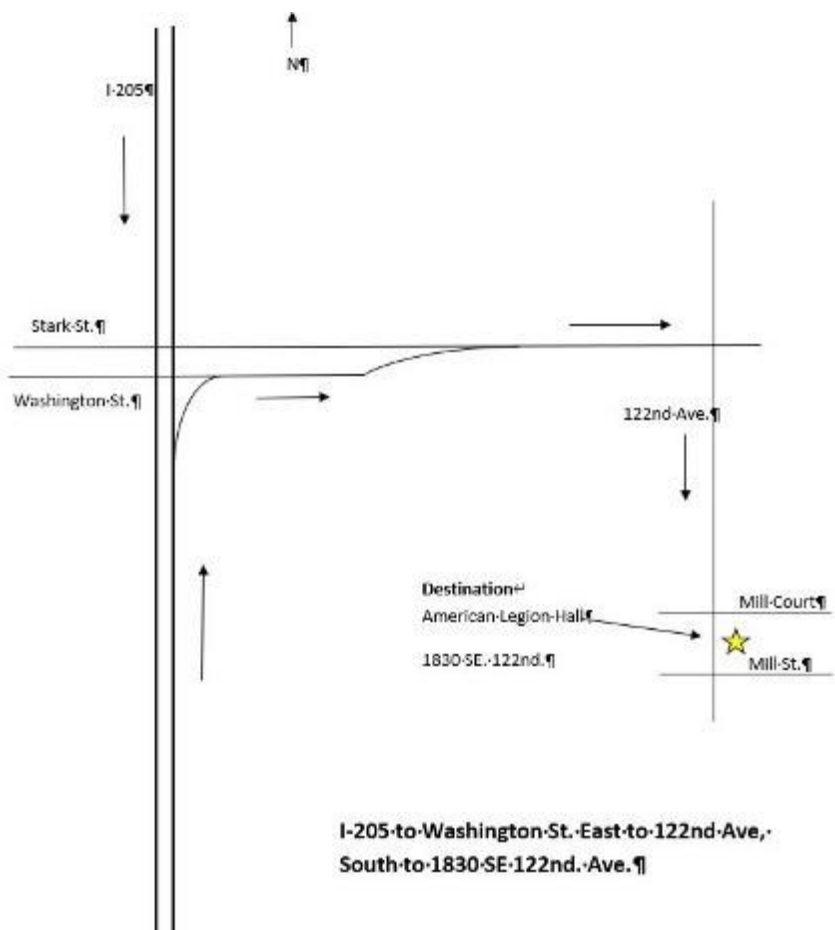
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

**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: