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### President's Message

Matthew Fritsch

Greetings. Hopefully April showers are bringing May flowers to all of you, but from what I have noticed, April showers are just bringing May showers. Alas. Speaking of rainy news, the price of silver has fallen greatly from its near record high price last month. From what I have read, there was no real reason for the recent huge upswing in silver prices, and that the inevitable correction in price is taking place. Not that lower silver prices are necessarily bad for the club. I am sure as we roll towards the picnic and hunt, the lower silver prices will mean more coinage for all the hunters to accumulate. So with every cloud comes the proverbial silver lining.

On a side note, the executive board will likely be reassessing the value of only using last name initials in the newsletter, as well as other things that have been suggested. If you have any input you wish to share, I encourage you to join us for the board meeting May 22 At 10 a.m. at the Jantzen Beach Mall food court. I did want to give a special thank-you to the Trickels for their generous donation of silver for the hunt, and the anonymous donor who made a significant cash donation for the hunt as well. Don't forget to tell all your friends about the garage sale May 14-15.

Thanks,  
Matthew

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### May Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Nancy Auffet  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Baker  
5<sup>th</sup> Byron Dunn  
16<sup>th</sup> Justin Lee  
23<sup>rd</sup> Ron Spada  
28<sup>th</sup> Tina Grau

**April refreshments will be provided by:**  
Eleanor and Richard Shellhammer

### The Big Raffle

Clarence Sparks

First of all, I would like to thank Jim Cornwell for taking over for me at the May meeting. I will be in Tonopah, Nevada along with several other OTTS members "digging in the dump". Let's hope the snakes and scorpions keep their distance and the relic gods are smiling upon us.

Thanks to all of you, April was a record month for the raffle. A substantial contribution was made to the OTTS treasury and we have a large selection of nice coins for this month's raffle. You all know what is happening to the gold and silver prices, so I was happy to provide you with some very nice coins to choose from this month. Be sure to buy your raffle tickets, support your club, and perhaps take home a nice piece of silver or even a gold coin. Gary at Coin Corner in Oregon City has donated Two Mystery Envelopes this time. Thank you, Gary, for your continued support of our club. Here are some of the coins available for The Big Raffle in May:

### 1911 Two and a Half Dollar Gold Indian Head

1921-S Morgan Dollar  
1921 Morgan Dollar  
1921-D Morgan Dollar  
1922 Peace Dollar  
1922-S Peace Dollar  
1936-S Walking Liberty Half  
1935-S Walking Liberty Half  
1954 Franklin Half  
1957-D Franklin Half  
And many more....

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### April Minutes by Jenifer Crandell

James brought the meeting to order at 7pm. The board members were introduced. Russell read and reviewed the Treasurer's report; there was a motion to accept, seconded, and all in favor. There was a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the last meeting; it was seconded, and all in favor. Birthday dollars were handed out. **Again, if we don't have your birthday on file, you will NOT receive your birthday dollar, because we will NOT know to call out your name. Please see Jenifer Crandell at the next meeting to make sure we have your Birthday written down.** There were 55 members and 10 new guests present. 4 out of the 10 guests signed up to be members. Please welcome our new members; Douglas Hanks, Patricia Locnikar, Mike Shaw, & Egon Arndt. Thank you for joining our club and we know you will have lots of fun. Happy treasure hunting to all!

Cyndi Mauroni won a 1900 Morgan Silver Dollar for the membership draw. Matthew announced a youth event to get volunteers from our club to show/demo what metal detecting and our hobby/club is all about. Do we have any volunteers out there??? Please email Matthew at [matthewfritsch@yahoo.com](mailto:matthewfritsch@yahoo.com) if interested for more information.

Arnie announced that the garage sale will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at Steve Tucker's house; please see website for directions to the garage sale location. Arnie also reviewed the findings for last months clubhunt and it's winners. He also talked about future clubhunts and what donations he has received for the picnic. If you have any items you would like to donate to the garage sale or the picnic, please email Arnie Mauroni or Mike Maxon.

We took a break to socialize, buy raffle tickets, play the quarter drop and plinko games, and to vote on the FOTM/BOB items.

The meeting resumed with Mary Sparks talking about her and Clarence's trip to England and what treasures they found. Thank you for sharing your stories with us. Congratulations on your awesome finds while you were there. Bill Baker was the auctioneer for the bake sale, thank you Bill. The end result for the bake sale was a whopping \$325 worth of goods/donations raised for the picnic in July. Thank you to all those who brought/bought goods! We did the OTTS raffle/Quarter Drop/Plinko drawings, results are

found elsewhere in the newsletter. The Results for FOTM/BOB were revealed. Meeting was adjourned.

### Club Hunt Info

What a wonderful day for a club hunt! We went to Lent's Park and there were some nice finds. Lots of wheaties were found: Mike Maloney – one; Scott Hadley – 4; Dick Gaboury – 2; Paul Luis – one; Adam Large – 2; Lloyd Hurt – one. Adam Large also found a 1956 Rosy. Lloyd Hurt also found a 1950 Rosy. Brian Stafford found a 1895 Indian Head penny. Michael Pfau found a 1927 Buffalo nickel. (I'll have to tell you the story about that 1927 Buffalo nickel...) James Lyons found a nice silver bracelet and so did Linda Carlson. Byron Dunn found a 1958 silver quarter and he was the top dog with 146 points. The lucky attendance drawing winner was Roseann Curm who won a nice 1942 Walking Liberty half. We had two guests of Michael Pfau who were Steve and David. There were no club tokens found. Wow!! But there was one older OTTS token found about 4" down. So that means there will be 25 (!!!) hidden for the next hunt. I guarantee that at the May club hunt there will be tokens found or my name is not Arnie Mauroni! So don't miss the next hunt. Together we found 23 lbs of trash and \$40.82 in coins. Here are the top 6 hunters who received silver quarters:

- |    |                 |            |
|----|-----------------|------------|
| 1. | Byron Dunn      | 146 points |
| 2. | Brian Lundquist | 118        |
| 3. | Lloyd Hurt      | 105        |
| 4. | James Lyons     | 100        |
| 5. | Bruce Dixon     | 87         |
| 6. | Bill Baker      | 78         |

### May Club Hunt

NEW TIME NEW TIME NEW TIME

Our next outing will be on **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet at McDonald's Restaurant at 3330 NE 82<sup>nd</sup>. Remember we are starting at a new time. Let's all meet for breakfast from 7:00 am to 8:00 am. We will count out at 12:00. Thomas Guide is page 627 F-2. The phone number is 503-254-5349. I will leave a copy of the countout sheet with the manager for any members who will be late.

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### Find of the Month for April

#### Oldest US Coin

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Luis, 1889 Indian head penny
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Spada, 1897 Indian head penny
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dick Gaboury, 1907 Indian head penny

#### Most Valuable US Coin

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Fritsch, 1909-S VDB penny
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Williams, 1898-S Morgan silver dollar
- 3<sup>rd</sup> James Lyons, 1916-S Buffalo nickel

#### US Coin

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury, 1903-S Barber half
- 2<sup>nd</sup> James Lyons, Standing Liberty quarter (slick)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Spada, 1907-S Barber dime

#### Foreign Coin

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury, 1944 Philippines 20 centavos
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Victor Sasek, Shan Lung Tung Pao Chinese coin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> James Lyons, 1942 Canada dime

#### Token

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Stafford, Be Lucky, San Diego
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Gaboury, Roben & Newell, Longview, WA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Severson, Utah tax token

#### Gold Jewelry

- 1<sup>st</sup> Laura Smith, Large 14K Gold ring
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Byron Dunn, 14K Gold ring
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Severson, 10K Gold ring

#### Silver Jewelry

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Severson, .925 Large ring w/amethyst
- 2<sup>nd</sup> James Lyons, Star charm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Spada, Man in moon charm

#### Jewelry

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury, Late 1800's Victorian snake bracelet
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Spada, Bracelet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Luis, Flower cross

#### Artifact

- 1<sup>st</sup> James Lyons, Pocket watch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Spada, Ford hub cap
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Luis, Old Quaker bottle

#### Display

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Spada

3<sup>rd</sup> Scott Hadley

#### Item of the Month

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury, Scale weight
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Luis, Pocket watch
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Stafford, Telephone mouth piece
- tie Ron Spada, Chromite rock

#### Best of the Best

Matthew Fritsch, 1909-S VDB penny

#### Standings

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ron Spada	64
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dick Gaboury	58
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Luis	53
4 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Stafford	43
5 <sup>th</sup>	James Lyons	40
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Armstrong	28
Tie	Tom Severson	28
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Baker	27
9 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Killian	24
Tie	Todd White	24
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Larson	22
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Maxon	21
tie	Laura Smith	21
14 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Hadley	15
tie	Don Lieurance	15
tie	Larry Williams	15
17 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Bogynska	12
18 <sup>th</sup>	Byron Dunn	11
19 <sup>th</sup>	Marilynn Lieurance	6
tie	Bill Halsne	6
21 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew Fritsch	5
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Victor Sasek	4
23 <sup>st</sup>	Adam Large	3
tie	Rod Walton	3
tie	Don Arbuckle	3
tie	Robert Schelb	3
27 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Carlson	2
28 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Lundquist	1

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(from the June 2011 edition of Western & Eastern Treasures)

Don Venn, of the Electronic Archeological Recovery Treasure Hunters, offers two rules: 1) Dig in old places, find old stuff. Dig new places, find new stuff. 2) You never know for sure unless you dig it.

Chuck Smalley, Cedar Valley Research & Recovery Club, offers a few military idioms: 1) Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword never encountered an AK-47. 2) Six-second fuses last three seconds. 3) It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed. 4) If you hear the pilot yell: "Eject! Eject!, Eject!", the last two will be echoes. 5) If you see an explosive ordnance disposal specialist running,

### April Raffle Winners

#### 1908 Indian Head 2 1/2 Dollar Gold: Justin Lee

1889 Morgan Dollar: Linda C.  
1921 Morgan Dollar: Mike M.  
1921 Morgan Dollar: Bill Bogynska  
1922 Peace Dollar: Mike M.  
1922 Peace Dollar: Tom S.  
1923 Peace Dollar: Laura S.  
1926 Peace Dollar: Wally W.  
1959 Washington Quarter: Laura S.  
1964 Washington Quarter: George P.  
1943-D Walking Liberty Half Dollar: Russell G.  
1883 NC V Nickel: Sandy P.  
1902 Indian Head Cent: Mike M.  
1924 -S Lincoln Cent: Bruce D.  
1930-S Buffalo Nickel: Elva E.  
1903 Indian Head Cent: Bill Baker  
1925 Mercury Dime: Tom S.  
1936-D Buffalo Nickel: Elva E.  
???? 1953 Benjamin Half Dollar: Larry W.  
???? 1859 Seated Half Dollar: Scott H.  
???? 1964 Kennedy Half Dollar : David J.

### Plinko Results

No date Standing Liberty Silver Quarter: Russell G.  
1904 V Nickel: Arnie M.  
1947 Silver Roosevelt Dime: William H.  
1950 Silver Dime: Mike M.

### Quarter Drop

1957 Silver Quarter: Victor S.  
1909 V Nickel: William H.  
1944 Mercury Dime: George P.  
1964 Silver Dime: Victor S.

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### Rooster Rock Club Picnic and Hunt

Don't forget: if you plan on entering the club competition hunt at the picnic, then you need to sign up and pay Russell at the May meeting. The cost is \$25.00 per member and \$40.00 for non-members. The club will kick in another \$10.00 for all paid members. We need early signups.

### Garage Sale Donations

I want to give a big thank you to all the members that have donated to the club garage sale.

Without these people there would be no sale and no extra money for our picnic!

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  
Laura Smith & Paula Palmquist  
Russell & Tina Grau

We are having the sale at **Steve & Susan Tucker's house on May 14 & 15**. We want to give Steve & Susan a big Thank You for letting us use their driveway for the club sale. I'll tell you all about it at the next meeting.

Arnie & Cyndi

I want to acknowledge these generous members who have donated prizes or Money for the Rooster Rock Picnic and Hunt. Don't forget for every \$10.00 worth of donations you will receive one ticket at the picnic for a special raffle. And who knows, you may be the lucky winner. There will be three very nice prizes to raffle.

Jim & Mary Cornwell  
Mary & Clarence Sparks  
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  
Byron Dunn  
Scott & Diane Hadley  
Russell & Tina Grau  
Dennis Mauroni  
Linda Carlson  
Brian Stafford

Did I forget anyone? If I did, please let me know. Thanks so much to all! We will have a fun picnic on July 17th

### Special Recognition for Special Donations

By Russell Grau

There are two individuals and three companies who deserve to have hearty THANK YOUs from the club members.

The first individual wishes to remain anonymous. So, **Anonymous**, thank you very much for the \$100 cash donation you dropped off at the officers' table this last meeting. On behalf of the club, Thank You.

The second goes out to **Lonnie Trickel**, an imposing gentleman as well as a generous one. He and his wife have donated a substantial sum as well, but their gift is in silver, some very nice silver. Along with some brilliant uncirculated/proof silver dimes and some other dimes that were already in flips. With the current melt price of silver, this donation comes to about \$200. Be on the lookout for some of these absolutely gorgeous silver dimes. I took the liberty of placing flips over them to help preserve their good looks. Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Trickel, for your gift to the club.

Next, we had some interesting coins brought in by another member who was given them by the **Blue Moon Coin Shop** in Vancouver. The Blue Moon donated the coins for the picnic. There are some nice "V" nickels as well as some nice buffalo nickels. Be on the lookout for them in the field.

**White's Metal Detectors** sent an unsolicited donation to the club's PO box this month. When I went to check the mail, I had to come back to get this package. Inside I found 2 Treasure hunting packs and 2 Gold Accessory Kits. Thank you very much, White's Metal Detectors, for these thoughtful donations.

Finally, we have over the past couple of months been the recipients of donations in the form of bags of foreign coins from **Craig's Rare Coins**, located over by McCormick's Restaurant. Craig has also helped the club this year by providing silver at a very good discount to the club. Stop by and say "thank you" and pet the shop dog.

It is inspiring to see members stepping up to help out the club. Thank you all very, very much.

Russell E. Grau,  
OTTS Treasurer

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### Farewell to the Tuckers

It's hard to believe but this month we must say "Farewell" to Steve Tucker and his family as they move to Florida. Steve has been talking about this for a year but I never thought they would really leave. Now the house is sold, they have sold their "stuff" and are about to head off to the land of hurricanes, humidity, treasure hunting on the beach and all things Disney.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Steve for his service to OTTS. He has volunteered to be President two or three times, spent endless hours sending letters and emails gathering donations for the Rooster Rock hunts and Christmas parties, organized the picnics and club hunts, made name badges with his trusty label maker, set up the room for the meetings and cleaned up afterward. If there was anything that needed to be done, Steve did it. Steve usually had the help of our honorary club members, daughters Heather and Mikki. We could always count on them to help out where they were needed. It was Heather and Mikki who organized and distributed prizes at the Rooster Rock hunts and kept things moving smoothly. Steve is also

responsible for our partnership with the Ronald McDonald House. Remember all those pull tabs you've been bringing in? Well, that's where Steve takes them, one five gallon bucket at a time.

So to Steve and his family we say "goodbye". We hope you will keep in touch and let us know when you find something on the beach from one of those shipwrecks off the Florida coast. I hope you find a house with lots of extra bedrooms. We're thinking our next club hunt could be in Florida. How about it, Steve?

Mary Sparks

### A Farewell from Steve

My dearest friends and OTTS members,  
It has been a pleasure meeting all of you through the years. I have made some good friends along the way.

I have seen a lot of changes during that time. We have lost members (some passed on) and they have been missed.

We have gained new members and they are appreciated for their enthusiasm.

This club has meant a lot to me and I will miss it and you. Thank you for not making me get up and speak about leaving.

I hope that you will keep in touch and let me know if you come to Florida and we can detect side by side.

Until then keep your coil to the ground, your ears turned, and find good things.

Your friend,  
Steve Tucker

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