

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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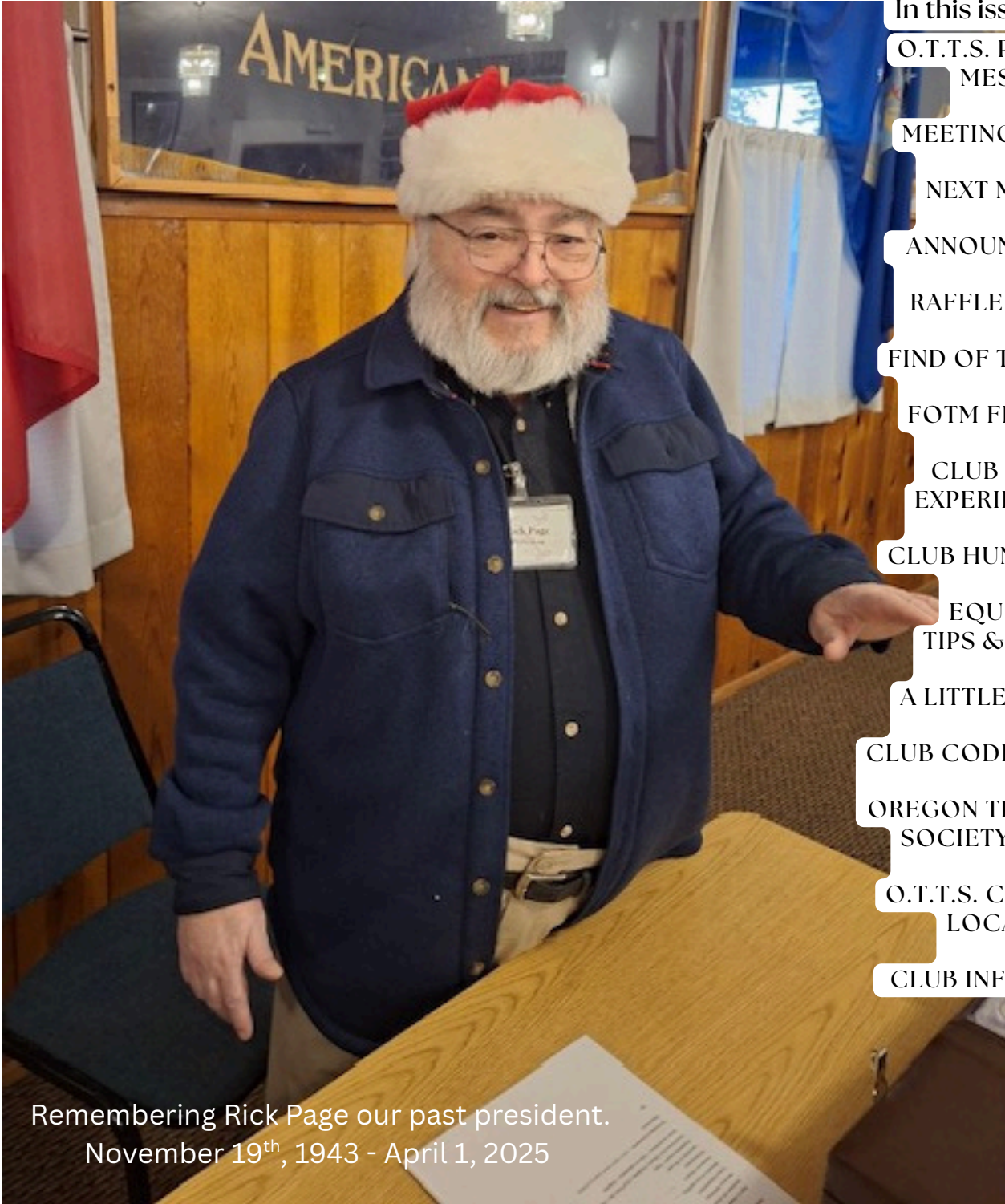
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Remembering Rick Page our past president.
November 19th, 1943 - April 1, 2025

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the year comes to a close, December always feels like a natural time to slow down and reflect on the past 12 months. The shorter days and colder weather give us space to look back at not just what we found, but at what we experienced together as a club.

This year tested us in ways few could have predicted. We faced moments of uncertainty, loss, and change that required patience, empathy, and steady resolve. The sudden passing of our president, Rick Page, was a profound loss, and one felt deeply throughout the club. Rick was a steady presence, a generous mentor, and someone who cared deeply about OTTS and the people in it.

In the wake of his passing, I found myself stepping into a role I didn't feel ready for. It was a challenge I never expected, under circumstances none of us would have chosen. I'm deeply grateful for the support, understanding, and encouragement shown by the board and the membership during that transition. Honoring Rick's legacy meant continuing forward with the same respect, curiosity, and sense of community that he brought to the club.

We also navigated challenges that affected our hobby directly. Changes to metal detecting rules within Portland Parks required careful attention, collaboration, and a willingness to engage constructively. Thanks to the thoughtful feedback and participation of our members, those conversations moved in a positive direction. The process reminded us that advocacy, when done respectfully and collectively, can make a real difference.

Through it all, the club endured. We continued to meet, hunt, learn, and share stories. New members joined, friendships deepened, and the simple joy of our shared passion brought us together. The year was full of amazing finds and good conversations after a long hunt.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I'm grateful for the members who stepped up, for those who showed quiet support, and for everyone who helped carry the club forward when it mattered most. The strength of this organization isn't found in any single person or event, but in the collective commitment of its members.

Thank you for being part of this club, and for helping make it what it is. I look forward to what we'll uncover together in the year ahead.

Ryan Paradis
President

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 25 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Board and board members at large introduced
- New members 1 / Guest 4
- Member draw won by Rebecca H.
- Progressive draw won by Alex S
- Birthdays 3 coins given
- Club tokens turned in, Dan R.
- Minutes from last meeting accepted
- Treasurers report accepted
- American Legion sign up discount discussed
- Club hunt report given
- Next hunt discussed
- Social club hunt report given
- By laws for free membership for hunt master discussed, vote to change by laws at the Christmas meeting
- Upcoming elections nominations Ryan P. Pres. Ashley W. V.Pres. Jeff S Sec.
- Jackee A. Treas. Tim S. Sgt. at arms
- Christmas party potluck sign up
- Photos of your best finds from the last year will be taken at the next meeting
- Up dates to the website were made
- Game volunteers are needed for next year
- FOTM category "item of the month" discussed to change to an open category
- Break
- Bake sale, \$685.00 raised
- Club drawings were held Plinko, Quarter drop, Main raffle
- FOTM winners announced
- Meeting adjourned

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, January 27th 2026
- Social hour 6:00 p.m.
- Meeting begins 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting location: American Legion Post 1 1830 S.E. 122nd Ave. Portland, OR 97233

Next members to bring meeting snacks!

TBA



December 2025 OTTS Meeting Minutes

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- Pledge of Allegiance
- Board and board members at large introduced
- New members 0 / Guest 4
- Member draw won by Diane H.
- Progressive draw won by Brian E
- Birthdays 4 coins given
- Club tokens turned in, 0
- Minutes from last meeting accepted
- Treasurers report accepted
- Club hunt report given
- Price of silver addressed
- Tables released for dinner
- Elections nominations Ryan P. Pres.Elected Ashley W. V.Pres.Elected Jeff S Sec.Elected Don S. Treas. Elected
- Recognition awards given Mike and Sue M
- Presidents award given Brian E
- Detectorist of the year awards given
- Members share their stories
- Christmas hunt discussed
- Christmas coins given to members
- Meeting adjourned

It's important to note at every December meeting we have club officer elections for the upcoming year. This year we re-elected the same officers and there is no change in the positions. Thank you officers for leading the club into 2026.

Next Club Hunt

January 31st
9:00 AM -1:00 PM

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

November Raffle Results (No raffle in December)

Winners

November 25th, 2025 Raffle

Gold!

.5 gram Gold Airplane - Steve E.

SILVER

1. 1973 Constitution Coin - Sandy S.
2. oz Merry Christmas Santa Coin - Jeff C.
3. 1 oz Merry Christmas Sleigh Coin - Steve E.
4. 1 oz Santa Christmas Coin - Laura A.
5. 1 oz Santa Christmas Coin - Danielle S.
6. 1 Troy oz Silver Lego bar - Brian E.
7. 1 Troy oz Silver Bar - Rebecca H.
8. 1880 Morgan Coin - Larry W.
9. 1922 Morgan Coin - Laura A.
10. 1923 Morgan - Larry W.
11. 1937 Standing Liberty ½ dollar - Ashley W.
12. 1963 Silver ½ dollar - Alex S.
13. 1963 Silver ½ dollar - Laura A.
14. Free Membership - Jose S.



Find of the November & Final Results

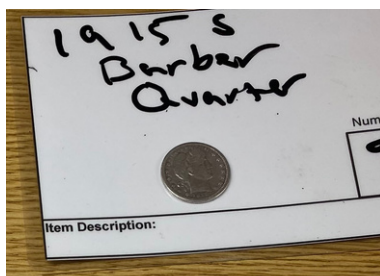
Category	Place	Name	Item
Item of the Month			
	1	Jackee	Headless Toy Soldier on Horseback
	2	Ryan	Pretty Blue Rock
	3	Tony	Old Spoon
US Coin			
	1	Brian	1915 S Barber Quarter
	2	Ryan	1943 S Mercury Dime
Foreign Coin			
	1	Kirk	2010 Bahamas 10 Cents
	2	Jackee	1980 Canada 1 Cent
Token			
	1	Jackee	Heads Tails Token
	2	Kirk	One Day at a Time Token
	3	Ryan	Jaws Pressed Penny
Gold Jewelry			
	1	Kirk	14k Gold ring 16.89 Grams
Silver Item			
	1	Danny	Pretty Silver Bracelet
	2	Kirk	925 Silver Ring
Jewelry			
Tie	1	Danny	Chunky Ring
Tie	1	Dan R	Plated Cowboy Hat Necklace
	2	Ryan	Copper Ring
	3	Bill	Little Panda Earring
	3	Sean	Earring
Artifact			
	1	Ryan	Vintage Pooping Dog Relic
	2	Bill	Chariot Old Knife Handle
Tie	3	Gregg	Arrowhead
Tie	3	Sean	1901-1920 Rival Shotgun Head Shell
Oldest US Coin			
	1	Jackee	1882 Indian Head One Cent
	2	Ryan	1920 S One Cent
	3	Brian	1940 One Cent
Most Valuable US Coin			
	1	Dan R	1935 S Washington Quarter
	2	Brian	1963 D Washington Quarter
	3	Jackee	1942 S Mercury Dime
Display			
	1	Kirk	
	2	Jackee	
	3	Ryan	
Best of the Best			
	1	Kirk	14k Gold ring 16.89 Grams

2025 FOTM Final Results

Rank	Name	Nov	Total
1	Jackee	20	277
2	Ryan	18	205
3	Brian	12	187
4	Kirk	22	184
5	Bill	7	120
6	Sean	5	55
7	Ed		54
8	Jeff S.	2	50
9	Jeffery C.		39
9	Jason		39
11	Scott		35
11	Lorilee		35
13	Tony	1	27
14	Dan R	9	14
15	Pat		11
16	Gregg	3	10
17	Danny	9	9
18	Nick		5
19	Laura		3
20	Richard		2
21	Danielle		1



Winner
Best of The Best
found by Kirk



Winner of US Coin
category found by
Brian E.

FOTM Final Results for the year 2025 (December)

Find of the Month (FOTM) is an exciting year-long points competition. Each month, participants submit their “finds” into designated categories, which are then voted on by club members. Points are awarded for the top finds and are accumulated throughout the year. The results are announced at the OTTS club Christmas party which was on December 13th 2025.



1st Place
Detectorist of The Year
2025
Jackee A.



2nd Place
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3rd Place
Brian E.



4th Place
Kirk E



5th Place
Bill B

Club Member's Experiences

Jackiee had this to say about FOTM, “ I encourage everyone to participate in FOTM 😊 It's an easy and fun way to win silver dimes each month! I personally love seeing everyone's finds and hope more people will join in on the fun in 2026! Even when I find something mediocre for one of the categories, I'll still submit something to get 1 point 😊 Remember anything you've found after the November meeting can be submitted for January 😊 Thanks to David and Clark for helping us run Find of The Month!!! Happy hunting.”

Here are the finds for the end of the year Jackiee presented at the December Meeting. Zoom in and checkout all the cool things she found!



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

Ryan's most amazing finds!

November brings piles of leaves, crisp air, and usually a good amount of rain. Fortunately for finding coins, the extra water in the ground is actually helpful for conducting a detector's signal through the ground. I got out a number of times and found a handful of silver dimes, a US Army 7th Regiment collar disk, and a pooping dog 🤢. No idea what the dog was from, but the 7th Regiment disk was worn by an enlisted man circa 1920-1930s. I love finding old military relics so I was pretty excited to find one from that era! Also my first silver ring from Finland, a country going back into my family tree so it was really cool to see that stamped on the band.



Club Member's Experiences

Sean's surprising find at the OTTS Club hunt.

"I found a nice 1950s era Star Texas long horn cap gun! It's missing a couple inches of barrel but otherwise in good condition. Found at the club hunt at Knott Park."



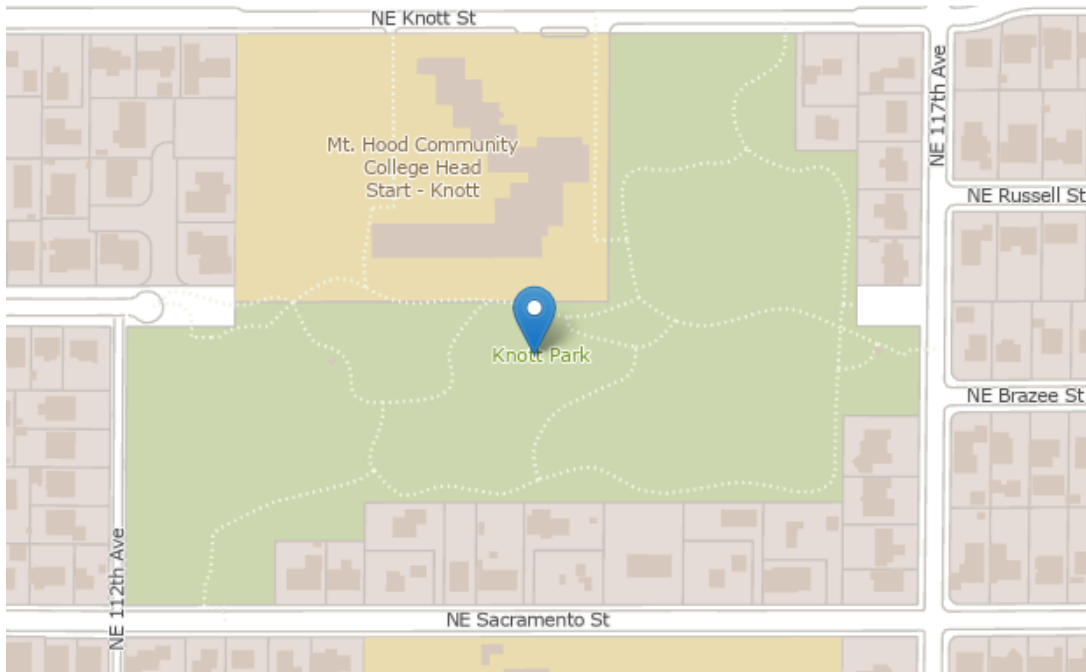
Scott has frequented the new OTTS Club social hunts and snapped a cool photo to add into the mix from the November social. Scott said, "You might want to show that pic of Jose at the social hunt last month. He was at our Club hunt also. Nice man who has only been out a couple times, but wanting to learn more."



Club Hunt Report

Date: November 29th, 2025 9am-1pm

Location: Knott Park Portland, Or



Our OTTS November club hunt was held at Knott City Park and adjacent elementary school. The weather was crisp and breezy but no rain. There were 22 members that showed up. \$29.83 in clad was found and 20lbs of trash was cleaned out.

The oldest coin was a 1935s Mercury dime found by Jackee A.

Ryan P came in first w/ 17 Wheat pennies, a Mercury dime and a piece of silver jewelry.

Jackee A. was second with 3 silver dimes, a war nickel, and 5 wheat pennies.

There were 2 pieces of gold found , Richard S. found a nice 14k ring , and Ashley W. found a 10k tie clasp?

There were a total of 25 Wheat pennies found.

1st Ryan P. 142

2nd Jackee A. 120.1

3rd Ashley W. 90

4th Richard S. 68

5th Lee H. 53

6th Scott H. 50

5 of the 10 tokens, planted, were found along with the special token.

Total clad found: \$29.83
Trash collected during the hunt: 20 lbs

Our own Dan R. of Prospector's Treasure Trove has sent in a tip.

Dan says, "I have been using the Go Terrain app by XP to track my hunts. It has a free option which i use. There's a more in depth version for \$. It works well with the XP Deus II.

I sent my info from the club hunt on 11/2. I used the Manticore, so I manually entered my (good) find.

Happy detecting
Dan"

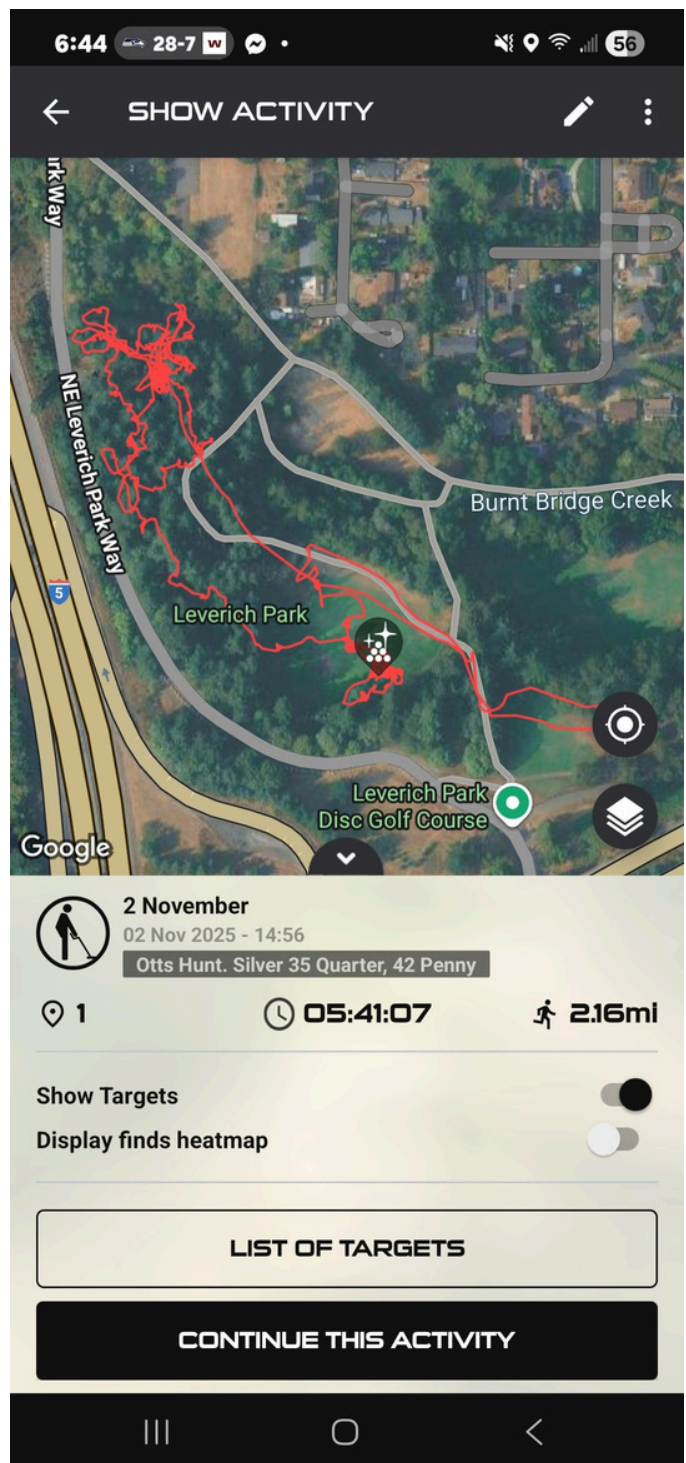
Dan's "good" find was a silver quarter!

This app has been featured before but well worth mentioning again. Ed V. uses it and I have used it many times.

One advantage of using this app is you can survey an area and tag possible finds you can come back for by saving the targets.

It's also great to see where you have traveled within a location if you frequent it multiple times.

Search your app store to find the Go Terrain app and give it a try. Just don't forget to shut it off before driving home!



November is the OTTS Club bake auction just in time for Thanksgiving! This raises funds for the club. Here are photos of the fun confections and baked goods, plus the treasures hidden in them.



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A Little Extra (December)

Special Mentions For The Year 2025 Presented at the OTTS Club Christmas Party



All the 2052 FOTM winners present at the OTTS Christmas party.

L to R Tony, Jackee, Scott, Brian, Lorilee, Ryan, Kirk, Jeff, Jason, Pat, Bill, Jeff, Ed

Special Recognition Award for years of contributions to OTTS.
Mike & Sue M.



2025 President's Award
Brian E.

A Little Extra (December)

At the end of the year the OTTS's Christmas party detectorists are encouraged to bring in their favorite finds of the past year. Zoom in on these photos of what was presented. These finds are amazing!



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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