

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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Submitted by Bill B: Is that an air guitarist or a metal detectorist?

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

I am in hopes That all of you are planning to attend our 2024 OTTS Christmas Party December 7th, from 3pm to 7pm at the American Legion Hall. For those that didn't get a chance to sign up for a pot luck food item we could use another roasted turkey or a couple of roasted turkey breasts, A side Vegetable dish carrots, green peas, green beans. PLEASE CALL ME TO LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING - (503) 422 8279. This is our second biggest event of the year so don't miss out.

There is no gift exchange, a short meeting will be held prior to the dinner and we will not have any raffles. We will have nominations and election for next year's officers. Also, we will not have Find of The Month this month. You are invited to bring a small display of your favorite finds this year.

Guests are welcome. The club will be giving gifts for members and guests. Detectorist of the year awards will be announced and presented. I hope to see you there.

Your president,

Club President, Rick Page (rickpage2@comcast.net)

Announcements

Next Meeting:

Saturday, December 7th, 2024

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

Meeting Minutes

November 26, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by president Rick Page

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of club officers and board members

Meeting attended by 35 members and 3 guests

Ed V. won the member draw

Allisyn W. was present and won the progressive draw

Meeting minutes from the previous month were accepted as published in the previous newsletter

Treasures report was given by Don S.

3 members were presented birthday coins

Ed V. reported on last months club hunt

1 club token was redeemed for a silver dime by Harold V.

There was a discussion on both a special Dec. club hunt. If it happens details will be announced at the annual Christmas Party to take place Saturday Dec. 7. Details are on the club calendar.

The Jan. club was discussed as was the new club hunt host sign up sheet.

Members were reminded that we will be electing a new OTTS board for 2025 at the short pre Christmas Party meeting.

Any qualifying member may run for office. You may be nominated or volunteer at this meeting prior to the vote.

Break FOTM This months snacks provided by Larry, Maggie, & Rebecca and Kathy & Ron. A new snack sign up sheet for 2025 should available soon.

The Bake Sale was a huge success this year with 16 members donating for the auction. Proceeds were placed in the club treasury.

50/50 raffle won by Diane H.

Next Meeting s Snack Volunteer(s): Everyone

Other Meeting Information:

Ongoing club fundraising includes collection of cans and bottles with deposits and washed pennies 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

1/20th oz gold panda

Mike J.

Silver

1922 Peace Dollar

Laura H.

1923 Peace Dollar

Allison W.

1924 Peace Dollar

Allison W.

1935 Peace Dollar

Brian E.

1921 Morgan

Ashley W.

1878 Morgan

Larry W.

1 oz Silver Nutcracker Christmas Coin

Steve E.

Mystery Envelope

O'Shea's \$10 gaming token 1 oz silver with gold trim
Steve E.



Find of the Month Results

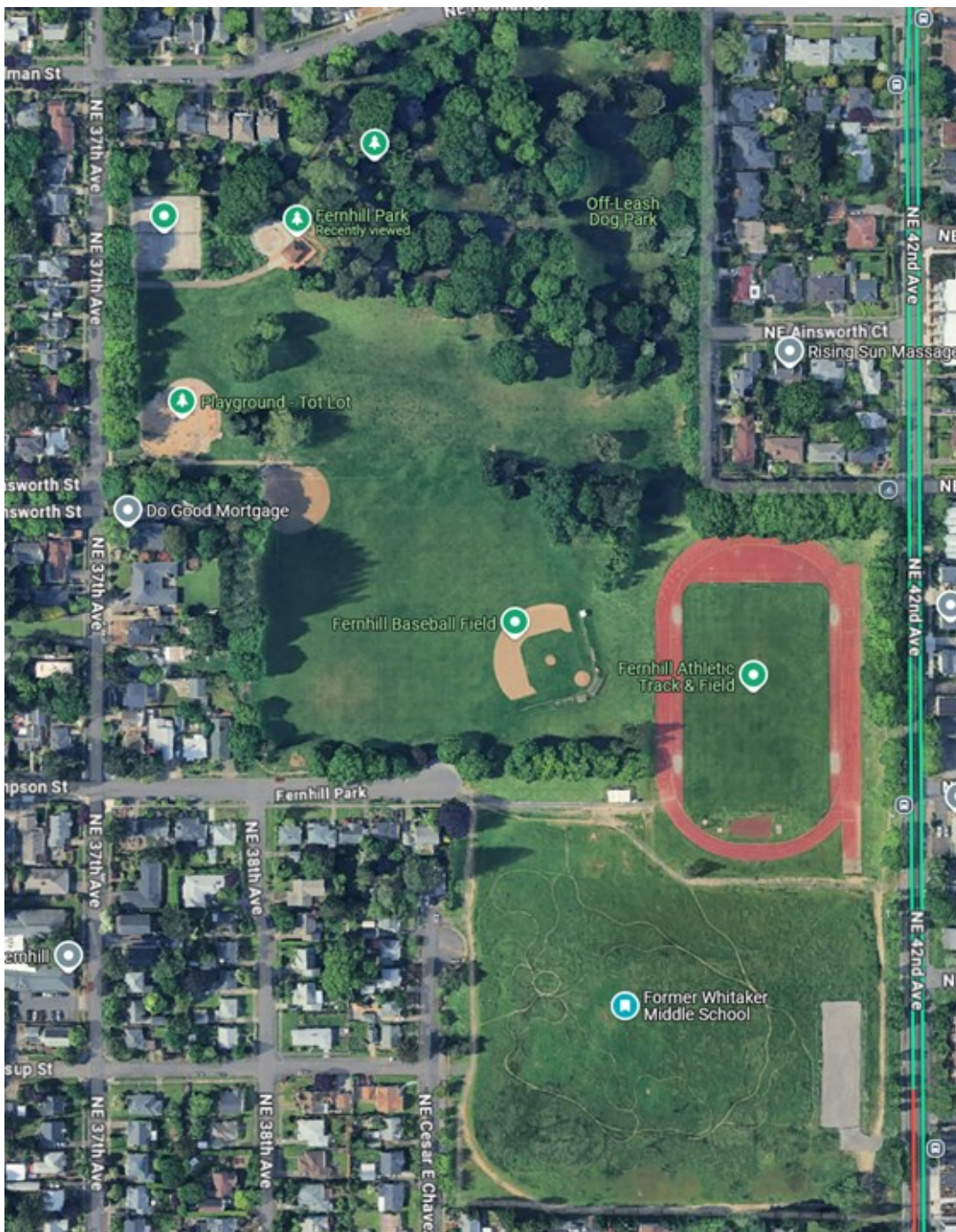
The November meeting was the last meeting for the Find of the Month results to be added up. During the December meeting the rankings will be officially announced.

Remember that the January Find of the Month tabulations will include 2 months of hunting (December and January).

O.T.T.S. Monthly Club Hunt

November 30, 2024

Location: Fernhill Park, Portland, OR



General Information: None

Historical Information: None.

Club Hunt Details

Hunt Results:

21 members turned out for a clear and cold day of metal detecting at the monthly club hunt. The weather was perfect and Ryan hid 10 regular club tokens in the park and five special tokens. There were special tokens hidden for two silver quarters, a 1919 3 pence silver coin, and some grab bag chances.

For natural finds in the park two gold items were found! Jackee found a ring and Ashley found an earring, both 14k. A few silver items were also found, including three rings. Jackee and Pat found silver dimes, a Mercury and Rosie. Ryan found a 1930 wheat penny and won a Merc for the oldest coin on the day. The club also found some foreign coins, relics, tokens and costume jewelry.

At count out six of the ten club tokens were turned in. Bill won a silver quarter and Tim won a silver 3 pence coin for finding special tokens. Tim got a chance at the grab bag, and pulled out a casino token with a silver dime taped to it. The remaining club tokens are still in the park, they are good for a silver dime at any club meeting. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion. You can donate any clad to the club which will be cleaned and used for additional prizes for club hunts.

For the membership drawings, Bill and Brian won silver half dollars, Tom won a silver quarter.



Top 6 winners:

1) Jackee	101 points
2) Ashley	92 points
3) Tim	79 points
4) Sean	43 points
5) Ed	38.4 points
6) Allisyn	38.3 points

Total clad found: \$20.23

Trash collected: 11 lbs

Next Club Hunt: The next monthly club hunt is scheduled for Sunday, January 5th. We will be having the OTTS Christmas Hunt, which will feature a generous amount of silver quarters and half dollars in the prize pool! Don't miss this one. The meeting location will be announced soon, check the club calendar for updates.

We will start at 9am and count out at 1pm. Be at the meeting spot by 8:30am!

Non-members are always welcome at club hunts.

Year to Date Trash collected: 155 lbs.

All Hunts Trash collected: 1,423 lbs.

Total School Trash: 343 lbs.

Total Park Trash: 1,079 lbs.

Club Member's Experiences

Submitted by Jackee A

Finally found my first standing liberty quarter!



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ryan P

I was super excited when I pulled this stunning 1869-S Seated Liberty dime from the ground at a public spot in the Willamette Valley! In amazing condition, this coin is like a direct link to the past, a piece of history that once belonged to early settlers and pioneers.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Brian E



The park sign area was searched very thoroughly!

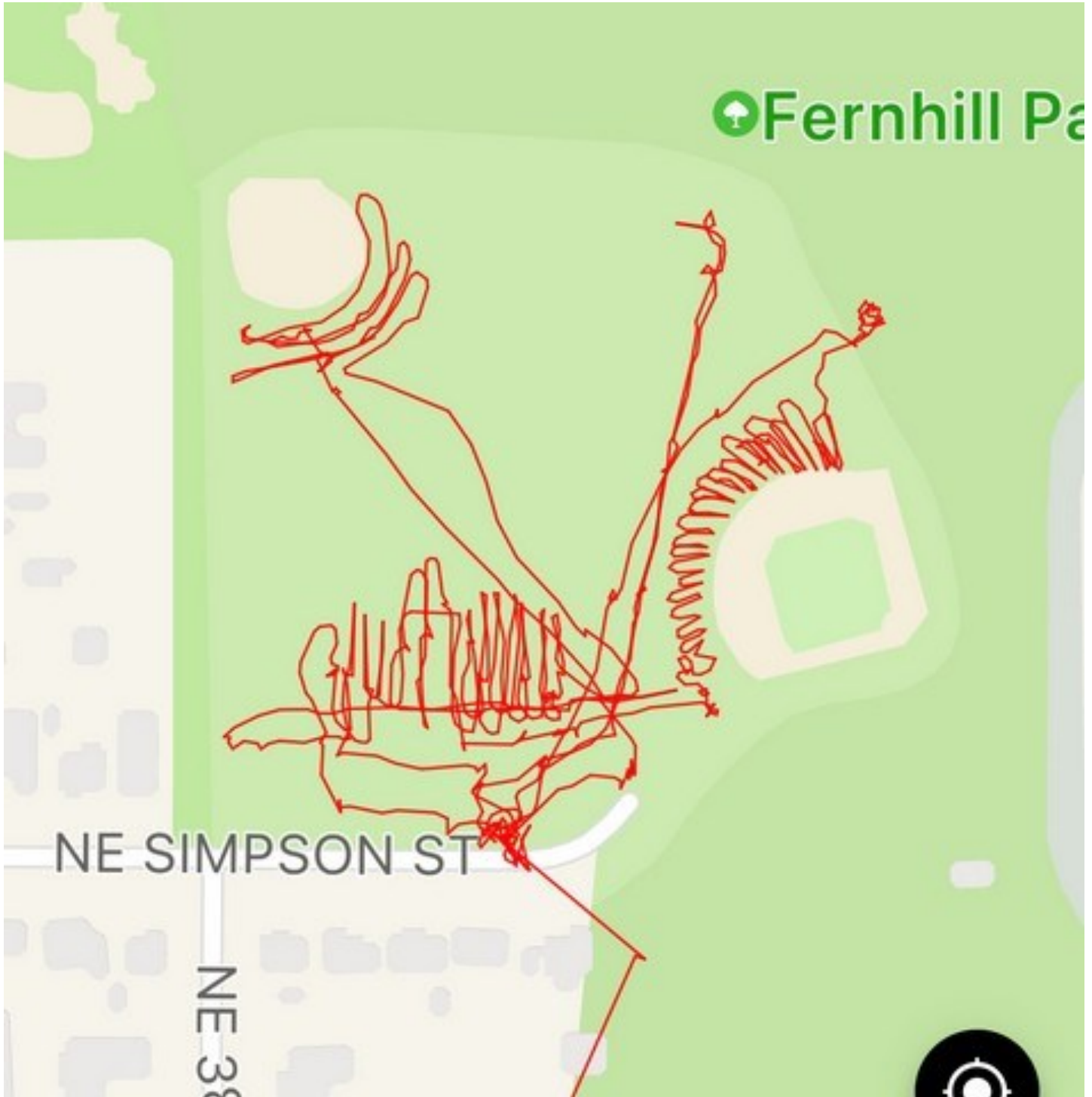
Just about the most perfect day for treasure hunting.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ed V

Fernhill park hunt.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Ron B

Fernhill park hunt and a couple of pictures from the last meeting.



Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V

I have had some great finds in the last 3 months. Some old stuff, some gold, lots of silver and some plain interesting items.



I don't know about the rest of you, but I am tired of the Velcro strap disintegrating, so I came up with this workaround. It is a flexible strap that keeps tension at all times. No more adjusting the strap length when you shed layers of clothing as it warms up. I have used this a few times now and I really like it.



Got lucky and found another gold ring. Rang up a 48/49 on the Deus 2.



I thought this was gold when I pulled it out of the ground. However, it is ONLY silver.



This has to be my funniest and strangest find of the year. If you don't know what it is; it is a vibrator.



More gold....plated!



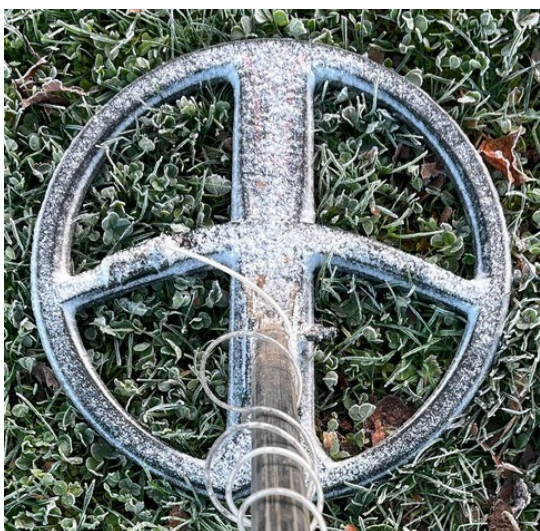
This one of my favorite finds of the year. A very small pendant, but obviously very old.



One of my favorite things to find is a buffalo nickel. Granted this is a miniature version, but still it counts.

Club Member's Experiences continued

Submitted by Harold V



If your coil has looked like this recently then you too have been braving the cold early winter weather.



Some times it is worth digging those iron signals



My greatest competition.



All that rain has raised the water level. Can't wait for spring to see what has been uncovered.

2003 .925 Silver German 10 Euros Commemorative Coin



One of my best coin finds this year.



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

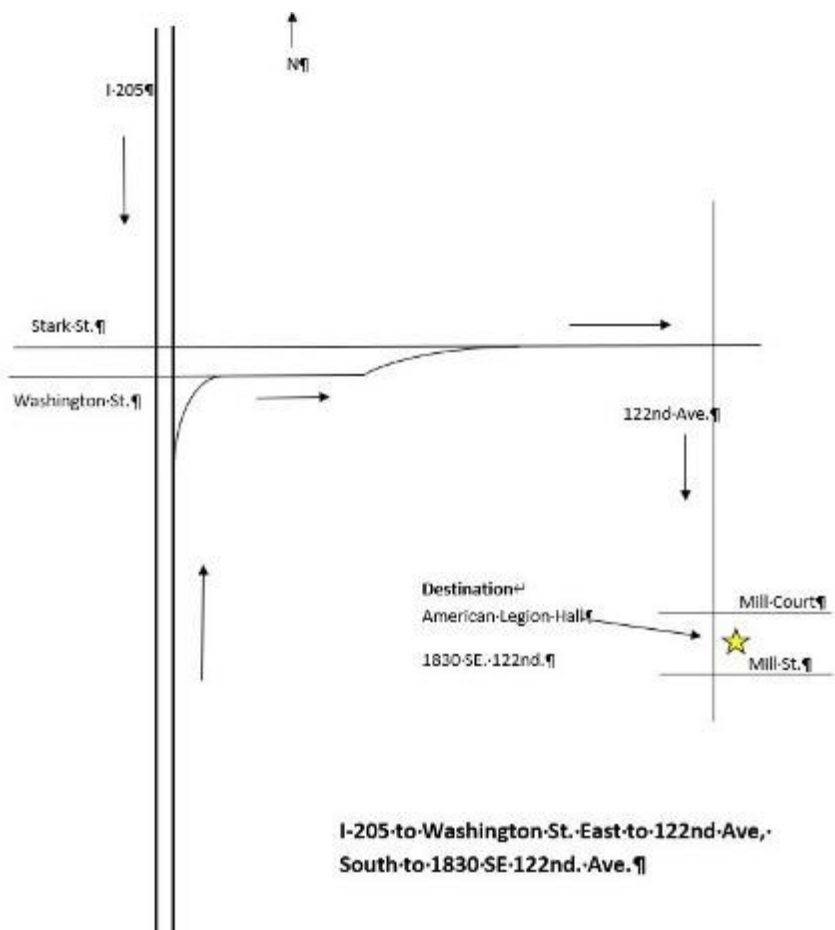
Come and see us in person by attending one of our meetings. Club meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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: Richard L Page e-mail: rickpage2@comcast.net

Vice President: Ed Verboort

Secretary: Ron Boehm

Treasurer: Don Spillman

At Large Board Members: Scott Hadley

In Kind board member: Ryan Paradis

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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: Harold V