

Oregon Treasure Trail Society Newsletter

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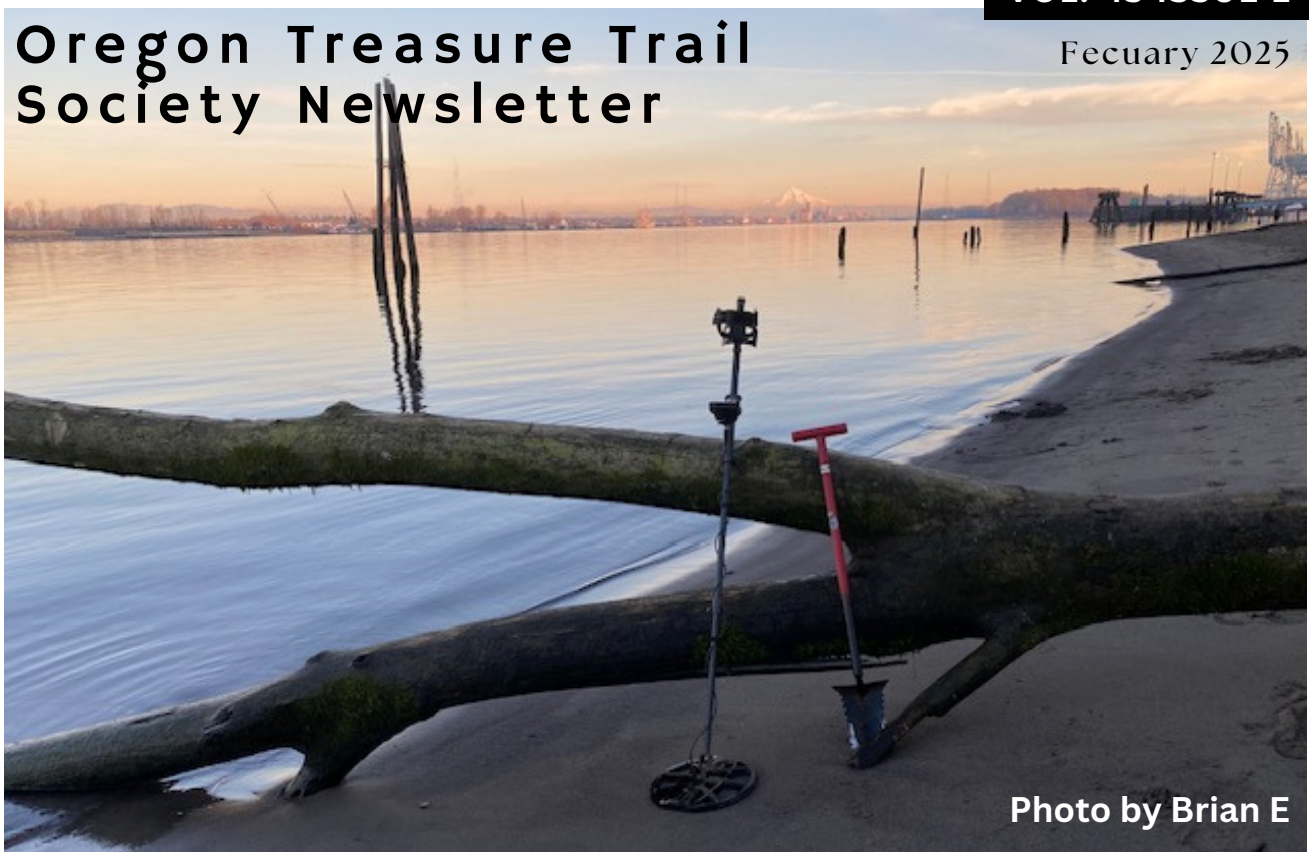


Photo by Brian E

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

I went out with bright sun today but the chill convinced me I should go inside and do some detector maintenance. I admit, I am a fair weather detectorist.

I thank those of you that raised their hand at our last meeting for Mentoring our novice members. I would like to have you sign up on the list of Mentors. We currently have 4 individuals who would like some help.

I would like to thank Tim Shade for his winning \$210 bid for our wine collection silent auction. Tim you are now offically a wine collector.

Remember at this month's meeting is your first opportunity to buy a chance at winning a five ounce silver bar. The raffle's winning ticket will be drawn in three months. Same low price. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. So remember to bring a few extra dollars for your chance to win.

Happy hunting,
Rick Page, President

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MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 28TH, 2025

- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY RICK PAGE AT 7:00 PM
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE & OFFICERS INTRODUCED
- 37 MEMBERS ATTENDED. 5 GUESTS. 2 NEW MEMBERS
- MEETING MINUTES PUBLISHED ON WEBSITE WERE NOTED & ACCEPTED
- TREASURES REPORT WAS READ & ACCEPTED.
- MEMBER DRAW WON BY JEFF S A KENNEDY 1/2 DOLLAR.
- BIRTHDAY COINS WERE PRESENTED TO 2 MEMBERS PRESENT.
- PROGRESSIVE DRAW WON BY RYAN P.
- OLD BUSINESS; 2 CLUB TOKENS WERE TURNED IN FOR SILVER DIMES BY JACKEE A & LARRY W. MASTER HUNT LIST ADDRESSED. PICNIC DISCUSSED
- NEW BUSINESS; RICHARD S. PRESENTED PARTICIPATION AWARDS FOR ATTENDING THE CLUB HUNTS. NEW FOTM CREW ANNOUNCED RICHARD S. & SUE P.. NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR ANNOUNCED BRIAN E.
- PEOPLE BRINGING SNACKS NEXT MONTH ED V. & RON & KATHY B.

Announcements

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, February 25th, 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!

Ed V & Boehm



Next Club Hunt

March 2nd
9:00 AM -1:00 PM

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

Important Club Note!

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.

February Raffle Results

Winners

January 28, 2025 Raffle

GOLD

1945 2.5 Gold Peso Jeff S.

SILVER

1922 Peace Dollar Mike M.

1923 Peace Dollar Don S.

1924 Peace Dollar Steve E.

Silver Half Dollars won by

Alex S.

Scott H.

Larry W.

Larry W.

Ryan P.

Bill B.

Steve E.

Silver Quarters won by

Steve E.

Brian E.



Special quarterly raffle for this Aztec 5-ounce bar of fine silver. Make sure to buy tickets at the next meeting!

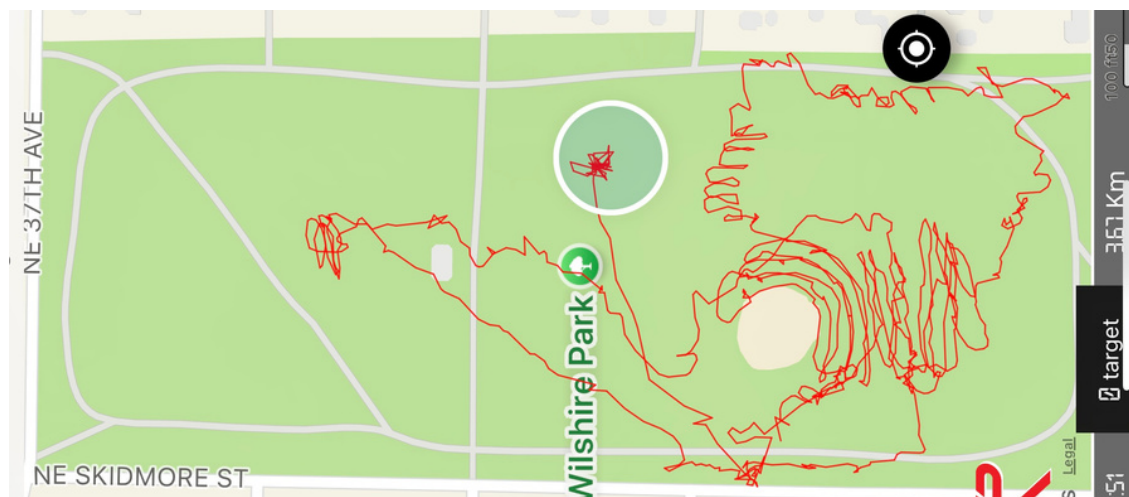
Find of the month January

Find of the Month Results		Jan-25
Item of the Month		
Place	Name	Item
1	Pat D	Pocket Watch
2	Jackee A	Toy Soldier
3	Ryan P	Copper horse
US Coin		
Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Morgan dollar
2	Bill B	1943 War Nickel
3	Lorilee C	1953 S Wheat cent
Foreign Coin		
Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	1859 Canadian Large cent
2	Pat D	1968 Irish 20 pence
3	Ryan P	1941 Philippine 1 centavo
Token		
Place	Name	Item
1	Kirk E	1906-09 token
2	Jackee A	good luck token
3	Lorilee C	token
3	Sean T	token
3	Pat D	token
Gold Item		
Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	14K gold ring
2	Scott H	small gold ring
Silver Item		
Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	Men's silver ring
2	Jackee A	silver buckle
3	Lorilee C	soccer ring
Jewelry		
Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	neckless with pendant
2	Brian E	stainless Saphire ring
2	Sean T	mood ring
Artifact		
Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	Spanish American war buckle
2	Pat D	knife ceremonial
2	Scott H	plumb bob
Oldest US Coin		
Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	V Nickle (no date last issue 1912)
2	Scott H	1919 D Wheat cent
3	Sean T	191x wheat cent
Most Valuable US Coin		
Place	Name	Item
1	Scott H	Walking Liberty half
2	Jackee A	Morgan no date
3	Ryan P	Walking Liberty half
Display		
Place	Name	
1	Jackee A	
2	Ryan P	
3	Scott H	
Best of the Best		
Place	Name	Item
1	Jackee A	14k gold ring

	Name	Total	Jan
1	Jackee A	31	31
2	Scott H	29	29
3	Ryan P	13	13
4	Sean T	12	12
4	Kirk E	12	12
6	Pat D	11	11
6	Lorilee C	11	11
8	Brian E	10	10
9	Bill B	8	8
10	Jeff C	6	6
11	Richard S	2	2
12	Danielle S	1	1
12	Ed V	1	1

Club Member's Experiences

Ed V has shared his "track" of the January club hunt. He uses an app called Go Terrain app by XP metal detectors.



Ed also had this to share about Whites

2017

This I found on their website:

"In the late 1980's business had taken off at White's Electronics. The company wanted to offer something rare, valuable, and precious to very special individuals who had helped the company succeed. So the decision was made to commission a small batch of 25 Troy Ounce .999 Fine Silver Bullion Bars stamped with the legendary White's logo. Unlike other bullion bars, which are machined and processed, the White's specimens have a raw, fresh-poured shape and finish, preserving the natural essence of the silver. With a fine luster like no other, these bars are highly sought-after by collectors around the world.

Through the following decades a limited few were given to certain individuals in the metal detecting community, but many were protected in the factory vault as the price of silver went up. This Christmas White's is offering up one 25oz bar from our private collection, and one very lucky customer will win it on December 23rd, 2016." _ update: an individual in Ontario, Oregon won this bar.

I have since learned there were a total of 1000-25oz bars made for this occasion.

500 were made in 1985, and the other 500 were made in 1987

Of the 1000 bars, only 747 were actually given away, sold or donated/prizes.

The other 253 have been transferred over to one of the White's family members as "personal property" from the company, and until the bars are transferred back to White's Electronics property, they are not for sale or available.

If anyone needs a repair on a Whites product, here is the information. I think it is in the old Whites factory. It is owned by Garretts.

Larry

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

Club Member's Experiences

Ryan P shared: First silver coin of 2025 and it's a Franklin half dollar kissed with rust. He was plucked from under an old apple tree in a park amongst lots of iron. Cool way to start the year! Found myself a buckle with amazing green patina from a site that also gave up a trifecta of eagle buttons which seem to be the pre civil war variety. One of them says Scovills Co. Super Fine and a really awesome signet ring with a J on it. Could be a real diamond, tests were inconclusive.



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Jackee A shared: Favorite find is the Artillery Belt Plate from the Spanish American War!



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Club Member's Experiences

Brian E shared: The last two months have been very exciting as I've begun to locate more exciting finds. The nicest ring to date, sterling and stones. Shotgun shells! I've become a big fan, did you know you can date almost all of them? Then I struck my first truly old coins, 35' & 37' buffalo, two in one hole! Days later in another location I hit on a 1913 buffalo! I was shocked. Then my first silver coin, 1942 war nickel, at a very popular Portland park! I feel the understanding of how my detector works has begun to deepen and pay off. At the club hunt I stumbled into a stash of bullets, pocketknives and old keys, that was a thrill. One final find, a small glass jar with paper and other objects in it. I've found several of these kinds of things and after digging a few decided to rebury and leave them be. Some can be pet graves and others occult incantations. I just decided to steer clear of these items because they are not the treasure I'm looking for.



This might be a geocache or something else. You can see coins in the jar along with other artifacts and a paper. Regardless, not my treasure and water had gotten inside. My experience so far is to leave these alone.

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Club Hunt Report



Date: February 1, 9am-1pm

Location: Wilshire Park, Portland, OR

Hunt Results: 19 members, including 2 guests turned out for the monthly club hunt. For this month's hunt Ryan hid ten regular club tokens, three special tokens and two grab bag tokens. The special tokens were good for one of: Washington silver quarter, .67 oz silver bracelet, and 1906 UK sixpence coin.

For the second club hunt in a row members had an amazing natural silver coin day. I can't recall two back-to-back club hunts that have been this productive for silver coins. Last month, the 33 members found 5 silver coins. This month 19 members found five silver coins. It just goes to show that silver is still very much out there in public parks! The club once again found four silver dimes and a silver quarter. Jason found his first Washington quarter, Jackee found a Merc and Rosie, and Lee and Ryan both found a Rosie. Sean found a 1918S wheat cent, the oldest coin on the day. Jeff found his second ever Buffalo nickel, sadly the date was wiped.

For other finds, Brian found 17 bullets and 3 pocketknives in one hole, but not much else of note, zero silver jewelry items which is a bit odd.

At count two of the special tokens were found by Lee who won the quarter and silver bracelet. The token for the 1906 sixpence was not found, and it will be put up for grabs at the next club hunt. Pat redeemed a grab bag token and pulled out a silver Merc.

Extra member draws were held for each natural silver coin found on the day. So five additional silver coins were given out to members by random draw. Pull tabs were collected and will be donated to the American Legion. (cont.)

Club Hunt Report (cont.)

For the membership drawings, Allisyn and Tim won half dollars, Rick won a quarter.

The top places in the competition hunt were:

- 1) Jackee 97.5 points Prize: silver quarter
- 2) Tim 82.5 points Prize: silver quarter
- 3) Brian 55 points Prize: silver quarter
- 4) Lee 52 points Prize: silver dime
- 5) Ryan 51 points Prize: silver dime
- 6) Jeff 50.6 points Prize: silver dime

Total clad found: \$46.22
Trash collected during the hunt: 9 lbs

Next Club Hunt: OTTS will be hosting the next monthly club hunt on Sunday, March 2nd. The meeting location will be announced soon, check the club calendar for updates.

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

Non-members are always welcome.



Club hunt photos by
Ryan P



Oregon Treasure Trail Society 2024 Trash Report

The Oregon Treasure Trail Society (O.T.T.S.) continues to demonstrate its commitment to environmental stewardship and community safety by actively removing trash from parks and schools during its organized club hunts. In 2024, the society conducted 12 hunts across various locations, including Portland City Parks, a Clark County Park in Washington, a Vancouver School, and a school in Orenco, Oregon. With participation ranging from 11 to 34 members per hunt, the society collectively dedicated 960 hours to clear a total of 186.5 pounds of trash, significantly enhancing the safety and cleanliness of these public spaces.

Locations and Trash Collected:

- Portland City Parks: 128 lbs
- Clark County Parks (Washington): 12.5 lbs
- Vancouver Schools: 22 lbs
- Orenco School: 24 lbs
- Total for Year: 186.5 lbs
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Dangerous Items Found: This year, an alarming number of vape pens and refill cartridges were discovered, highlighting a growing issue. All vape pens include a lithium battery inside. Members also unearthed broken glass, kitchen knives, box cutters, Bic cigarette lighters, drug paraphernalia (sharps), unfired bullets and batteries underscoring the critical role of detectorists in removing such hazards. Common items like nails, screws, and shredded aluminum cans were also collected and disposed of responsibly.

Participating in community clean-up efforts, like our monthly club hunt, plays a crucial role in environmental preservation. Each 5-gallon bucket filled with waste represents a commitment to reducing pollution and protecting wildlife from hazardous materials. Moreover, these activities foster a sense of community and responsibility, encouraging others to be mindful of their waste disposal habits. By removing dangerous items, your club not only beautifies natural spaces but also ensures they remain safe and healthy for everyone to enjoy. These efforts serve as a powerful reminder of the collective responsibility we all share in safeguarding our planet.

O.T.T.S. Club Metal Detecting Code of Ethics:

The society operates under a stringent code of ethics to ensure that their hobby is both respectful and enjoyable. Key tenets include adhering to all relevant laws, respecting private property, responsibly disposing of trash, and minimizing environmental impact. Members are also encouraged to report significant historical artifacts to authorities and to act as ambassadors for the hobby by being courteous and thoughtful in their interactions. Through these efforts, the O.T.T.S. not only cleans but also promotes responsible and ethical metal detecting practices.

To learn more about the Oregon Treasure Trail Society visit www.ottclub.org

Special thanks to Richard S. for this contribution.

Challenge Token Clue



Clue #3

Zooming in a little more than the last challenge token map clue. The token is buried in a public park someplace on this map.

Clue #4

Always check places where people like to have fun & party.

Find the token and bring it to the next meeting for a prize.

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

Vice President: Ryan Paradis

Secretary: Jeff Sikorski

Treasurer: Don Spillman

At Large Board Members: Kirk Ebensteiner, Brian Echerer

Immediate Past President: Scott Hadley

Club e-mail address: oregontreasuretrailssociety@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 oregontreasuretrailssociety@gmail.com	Meetings 4th Tuesday of the month. 6:00 PM American Legion Post 1: 1830 se 122nd Ave. Portland OR 97233