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The Big Raffle

President's Message

Matthew Fritsch

Greetings, my fellow beepers,

I can hardly believe we are midway through the year. It seems like I was just sitting at the Holiday Dinner getting voted into office. This is a big month for us as we prepare for the club picnic and hunt in July, and I will be looking for volunteers to share with the young people in our community the trials and tribulations of being detectorists. The first volunteer is needed June 24th at Creston Elementary located at 4701 SE Bush St. in Portland. We also need volunteers for July 15, August 12, and August 19 at other locations. The kids will be attending summer camps, and the presentations will be part of their "Treasure Week" themes. It is an opportunity to bring your detectors and your goodies to let the kids learn a little about our hobby and why we love it so much. As many of you know, we need to bring in more kids to ensure the long term survival of the hobby and our club. Feel free to give me a buzz at 360-281-2012 if you are willing to speak on the 24th.

Happy hunting,
Matthew

May Birthdays

2nd Scott Hadley
3rd Cyndi Mauroni
5th Mark Larson
7th Mike Jeffries
11th Bob Mote
16th Paula Palmquist
22nd Bill Trautz

June refreshments will be provided by:
Mike Jeffries

Clarence Sparks

First of all, my thanks to Jim Cornwell and Arnie Mauroni for taking over raffle duties last month while I was in Tonopah, NV. I joined some of our club members, and several other friends from around the country, while "digging in the dump" of this old silver rush town.

We have some nice coins in this month's raffle, including two donated by Scott Stevanus. We also have a mystery coin donated by Gary at Coin Corner in Oregon City. A big "Thank You" for Scott and Gary for making this an even better raffle for our club.

There will be four mystery envelopes this month along with a very nice
1914-D Two and a Half Dollar Indian head GOLD COIN!

Below is a sampling of other coins included in this month's Big Raffle.

1880 Morgan Dollar
1922 Peace Dollar
1923 Peace Dollar
1925 Peace Dollar
1926 Peace Dollar
1929-S Walking Liberty Half
1959-D Franklin Half
1834 Capped Bust Half*
1943-D Double D Lincoln Cent*
And more...

*Donated by Scott Stevanus

Thank you for supporting your club!

May Minutes by Jenifer Crandell

Matt brought the meeting to order at 7pm. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Matt introduced the board members. Russell reviewed the treasurer's report. There was a motion to accept, seconded, and approved. There was a motion to accept the meeting minutes, seconded, and approved. Birthday half dollars were handed out. There were 45 members, 5 guests, and 4 new members present. Linda Williams won the membership draw.

Arnie announced the results of last month's club hunt. He also reviewed the amount of money raised from the garage sale. We made over \$600 for the picnic. Thank you to all those that were involved in getting this garage sale together and help run it. We appreciate you volunteering to help out the club. Also, we would like to thank those of you that donated items to make this garage sale possible. Thank you, Steve Tucker, for letting us hold the garage sale at your house. Thank you for all your support in the past and the present; we will miss your smiling face.

We took a break to socialize, buy raffle tickets, play the Plinko and quarter drop games for tickets at the chance of winning some silver and the gold coin. We also voted on the FOTM/BOB items.

The meeting resumed with Brian Stafford as our guest speaker. Thanks Brian for sharing your finds and your experiences with us.

Bill Bogynska announced the findings for the FOTM/BOB results. Numbers for the quarter drop and Plinko drawings were announced. The OTTS raffle winners were announced.

A member announced that another member Richard Shellhammer is at the VA hospital in Portland, OR fighting Pneumonia and trying to heal from a broken foot. Please put your prayers together for this member. We hope you get well soon, Richard, so you can come back and join us. Meeting was adjourned. Results for all the drawings can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. See you all next month!



Cucumber Magic:

1. Out of WD40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Rub A cucumber slice along the hinge, and voila, the squeak is gone!
2. Need a 'green' way to clean faucets, sinks, or stainless steel? Rub a slice of cucumber on the surface you want cleaned; it will remove tarnish, bring back the shine and never leave streaks or harm your fingers.

Club Hunt Info

It was a cloudy, cool, and perfect day for metal detecting at Harvey Scott School and Wellington Park. There were some nice things found. Victor Sasek found a very nice gold ring. Dick Gaboury found a pretty St. Christopher silver pendant. Arnie Mauroni found a small silver ring. While there were no silver coins found, there were a lot of Wheaties found. Dick Gaboury found two and the following members each found one: Dick Armstrong, Bob Schelb, Brian Lundquist, Brian Stafford, Stuart Pritchard, Arnie Mauroni, Scott Hadley, and Linda Carlson. Lloyd Hurt found the oldest coin, a 1929 Wheatie. Dick Gaboury found a silver dollar size 1909 token with an Indian head on one side and some writing on the other. He said he will bring it to the June meeting all cleaned up. I'm looking forward to learning the history of that one.

The attendance drawing winner was lucky dog Dick Gaboury, who won a nice 1954 Benjamin Franklin half dollar. There were a total of 20 club tokens found out of 25. The finders are: lucky Arnie Mauroni with 6; Bob Schelb with 3; Scott Hadley, Stuart Pritchard, and Dick Armstrong all found 2 each; Linda Carlson, Brian Lundquist, Dick Gaboury, Harold Cawthon, and Laura Liddell all found one each. For the June outing I will be hiding 13 tokens. Together we found a total of \$24.35 and 13.5 lbs of trash.

The top six hunters are:

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| 1. | Dick Gaboury | 113 points |
| 2. | Arnie Mauroni | 99 |
| 3. | Victor Sasek | 93 |
| 4. | Scott Hadley | 83 |
| 5. | Linda Carlson | 60 |
| 6. | Brian Lundquist | 58 |

June Club Hunt

Our next outing will be on **Saturday, July 2nd**. We will meet at McDonald's Restaurant at 2875 SE Powell, phone number 503-233-4029. Thomas Guide page 627, A2. We will meet for breakfast at 7:00 am and leave at 8:00 am.. We will count out at 12:00.

Find of the Month for May 2011

Oldest US Coin

- 1st Brian Stafford, 1895 Indian head penny
- 2nd Tom Severson, 1904 Barber dime
- 3rd Bill Baker, 1919 Wheat penny

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Brian Stafford, 1963-D Franklin half
- 2nd Ron Spada, 1912-S Barber dime
- 3rd Dick Gaboury, 1943-S Mercury dime

US Coin

- 1st Dick Gaboury, 1929-S Mercury dime
- 2nd Linda Carlson, 1954-D quarter
- 3rd Tom Severson, 1917-S Mercury dime

Foreign Coin

- 1st Ron Spada, 1919 Great Britain large cent
- 2nd Mike Jefferies, 1908 France 5 franc
- 3rd Laura Smith, 2003 Euro 20¢

Token

- 1st Dick Gaboury, 1959 Oregon Centennial - Gresham
- 2nd Bill Baker, D & P (Dahl & Penny, old Portland token)
- 3rd Tom Severson, Palmolive token

Gold Jewelry

- 1st Dick Armstrong, Engraved gold ring
- 2nd Laura Smith, White & yellow 14K Frederick Goldman ring
- 3rd Tom Severson, 14K fancy ring

Silver Jewelry

- 1st James Lyons, Silver & black onyx bracelet
- 2nd Ron Spada, Sterling folding St. Christopher
- 3rd Bill Baker, Sterling M ring

Jewelry

- 1st Ron Spada, 1901 St. Paul Hack badge
- 2nd Paul Luis, Wire wrap arrowhead
- 3rd Brian Stafford, Puppy dog pin

Artifact

- 1st Dick Gaboury, US collar pin (cipher)
- 2nd Paul Luis, A & L catsup bottle
- 3rd Brian Stafford, Old key

Display

- 1st Dick Gaboury
- 2nd Bill Baker
- 3rd Ron Spada

Item of the Month

- 1st James Lyons, 1920's Shaving cream sample tin
- 2nd Dick Gaboury, Corbin tag
- tie Ron Spada, US Navy jump wings

Best of the Best

Dick Armstrong, Engraved gold ring

Standings

1 st	Ron Spada	84
2 nd	Dick Gaboury	81
3 rd	Paul Luis	66
4 th	Brian Stafford	60
5 th	James Lyons	46
6 th	Bill Baker	42
7 th	Tom Severson	39
8 th	Dick Armstrong	35
9 th	Laura Smith	27
10 th	Dan Killian	24
Tie	Todd White	24
Tie	Mike Maxon	24
13 th	Mark Larson	22
14 th	Larry Williams	20
15 th	Bill Bogynska	16
16 th	Scott Hadley	15
Tie	Don Lieurance	15
18 th	Byron Dunn	11
19 th	Linda Carlson	7
20 th	Marilynn Lieurance	6
Tie	Bill Halsne	6
22 nd	Matthew Fritsch	5
Tie	Victor Sasek	5
Tie	Brian Lundquist	5
25 th	Adam Large	3
Tie	Rod Walton	3
Tie	Don Arbuckle	3
Tie	Robert Schelb	3
Tie	Mike Jefferies	3

Three old guys are out walking.
First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"
Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"
Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

A man was telling his neighbor that he had just bought
An expensive new hearing aid. He said, "It cost me
\$4,000, but it's state of the art. It's perfect!"
The neighbor said, "Really. What kind is it?"
"Twelve thirty."

May Raffle Winners

1911 2.5 Gold Indian Head: Arnie Mauroni

- 1921-S Morgan Dollar: Wayne Elliott
- 1921 Morgan Dollar: Tom Severson
- 1921-D Morgan Dollar: Dick Gaboury
- 1921 Morgan Dollar: Linda Williams
- 1922 Peace Dollar: Dick Armstrong
- 1922-S Peace Dollar: Victor Sasek
- 1936-S Walking Liberty Half: Brian Lundquist
- 1935-S Walking Liberty Half: Mike Jeffries
- 1954 Franklin Half: Harold Cawthon
- 1957-D Franklin Half: Jim Cornwell
- 1912-D Lincoln Cent: Brian Lundquist
- 1911-D Lincoln Cent: Carol Meyer
- 1950-S Washington Quarter: Tom Severson
- 1951 Washington Quarter: Ron Spada
- 1883 NC V-Nickel: Mike Maxon
- 1902 Indian Cent: Harold Cawthon
- 1940-S Mercury Dime: Laura Smith
- 1934 Buffalo Nickel: Michael Pfau
- 1883 Indian Cent: Tom Severson
- 1936-D Buffalo Nickel: Jim Cornwell
- 1930-S Buffalo Nickel: Mike Maxon
- 1941-S Mercury Dime: Jim Cornwell
- ? 1856 Large Cent: Paula Palmquist
- ? Booker T. Washington Comm.: Tom Severson
- ? 1952 Washington Carver: Laura Smith
- ? 1851 Large Cent: Russell Grau

Plinko Results

- Slick Barber Quarter: Mike Maxon
- 1961 Rosie: Martin Niemeyer
- 1946 Dime: Linda Carlson

Quarter Drop

- Slick Standing Liberty Quarter: George Parker
- 1954 Rosie: Beverly Parker
- 1964 Dime: Linda Williams

Rooster Rock Club Picnic and Hunt

The June club meeting will be your last chance to donate for our yearly picnic. I just want to say that I appreciate all the people who have donated their time or items for our picnic and hunt. Let Russell know if you will be bringing any kids aged 6 – 12 for the free hunt the club does for them. We need donations of toys or games for the kids hunt. There will also be different coins plus prize tokens for them to find. So bring them and turn them

loose! Signing up at the June meeting will cost a member \$25.00 for the hunt; if you pay at the picnic, the cost will jump to \$40.00.

Planting

I need people going to the picnic who will NOT be in the competition hunt to plant prize tokens, silver coins and Treasure Chest keys. No experience necessary. See Arnie at the June club meeting to sign up.

Field Cleanup

I want to go out to our hunt site on July 9th, Saturday, to clean out the hunt field so we'll have a clean field on July 17th. Anyone who wants to join me can sign up at the June meeting. I will have a permit for everyone to hunt the whole park that day. Remember, it costs \$3.00 per car to enter Rooster Rock State Park.

Donations

Here is a list of the generous members who have donated to our picnic and hunt. Remember, for every \$10.00 donated in cash or prizes you will receive a special raffle ticket at the picnic for three very nice prizes. Who knows, you could be the winner!

- 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 Marilynn Lieurance
- Brian and Christy Lundquist
- Mary & Clarence Sparks
- Paul Luis
- Tom Severson
- Laura Smith
- Byron Dunn
- Dennis Mauroni
- Brian Stafford
- Michael Pfau
- Harold Cawthon
- Scott & Diane Hadley
- Nancy Auffet
- Lonnie & Debbie Trickle
- Dick Gaboury
- White's Metal Detecting
- Professional Coin Grading Service
- Garrett Metal Detecting
- Blue Moon Coin Shop
- If I have forgotten anybody, please let me know.
- Arnie

"Who Passed This Way? By Dave Helgeson from the March/April 2011 Gold Prospectors Magazine (excerpt)

Famous American explorers Lewis & Clark spent the night of April 26, 1806 on the Washington bank of the Columbia River in the area of Plymouth Township (WA). This was approximately 7 miles from their camp near Irrigon, OR. The campground appeared to be nothing special, just a pleasant stopover on our way to the Blue Mountains of Oregon. After dinner I thought swinging a detector was a good way to get some exercise and work off a few calories. I knew there were a few coins to be found since I had picked up a dime on the surface by our travel trailer door. I found coins minted in the late '60s and '70s and the usual pull tabs, etc. Then, I received another penny/dime reading much like the others, but this one was showing a little deeper. After pinpointing the target and locating it with my probe, the coin was in my hand. It was a 1939 plain wheat back penny, with sharp detail on the wheat ears and other wear areas. Obviously this coin had not seen much circulation.

I began to question how a coin this old came to rest in this park, which was established in 1971 after the John Day Dam was constructed. How had a coin 71 years old come to be in a park only 39 years old. I asked myself, "Who passed by this place years ago and lost this coin?"

Later that evening I discovered an old railroad bed north of the campground and an old highway that exited the park to the east. Three recent byways passed through this park. River traffic, railroad traffic, and, last but not least, cars. Did the penny arrive here by rail? Maybe a train engineer, hot and sweaty from tending his locomotive rested in the shade and dropped the coin when he pulled out his handkerchief to wipe his face. Maybe a river traveler dropped the coin. Maybe a fisherman lost the coin when he jumped up to answer the sound of his bell ringing. Maybe the occupants of an old car without air conditioning stopped in a grove of trees on a hot summer afternoon. Maybe a young soldier stationed at the nearby army depot took his sweetheart on a drive along the river before he shipped out in WWII.

Yes, it's just one coin, a 1939 wheat back. Collectible yes, but not worth much numismatically. One coin, that brought with it a thousand questions. Who, what, where, when and why? We rarely know the answers to the five Ws. It was an unexpected find in an unlikely place, part of someone's past and a piece of our history. Is the real treasure in the value of the coin or in the history behind it?

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The Oregon Treasure Trails Society was formed in 1982 when five avid hobbyists put \$5 each into the kitty and started the club in an effort to provide an organization that would unite people together with the same interests in metal detecting and searching for coins, tokens, and other small interesting treasures of the past. Today, we continue to provide a wonderful environment for those interested in this great hobby. Our club provides an opportunity to join with others and enjoy spending time on outings and sharing experiences. Everyone is welcome to attend one of our 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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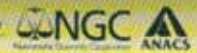


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