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President's Message

Hope this finds everyone well and in good spirits. Nice to see the weather changing, not much fun detecting in the mud, rain, and snow etc. no excuse now, get out there and start swinging.

Julie Howell's number was pulled at the last meeting for the progressive draw, second time, first time she wasn't present, however this time she was and won about four dollar face value US silver coins, we start again.

We have started a can food drive for the Church that hosts our Christmas Party, please bring [in date] canned foods, peanut butter, etc. or if you would rather make a cash donation I am told they can purchase foods at about 10% of retail. This is a good cause so dig deep for those less fortunate.

Again, our Annual Picnic/Hunt is Sunday July 16th at Rooster Rock State Park, if your new to our Club this is something you don't want to miss.

Looking forwards to seeing yawl at the next meeting Feb. 28th, 2017

Byron Dunn
2017 President
Oregon Treasure Trail Society

Announcements

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 28th, 2017

**Fraternal order of Eagles Lodge
 7611 N. Exeter Avenue (N of
 Lombard) Portland, OR 97203**

**5:30 setup, 6 pm social
 7 pm meeting**

MONTHLY CLUB HUNT

Saturday March 4, 2017

**WE WIL MEET AT THE MCDONALDS on
 405 SE 131 AVE VANCOUVER WA. 98683**

We meet between 8-9 am and leave together at 9am

**If you have any Questions:
 Don Spillman 360-773-8708
 9 am to 10 Pm Sunday-Saturday**

February Birthdays

**Kathy Boehm 2-19
 Tim Towsley 2-08
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**If you are not listed please let Pat know so he
 can update list.**

Big Raffle

Hey everyone it's time again for the Big Raffle.

Before I go into the details I would like us all to give a big shout out and thanks to Clarence Sparks for taking care of the raffle for so many years and supplying us all with great and unique coins. He did a great job; I hope I can do the same. Thank you Clarence!

Now onto this month's prizes; we have various dates of Morgan dollars, Franklin halves and Washington quarters, plus a 1838 Large cent piece.

With a couple of??? Mystery envelopes that should be fun.

Oh I almost forgot we have a grand prize gold coin, a nice shiny 2016 1/10oz American Eagle.

We have 18 coins in all. Tickets are \$1 for 1 or \$5 for 6. The more you buy the better your odds, plus your club benefits from 25% of the proceeds the other 75% goes to purchasing next month's prizes.

Good Luck Everyone!
Jeff Sikorski

Monthly Club Hunt Results SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2017

We met at the McDonalds on 9100 S.E. Powell between 8-9 am and then left altogether at 9 am.

We had 2 places to hunt Bloominton Park and Oliver Lents Elementary School.

We had 30 members and 3 guests. I hid 16 tokens at the count out we had 27 members and 2 guests. 7 tokens were found.

The top 6 were

- 1) PAUL VANDEHEY 128 POINTS**
- 2) ANTHONY WAGSTAFF 106 POINTS**
- 3) MIKE MAXON 104POINTS**
- 4) ARNIE MAURONI 83 POINTS**
- 5) GREG HOWELL 80 POINTS**
- 6) LINDA CARLSON 75 POINTS**

WE ALSO HAD SPECIAL PRIZES THIS MONTH.

THE OLDEST MEMBER WAS WILLIE WILLWORTH ... THE MOST TRASH WITH 161 PCS. AND THE LOWEST COUNT OUT WILLIE WILLWORTH THEY EACH WON A SILVER QUARTER...

THE OLDEST COIN FOUND WAS A 1911 WHEATIE..FOUND BY JERRY HITTLE..... WE FOUND A TOTAL OF \$59.10...6 SILVER JWY. 1 GOLD RING... 35 COSTUME JLY... 2 FOREN COINS... 11 TOTKENS...1 SILVER DIME (1947)... 33 WHEATIES... 7 BULLETS... 1 INDIAN PENNY DATE UNKOUN... 2 KNIFES... TOTAL TRASH 33.59 POUNDS . ANY QUESTINOS CALL 360-773-8708 DON SPILLMAN.... HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE....DON

OTTS Club Meeting Minutes

Jan 24, 2017

Byron Dunn called the meeting to order, and then proceeded with the pledge of allegiance.

The Executive Board was introduced and also our guests.

We had 43 members and 5 guests attending, with one of the guests being an archeology student from PSU specializing in Portland area Archeology and inquired what kind of interest our club might have in that area. The December minutes were accepted. Larry gave the Treasurer's report with the ending balance accepted, Don Spellman gave the club hunt report, one piece of gold found.

Byron did the membership draw, with Greg Howell receiving a 1945 Walking Liberty half dollar and Julie Howell won the progressive draw taking \$4.00 face value in silver coins. After her membership number was drawn in her absence, her husband had suggested she should attend all meetings. The progressive draw container was reloaded with another silver dollar.

Only Krystal and Maggie were present for the birthday draw. Maggie took home a 1924 Peace Dollar. Pat Williams asked that articles and reports turned in for the News Letter be in Times New Roman and a 12 pt. font.

A break time was called for FOTM voting and refreshments.

Byron announced that OTTS would start collecting food monthly to give to the Fremont United Methodist Church for the Northeast Food Bank. We were reminded that OTTS is still collecting pop cans, dug pennies, and pull-tabs; see Larry.

The 2017 summer picnic and hunt has been confirmed for July 16, 2017 (Sunday) at Rooster Rock State Park. Sunday was chosen this year because several people were forced to miss the summer hunt several years in a row because of work or other (?).

Plinko, Quarter Drop and Big Raffle took place. Results are listed separate in the News Letter.

Rick Page, New vice president, presented a list of possible presentations from different agency representatives, or field specialists, or manufacturers.

Byron noted that longtime associate Don Lieurance was back from an absence.

Larry Williams shared with us about not tolerating being house bound in the ice storm, going out to hunt. As he crossed the field of a certain school, he started to find paper money, in larger and larger denominations, until he had collected \$175.

New name tags are delayed until next month.

The challenge token is being planted again this year. Ed ? will develop and publish clues month. The process and clues will be on social media, so we will have competition. Remember to dress your excavation. Leave the ground as you had found it or better.

Byron still has the pin pointer and cordless headphones loaned from the manufacturer for us to try out and report on. Any member is welcome to try them out.

Bill Bogynska announced FOTM results. Winners of class entries are listed elsewhere in the News Letter.

Clarence Sparks announced the winner of the Big Raffle gold.

Meeting was adjourned

Don Fantz

OTTS Secretary 2017

Find of the Month for January 2017

Oldest US Coin

- 1st Tim Schade, Shield nickel (dateless, 1866-83)
- 2nd Don Fantz, 1907 Indian head penny
- 3rd Tim Bogynska, 1916-D wheat penny

Most Valuable US Coin

- 1st Don Fantz, 1931-S wheat penny
- 2nd Anthony Wagstaff, 1947-D quarter
- 3rd Tim Bogynska, 1950-S Roosevelt dime

US Coin

- 1st Bruce Dixon, 1909 Barber quarter
- 2nd Anthony Wagstaff, 1906 Indian head penny
- 3rd Laura Smith, 1912-D V nickel

Foreign Coin

- 1st Laura Smith, Reale or Germany old silver coin
- 2nd Don Fantz, 1991 New Zealand \$2
- 3rd Arnie Mauroni, 1961 Great Britain penny

Token

- 1st Tim Schade, NRA Mountain lion token
- 2nd Anthony Wagstaff, Cheyenne, Vancouver Wash. 25¢
- 3rd Bill Bogynska, Bouncing Betty token

Gold Jewelry

- 1st Byron Dunn, Small 14k ring

Silver Item

- 1st Tim Schade, 925 (tested) Turquoise bracelet
- 2nd Anthony Wagstaff, 925 Hearts bracelet
- 3rd Greg Howell, 925 Necklace chain

Jewelry

- 1st Anthony Wagstaff, Old Sunday school pin
- 2nd Tim Schade, Large gaudy flower ring
- 3rd Laura Smith, Old silver colored brooch

Artifact

- 1st Anthony Wagstaff, Army Air Corps collar disk
- 2nd Bill Bogynska, Metal box w/ doll and note
- 3rd Greg Howell, Lighter w/ ship picture

Display

- 1st Tim Schade
- 2nd Anthony Wagstaff
- 3rd Don Fantz

Item of the Month

- 1st Anthony Wagstaff, NWMP badge
- 2nd Tim Schade, Early 1900's cow tag
- 3rd Rick Page, Happy man key chain

Best of the Best

- Byron Dunn, Small 14k ring

January results

PLINKO

- 1947 WALKING LIBERTY HALF – JULIE HOWELL
- 1948 WASHINGTON QUARTER - SANDIE MALONEY
- 1964 ROOSEVELT DIME – ANTHONY WAGSTAFF
- 1953 ROOSEVELT DIME- ?

QUARTER DROP

- 1944 WALKING LIBERTY HALF – BYRON DUNN
- 1962 WASHINGTON QUARTER – ?
- 1964 WASHINGTON QUARTER – ARNIE MAURONI
- 1962 ROOSEVELT DIME – STEVE EICHMAN

BIG RAFFLE

- 1881 MORGAN DOLLAR – DON SPILLMAN
- 1883-O MORGAN DOLLAR – BILL BOGYNSKA
- 1891 MORGAN DOLLAR- JOHN MACCLANATHAN
- 1896 MORGAN DOLLAR – DON LIEURANCE
- 1897 MORGAN DOLLAR – BYRON DUNN
- 1869 3 CENT PIECE – ANTHONY WAGSTAFF
- 1951-S FRANKLIN HALF – MIKE MAXON
- 1962-D FRANKLIN HALF – BRUCE DIXON
- 1962 FRANKLIN HALF – MATTHEW FRITSCH
- 1963 FRANKLIN HALF – BILL BOGYNSKA
- MYSTERY ENVELOP
- 1851 LARGE CENT – DON SPILLMAN
- 1902 HALF SOVEREIGN GOLD – DON FANTZ**

Gold Class Ring Found & Returned!

By Bill Bogynska

In late 2016, Tim and I were out hitting a school ball field. I was digging the usual assortment of pennies and change. I got a solid “78” signal on my trusty White’s XLT, so I was expecting to dig another dime. I cut a plug and pulled out a chunk of dirt. I could see an edge and knew immediately what it was due to the weight of the clod. I took it over to Tim, and he knocked the dirt off. There it was: a big gold ring. Sadly, we were so excited that we forgot to get a picture of it covered with dirt.

The ring was 10K gold, 2004 Canby High School. The owner’s name was engraved inside. The weight was almost 18 grams, giving it a gold value of almost \$300.

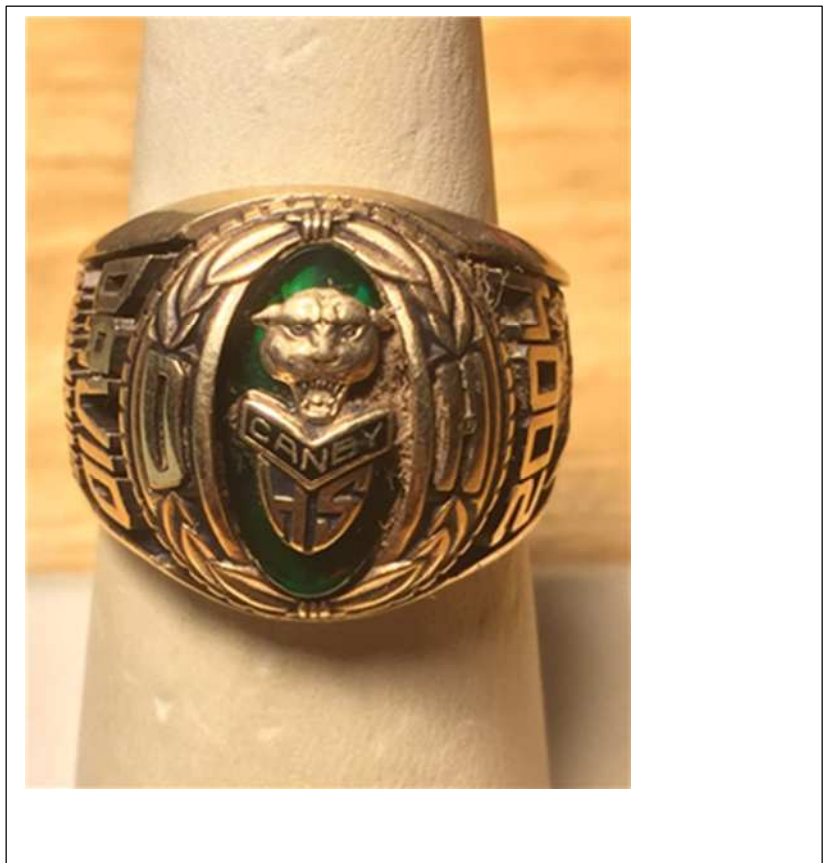
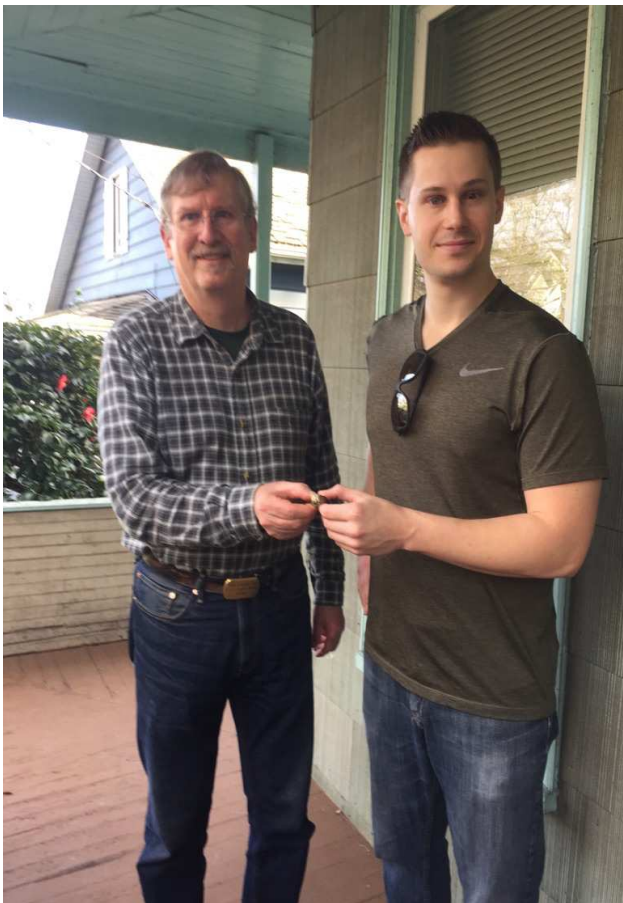
So I set out to find the owner. I did a number of Google searches for the name. There are quite a few people across the US with that same name. The closest match I found was a doctor in Seattle. But he was too old for this ring. With the ring being 12 years old, I figured the owner must be around age 30-31, being age 18-19 as a senior. I checked with several people I know in Canby, but nobody knew of him. I called people in the Canby phone book with the same last name, and they said he was no relation. I figured he must be off in the military.

After a couple of weeks of searching, I hit upon a brilliant idea. Since the owner was young, he must be on Facebook. So I had Tim search the name, and he came up with several dozen hits. Going through them, he did find one who went to Canby High School. We then found out that he’s a nuclear engineer at Oregon State University.

I was then able to track him down through OSU. I called him and asked him if he ever lost a ring. He said “yes, high schools ring.” So we made plans to meet. He drove to my house from Corvallis one Saturday morning, and I gave the big gold ring back to him.

I asked him if he remembered losing it. He said that he had it one day and the next day it was gone. He thought somebody must have stolen it. I said he must of lost it playing ball in the field. He said he didn’t ever remember playing ball there, but he could have been throwing a toy with his dog there.

I’ve told a number of people about finding the ring and returning it. (I am rather proud of it.) Some people don’t understand why you’d return something that valuable, because it’s the right thing to do. I believe in karma and believe that this will give me more good luck in the future.



Metal Detecting Code of Ethics

I WILL respect private property and WILL NOT trespass without the Land Owner's permission.

I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

- I WILL NOT litter, always pack out what I take in and remove all trash dug in my search.

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- I WILL leave all gates and other accesses to land as found.

- I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

- I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

I WILL abide by all laws, ordinances or regulations that may govern my search, or the area I will be in.

- I WILL fill all holes, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage, be damaging to, or kill any vegetation.

- I WILL report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation.

- I WILL Be an ambassador for the metal detecting hobby. Be polite and in-formative to those who inquire about your hobby - you are the ambassador of a pastime we want to protect and we will be judged by how you act & respond.

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- I WILL not misrepresent as to how and when an article was acquired.

2017 Detectorist of the Year Standings as of January 24, 2017

1st Anthony Wagstaff	25
2nd Tim Schade	23
3rd Don Fantz	16
4th Bill Bogynska	12
5th Tim Bogynska	11
6th Laura Smith	10
7th Jeff Sikorski	7
Tie Greg Howell	7
9th Byron Dunn	5
Tie Arnie Mauroni	5
11th Bruce Dixon	4
12th Ed Arcement	3
13th Rick Page	2
Tie Terry Bude	2
Tie Caleb Wagstaff	2
16th Nancy Arcement	1

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The Oregon Treasure Trail 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 6:00 p.m. for social hr. at 7:00 pm meeting
Come early and socialize with members from 6:00 to 7:00
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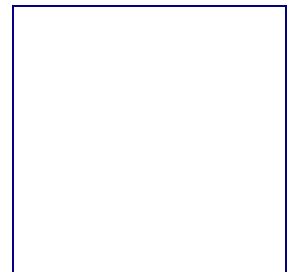
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