

August 2025

Picnic photos
edition!!!Oregon Treasure Trail
Society Newsletter

Photo by Brian E

President's Message

Sometimes the best finds aren't the loudest ones. On a recent hunt, I was pulling up surface targets to open up some deeper signals, first a washer, then a bit of can slaw. Nothing special. But once I stood up and swung over the spot again, I knew I had revealed something interesting. A clean, crisp tone rang through, and out of the hole popped a fantastic green penny. I recognized the distinctive wreath of an Indian immediately.

I flipped it over in excitement, looking for a date, but instead I was greeted by a second wreath. It wasn't one coin at all, but two Indian Head pennies stuck together. As I carefully separated them, the dates came into view: 1902 and 1889.

I couldn't help but imagine them in someone's pocket over a century ago. In 1889, Portland had just replaced horse-drawn trolleys with electric streetcars, and the Morrison Street Bridge was still new. By 1902, the city was paving streets, installing electric lights downtown, and preparing for the Lewis and Clark Centennial. Those coins were part of everyday life in a city that was growing as fast as it was changing.

Finds like that remind me why detecting is so fascinating, you can uncover the past and bring history back into the light. I wonder about the person who lost those pennies: where they were headed, what their day had been like, and whether they even realized they were gone. That curiosity is what keeps me swinging, even in the heat of summer. With the ground baked and signals faint, early mornings, shaded spots, and careful attention to those "iffy" tones can make the difference between heading home empty-handed and uncovering a moment from 120 years ago.

Always dig responsibly and leave no trace.

Ryan Paradis
President

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JULY 22ND MEETING MINUTES

- ☐ Meeting called to order
- ☐ Pledge of Allegiance
- ☐ Board and board members at large introduced
- ☐ New members 4 / Guest 2
- ☐ Member draw won by Ashley W.
- ☐ Progressive draw won by Jeff S.
- ☐ Birthdays 2 coins given
- ☐ No club tokens turned in
- ☐ Ryan explained token redemption to the new members
- ☐ Minutes from last meeting accepted
- ☐ Treasurers report accepted
- ☐ Picnic treasurers report accepted
- ☐ Club hunt report given
- ☐ Use of T-Shovel at club hunts discussed
- ☐ Ed V. discussed Whites discounted metal detector bags for sale
- ☐ Picnic Review discussed
- ☐ New business future picnic hunt times discussed due to heat
- ☐ Future picnic committee discussed
- ☐ Break
- ☐ Club drawings were held Plinko, Quarter drop, Main raffle
- ☐ FOTM winners announced
- ☐ Meeting adjourned

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, August 26th 2025
- Social hour 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

Next members to bring meeting snacks!

Laura A & Lorilee C

(on deck for Sept., Pat & Kirk)



Next Club Hunt

August 31st
8:00 AM -12:00 PM

Location TBA on website
calendar.
<https://ottclub.org/calendar>

August Raffle Results

Winners

July 22nd, 2025 Raffle

GOLD

1 Gram GOLD BAR - Don S.

SILVER

1. 1984 Sunshine Mining - Allisyn W
2. 2001 Silver Eagle - Allisyn W
3. 1922 Peace Dollar - Randy B
4. 1921 Morgan - Tim S
5. 2018 Canadian Leaf - Jeff S
6. Silver Towne 1 oz Bar - Steve E
7. 1 oz SILVER BAR - Allisyn W

MYSTERY ENVELOPES

M-1 Worlds Smallest Gold Coin- Ron B

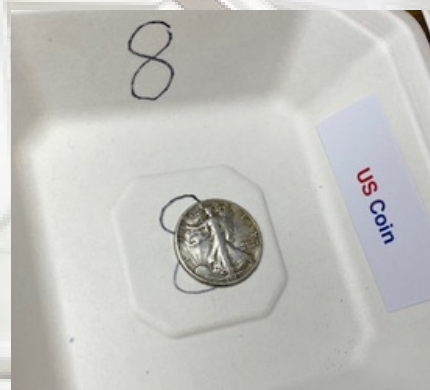
M-2 Silver Coin Assortment - Tim S



Find of the month June

Category	Place	Name	Item
Item of the Month			
	1	Jackee	Cap Gun
	2	Brian	Flute
	3	Bill	Red Tootsie Tanker Truck
US Coin			
	1	Jeff S.	1943 Walking Liberty Half
	2	Brian	Badly Damaged Silver Roosevelt Dime
	3	N/A	
Foreign Coin			
	1	Ryan	1962 Vatican City 50 Lire
	2	Kirk	New Zeland \$2
	3	Sean	1963 Netherlands 1 Cent
Token			
	1	Kirk	Special Ops Token
	2	Bill	Washington Lottery
	3	Jeffery C.	Mall of America Camp Snoopy
	3	Lorilee	6 Month Sobriety
Gold Jewelry			
	1	Bill	10k 9 Diamond Ring
	2	Kirk	Ring with Small Diamond
	3		
Silver Item			
	1	Jason	Silver Ring with Stones
	2	Jeff S.	925 Ring with Heart Stone
	3	Kirk	925 Wedding Ring
Jewelry			
	1	Ed	Plated Ring
	2	Jeffery C.	Mood Ring
	3	Laura	Cross with Skull
Artifact			
	1	Bill	Birds Wind Chime
	2	Jeff S.	Button
	2	Sean	1958 Oregon License Plate Revalidation Tab
	3	Jackee	Noble Trophies for Champions
	3	Brian	Apple Air Tag (went off during meeting)
	3	Kirk	.50 cal Shell Casing
Oldest US Coin			
	1	Jackee	1919 S Wheat Penny
	2	Ryan	1928 Wheat Penny
	3	Bill	1944 Wheat Penny
Most Valuable US Coin			
	1	Ed	4x \$1 Coin Spill
	2	Brian	1946 Rosie Dime
	3	Kirk	Presidential Dollar
	3	Jackee	Presidential Dollar
Display			
	1	Brian	
	2	Kirk	
	3	Bill	
Best of the Best			
		Bill	10k 9 Diamond Ring

Rank	Name	July	Total
1	Jackee	13	170
2	Brian	15	112
3	Ryan	11	108
5	Kirk	22	83
4	Bill	17	71
6	Scott		35
7	Sean	8	33
8	Jeffery C.	7	32
9	Lorilee	5	30
10	Jeff S.	15	27
11	Ed	13	18
12	Jason	5	13
13	Pat		11
14	Gregg		6
18	Laura	3	3
15	Richard		2
16	Danielle		1
17	Tony	1	1



Found by Jeff S



**Best of the best
found by Bill**

Club Member's Experiences



Ed V Shared some photos from the Silver Shoot in Washington State. He said all had a great time and Jackee won a detector! It sounded like there was a good group representing OTTS at the event.



Submit entries for this section to: rubber2theroad@yahoo.com

Bill B Shared this fantastic story.

MY NEW DETECTING PARTNER

By Bill Bogynska

Meet Daisy (the pig). She followed me all around during four hours of a July metal detecting adventure.

There's a guy who buys tokens from me off eBay that I have become friends with. I mentioned to him that I did metal detecting. He said six to eight years ago, his divorced daughter, "in a fit of mental instability", threw her wedding ring from a car in his driveway into a grassy area. He said I was welcome to come down and look for it, about an hour and a half drive away from where I live.

He showed me a fifteen foot square area where he thought it should be. I hunted that with no luck. I then hunted north of that with no luck. I then hunted south and found the ring about twelve feet away from the edge of where he thought it was. It's 10K white gold with nine small diamonds. I gave it to him and said he could now give it back to his daughter. He said he was estranged from her and asked me if I wanted it. So I said I'd get him a good token from his town in exchange for it. I also gave him the other items I found in his yard, such as the bird wind chime, a toy tanker truck, a hummingbird mold and an Indian rock.

His house was 1940's. I hunted the front and back yards and gravel driveway, hoping to find some silver coins. I didn't even find a wheatie. There were a few modern coins. Apparently, the prior residents didn't have any money to lose or else the yards had been detected back in the 1970's or 1980's before he moved there.





Photos by Mike J





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Photo by Brian E



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Member Donations by:

- Ron
- Jackee
- Tim and Allisyn
- Bill
- Ryan
- Jeff S.
- Jeff and Lorilee
- Ed
- Anonymous



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Sponsor prize donations by:

- Prospector's Treasure Trove
- Garrett Metal Detectors
- Detector Warehouse

Club Hunt Report

Date: July 26, 8am-12pm

Location: Columbia Park, Portland, OR



Hunt Results: 14 members came out to the monthly club hunt held at Columbia Park in NE Portland. The weather was perfect, overcast and mild, with even an occasional mist. Ryan hid a total of 10 regular club tokens and two special tokens good for big prizes. For natural finds in the park, Jackee and Brian found silver coins! Jackee found a Barber dime from 19xx as it had been cut twice missing the last two digits of the date, still a great pull. It's only the second Barber dime I have seen found at a club hunt. Brian got in on the fun and found a silver Roosevelt dime. The club as a whole found a good amount of wheat pennies as well. No silver or gold jewelry was found. Jackee's Barber dime was counted as 1916 (the last year made) and won the oldest coin on the day. At count out Lorilee and Brian won silver half dollars in the member drawing, Scott won a silver quarter.

The top places in the competition hunt were:

- 1) Scott 67 points Prize: silver quarter
- 2) Jackee 62 points Prize: silver quarter
- 3) Jeff S. 60 points Prize: silver quarter
- 4) Brian 53 points Prize: silver dime
- 5) Nick 46 points Prize: silver dime
- 6) Ryan 41 points Prize: silver dime

Club tokens found: 4 out of 10

Total clad found: \$17.26

Trash collected during the hunt: 10 lbs

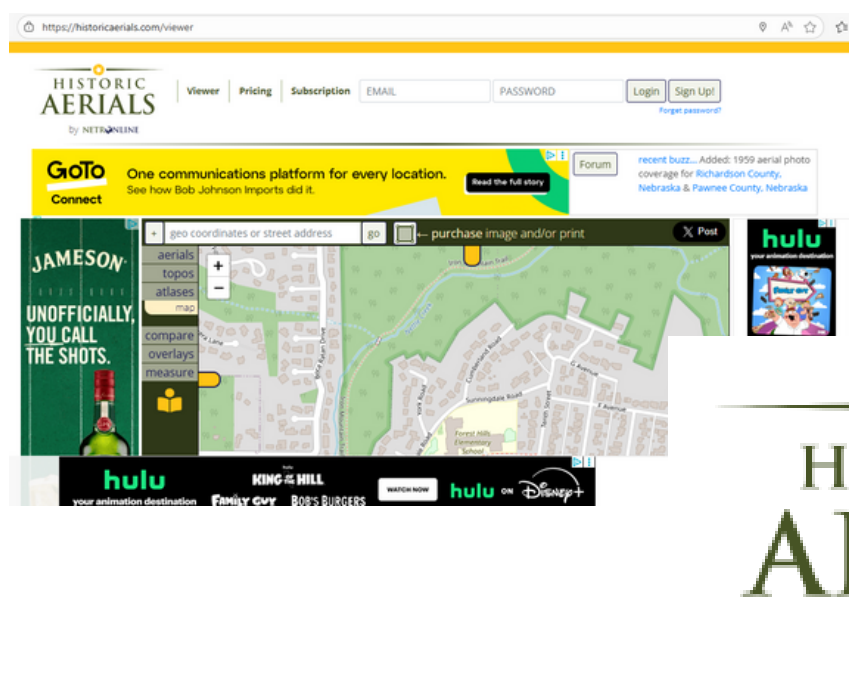
Next Club Hunt: Jeff S. will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Saturday, August 31st. A meeting location will be announced soon, check the club calendar for updates.

We will start at 8am and count out at 12pm. Be at the meeting spot by 7:30am!

Non-members are always welcome.



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Historic Aerials is an invaluable resource for detectorists and history enthusiasts alike, offering a fascinating glimpse into the past through aerial photography. By visiting HistoricAerials.com, users can input an address and explore an archival collection of aerial images dating back to around 1952 for many locations. This tool is instrumental in revealing historical landmarks and structures that may no longer be visible in today's landscape, thus enhancing the effectiveness of treasure hunting. The platform provides three distinct methods for comparing historical and contemporary maps: transparency, spotlight, and slider. Each method offers unique insights, helping users to detect subtle changes over time. Furthermore, the ability to select images from various years allows for a detailed temporal analysis, enabling users to pinpoint when specific alterations occurred in a given area. This historical exploration not only aids in treasure hunting but also fosters a deeper appreciation for the ever-evolving stories embedded in our landscapes.

Club Code of Ethics

- I WILL RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY AND WILL NOT TRESPASS WITHOUT THE LANDOWNER'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 NOT MISREPRESENT AS TO HOW AND WHEN AN ARTICLE WAS ACQUIRED.

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.

Club Officers

President: Ryan Paradis

Vice President: Ashley W

Secretary: Jeff Sikorski

Treasurer: Don Spillman

At Large Board Members: Kirk Ebensteiner, Brian Echerer

Immediate Past President: Scott Hadley

Club e-mail address: oregontreasuretrailsociety@gmail.com

Extracurricular Positions

Website Editors: Jerry H

Newsletter Editor: Brian E

Find of the Month Team: Richard Sather with support from Kirk and Ryan Also David Ortman after March

Club Hunts: Ed V & various members

Raffles: Kathy & Ron B

Challenge Token: Brian E

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www.OTTSClub.org oregontreasuretrailsociety@gmail.com	Meetings 4th Tuesday of the month. 6:00 PM American Legion Post 1: 1830 se 122nd Ave. Portland OR 97233