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Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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President's Message

Looking Back

As my term as President comes to an end this year, I've been thinking quite a bit about the past couple of years and everything our club has experienced together. When I stepped into the President's role, I certainly didn't expect the road ahead to include quite so many unexpected turns.

My time as President began much sooner than I had planned. I had only been serving as your Vice President for about three months when we suddenly lost our President, Rick Page. His passing was a tremendous loss for our club and for the many people who knew him. Stepping into the presidency under those circumstances was not something I had anticipated, but I felt it was important to help keep the club moving forward and provide some continuity during a difficult time.

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Not long after that, we found ourselves facing another significant challenge as the City of Portland worked on updating its rules regarding metal detecting. This was an issue that could have had a real impact on our hobby and on where and how we are able to detect. I'm proud that our club made sure our voice was heard throughout that process. We worked to make sure the perspective of responsible metal detectorists was represented and that new rules did not unnecessarily restrict or diminish our hobby. I believe our involvement helped ensure that the final outcome was much more reasonable than it could have been.

Then came silver. The dramatic rise in the price of silver created another unexpected challenge for the club. With our prizes tied closely to the value of silver, we had to react quickly and make some difficult adjustments to our prize levels. Nobody particularly enjoys having to reduce prizes, but it was important that we make responsible decisions and protect the club financially rather than simply hoping prices would come back down. It was a good reminder that even a hobby club has to occasionally deal with the realities of the market.

And, of course, there was the picnic. I had the privilege of helping run the picnic both years during my term, and while that certainly took some work, it was also one of the most enjoyable parts of being President. I absolutely could not have pulled those off without the help of other members who stepped up, volunteered their time, brought food, organized activities, and helped make everything run smoothly. That kind of participation is what makes this club work.

Looking back, though, I think the most important thing is where we are today.
We have 75 members, our events continue to be well attended, and the club is in a good financial position. More importantly, we continue to have a group of people who are willing to show up, participate, share their knowledge, help new members, and keep the Oregon Treasure Trail Society moving forward.
That is probably what I will remember most about serving as President. The challenges were certainly memorable, but so was seeing members step up whenever something needed to be done.

I want to thank everyone who supported me during my time as President, whether that meant helping with an event, offering advice, volunteering your time, or simply showing up and being part of the club. I've learned a lot during these past couple of years, and I'm proud of what we have accomplished together.

As the New Year approaches and my term comes to an end, I'm looking forward to seeing the club continue to grow and evolve. The Oregon Treasure Trail Society has been around since 1982, and it's our job to keep that tradition going while making sure the club remains active, welcoming, and relevant for the next generation of detectorists.

It has been quite a ride. I'm grateful I got to be part of it.
Ryan Paradis
President

OCTOBER 27 MEETING MINUTES

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Board and board members at large introduced
- New members 2 / Guest 1
- Member draw won by Nick R
- Birthdays 3 coins given
- Progressive draw won by Diane H
- Club tokens turned in, 1
- Minutes from last meeting accepted
- Treasurers report accepted
- Club hunt report given
- Social hunt report given.
- First finds , V nickel Daniel A
- Old business, Nominations for Board
- For Pres. Brian E
- For V. Pres. Brian E, Jason C
- For Sec. Jeff S, Megan M
- For Treas. Ryan P
- New business ; Challenge token update, Christmas party Sat Dec. 12th 3:00pm to 7:00pm doors open at 2:00pm
- 2027 Finance update
- Bake sale in November
- Break
- Basket sale auction, $ 830.00 Raised
- 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

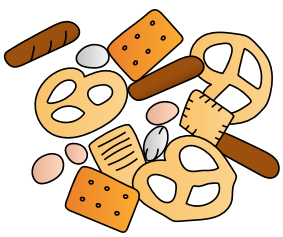
Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 24th 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!

Jackee & Larry

On deck, Santa Clause



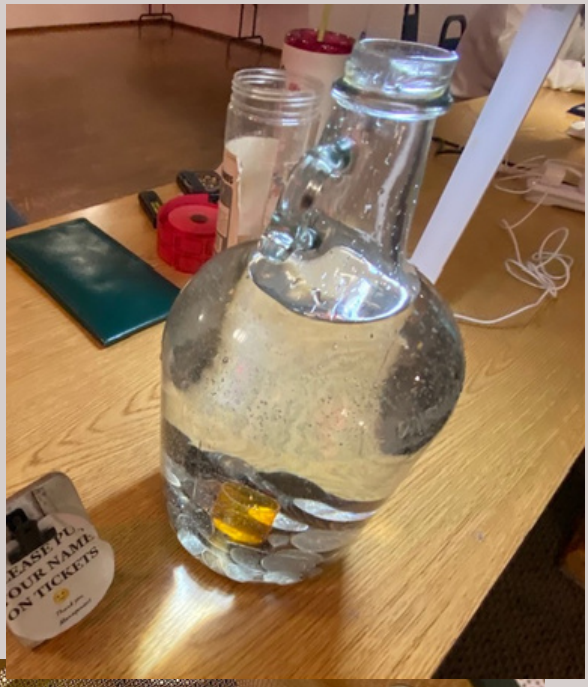
Next Club Hunt

November 28th, Saturday 9:00 AM -1:00 PM (Hours change with DST)

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

Winners

Tuesday, October 27, 2024



Top Prize!
1.25 OZ Silver 2022 Silver Round- Randy

1. 2023 Standing Liberty - Ryan
2. 1 OZ Native American Round - Randy
3. 1921 Morgan - Ted
4. 1922 Peace Dollar - Randy
5. 1 OZ Silver Bar - Bill
6. 1998 Kennedy ½ - Jerry
7. 2006 Kennedy ½ - Ted
8. 2009 Kennedy ½ - Jason
9. 2014 Kennedy ½ - Brian
10. 2011 Glacier Quarter - Brian
11. 2012 Hawaii Quater - Brian
12. 2020 Mt Hood Quater - Brian





Category	Place	Name	Item
Item of the Month			
	1	Tony	Crematory Tag
	2	Jackee	Evergreen Airport Club Card
Tie	3	Lee	Indian God Oil
Tie	3	Larry	Replica Portland Police Badge
US Coin			
	1	Ted	1898 Barber Dime
	2	Jackee	1900-S Barber Dime
	3	Lee	1902 Barber Dime
Foreign Coin			
	1	Ryan	1909 Canadian Quarter
	2	Lee	2002 Australia 50c
	3	Gary	Foreign Coin
Token			
	1	Kirk	Intercollegiate Ref Token
	2	Jeff S.	Portland Transit Token
	3	Ted	Splash & Dash
Gold Item			
	1	Danny	14k Gold Ring
	2	Lee	14k Mens Ring
	3	Gary	Gold Ring
Silver Item			
Tie	1	Jeff C.	Sterling Dancer Ring
Tie	1	Kirk	1994 1oz Silver Round
	2	Ed	.925 Tennis Bracelet
	3	Brian	.925 Solitare
Jewelry/Non-Precious			
Tie	1	Bill	Old Rose Earring
Tie	1	Brian	1895-1905 Ribbon Badge
Tie	1	Lee	Trench Art Sweetheart Ring
	2	Lorilee	Leaf Pin
	3	Kirk	Religious Cross
Artifact			
	1	Tony	1890s Napoleon III Watch Fob
	2	Brian	Brass Smoking Pipe
	3	Kirk	P-47 Thunderbolt Airplane
Oldest US Coin			
	1	Tony	1897 V Nickel
	2	Danny	1907 V Nickel
Tie	3	Brian	1917 Wheat
Tie	3	Ryan	1917 Wheat
Display			
	1	Brian	
	2	Jackee	
	3	Dan	

Rank	Name	Oct	Total
1	Jackee A	15	224
2	Ryan P	11	164
3	Brian E	19	161
4	Kirk E	18	132
5	Bill B	8	112
6	Tony G	13	62
7	Ed V	8	61
8	Jeff C	11	60
9	Sean T	7	56
10	Dan R	5	54
11	Jeff S	7	53
11	Ted M	7	53
13	Nick R		46
14	Lee H	18	36
15	Scott H		32
16	Lorilee C	8	30
17	Pat D		27
18	Gregg R		24
19	Chuck F		19
20	Richard S		14
21	Daniel A	9	10
22	Don S		7
23	Tim S		6
24	Ron B		4
24	Chris S		4
24	Chuck P		4
24	Gary L	4	4
28	Clayton		3
29	Larry W	2	2
30	Clark O		1

Challenge Token Clue #1



Heading North, the big water flows behind me. I lie here with a few of my friends. Loud and Proud you might think I'm Trash, but I'm just getting ready for Halloween. And that cute little sapling is only 12 feet from me. It is my closest neighbor on top of this hill. Please park nearby. Oh NO; here comes another dog.



Challenge Token Clue #2



STOP by and don't forget to bring some soul with you. Lying here between these two big trees I can hear music. Isn't this a devine spot for a picnic in the summer, but so sad there there's no tables to sit at. I'm thirsty. Where's the water?



Challenge Token Clue #3



Doesn’t it seem funny that Montana and Idaho are so close to each other? And wasn’t Leftoverture a great album? Look over there, that thing is full of it. Such a nice view. STOP, did you hear her most popular song? Please come find me....

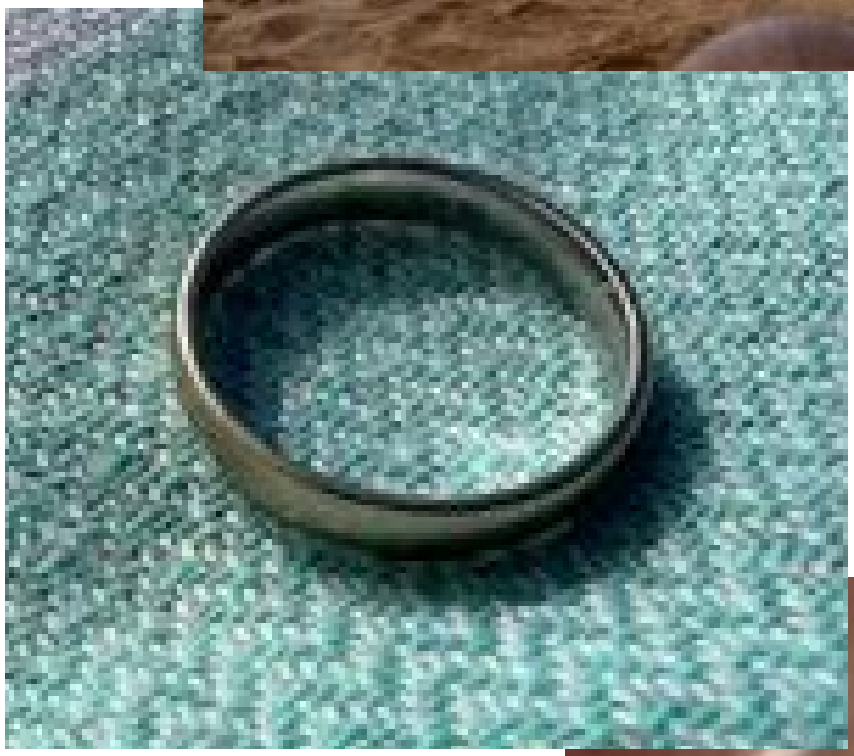
Richard shared a cool thing. Richard says, "This is my small treasure box to keep the grand kid busy for a while."





Tim got lucky in Maui!







Ryan has a fun experience to share.

A few days before my birthday, I got lucky and pulled this awesome 1900 Barber Half Dollar. It's my first Barber half from the Portland area, and it was a pretty great birthday present from the ground. This was my third time detecting this site. An 1911 map showed a homesite here, but despite going back a couple of times, I hadn't found much older than the 1940s. That's the funny thing about detecting. Sometimes a site just makes you work for it.





The Barber Half was minted from 1892 to 1916, right during the era when this homesite was occupied. This coin was already 11 years old when that 1911 map was made, so finding one here gives a pretty cool glimpse into the people and activity that once existed on this property. And then, just a few days later, my friend pulled another 1900 Barber Half from the same site.

Detecting is strange sometimes. What you find on your first, second or third trip doesn't necessarily tell the whole story. Don't be too quick to give up if your research is sound. I have a bad habit of wanting to bail on a site too early, but more often than not, persistence really does pay off!

Also got super lucky and plucked a small native point from the exposed dirt in the field I was searching!



Your history lesson on the Stars and Stripes American flag. As most of you realize the current flag has gone through many different iterations since its first flight in 1777 which by the way makes it the 3 oldest flags in the world France being number one. Some of the things you may not know are Betsy Ross sewed the first flag but did not create the design although most credit her for it. The story is a long one so I will not go into it but according to Smithsonian records Francis Hopkinson created the first design along with many other symbols of America we see every day. He is also credited with the first paper money and coin design, a composer and signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Moving on did you know that the original flag had 13 stripes for each of the colonies, and stars for each of the states. What you may not know is that with each new state a star and a stripe were added. It became apparent that this design worked from 1795 to 1818, but was not going to work so at 15 stripes they decided to make a new star for each new state leaving the stripes at 13 for the colonies. Although there are two instances, the one mentioned above with 15 stars and stripes that can be found in the Smithsonian, the other in a private collection that has 17 stipes.

Other interesting facts, if your old enough to remember watching the famous moon landing and walk you may also remember a flag was planted on the moon. There were actually 6 US flags planted on the moon all but one is still standing. One was knocked over during liftoff of the lunar lander. More unusual is a science-related fact; those flags by now are totally white. There is no atmosphere on the moon so the UV rays we are protected by that tan us and bleach out things left in the sun are much stronger and have taken all color out of those flags.

When you see old flags missing stars, or even stripes, you may think it is because of the wind or battle, often times it is from souvenir collectors. They would remove pieces from flags often government/military or political officials and give them to dignitaries or others.

The proper way to dispose of a flag? Cut each individual stripe off and burn it, once you're down to the stars you burn that as a piece on its own. Yes, burning a flag is the only and proper way a flag should be disposed of.
The current design and 27th US flag was adopted in 1959 and was created by a high school student Bob Heft for a class which he got a B- for the project. He also as of today has the record for the longest flag design of the 27. Eisenhower personally called him asking him to come to Washington for the dedication. His teaches subsequently changed his grade to a A.

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

The first Confederate flag the stars and bars was adopted in 1861 coincidently The same year the Civil War broke out. It too had 13 stars with three stipes, also red white and blue. Many members of the confederate forces had previously been in the unified army at the time called the regular army from 1845-1860. As a result, they had what would have been Union uniforms, including many of the famous Confederate Generals. As a result between the uniform issue, and the similarities in uniforms, there were often battles between troupes from the same side. The Confederate flag was as a result changed in 1863 to the Stainless Banner.

Date: November 1st, 2026 9am-1pm

Location: Willamette Park - 1100 12th St, West Linn, OR 97068



General Information: Located in the town of Willamette within the city of West Linn.

Historical Information: Willamette Park does not have an official single "founding" year, as the site evolved from early riverside lowlands and flatlands known locally as "the flats" into an organized community space over several decades. The land near the confluence of the Willamette River and Tualatin River was historically used by local families and served as a gathering spot for recreation, baseball games, and community gatherings by the mid-20th century. The site gained structured public identity when it was chosen to host the inaugural West Linn Community Fair (now the West Linn Old Time Fair) on August 24, 1957. The City of West Linn expanded and developed the riverfront area through land acquisitions—such as purchasing an additional parcel from the Chamber in 1963—transforming it into the combined 22.5-acre park and boat ramp facility managed today by the City of West Linn Parks and Recreation Department.

Hunt Results: The OTTS October Club Hunt was held on Sunday November, 1st 2026. We met at McDonalds located at 2100 8th Ct, West Linn, OR 97068. 17 members and 3 guests met between 8:30am-9:00am and left for the park at 9:00pm. Members were also encouraged to participate in the yearly Halloween costume contest for a chance to win some silver! To qualify you were required to be in costume for the entire duration of the hunt. While there weren't many that participated, those who did made for some great levity to the morning hunt. Nick hid 5 (old) regular tokens, 5 (new) regular tokens, 2 special tokens, and 1 Prospector's Treasure Trove (PTT) token for members to search for. The morning was quite cool and overcast but fortunately there was no rain.

The ground however was fairly saturated and made for easy digging. The autumn colors were in full swing, making for a beautiful day along the banks of the Willamette.

There were several nice finds throughout the morning. Richard made out the best by far, digging up a very nice 14k gold necklace and the only silver coin of the day, a 1964-D Roosevelt Dime. Clark also had some unique finds including 2 Peruvian coins and an old early 1900s “Log Dog” while detecting the banks of the Tualatin and Willamette confluence. This heavy iron tool was hammered into logs, creating an easy tie off point to keep the timber being floated down the river aligned. One can only imagine how long it’s been down there and the frustrations of the worker that dropped it! Arthur and Ted also managed to find silver rings in the park, with Arthur’s being a rather chunky ring that had a good shine when cleaned up.

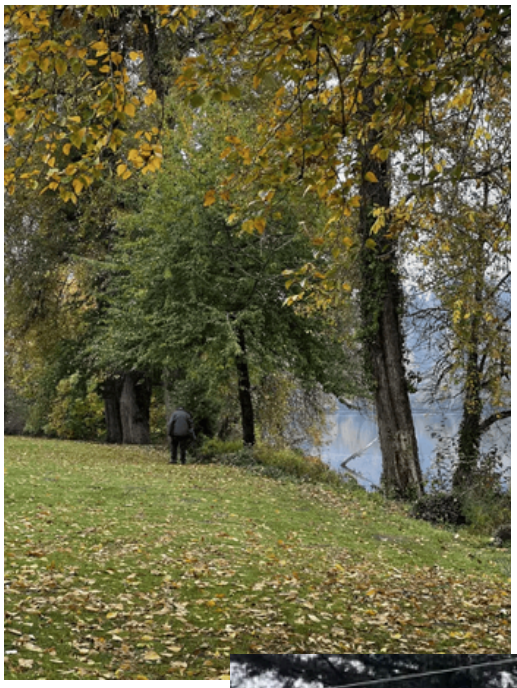
At count out Nick won the member draw and received a 1964-D Washington Quarter. Ken K, Jeff C, Ted M, Dan R, and Clark O (x2), found club tokens which were redeemed for a silver Roosevelt dime, leaving 4 more tokens around the park to be found. Unfortunately for the 2nd month in a row, zero special tokens were found. Scott H found the PTT token and was awarded a $20 gift card to Prospector’s Treasure Trove! The oldest coin for the day was found by Richard, a 1964-D Roosevelt Dime, which was rewarded with another silver dime! Due to the natural silver find in the park, an additional member draw was pulled for yet another silver dime.

The costume contest was determined by a show of hands, which Brian easily secured victory with his comically large inflatable chicken. For his efforts, he was awarded the grand prize of a 1954 Washington Quarter. Sean the Chewbacca and Edwardo were both awarded silver dimes for second and third palace respectively.

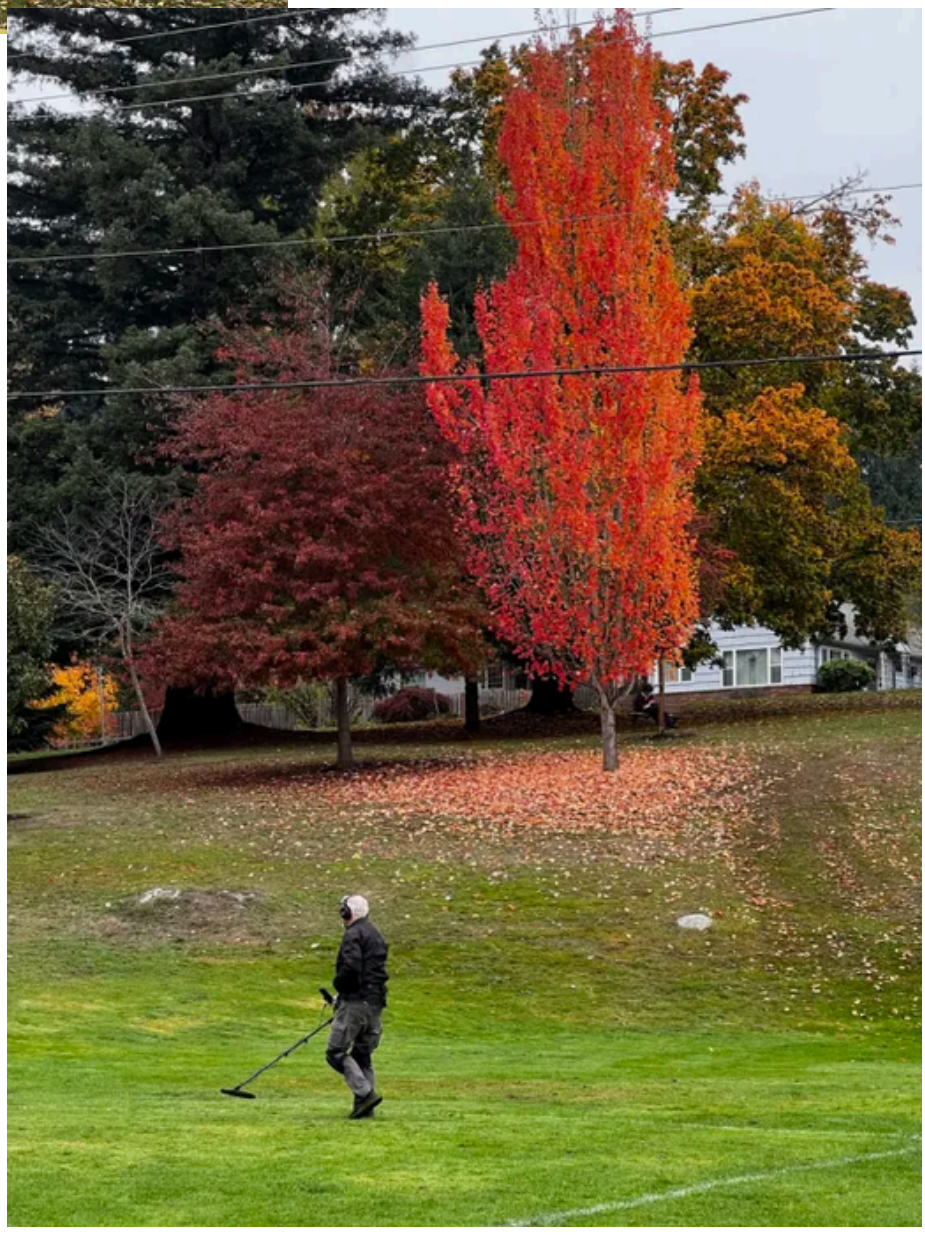






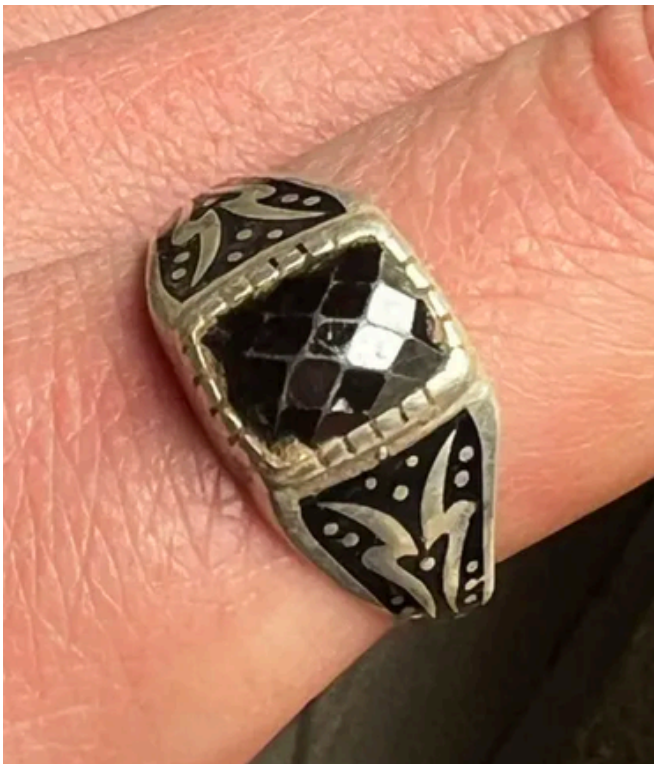






Richard's 14k Necklace





Arthur's Chunky Silver Ring



Ted's Silver Ring



Clark's "Log Dog" Logging Spike

Richard's 1964-D Dime





Clark's Peruvian Coins

Top places in the competition	
1) Richard S. 56.5 points Prize: 1957 Washington Quarter 2) Scott H. 49.1 points Prize: 1957-S Roosevelt Dime 3) Ted M. 44.1 points Prize: 1943-D Mercury Dime 4) Ed V. 43.9 points Prize: 1951 Roosevelt Dime 5) Arthur S. 41 points Prize: 1954-D Roosevelt Dime 6) Jeff C. 40 points Prize: OTTS Sticker	Average score: 28.7 points Club tokens found: 6 / 10 Special tokens found: 0 / 2 Total clad found: $15.41 Trash collected: 7 lbs.

2026 running totals, OTTS club hunt participants have found

Wheat Cent	Buffalo Nickel	War Nickel	Silver Quarter	Silver Dimes	Silver Jewelry	Gold Jewelry	Clad Coin	Trash
21	2	4	1	3	22	11	$235.25	115.5 lbs

Next Club Hunt: Nick will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Saturday, November 28th. We have an exciting location this month as we have received permission to detect on the historic Rossi Farms property located at 3839 NE 122nd Ave!

Please note we are observing winter hours and will start at 9am with count out at 1pm. Be at the meeting spot by 8:30am!

- 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: Scott H

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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