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**President's Message**

Matthew Fritsch

Greetings, fellow detectorists,

The dog days of summer are truly upon us, as the temperatures soar and the ground gets rock-hard. While many of you are impervious to the heat, I find myself longing for the late fall when the rains begin to soak the grounds and make target retrieval much easier. Despite the tough conditions, I have had the opportunity to teach proper digging techniques to a new hobbyist.

Labor Day weekend I responded to a Craigslist ad written by a man who lost a gold ring while gardening. I showed up early the next day and was able to bring a smile to his face after a few minutes of beeping. So while it's not always fun (for me) to hunt in the summer, I am still finding ways to enjoy our hobby and help others in the process. Have a great month and see you at the meeting.

Matthew.

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**September Birthdays**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Orrin Mahoney
- 9<sup>th</sup> Adam Large
- 11<sup>th</sup> Scott Crum
- 15<sup>th</sup> Donald Willis
- 16<sup>th</sup> Regalee Gaudet
- 17<sup>th</sup> Vern Nussbaumer
- 24<sup>th</sup> Matthew Fritsch
- 28<sup>th</sup> Linda Carlson

**September refreshments will be provided by:**

Linda Williams

**The Big Raffle**

Clarence Sparks

Here it is September already. Many of our club members have been off on vacation, searching for gold, silver and other treasure items. We should have a full house at the September meeting, so remember to purchase your Big Raffle tickets early and avoid the long line. Coin Corner in Oregon City has given us another Mystery Envelope for our raffle. This is always a popular item and goes to one of the early tickets drawn. Who will be the lucky winner this month?

The gold prices are setting new records but we will still have a gold coin in the monthly raffle. This month it will be a nice **1909 Two and a Half Dollar gold** beauty. Will it be going home with you? There will be several silver dollars and other nice pieces of silver for you to choose from. Here is just a sampling:

- Two Morgan Dollars
- Four Peace Dollars
- Two Walking Halves
- Three Franklin Halves
- 1873 Three Cent
- And more...

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- In Minnesota it is illegal to cross state lines with a duck on your head.
- In Indiana it is illegal to ride public transportation for at least 30 minutes after eating garlic.
- Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.
- Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.

## Club Hunt Info

Arnie Mauroni

### July Minutes by Jenifer Crandell

Matt started the meeting at 7pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The membership number that was drawn was # 24, the same as last month's number. The winner this month was **James Tallent**, who won a **1924 Peace Dollar**. There was a motion to accept the meeting minutes, seconded, and all in favor. Matt discussed the club hunt date mix up. Russell reviewed the Treasurer's report. There was a motion to accept, seconded, and all in favor. There were 39 members and 2 guests present. One of the guests joined our club 20 yrs. ago, welcome back Cindy O'Brien. We hope you join us again.

There was no old business to discuss at this meeting. We reviewed new business: How to get a permit to metal detect in Woodburn, OR. You have to apply for a metal detecting permit and they will give it to you on the spot.

A sign up sheet was made for the Christmas Party Committee. Those of you that signed the sheet, you will be called by James Lyons and you will then decide a meeting place to discuss everything for the Christmas Party. If you would like to be on the Christmas Party Committee, please email James Lyons at [james.v.lyons@gmail.com](mailto:james.v.lyons@gmail.com).

Arnie reviewed July's club hunt to Mt. Hood Meadows. It was a good hunt, I got tired quickly and it was soooo hot, I quit an hour early. Point outcome for this club hunt can be found under the club hunt section of the newsletter. Arnie also discussed future club hunts.

We took a break for refreshments, socializing, FOTM/BOB, Plinko, Quarter Drop, and buying raffle tickets.

Meeting resumed with the birthday half dollars being handed out. I got mine; did you show up to the meeting for yours? The winners for Plinko and Quarter Drop were announced. The raffle winners were announced as well. Results of raffles, quarter drop, and Plinko can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. FOTM/BOB results were announced and can also be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned early at 8:30pm. See you all at next month's meeting.

We went to Brentwood Park and Lane School on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful, sunny, summer day and the ground was hard in some places and soft in others as they water most of the park. There were 18 members that counted out and one guest. Clarence Sparks found a nice 10k gold chain necklace; Michael Pfau found a beautiful 14k mother's ring with four birthstones in it. Linda Carlson found a nice silver bracelet, and Arnie Mauroni found a silver ring with a tiger eye stone in it. Bill Baker found the oldest coin: a 1940 nickel; Scott Hadley found two wheaties; Dick Gaboury, Brian Stafford, and Paul Luis found one wheatie each. Scott Hadley was the attendance drawing winner and won a nice walking liberty half dollar. Arnie Mauroni found 5 club tokens; Michael Pfau, Mike Jefferies, and Brian Stafford each found 1 club token. So that means Arnie will be hiding 19 tokens for our next hunt; you don't want to miss that hunt. Here is the good news: I won't be eligible to find any of the club tokens on the next hunt; so if you don't find any tokens, don't blame me. We found \$45.08 in cash and 12 pounds of trash.

The top six hunters are:

1.	Arnie Mauroni	149 points
2.	Paul Luis	89
3.	Mike Jeffries	81
4.	Linda Carlson	74
5.	Dick Gaboury	66
6.	Clarence Sparks	62

### September Club Hunt

Our next club outing will be on Sunday October 2nd. We will meet at the McDonald's on Hayden Island. 12005 N. Center Rd Portland. We will meet at 7:00am and leave at 8:00am and we will count out at 12:30 pm. Phone number for McDonald's is 503-289-2127 Thomas Guide pg. 536-E7 Let's meet at 7:00 am and we will leave at 8:00 am; count out will be at 12:00 pm.

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Ole & Lena went to the Olympics. While sitting on a bench, a lady turned to Ole and asked "Are you a pole vaulter?" Ole replied, "No, I'm Norwegian and my name isn't Valter."

**Find of the Month for August 2011**

**Oldest US Coin**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Stafford, 1911 V nickel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Gaboury, 1917-S wheat penny
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Luis, 1918-S wheat penny

**Most Valuable US Coin**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury, 1924-S Mercury dime
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Stafford, 1945-S Mercury dime
- tie Ron Spada, 1939 Mercury dime

**US Coin**

- 1<sup>st</sup> James Lyons, 1907 Barber dime
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Gaboury, 1914 Barber dime
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Brian Stafford, 1915 Barber dime

**Foreign Coin**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury, 1924 Latvia silver 1 lats
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Stafford, 1952 Vatican City 1 lira
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Victor Sasek, 1965 Morocco

**Token**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury, Boy Scout Oath token
- 2<sup>nd</sup> James Lyons, Elk's Club, Vancouver, Wash.
- 5¢
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Paul Luis, Armentrout, Portland 5¢

**Gold Jewelry**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Stafford, 18K white gold man's ring
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Severson, 14K heavy man's ring
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Larry Williams, 14K colored gold bracelet

**Silver Jewelry**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Stafford, .925 ring w/black onyx stone
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Biewer, .950 faith star earring
- tie Paul Luis, .925 sterling ring w/onyx

**Jewelry**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ron Spada, brass snake ring
- 2<sup>nd</sup> R.J. Banks, East Indian religious temple bracelet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> James Lyons, 2 piece fake diamond ring

**Artifact**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury, cast iron lion bank
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Armstrong, 1921 silver dollar money clip
- 3<sup>rd</sup> James Lyons, 1930's fire truck

**Display**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Gaboury
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Luis

**Item of the Month**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Armstrong, 1932 Sullivan Fish Cutter brass plate
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Luis, Marble's match safe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Victor Sasek, copper ore

**Best of the Best**

Brian Stafford, 18K white gold man's ring

**Standings**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dick Gaboury	150
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Luis	119
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ron Spada	113
4 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Stafford	103
5 <sup>th</sup>	James Lyons	92
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Baker	72
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Severson	51
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Larson	45
9 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Armstrong	43
10 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Killian	40
11 <sup>th</sup>	Don Lieurance	38
12 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Williams	35
13 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Smith	33
Tie	Marilynn Lieurance	33
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Bogynska	26
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Maxon	24
Tie	Todd White	24
tie	Scott Hadley	24
19 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Carlson	13
20 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Lundquist	12
Tie	Victor Sasek	12
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Byron Dunn	11
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Matthew Fritsch	9
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Biewer	7
25 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Halsne	6
Tie	R.J. Banks	6
27 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Pfau	4
28 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Large	3
Tie	Rod Walton	3
Tie	Don Arbuckle	3
Tie	Robert Schelb	3
Tie	Mike Jefferies	3
Tie	Arnie Mauroni	3
34 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Crandell	1
Tie	Justin Lee	1

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### July Raffle Winners

#### 1914-D 2 1/2 Gold Indian Head – Dick Armstrong

- 1896 Morgan Dollar – Mike Jeffries
- 1900 Morgan Dollar – Dick Gaboury
- 1921 Morgan Dollar – George Parker
- 1921 Morgan Dollar – Ron Spada
- 1922 Peace Dollar – R.J. Banks
- 1922-S Peace Dollar – Bruce Dixon
- 1935-S Walking Liberty Half Dollar – Tom Severson
- 1963 Franklin Half Dollar – Mike Maxon
- 1912-D V Nickel – Tom Severson
- 1938-D Buffalo Nickel – Cindy O'Brien
- 1936 Walking Liberty Half Dollar – Brian Lundquist
- 1962-D Franklin Half Dollar – Harold Cawthon
- 1957 Washington Quarter – Dick Gaboury
- 1957 Washington Quarter – Mike Maxon
- 1939-D Mercury Dime – Carol Meyer
- ???? Booker T. Washington & George Washington Carver Commemorative Coin – R.J. Banks
- ???? 1946 Booker T. Washington Commemorative Coin – James Lyons
- ???? 1856 Seated Half Dollar – Bill Baker

### Plinko Results

- 1941 Silver Quarter – Michael Pfau
- Slick Mercury Silver Dime – Mike Jeffries
- 1891 Indian Head Penny – Ron Spada
- 1964 Silver Dime – Mike Maxon

### Quarter Drop

- 1964 Silver Quarter – Dick Armstrong
- 1941 Silver Dime – Mike Jeffries
- 1963 Silver Dime – Russell Grau
- 1903 Indian Head Penny – Mike Jeffries

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"Rural Roads and a Golden Ghost" by Eric Magnuson

[from the October 2011 edition of Western & Eastern Treasures]

My wife Jenny and I embarked on a routine metal detecting trip through the back-country of

Idaho & Nevada. Our goal was to spend quality time together and have fun. More specifically I hoped to locate a few potential sites I had researched during the winter.

Many people prefer to stay close to home and hunt urban areas where high populations produce more potential finds. But we just like to stray from the beaten path and explore. "The joy is in the journey." The number of good hunting grounds may be limited, but so is the frantic pace of the city. ... Two hours shy of our first site was an old camp and railroad siding I had hunted a few times before. We decided to camp there for the night and hunt for a few hours. It's not a scenic spot to camp as this isn't a typical ghost town. No buildings or foundations remain; it's now overrun by neck-high sagebrush. It's not well-known but a good friend was kind enough to share its location; I would owe him dinner!

Knowing the amount old trash that awaited me, I chose a small search coil to improve target separation. Keeping my swing slow so as to not overwhelm my detector with more signals than it could process, I wandered through the sagebrush until I neared a group of cellars I had searched before. I dug a bullet and a few zinc jar lids, when a beautiful mid-tone target filled my ears. I swung perpendicular and the tone was still there. Jenny passed me the shovel she was carrying and I carefully removed dirt, checked the hole: nothing. I spread the pile with my shoe in hopes of spotting it when impatiently Jenny reached down and grabbed a round, gold object. "Here," she said. I stood and stared; I'd always hoped I'd dig a gold coin, but wasn't really sure it'd ever happen. I examined the coin. On the front was a crisp profile of Lady Liberty and the date 1888. On the other side I saw the words *United States of America* over the image of an eagle. Underneath the eagle FIVE D was clearly visible.

"Jenny, this is a half eagle...a gold coin! This is a once-in-a-lifetime find!"

As I made my way back to camp, I passed more cellars and searched each one; I found several silver coins (an 1845 seated Liberty dime, an 1873 seated Liberty quarter, an 1864-S seated Liberty dime, an 1866 seated Liberty half dollar).

I wondered how I had missed these finds earlier; that highlights an important lesson: your mind can be your best asset or your worst enemy in this hobby. I've learned that a rarely is a site hunted out just because you think it is. If you think a site is empty, search another site; just don't hesitate to return and check again

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### Donations

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

Linda Carlson  
Jim & Mary Cornwell  
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Laura Smith                  Byron Dunn  
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Thank you all,  
Arnie

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