



Photo by Brian E

President's Message

What a fantastic day! Our annual club picnic and seeded hunt was a tremendous success, and I want to thank everyone who came out to make it such a fun event. From the great food and friendly competition to the laughs shared throughout the day, it was a wonderful reminder of what makes our club special.

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers, donors, and members who helped organize, set up, cook, clean up, and make the event run so smoothly. Your generosity and hard work are what make events like this possible.

I also want to extend a warm welcome to our new members, we're excited to have you as part of the club and look forward to seeing you at future hunts and meetings.

Thank you all for another memorable picnic. Here's to a great rest of the detecting season, and happy hunting!

Ryan P. President

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JUNE 23 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Board and board members at large introduced
- New members 1 / Guest 0
- Member draw won by Tony
- Progressive draw no winner
- Birthdays 7 coins given
- Club tokens turned in, 0
- Minutes from last meeting corrected and accepted
- Treasurers report accepted
- Club hunt report given
- Social hunt report
- Pinpointing at the picnic seeded hunt discussed
- Picnic discussion
- New business ; club hunt survey, greeting cards for past members and ones going thru difficult times, volunteers for picnic, minelab “realm”
- Break
- Picnic announcements
- Raffle drawings
- FOTM announced
- Meeting adjourned

Special thanks to those who
have brought snacks who
aren't on the list. Snacks
are always welcome!

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, July 28th 2026
- 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!**

Dan R

(on deck for Aug Laura A)



Next Club Hunt

August 1st, Saturday
8:00 AM -12:00 PM

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

Raffle Results

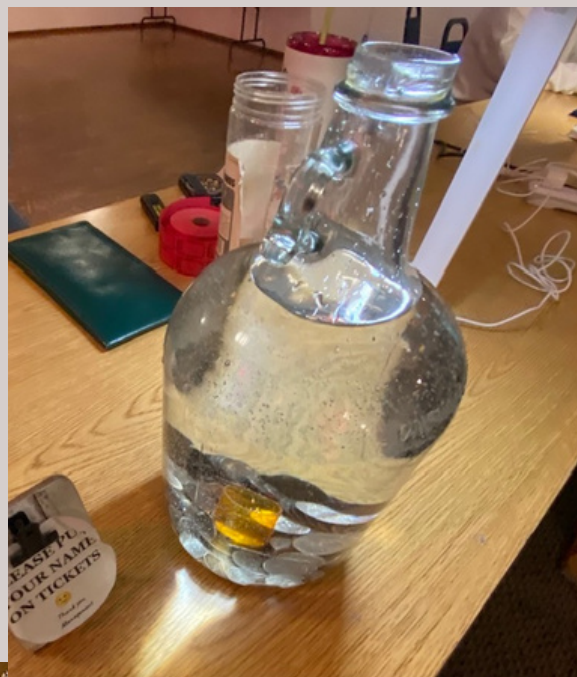
Winners

Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026

Top Prize!

2009 Silver Eagle Dollar Coin - Steve

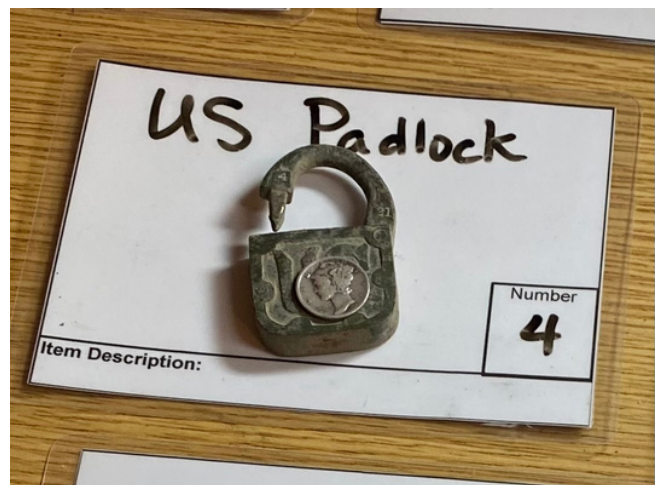
1. 1884 Morgan Silver Dollar - Dan
2. 1921 Morgan Silver Dollar - Ed
3. 1922 Peace Silver Dollar - Mike
4. 1926 Peace Silver Dollar - Lee
5. 1962 Benjamin $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar - Ashley
6. 1963 Benjamin $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar - Diane
7. 1944 Liberty $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar - Ted
8. 1776-1976 Kennedy $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar - Kirk
9. 2002 Silver Quarter - Steve
10. 200 Silver Quarter - Michelle
11. 2014 Silver Quarter - Ashley
12. 2016 Silver Quarter - Scott



Find of the month April

Category	Place	Name	Item
Item of the Month			
	1	Ryan P	U.S. Padlock
	2	Jackee	Great Northern Railway Tag
Tie	3	Bill B	Donatello Turtle
Tie	3	Brian E	Polished "Turd"
US Coin			
	1	Ryan P	1888 S Seated Quarter
	2	Brian E	1959 Quarter
	3	Jackee	1944 Mercury Dime
Foreign Coin			
	1	Kirk E	Anglo Saxon Hammered Penny 991-997 AD
Tie	2	Dan R	50c Italian Euro Coin
Tie	2	Brian E	10 Peso
Token			
	1	Bill B	OMSI Dinosaur Penny Token
	2	Ryan P	Gemini Twins Token
Tie	3	Jeff C.	6 Month Sobriety Token
Tie	3	Jackee A	Play Money Token
Gold Item			
	1	Jackee	18K Gold Ring from 1906 7.02 grams
	2	Tony G.	10K Gold Elephant Ring
Silver Item			
	1	Ted M.	Navajo Turquoise Ring
	2	Ryan P	Victorian Sterling Pin
Tie	3	Jeff S	Sterling Ring with Abalone
Tie	3	Brian E	Silver Earring
Tie	3	Jackee	925 Silver Ring with Green Stone
Jewelry/Non-Precious			
	1	Brian E	Fred Harvey Style Copper Bracelet
Tie	2	Tony G.	Pendant
Tie	2	Bill B	Huge Enamel Pendant
Tie	3	Kirk E	Large Green Chain
Tie	3	Ted M.	Bling Bug
Tie	3	Jackee	Fake Gold Ring
Artifact			
	1	Dan R	Oregon Blood Purifier Glass Bottle
	2	Kirk E	Salt/Drug Spoon
	3	Jackee	Antique Oil Lamp
	3	Bill B	Dog License Made in Italy
	3	Brian E	FFA Pin
Oldest US Coin			
	1	Ryan P	1891 V Nickel
	2	Jackee	1901 Indian Head Penny
	3	Jeff C.	1946 S Wheat Penny
Display			
	1	Ryan P	
	2	Brian E	
	3	Jackee	

Rank	Name	June	Total
1	Jackee	23	132
2	Ryan P	25	122
3	Brian E	20	99
4	Kirk E	15	85
5	Bill B	12	73
6	Jeff S	4	44
7	Jeff C	8	34
8	Sean T		32
8	Ted M	9	32
9	Scott H		29
9	Tony G	9	29
10	Nick R		26
11	Dan R	9	23
12	Ed V	3	22
13	Chuck F		19
14	Pat D		17
15	Lorilee	3	15
16	Richard S		14
17	Don S		7
17	Gregg		7
18	Tim S		6
19	Ron B		4
19	Chris S.		4
19	Chuck P		4



Club Member's Experiences

Beautiful find by Jackee. She says,
“Dug this lovely 18K gold band on June 18th weighing 7.02 grams. It’s engraved
“W.E. to L.A.B. June 17th, 06” there’s an
initial before the W that I can’t quite make
out. This was my very first target & can’t
believe I found it almost exactly 120 years
later!”



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

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Brian had a first, and says,

“Initially, the ring's return seemed unlikely. I placed an ad on the Nextdoor platform, thinking it was a long shot. However, two months later, someone responded, recognizing the ring's details instantly. The band was initially a spare for a groom after his father had lost it, and it had been lost and found multiple times, most recently during a playful day at the park with children.

This heartwarming reunion not only highlighted the thrill of discovering my first gold find but also the immense satisfaction of returning such a cherished item to its owner. While I bid farewell to this unique discovery, the joy and story shared are treasures in their own right.”



Kirk wanted to contrubuit about coin errors.

My intent is to point out coins that you may not be familiar with but could find either in change or as detecting finds. This particular post is about modern Obverse Doubled Die and/or Obverse Die Variety of Lincoln Cents. In particular, the stronger DDO-01 most recognizable Obverse double Strikes, there are several less identifiable or valuable weaker strikes and years as well. Generally speaking, modern is defined as memorial cents on but for the purposes of this post I am going to cover back to 1955 simply because it is the most well know.

Double die coins are not a result of double stamping they are created in the making of the dies. If that die gets misaligned, shifted, tilted-suddenly you get two slightly different versions of the same design. Of course, all coins minted from that occurrence will show up with doubling. That is why you see so many different types of doubling in for example the Cherry pickers guide. The more common and highly valued doubling occurs with doubling of "IN GOD WE TRUST," "LIBERTY," and the date. The value range of these coins run from less than \$100 dollars to the 2023 sale of a MS 65 1958 for over \$1,136,000 at auction. Of course, as with all coins, the condition and grade dictates much of the value. Of the list of modern DDO cents of which there are many the most pronounced doubling shows up on the 1955, 1969S, 1970S, 1972. Several of these sell for thousands with the 1969S in high grades selling for 6 figures.



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OTTS Club Report

O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt Report

Date: June 28th, 2026 8am-12pm

Location: Frenchman's Bar - 9612 NW Lower River Rd, Vancouver, WA 98660



Historical Information: This lush 120-acre regional park is located on the Columbia River about two miles west of Vancouver Lake Park. It was dedicated in 1997 and features a wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities. A 2.5 mile trail connects the park to Vancouver Lake Regional Park. Frenchman's Bar and Frenchman's Bar Park are located on the Washington side of the Columbia River. The bar separates the Columbia from Vancouver Lake to the east. Frenchman's Bar was named after Paul Hauray, a Frenchman who bound out to engage in fur trading in Alaska. Fleeing intolerable conditions, Hauray jumped ship and made his way to Astoria to work in the salmon canneries. Wanting to increase his wealth above that of a low-paid cannery worker, he perused the shoreline of the Columbia River for an ideal fish netting location and in 1915 he purchased land five miles downstream from Fort Vancouver.

Hunt Results: The OTTS June Club Hunt was held on Sunday June, 28th 2026. We met at Quick Shop Minit Mart - Fruit Valley located at 1910 W Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98660. 21 members and 0 guests met between 7:10-7:55am and left for the park at 8am. The morning was a bit overcast but temperatures were comfortable with it clearing up mid-morning. Detectorists were joined by fishermen on the shore, both casting out into the unknown looking to score a prize worthy of taking home. The club was also joined by a group of kids who were cleaning up the beach for community service. By noon the park was cleaner than ever through our combined efforts!

Nick hid 10 regular tokens and 2 special tokens for members to search for. Due to popular demand, the count out sheet had its point values altered on several find types but was not revealed which ones until count out. The “Dime 4 Dime” challenge was also announced at the meetup location. Before everyone departed for the park, a member draw took place to select a single individual to complete. Jory S was drawn and given a small red flag to mark a target that he believed to be a dime. About 2 hours into the hunt, a target had been selected. With several members looking on, he dug a clad Roosevelt dime, successfully predicting his target and was awarded a 1954-D Roosevelt dime.

Jewelry was certainly the high ticket item this month rather than older coins that hide in our Portland parks. A total of 25 jewelry items were found - 1 gold, 5 silver, 16 costume and 3 junk rings. Dan stole the show with 2 silver and 1 gold jewelry items. Scott H, Jory S, and Richard S found silver jewelry as well. As expected, fishing gear was quite plentiful as well! Jory S won the oldest coin (1962) and received a 1954-D Roosevelt dime.

At count out Nick had to leave early, so Scott H. and Brian E. kindly assisted with tallying sheets and awarding prizes. Richard S assisted with trash collection and disposal as usual. For the second month in a row, Clark O. won a member draw! Bill B. also won a member draw, both receiving a 1964-D Washington quarter. Brian E, Dan R, Ted M, and Ed V, found club tokens which were redeemed for a silver Roosevelt dime. Pat D. found the 1981 \$5 Mexican Peso which was redeemed a 1/4oz .999 Aztec calendar silver round. Scott H. found the Providence Veterans coin which was redeemed for a 1907 Barber dime.

Top places in the competition	
1) Dan R. 121.3 points Prize: 1956-D Washington Quarter 2) Lee H. 81 points Prize: 1942-S Mercury Dime 3) Scott H. 68 points Prize: 1942-D Mercury Dime 4) Jory S. 62 points Prize: 1945 Mercury Dime 5) Ted M. 52 points Prize: 1950-D Roosevelt Dime 6) Richard S. 46 points Prize: OTTS Sticker	Average score: 42.8 points Club tokens found: 4 / 10 Special tokens found: 2 / 2 Total clad found: \$15.38 Trash collected: 12 lbs.

Club Hunt Report (cont.)

2026 running totals, OTTS club hunt participants have found							
Wheat Cent	Buffalo Nickel	War Nickel	Silver Dimes	Silver Jewelry	Gold Jewelry	Clad Coin	Trash
15	1	4	2	16	10	\$161.61	70.5 lbs

Next Club Hunt: Nick will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Saturday, August 1st. 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.

It's that time of year again when it's time to get into some water detecting, and I asked the AI to write an article for us on the tidal influence in the metro area rivers. July is historically the low water month for the Willamette/Columbia Rivers and provides some great hunting opportunities. Here is what it came up with.

“Portland, Oregon, a city celebrated for its scenic beauty and vibrant culture, is also uniquely influenced by the tidal dynamics of its rivers, particularly the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. Unlike typical ocean tides, the river tides in Portland are influenced by a combination of factors, including the confluence of these two major waterways. The Willamette River, which flows north into the Columbia, experiences tidal effects up to about 26 miles upstream from its confluence, impacting water levels and flow patterns. This tidal influence is primarily due to the Columbia River's connection to the Pacific Ocean, allowing ocean tides to propagate upstream. As tides rise, water levels in the rivers increase, impacting boat navigation, riverbank activities, and even the operations of the city's numerous bridges. Moreover, seasonal variations, such as heavy rains or snowmelt, can amplify these tidal effects, leading to changes in river currents and potential flooding in low-lying areas. Residents and local authorities actively monitor these river tides to manage water resources effectively and ensure the safety of the Portland metro area's infrastructure and communities. Understanding these natural tidal patterns is crucial for the continued harmonious coexistence of Portland's urban environment with its surrounding natural waterways.

For more information on tidal dynamics and management in Portland, you can explore the following resources:

1. [Columbia River Tide Predictions by NOAA]

(<https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/noaatidepredictions.html?id=9440422>)

2. [Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Water Management]

(<https://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/water/>)

[Portland Bureau of Environmental Services - River Health]

(<https://www.portland.gov/bes/river-health>)”

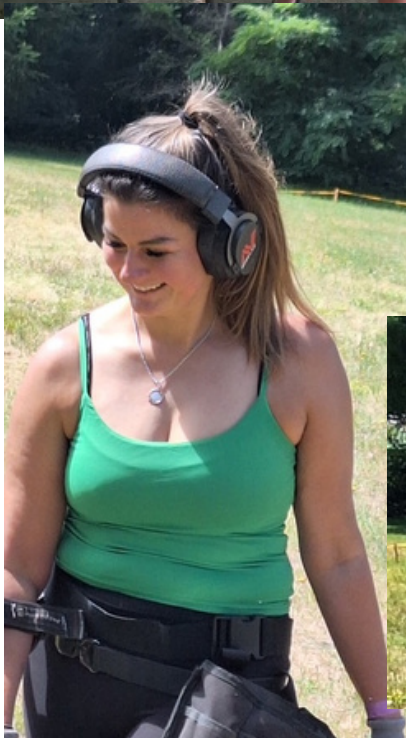
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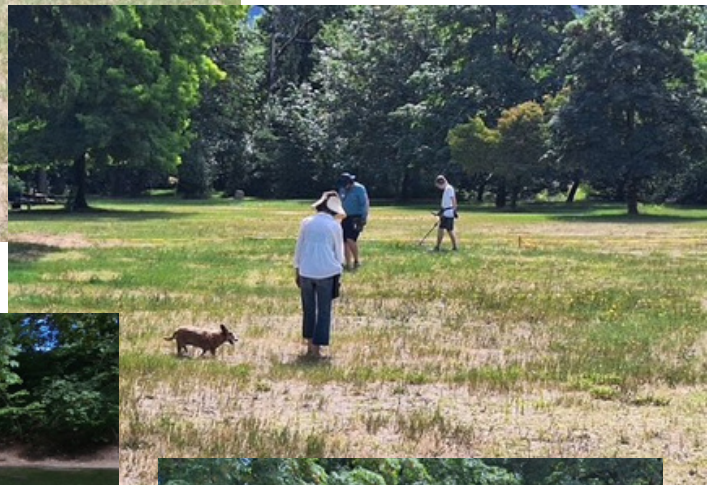


Club Picnic & Seeded Hunt photos cont.



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Most photos by Ron. He did a great job!

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 DAMAG ING TO, OR KILL ANY VEGETATION.
- I WILL REPORT THE DISCOVERY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL VALUE TO A LOCAL HISTORIAN OR MUSEUM IN ACCORD ANCE 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: Jaqueline Atelevich "Jackee"

At Large Board Members: Kirk Ebensteiner, Brian Echerer

Immediate Past President: Scott Hadley

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Extracurricular Positions

Website Editors: Ryan P, Brian E

Newsletter Editor: Brian E

Find of the Month Team: Clark & David O & Jackee A.

Club Hunts: Nick R

OTTS Club Picnic: Ryan P

Raffles: Kathy & Ron B

Challenge Token: Jackee A

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