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President's Message

Matthew Fritsch

Greetings, my fellow beepers,

A couple of months ago at a club hunt, Victor Sasek had the find-of-the-day when he unearthed a beautiful gold wedding band. It was an amazing find, but instead of throwing the ring into his safety deposit box or selling it for cash, Victor discovered the true value of the ring. With a little help from his wife, an inscribed name on the inside of the band, and the social networking site Facebook, Victor was able to track down the ring's rightful owner.

As it turned out, the owner's now-deceased mother was wearing the ring when it was lost. By reconnecting the ring with its owner, Victor allowed her to stay connected with her mother in a very real and tangible way.

Don't ever forget that behind every great find is an unfortunate loss for some unknown reason. As ambassadors for our hobby, I encourage all of us to follow in Victor's footsteps and go the extra mile in tracking down those people that lost a set of keys, a keepsake, a mother's wedding band, or a child's necklace. Returning a lost item to its rightful owner reaps a reward that carries no dollar figure but lasts a lifetime.

Happy hunting, Matthew.

August Birthdays

5th Harold Cawthon
7th Jenifer Crandell
12th Roseann Crum
12th William Halsne
16th Bruce Dixon
16th Bev Parker
19th Debby Willis
25th George Parker
28th Todd White

The Big Raffle

Clarence Sparks

I'm sure I don't have to tell you that the price of gold and silver continues to climb nearly out of sight. That makes your one dollar raffle ticket a pretty good investment if you were to win one of the great silver coins in the Big Raffle. A chance to win a gold coin isn't too shabby, either. As I have said in the past, 25% of your ticket purchases go into the OTTS club treasury. The remaining money is used to purchase the coins for future raffles. This month we will have three mystery envelopes. Once again, Gary at Coin Corner in Oregon City has donated another mystery envelope. Gary gives this item to me already sealed in an envelope so I don't even know what it is.

Here are a few of this month's Big Raffle selections:

1914-D Two and a Half Dollar Gold Indian Head

1896 Morgan Dollar 1900 Morgan Dollar

1921 Morgan Dollar 1922 Peace Dollar

1935-S Walking Liberty Half

1963 Franklin Half

1912-D V Nickel 1938-D Buffalo Nickel

And more...

Buy your raffle tickets, support your club, take home a nice coin if you are the lucky winner. See you at the meeting on August 23rd.

Reminder: This month's meeting is on August 23rd. Do you know there are five Tuesdays in August this year? The club meets on the Fourth Tuesday, not the last Tuesday of each month.

August refreshments will be provided by:

July Minutes by Jenifer Crandell

Matt started the meeting at 7pm, July 26, 2011 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Matt introduced the executive board members. The membership number was called out and due to my error; there were two number 24's, so we had two winners. Congrats to Sandie Peters and Rod Walton, who each won a Walking Liberty Half Dollar! There was a motion to accept the meeting minutes for June, it was seconded, and all were in favor. Russell reviewed the Treasurer's report. There was a motion to accept, seconded, and all were in favor. Birthday half-dollars were handed out. Guests and new members were introduced. We have 3 new members since the July picnic. Please welcome Fred Millett, Mike Biewer, and James Tallent to the club. We are glad to have you join us! There were 46 members, 3 new members, and 5 guests present at the meeting.

We are going to have our Basket Auction at the October meeting and our Bake sale at the November meeting. We will update you, as time gets closer. Also, we are planning to nominate people for executive board, & other various club positions in November. We will ELECT these people in December. Please let anyone (on the board) know if you would like to be elected for a position next year.

Arnie reviewed the findings of the club hunt for last month, which was held at Laurelhurst Park in Portland, OR. Sounds like there were many valuable finds. Congrats to all those who attended and found some incredible finds. Arnie also talked about the upcoming club hunt for July. Sounds like a lot of fun is going to be had. More info on this can be found in Arnie's club hunt summary in this month's newsletter.

We took a break to vote on FOTM/BOB items, buy raffle tickets, play Plinko and Quarter Drop. Results for all these can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

We resumed the meeting with Russell reviewing the insurance coverage for the club. There was talk about putting together a waiver and having members sign it for club hunts and other club activities. If anyone has any questions

regarding this matter please forward them to Russell Grau at russellphoto@comcast.net.

Raffle, Plinko, and Quarter Drop numbers were announced. FOTM/BOB item results were announced. Meeting was adjourned.

I have an announcement of my own. I am going to have a baby in Dec. on the 22nd. If I seem absent minded, now you know why. I will not be keeping the Secretary position for next year.

Club Hunt Info

Arnie Mauroni

We went to the Meadows Ski Resort on majestic Mt. Hood. What a beautiful day for metal detecting. If you haven't hunted on Mt. Hood, you are missing a great experience. Just the view is worth the trip. There were 18 members that counted out and for some of them, it was their first time metal detecting on a ski resort, and they loved it! We had a lot of fun and we didn't have to worry about any snow. Paul Luis found 4 silver rings: nice job, Paul. Nancy Auffet found a silver earring; Paula Palmquist found a 1956 Wheatie; Gordon Hale found a 1957 Wheatie; Linda Carlson found a cool Elks lodge medallion and a 1943 steel Wheatie (wow, you don't see those found very often); Justin Lee found an ATM on the side of the hill and also the most cash (\$11.77). a 1951 and a 1946 Wheatie. Good going, Justin. We didn't find any gold jewelry that was marked. There were 5 Wheaties and 10 foreign coins found. The attendance winner was Ron Spada who won a nice Kennedy half dollar. We found 16 lbs of trash and \$55.76 in cash.

The top six hunters are:

1.	Justin Lee	206 points
2.	Paul Luis	190
3.	Ron Spada	185
4.	Laura Smith	130
5.	Arnie Mauroni	123
6.	Charles Davis	113

August Club Hunt

The next club hunt will be on Saturday, September 3rd. Let's all meet at the McDonald's on 5613 SE 82nd Ave; the closest cross street is SE Foster Rd, Portland. Phone is 866-733-2693. Let's meet at 7:00 am and we will leave at 8:00

am; count out will be at 12:00 pm. Don't miss this hunt: Mike will be hiding 19 club tokens.

- 1st Dick Gaboury
- 2nd Paul Luis
- 3rd Marilyn Lieurance

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Find of the Month for July 2011

Oldest US Coin

- 1st Brian Lundquist, 1902 V nickel
- tie Paul Luis, 1902 Indian cent
- 3rd Brian Stafford, 1906 V nickel

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Paul Luis, 1942 Walking Liberty half dollar
- 2nd Dick Gaboury, 1945 quarter
- 3rd Brian Stafford, 1916-S Mercury dime

US Coin

- 1st James Lyons, 19_8 Walking Liberty half dollar
- 2nd Dick Gaboury, 1936-D Buffalo nickel
- 3rd Paul Luis, 1943 Mercury dime

Foreign Coin

- 1st Marilyn Lieurance, 1998 Russia 50 kopeks
- 2nd Michael Pfau, 1911 Germany 5 pfennig
- 3rd Larry Williams, 1993 Poland 10 groszy

Token

- 1st Don Lieurance, Harem token (cat house?)
- 2nd Paul Luis, Erickson's (saloon) Portland, Ore.
- 3rd Marilyn Lieurance, Rose Festival One Buck

Gold Jewelry

- 1st James Lyons, Gold religious pendant and ring on chain
- 2nd Mark Larson, 10K diamond ring
- 3rd Larry Williams, 18K ring w/stone

Silver Jewelry

- 1st Scott Hadley, .835 pendant w/black stone
- 2nd Mark Larson, Silver ring
- 3rd Dick Gaboury, .925 Mexico wide band ring

Jewelry

- 1st James Lyons, Oregon eagle pendant
- 2nd Don Lieurance, Bling ring
- 3rd Larry Williams, Pewter cross

Artifact

- 1st Laura Smith, Man O War (horse) fob
- 2nd Paul Luis, Olympic thimble
- 3rd Dick Gaboury, False teeth

Display

Item of the Month

- 1st Brian Stafford, 1916 Woodworth Gordon Fragrance compact
- 2nd Paul Luis, 1954 Buck Rogers spaceship
- 3rd Marilyn Lieurance, Apache tears

Best of the Best

James Lyons, Gold religious pendant and ring on chain

Standings

1 st	Dick Gaboury	122
2 nd	Paul Luis	104
3 rd	Ron Spada	99
4 th	Brian Stafford	79
5 th	James Lyons	77
6 th	Bill Baker	65
7 th	Tom Severson	46
8 th	Mark Larson	45
9 th	Dick Armstrong	39
10 th	Don Lieurance	38
11 th	Dan Killian	35
12 th	Laura Smith	33
Tie	Larry Williams	33
Tie	Marilynn Lieurance	33
15 th	Mike Maxon	24
Tie	Todd White	24
Tie	Scott Hadley	24
18 th	Bill Bogynska	22
19 th	Brian Lundquist	12
20 th	Linda Carlson	11
Tie	Byron Dunn	11
22 nd	Matthew Fritsch	9
Tie	Victor Sasek	9
24 th	Bill Halsne	6
25 th	Michael Pfau	4
26 th	Adam Large	3
Tie	Rod Walton	3
Tie	Don Arbuckle	3
Tie	Robert Schelb	3
Tie	Mike Jefferies	3
31 st	Jennifer Crandell	1
Tie	Justin Lee	1
Tie	Arnie Mauroni	1

July Raffle Winners

1929 2 1/2 Indian Head Gold: Russell Grau

1921 Morgan Dollar: Linda Carlson
1921 Morgan Dollar: Rod Walton
1922 Peace Dollar: Marilyn Lieurance
1922 Peace Dollar: Laura Smith
1922 Peace Dollar: Mike Jeffries
1922 Peace Dollar: Tom Severson
1957-D Franklin Half: Mary Sparks
1934 Washington Quarter: Scott Hadley
1960-D Franklin Half: Scott Hadley
1962-D Franklin Half: Michael Pfau
1902 Indian Head Cent: Ron Spada
1903 Indian Head Cent: Carol Meyer
1899 V Nickel: Sue Maxon
1935 Buffalo Nickel: Mike Maxon
1936 Buffalo Nickel: Brian Stafford
???? 1961 Franklin Half: Rod Walton
???? 1914 German 10 Mark: Ron Spada
???? 1935-S Quarter: Russell Grau
???? 1934 Quarter: Scott Hadley

Plinko Results

1925 Standing Liberty Quarter: Arnie Mauroni
No Date/Slick Standing Liberty Quarter: Mike Jeffries
1942 Mercury Dime: Arnie Mauroni
1943 Steel Penny: Mike Jeffries
1964 Roosevelt Dime: Mike Jeffries

Quarter Drop Results

1954 Quarter: Linda Williams
1942 Mercury Dime: Sandie Peters
1943 Steel Penny: Scott Hadley
1964 Dime: Linda Williams

PICNIC AND HUNT INFORMATION

All week I was hoping for a nice sunny day for our picnic and hunt, but Mother Nature had other ideas for us. It was raining Sunday morning when we got to the park at 8:30 a.m. to start setting up. We had to put everything under the gazebo: games, prizes, food, and people. It was crowded

to say the least. Look on the bright side, though, everybody played the games a lot more and was able to win more raffle tickets and have a better chance to win some nice silver. We all played the Wheel of Fortune, Dart Board, Quarter Drop Jug, and the Hungry Hog. I forgot the Plinko game, don't ask me how I did that, but I did. I don't know if anybody noticed but I repainted the Wheel of Fortune and the Dart Board and put new faces on them. I hope you liked the new look. The three winners for the prizes that Sandie Peters donated were Dennis Mauroni, Rose Seninaro, and Paul Luis. The Dart Board 2-peso gold coin was won by Justin Lee and the Wheel of Fortune two-and-a-half dollar Indian-head gold coin was won by Brian Lundquist. Dennis Mauroni won the Hungry Hog, Sandie Peters won the treasure chest with paper money, clad, silver coins and a new pin pointer. We gave away a lot of silver coins for the raffles from the games that we had. Also, we had a raffle for all the leftover prizes from the competition hunt. Our success was from all the very generous members and non-members that donated most of the silver for our picnic games and hunt prizes and all the members that donated to the garage sale and our bake sale. That's why this was the first year that we made a profit, so you deserve a gold star. I hope everybody had a great time; I know I did. I won't be organizing the picnic next year, but I will BBQ and set up the Wheel of Fortune and the Dart Board. I'm looking forward to next year's picnic.

I want to thank all the non-hunters who planted all the keys, silver and prize tokens: you did a very nice job. I also want to thank **ALL** the people who helped make this picnic so nice; I want to give a **BIG** thank you for the hunt committee team. They were Mike and Sue Maxon, Mary and Clarence Sparks, Sandie Peters and Mike Maloney, Jim Cornwell, Russell Grau, and Arnie and Cyndi Mauroni. We had plenty of food to eat from the pot luck and Arnie Mauroni, Sandie Peters, and Mike Maloney cooked all of the hamburgers and hot dogs that Robert Woodruff and Crystal French **donated** to our picnic; thank you very much. Look on the bright side: it did stop raining before we started the competition hunt. We had 135 prize tokens and 29 treasure chest keys hidden in the hunt field. And that's not counting all the clad and silver coins. WOW! I hope everybody walked away with a pocket full of coins and some good prizes. Oh, by the way, this was our 8th year having the picnic at Rooster Rock State Park. Arnie Mauroni

Donations

Here is a list of the generous members who have donated to our July 2011 picnic and hunt.

Linda Carlson
Jim & Mary Cornwell
Steve and Susan Tucker
Mike and Sue Maxon
Arnie and Cyndi Mauroni
Russell & Tina Grau
Mike Maloney and Sandie Peters
Don and Marilyn Lieurance
Brian and Christy Lundquist
Mary & Clarence Sparks
Paul Luis
Tom Severson
Laura Smith
Byron Dunn
Dennis Mauroni
Brian Stafford
Michael Pfau
Harold Cawthon

Lonnie & Debbie Trickle
Dick Gaboury

Scott & Diane Hadley
Nancy Auffet
Here are the companies that donated prizes for the competition hunt and the kids' hunt. Let's support these companies that were so generous to us.

White's Electronics, 541-367-6121
1011 Pleasant Valley Rd, Sweet Home, OR
97386

Professional Coin Grading Service, 800-447-8848
PO Box 9458, Newport Beach, CA 92658

Garrett Metal Detectors, 972-494-6151
1881 W. State St., Garland, TX 75042

Blue Moon Coin Shop, 360-253-5565
12014 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Suite 210, Vancouver,
WA 98684

Powell Villa Ace Hardware, 503-761-2640
3660 SE 122nd Ave, Portland, OR 97236

Kellyco Metal Detector Superstore 407-699-8700
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Thank you all,
Arnie

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meetings. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Waverly Church, located at the corner of SE Woodward and SE 33rd Streets. Come early and socialize with members from 6:30 to 7:00.

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