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### President's Message

Matthew Fritsch

Greetings, all beepers,

I hope the softer earth is revealing lots of goodies for one and all. Though the rains fall, I am finding plenty of goodies springing up from below. And more goodies will be found at this month's meeting. The annual thematic gift basket auction will be held this month at our meeting. I encourage all of you to get involved and think outside the proverbial box if you want. Baskets with hobby related items are certainly going to be up for bid, but I am guessing there will also be plenty of smoked salmon baskets, lottery baskets, and pet baskets available. The bottom line is that it really doesn't matter what you put together. Use your creativity and have a little fun with it. If something sparks your creativity, you can be sure it will likely spark someone's interest too. The money we raise will be going toward the Christmas Party treats and presents. November's bake sale is just around the corner, so save your nickels and dimes (and tens and twenties) and give a little to get a lot. See you soon.  
Matthew.

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### October Birthdays

7<sup>th</sup> Bill Bogynska  
16<sup>th</sup> Sam Morris  
21<sup>st</sup> Sharon Jamieson  
21<sup>st</sup> Tom Severson  
22<sup>nd</sup> Talon Bossen  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dan Killian  
30<sup>th</sup> Paul Liddell

October refreshments will be provided by:  
Mike Maxon

### The Big Raffle

Can you believe that it is October already? That means it is also time for the annual OTTS gift basket auction at the October meeting. I know you will be saving your hard earned dollars to bid on the baskets, but don't forget to bring a little extra to purchase your raffle tickets. Tickets are only \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. It only takes one to win and I think you will like the selection of coins for October. Just think, for only ONE DOLLAR, you could be the big winner of a **1911 Two and a Half Dollar Gold Coin!** Have you checked the price of gold today?

In case you just aren't a connoisseur of gold coins, we have a few others for you to choose from. There will be a total of SIX various Morgan Silver Dollars. FOUR Walking Liberty Half Dollars, an 1850 Large Cent, Barber Dime, Mercury Dime plus a few more nice coins for your collection. Don't forget, there will be Three Mystery Envelopes. Once again, one of the Mystery Envelopes was donated by Gary at Coin Corner in Oregon City. Gary gives me that coin already sealed in an envelope so even I don't know what it is. It is always one of the prized items in the selection each month. Thanks to Gary and Coin Corner for their continued support of OTTS.

See you at the meeting!  
Clarence Sparks

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### October Club Hunt: NEW TIME

Our next club outing will be on **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**. Let's all meet at the McDonald's on 1831 W. Burnside, Portland. We will have breakfast at **8:00** am and leave at **9:00** am; count

## September Minutes, by Jenifer Crandell

Matt brought the meeting to order at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a motion to accept the meeting minutes, which was seconded and approved. Russell reviewed the Treasurer's report; there was a motion to accept, which was seconded and approved. The membership number was drawn; #29 was the winning number, held by Tina Bossen. Tina received a 1922 Silver Peace Dollar. Congrats, Tina! There were 48 current members, 1 new member, 1 past member, and 2 guests present at the meeting. We also received another member renewal application at this meeting, bringing our number of club members to a whopping 101!!! Member birthdays were called out and those who were present received their silver half dollars.

James Lyons, our Vice President, was sick, so he was unable to attend this meeting. James is in charge of putting together the Christmas Party Committee. If you are signed up or would like to be a part of that committee, please contact James Lyons at **360-903-1955** or [james.v.lyons@gmail.com](mailto:james.v.lyons@gmail.com) for more information.

Don't forget to put together a basket for the basket auction coming up at the October meeting. It can be **ANY** theme you want. It can be club-related or it can be something else. Here are some examples: fisherman's basket, movie night, date night, car wash kit, prospecting kit, metal detecting kit, reader's kit, wine basket, scratch-off tickets, photographer's kit, sewer's kit, chocolate lover's kit, etc. Good luck with your basket ideas.

Arnie reviewed last month's club hunt; results can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. He also addressed the issue of the mess-up in the newsletter for the location of the hunt for last month and again for this month. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience. We are not sure where things are going wrong, but we are working on getting the problem fixed. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we get this matter resolved. One of our members talked about trying to metal detect at a playground in McMinnville. Apparently there is a **no metal detecting policy** in place for ANY McMinnville city park. If you are caught metal detecting in a park, you can be fined \$150 per incident. A couple of members tried to talk to the parks and recreation there about what our club does, even showing them our junk board; they seemed

impressed with the board, and they said they would get back to our members about the issue. Word is yet to be received.

The meeting continued after a break with the drawing for the winners of the raffle, quarter drop, and Plinko. Results can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. The results for the FOTM/BOB were reviewed, and each winner was given a silver dime for the finds.

Jim Cornwell shared his story and experience of metal detecting in England. Thank you for sharing it with us. It was a great learning experience and a wonderful story for all of us who attended the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

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## Club Hunt Info

Arnie Mauroni

It was a cloudy day but a perfect day for detecting. We went to Vancouver Lake, Sunday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. It cost \$3.00 to get in but that didn't stop anybody. We had 33 members that counted out. Dick Gaboury had the find of the day, with a very nice 2009 silver eagle and three wheaties. Jim Cornwell found two silver earrings, Matthew Fritsch found one silver earring, Victor Sasek found one silver item and Arnie Mauroni found a silver toe ring. Bruce Drugg was the lucky attendance winner who won a nice walking liberty half. Byron Dunn found the oldest coin: a 1936 wheatie, and a 1955 rosy. Four non-members joined us in the hunt, and I hope they had fun. I can't believe how many club tokens were found: 17 total. Wow! -- That's a record! Jim Cornwell, Matthew Fritsch, and Mark Larson each found two; Mike Maxon, Scott Hadley, Michael Pfau, Mary Sparks, Clarence Sparks, Sandie Peters, Brian Lundquist, Doug Jamieson, Mike Biewer, Bob Schelb, and Lonnie Trickel each found one. So that means Mike Maxon will be hiding 10 club tokens on our next club hunt. Larry Williams found 11 Chuckie Cheese tokens; that's a record this year. That's the good news; the bad news is that none of them were club tokens. We found \$50.33 and 13 lbs of trash. Oh, did I mention that all of us detected for over 132 hours and we did not find one piece of gold? Amazing!

The top six hunters are:

1.	Dick Gaboury	293 pts
2.	Mark Larson	143
3.	Larry Williams	118
4.	Dick Armstrong	114
5.	Mike Biewer	103

**Find of the Month for August 2011  
Oldest US Coin**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Severson, 1898 Indian head penny
- tie Brian Stafford, 1898 Barber dime
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Spada, 1901 Indian head penny

**Most Valuable US Coin**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury, 1910-S Barber dime
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Stafford, 1920-S Standing Liberty quarter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ron Spada, 1941-S Washington quarter

**US Coin**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Luis, 1888 silver dollar
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Spada, 1907-S Barber dime
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dick Gaboury, 1964 Kennedy half

**Foreign Coin**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Linda Carlson, 1929 Great Britain silver schilling
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Stafford, 1953 Yugoslavia 2 dinera
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Maxon, 1984 Egypt 5 piastres

**Token**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury, D / Good For 2½¢ In Trade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Stafford, 1951 Oregon Historical Caravan USNB
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Larry Williams, Exchange Club Burro Bank

**Gold Jewelry**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Schelb, 18K gold NW Indian-style wide band ring
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Pfau, 14K Madre (Mother) ring w/4 birthstones
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Arnie Mauroni, 10K yellow & white gold man's ring

**Silver Jewelry**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Jamieson, 925 Italy man's bracelet
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Williams, 925 lady's turquoise ring
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Luis, sterling Wallace spoon ring

**Jewelry**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Biewer, Cpl. James Cavaco wrist band
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Larson, horse bracelet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Severson, owl inlay ring

**Artifact**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Stafford, WWI military dog tag
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Gaboury, Civil War US Navy button

**Display**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Stafford
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Luis

**Item of the Month**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Stafford, printing press plate
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Luis, Barlow Trail button
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dick Gaboury, Star toy gun

**Best of the Best**

Robert Schelb, 18K gold NW Indian-style wide band ring

**Standings**

1 <sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury	171
2 <sup>nd</sup> Paul Luis	133
3 <sup>rd</sup> Brian Stafford	126
4 <sup>th</sup> Ron Spada	124
5 <sup>th</sup> James Lyons	92
6 <sup>th</sup> Bill Baker	72
7 <sup>th</sup> Tom Severson	58
8 <sup>th</sup> Mark Larson	49
9 <sup>th</sup> Dan Killian	44
10 <sup>th</sup> Dick Armstrong	43
tie Larry Williams	43
12 <sup>th</sup> Don Lieurance	38
13 <sup>th</sup> Laura Smith	36
14 <sup>th</sup> Marilyn Lieurance	33
15 <sup>th</sup> Bill Bogynska	30
16 <sup>th</sup> Mike Maxon	27
17 <sup>th</sup> Todd White	24
tie Scott Hadley	24
19 <sup>th</sup> Linda Carlson	19
20 <sup>th</sup> Mike Biewer	18
21 <sup>st</sup> Brian Lundquist	15
22 <sup>nd</sup> Victor Sasek	12
23 <sup>rd</sup> Byron Dunn	11
24 <sup>th</sup> Matthew Fritsch	9
25 <sup>th</sup> Michael Pfau	7
tie Robert Schelb	7
27 <sup>th</sup> Bill Halsne	6
tie R.J. Banks	6
29 <sup>th</sup> Arnie Mauroni	5
30 <sup>th</sup> Doug Jamieson	4
31 <sup>st</sup> Adam Large	3
tie Rod Walton	3
tie Don Arbuckle	3
tie Mike Jefferies	3
35 <sup>th</sup> Jenifer Crandell	1
tie Justin Lee	1

### September Raffle Winners

#### 1909 2 ½ US Gold – George Parker

- 1921 Morgan Dollar – Gordon Hale
- 1921 Morgan Dollar – Laura Smith
- 1922 Peace Dollar – Dick Armstrong
- 1922 Peace Dollar – Laura Smith
- 1922 Peace Dollar – Mary Sparks
- 1925 Peace Dollar – Scott Hadley
- 1940-S Walking Liberty Half Dollar – Ron Spada
- 1873 Three Cent – Mike Maloney
- 1952-S Franklin Half Dollar – Mike Jeffries
- 1949-S Franklin Half Dollar – Doug Jamieson
- 1935-S Walking Half Dollar – Nancy Auffet
- 1957-D Franklin Half Dollar – Mike Jeffries
- 1912-D V Nickel – Mark Larson
- 1905 Indian Head Cent – Mike Maxon
- 1919-S Lincoln Cent – Dick Gaboury
- ?? 1942 Walking Half Dollar – Brian Lundquist
- ?? 1863 Seated Half Dollar – Brian Lundquist
- ?? 1946 Booker T. Washington Half Dollar – Matthew Fritsch

### Plinko Results

- 1900 Barber Quarter – Sandie Peters
- 1925 Mercury Dime – Don Fantz
- 1919 Mercury Dime – Mike Jeffries
- 1904 Indian Head Penny – Brian Lundquist

### Quarter Drop

- 1964 Quarter – Scott Hadley
- 1964 Dime – Paula Palmquist
- 1943 Dime – Linda Williams
- 1945 Steel Penny – Mike Jeffries

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### Thoughts for the Day from Maxine

1. The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you are in the bathroom...
2. It used to be only death and taxes. Now of course there's shipping and handling too...
3. Definition of a teenager: God's punishment for enjoying sex...
4. As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way...

### FAMOUS METAL DETECTORIST

(by Bill Bogynska)

Did you know that Bill Wyman, the famed bass player for the Rolling Stones, is now a heavy metal detectorist in his retirement? According to the September issue of Forbes Life magazine (article by Sally Brady), he owns a castle in Britain, complete with moat, on 15 acres. He goes detecting on his property for up to seven hours a day. He has recovered over 25,000 items. One of his favorite finds is a silver castle seal ring. The museum researched it and found that it belonged to John Weniave, the High Sheriff of Suffolk in 1784. Another great find is an Edward III gold half noble coin from 1361. He has also found a Bronze Age ax, Iron Age coins and Roman artifacts. He says "I love land fishing. You never know what you will find." He also sells the Bill Wyman Signature Detector, made by C.SCOPE, which is noted for its lightweight aluminum frame. He's also written a book, Bill Wyman's Treasure Islands about his hobby. You can learn a lot more about Bill and his detector by visiting his web site at [billwymandetector.com](http://billwymandetector.com). The site is full of information, including a great history timeline of Britain. His first metal detecting tip is to join a metal detecting club. But if you're reading this, you already knew that.

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**Thoughts for Life**, from Brian Dyson, CEO of Coca Cola Enterprises

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each is special.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them, life is meaningless.

Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live ALL the days of your life.

**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
- Scott & Diane Hadley
- Nancy Auffet                  Dick Gaboury
- Lonnie & Debbie Trickel

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

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Blue Moon Coin Shop, 360-253-5565  
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Powell Villa Ace Hardware, 503-761-2640  
3660 SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Portland, OR 97236

Kellyco Metal Detector Superstore 407-699-8700  
1085 Bella Ave. Winter Springs, FL 3208-2921

Craig's Rare Coins, 503-809-9982  
PO Box 1782, North Plains, OR 97133 (store across from McCormick's in Portland)

Thank you all,  
Arnie

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