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NOTICE

President's Message

Matthew Fritsch

Greetings, my fellow detectorists. Many of you are reading these words online, enjoying the first electronic monthly newsletter that the club is producing. My good friends Laura L. and Robert W. are instrumental in making the electronic version of our newsletter a success and I appreciate their hard work and willingness to help. Some of you are reading these words via U.S. postal service, and I want you to continue to enjoy getting the newsletter in the mail every month. The good news is that an electronic newsletter will dramatically cut down on printing and mailing costs for the club, which in turn means more money for silver. Money is much needed, because the price of silver seems to be on a meteoric rise this year, having gone up \$11 an ounce just since I took office in January.

On an unrelated note, I appreciate all the contributions that are being made to the upcoming garage sale, and am happy to note that I have delivered two big loads to Arnie in anticipation of a great sale. My wife and I have been able to empty our storage unit completely, and the club is a direct beneficiary of our downsizing.

Which brings me to my last point: I am a big believer in the role of karma in metal detecting. I think the good luck you have out in the field is often a direct consequence of your good acts while not detecting. I am no whiz bang detectorist like James, Dick, or Steve, but I got EXTREMELY lucky April 1st while hunting for a lost ring in Camas. I did not find the ring, but I found something much, much better: a Holy Grail of detecting! Can't wait to show it off this month, and I hope you have good finds too.
Happy hunting!! Matthew

Bake and Basket Auction

Don't forget to bring your baked goods and baskets to the April meeting. I know our own famous auctioneer, Bill Baker, will do the auction, and I will be his assistant. Bring lots of money because all the proceeds will be going to the club picnic on July 17th.

Arnie Mauroni & Mike Maxon

The Big Raffle

Clarence Sparks

First of all, I would like to thank Jim Cornwell for taking over last month while we were gone. With your support of the raffle in March, I was able to purchase a nice selection of coins for the April raffle. For those of you who like the silver dollars, you need to get in line and purchase your tickets at the meeting. As you all know, coins are getting really expensive, so I was fortunate to get these. **The gold coin is a 1908 Two and a Half Dollar Indian Head.** There will be three Mystery Envelopes including one donated by Gary at Coin Corner in Oregon City. Thank you, Gary, for your continued support of our club! Some of the coins in the April raffle will include:

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| 1889 Morgan Dollar | 1921 Morgan Dollar |
| 1922 Peace Dollar | 1923 Peace Dollar |
| 1926 Peace Dollar | 1959 Washington Quarter |
| 1964 Washington Quarter | |
| 1943-D Walking Liberty Half | |
| 1883 NC V Nickel | 1924-S Lincoln Cent |
| And more..... | |

April refreshments will be provided by:
Krystal French

April Minutes by Jenifer Crandell

Matthew started the meeting at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced the executive board. Matthew made a motion to accept the minutes, it was seconded, and all in favor. Russell read the Treasurer's report; there was a motion to accept the report, it was then seconded and all in favor. There were 59 members and 2 guests present. Good to see our numbers in attendees increasing!

Charles D. won an 1881 Morgan Dollar for the membership draw. Russell announced birthdays and handed out the birthday half dollars. FYI, some of you that have renewed your memberships, did not put a birthday down. To ensure you receive your birthday half dollars in your birthday month, please see me before the meeting or during the break at the meeting to write in your birthday. Thanks.

Arnie announced the results of the February club hunt. He also updated us on the garage sale and picnic information. Don't forget to bring goodies to April's meeting for our bake sale and bring some cash to buy some as well. Thank you Arnie, Cyndi, and Mike for all your hard work so far.

Matthew welcomed all the new guests and members.

Jim warned members to be aware of fraudulent buyers/sellers and to check your sources when purchasing and selling gold and silver coins, especially from eBay and CL. Thanks Jim.

Bill B. (FOTM) announced that he would like to change from the ABP in the Black Book to assigning a grade and pricing by grade using the Red Book. There was a motion on the floor to accept the change as long as it was not a constitution change and only an executive board decision. Motion accepted, all in favor except 4 members.

Voting for the FOTM took place during the break and results of the FOTM and BOB took place shortly after the Plinko, Quarter Drop, and Raffle draws. Congratulations to all our winners.

Meeting was adjourned.

I just wanted to make a quick adjustment to last month's Plinko results, as I typed it up incorrectly for last month's newsletter. Here are correct results:

- 1905 Barber Half Dollar – Justin L.
- 1908 Barber Quarter – Justin L.
- 1914 Barber Dime – Bill B.

Club Hunt Info

WOW! I think we hit a record! We had 32 members count out even though it was a rainy day. We went to the old volcano, better known as Mt. Tabor. I was glad to see so many members out enjoying themselves. There is no better way to meet new friends. There were some good finds. Just ask Dick G.: he found a 1907 Barber dime, a 1964 Rosy, a buffalo nickel and he came in at first place. James L, found a 1927 Merc and a 1954 Wheatie. Justin L. found a 1956 Wheatie. Bob S. found two Wheaties, one being a 1951. Dick A. found a 1951 Wheatie also. Arnie M. found a 1928 Canadian penny. Bruce D. found a silver ring; Ron S. found a silver cross. Todd W. found the oldest coin, a 1903 Barber dime. The lucky attendance drawing winner was Paul Lu. Who won a nice silver Walking Liberty half. There were 7 club tokens found and Larry W. found 3 of them. So that means I will be hiding 17 club tokens at the next hunt. Together we found 22 lbs of trash and \$36.54 in coins. Now think about this, there were 32 hunters, hunting for 4 hours: that's a total of 128 hours of detecting and old Mt. Tabor did not give up a single gold item. I'm looking forward to the next hunt.

Here are the top 6 hunters who received silver quarters:

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| 1. | Dick G. | 108 points |
| 2. | Larry W. | 97 |
| 3. | James L. | 96 |
| 4. | Bruce D. | 95 |
| 5. | Justin L. | 88 |
| 6. | Brian L. | 62 |

April Club Hunt

Our next outing will be on **Saturday, April 30th**. We will meet at McDonald's Restaurant at The corner of SE 92nd and SE Powell. and leave for the hunt site at 9:00 am. The phone number is 503-254-5349. The McDonald's is close to SE Powell. Thomas Guide: page 657 F2. I will be leaving a copy of the countout sheet with the manager, so if you are late, just ask them for it and find out where we are.

Ole died, so his wife Lena went to the local paper to put in the obituary. The gentleman at the counter asked Lena what she would like to say about Ole. Lena replied, "You yust put, 'Ole died'." The gentleman said, "That's all? The first five words are free." So Lena thought for a moment and finally said, "OK. You yust put 'Ole died. Boat for sale'."

Find of the Month for March

Oldest US Coin

- 1st Ron S., 1916 Wheat penny
- 2nd Dick G., 1917 Buffalo nickel
- 3rd Scott H., 1921-S Wheat penny

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Ron S., 1900-O Barber dime
- 2nd James L., 1896 V Nickel
- 3rd Dick G., 1944-S Quarter
- tie Bill B., 1958-D Quarter

US Coin

- 1st James L., 1900 Barber dime
- 2nd Ron S., Standing Liberty quarter
- 3rd Bill B., 1939 Mercury dime

Foreign Coin

- 1st Dick G., 1960 Canada half dollar
- 2nd Ron S., Old Chinese coin
- 3rd Dick A., 1913 Great Britain large cent

Token

- 1st Dick G., 5¢ Kennell & Grass, Astoria, Oregon
- 2nd Ron S., Brooklyn Pool Room
- 3rd Bill B., Pixieland

Gold Jewelry

- 1st Laura S., 14K Gold ring w/gold center
- 2nd Robert S., 14K Gold & diamond ring
- 3rd James L., 14K Gold Bulova watch

Silver Jewelry

- 1st James L., Heart locket & chain
- 2nd Brian S., Lightning bolt earring
- 3rd Dan K., Wide band ring

Jewelry

- 1st Ron S., Rose & Derringer belt buckle
- 2nd Dick A., Ring w/green stone
- 3rd Laura S., St. Francis pendant

Artifact

- 1st Ron S., Gold plated pocket watch
- 2nd Bill B., Small lock
- 3rd Dick G., Toy gun

Display

- 1st Dick G.
- 2nd Ron S.
- 3rd Bill B.

Item of the Month

- 1st Paul L., Pocket watch housing
- 2nd Scott H., 162nd Engineers medal
- 3rd Dick G., Bong pipe

Best of the Best

Laura S., 14K Gold ring w/gold center

Standings

1 st	Ron S.	45
2 nd	Paul L.	40
3 rd	Dick G.	35
4 th	Brian S.	30
5 th	Todd W.	24
6 th	Dick A.	23
Tie	James L.	23
8 th	Mike L.	22
9 th	Bill B.	21
10 th	Dan K.	19
11 th	Tom S.	17
12 th	Mike M.	16
13 th	Laura S.	15
Tie	Don L.	15
15 th	Scott H.	13
16 th	Larry W.	9
17 th	Bill B.	8
18 th	Byron D.	7
19 th	Marilynn L.	6
Tie	Bill H.	6
21 st	Adam L.	3
Tie	Rod W.	3
Tie	Don A.	3
Tie	Robert S.	3
25 th	Matthew F.	1

April Birthdays

5 th	Shane Bossen
13 th	Michael Pfau
15 th	Elva Edgertom
17 th	Gary Edgertom
185y	Marilynn Lieurance
24 th	Mary Sparks
24 th	Brian Stafford
25 th	David Womelsdorff
27 th	Sue Maxon
29 th	Jim Cornwell

Did you know: that 101 Dalmations and Peter Pan are the only Disney cartoons that feature both parents, neither of which dies throughout the movie?

March Raffle Winners

1911 Indian Head 2-1/2 Gold: Ron S.
1897 Morgan Dollar: Laura S.
1898 Morgan Dollar: Laura L.
1900 Morgan Dollar: Paula P.
1921 Morgan Dollar: Laura S.
1922 Peace Dollar: Arnie M.
1922 Peace Dollar: Don L.
1854 Large Cent: Carol M.
1943-S Walking Liberty Half: Jack H.
1942 Washington Quarter: Brian S.
1917-D Lincoln Cent: Tom S.
1954-D Roosevelt Dime: Bill H.
1937 Mercury Dime: George P.
1916-D Lincoln Cent: Dick A.
1936-S Buffalo Nickel: Jim C.
? 1944 Walking Half Dollar: Laura L.
? 1945 Walking Half Dollar: Jack H.
? 1941 Walking Half Dollar: Jack H.

Plinko Results

1903-O Half Dollar: Mike M.
1900 Quarter: Victor S.
1942 Mercury Dime: Matt F.

Quarter Drop Results

1912-D Half Dollar: Victor S.
1916 Barber Dime: Russ G.
1941 Mercury Dime: Victor S.

Club Picnic and Hunt

We all know the price of silver is going up at a fast rate. We are asking all the members that are going to be in the hunt to pay as early as possible so we can buy silver now before it gets much higher. The cost is \$25.00 per member (those who are hunting), and the club will kick in another \$10.00. Let's all bring money to the April meeting. Pay Russell and he will enter you in the picnic for July 17th.

Don't forget that April will be the last chance to donate as we will be having the sale in May. So bring your goodies to the April club meetings.

These are the members who have donated to the club garage sale so far:

Steve and Susan Tucker

Mike and Sue Maxon
Arnie and Cyndi Mauroni
Don and Marilyn Lieurance
Victor Sasek
Jim and Mary Cornwell
Mike Maloney and Sandie Peters
Mark and Debbie Larson
Harold Cawthorn
Nancy Auffet
Martin Niemeyer
Bill Parks
Charles Davis
Matthew Fritch
Orrin Mahoney

These members have donated money or prizes to the Rooster Rock Picnic and Hunt:

Brian and Christy Lundquist
Mike and Sue Maxon
Arnie and Cyndi Mauroni
Don and Marilyn Lieurance
Steve and Susan Tucker
Nancy Auffet
Paul Luis
Tom Severson
Laura Smith
Mike Maloney and Sandie Peters

Cleaning Your Finds by Jim Cornwell

SILVER

I think that nothing is so great as to get a good signal and then see the glint of silver as it comes out of the ground. Let me again stress that before you do anything to enhance the beauty of the coin you have just dug, you really check the books as to the possible value of the coin. If in doubt, do not clean!

The first method I use with a silver coin is the warm water, soap, and soft toothbrush routine. However, some silver does get stained or encrusted and you have to use harsher methods. In those cases the Electrolysis method can be your salvation. If in the process of cleaning the coin, it turns to a dull color, you can always turn to Wright's Silver Polish to clean it up. Just remember that the dark residue you see as you polish the coin is silver oxidation coming off the coin.

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[Silver Cleaning continued]
Arm & Hammer "Washing Soda" Method

["Washing Soda" is in quotes because you do not use Arm & Hammer Baking Soda.]

Heat approximately 1/2 cup of water very hot.
Mix 3 teaspoons of A&M Washing Soda to hot water in a glass/ceramic cooking dish.
Place a piece of aluminum foil on the bottom of the container.
Place coin on foil and remove when the fizzing stops
Pat coin dry.

Cleaning Old Copper Coins

I stumbled across this one on the internet, and it works fairly well on old wheaties, Indians and other old copper cents. First, you must promise not to tell your wife I told you to use her Crockpot! If the coin is covered in crud that you cannot remove with soap and water and you don't want to tumble it, try this: Plug in the Crockpot on high, add some peroxide and let it get good and hot. Drop in the coin and it will soon begin to bubble. Oh yes, add a wood toothpick to soak with the mixture. After 10 minutes remove the coin. Take the soaked toothpick and gently scrape the junk off the coin. Easy now, don't scratch it! Repeat this procedure until you have cleaned the coin. Yep, it works!

General Tips

A household cleaner called "Simple Green" is alleged to be a great soak solution for older coins, especially older nickels. It is a slow process, but it gives you more control. Every now and then remove the coin and gently scrub with a toothbrush. If not bright enough, put it back for a longer soak. This can take days but it does not harm the coin.

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