

Club Member News

Member Finds \$10 Gold Piece!



Best Finds

Club member Neil McElroy found these extraordinary coins while detecting an old home site: 1868 \$10 Gold Coin and a 1912-s Barber Half Dollar.

I would imagine club member **Neil McElroy** will never forget the day he found a \$10 gold coin and a 1912-s Barber half dollar; they were both firsts for him. They were found near each other in the same hole. They were the only old coins found that day.

Neil met someone through Craig's List who mentioned owning property in Dorena, Oregon where a house had

once stood prior to 1904. One thing led to another, and Neil and his son Patrick were given permission to detect the old home site.

As the rest of the club was straining to decipher difficult signals at Island Park in Springfield during the monthly club outing on March 17, Neil and Patrick were on their way to Dorena.

"It was the first signal I dug when we got there and started detecting," Neil said. "I pulled that gold coin out of the ground and just started running to where Patrick was. I left my detector and everything behind."

Patrick could not contain his own excitement and immediately went to share the find with the home owner. Fortunately for them both, the home owner said that their reaction at finding the coin was more special to him than the coin itself and so allowed Neil to keep the coin.

After calming down and returning to the site where the coin had been found, Neil checked the hole one more time — as any good detectorist would. There, within inches of where the gold coin had been, was the 1912-s Barber half dollar. The last old coin to be found that day.

Neil plans to return to the property in Dorena, but the home owner prefers not to have several people on his property, so don't expect to be invited along any time soon! ✂

Next Meeting is

**April 17, 2007
7-9pm**

Springfield Elks Lodge
1701 Centennial Blvd
Springfield, Oregon

For information call
541/937-2611
or visit our website at
www.CDCLC.org

Our Motto

Be responsible... for our actions
Be respectful... of those around us
Be rewarded... with great treasures!

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President, Barb Tyler

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541/461-8464

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541/255-3405

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April Meeting Program

We are celebrating our club's one year anniversary this month! Please join us to find out who will win the honors of being our first Detectorist of the Year of 2006!

Also on tap for the evening will be discussion on future club programs and events, as well as proposed changes to FOTM and the Club Outing Count Out categories.



From the President's Coil

New Board for 2007

– by Barb Tyler, CDCLC President



At the March meeting you elected new officers for 2007; with the exception of the presidents position which is a two year term with one year remaining. That means you have me for another year!

Nominated and elected, and also continuing on for another year is **Charlene Kerns** as Secretary/Treasurer; same with **Neil McElroy** as Board Member 1st Chair. Nominated and elected, and new to the board this year, is **Kris Walsh**, Board Member 2nd Chair. Thank you to them all for volunteering to be on this very important Committee and to sit at my side during each meeting (with the exception of Kris who will continue to run the FOTM table)!

There was some discussion at the March meeting about running a "Challenge" for members. There would be different levels, and each level would have a list of items to be found. A person could not advance to the next level until all the items on the previous level had been found. Awards would be given when a person passes from one level to the next. **Wayne Moore** has agreed to format and run this "challenge"

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Club Raffles & Winners

March

50/50 Drawing
Neil McElroy

Quarter Drop
Ron Carroll

Membership Drawing
Jerry Kerns

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www.CDCLC.org

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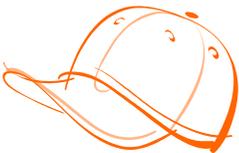
New Ideas for 2007...

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and give it an official name. Stay tuned for more information on this as it sounds like fun!

Also discussed at the March meeting was the possibility of the club hosting a members mini hunt – also known as a competition hunt or an organized hunt. This event consists of one or more designated areas being planted with silver and clad coins and tokens; a certain amount of time is allotted for individuals to find as many of those coins and tokens as they can; and prizes are given out in exchange for the tokens. Sometimes the individual hunts can have themes or gimmicks that make them a little more challenging and fun. You are asked to pay a fee for each hunt you enter to help offset the costs of coins and prizes. Ron Carroll has agreed to coordinate our first club hunt of this nature in conjunction with our annual pot luck held in either June or July. I will provide my property for the location of this event; and we'll have more information available as time goes by. If you are interested in helping Ron organize the hunts, please contact him at ron145@centurytel.net, 541/895-0906, or see him at a meeting. 🍷

Remember:
Please remove
your hat when
entering the
Elks lodge.



Oldest US Coin: 1868 \$10 Gold Coin, Neil McElroy

Misc. US Coin: 1912s Barber Half Dollar, Neil McElroy

Foreign Coin: Iran Coin, Wayne Moore

Token: Frank Bros The Dalles 5 cent Token, Neil McElroy

Jewelry (Costume): Ring, Ron Carroll

Silver Jewelry: Ring, Don Quinton

Gold/Platinum Jewelry: 1947 Gold Class Ring, Wayne Moore

Artifact/Trinket: Israeli Dog Tag, John Huggins

Toy: Lead Soldier, Ron Carroll
Digger's Dud: 8lb Bolt, Neil McElroy

Display (Best Finds): Neil McElroy

Display (Most Creative): Neil McElroy

Note: When submitting your entries to FOTM, please be a little more specific in your description of the item you are entering. If it's a coin, list the date and mint mark for example. If it's jewelry, write more than just "ring."

Note: When entering items in a category, please make sure the item meets the categories description. i.e. a jewelry item marked 925 (silver) should go in the silver jewelry category and not under costume jewelry.

Changing the face of FOTM: If you have suggestions on how to enhance the FOTM program, please submit your ideas to Barb. Maybe you would like to see additional categories? There will be a board meeting in April or May to discuss possible changes.

March FOTM Winners



April Outing

2nd Time is a Charm Skinner Butte Park

Some of our members who were not able to make the outing at Skinner Butte in February asked that we schedule another outing to that park, so our outing on Sunday, April 15 will be to Skinner Butte Park.

Meet at the same place as before in the large parking area near the playground equipment. Or, join some of us at McDonalds on Broadway for breakfast!

See you there!

Meeting Minutes

CDCLC meeting of March 20 was called to order at 7:10 pm by Barb Tyler, President. Eleven members and 3 guests were in attendance.

Our 1 year anniversary will be celebrated during the April meeting and the announcement of Detectorist of the Year will also be awarded based on a combination of points from FOTM and club outings.

Other announcements included the Beaver State Coin Shooters annual organized hunt on June 20 at Timberland Park in Albany; and the White's detector meet June 16 from 1-5pm (a 15% discount will be offered on all new detectors).

The club voted on the 2007 Executive Committee and the results were: Charlene Kerns, Secretary/Treasurer; Neil McElroy, Board Member 1st Chair; Kris Walsh, Board Member 2nd Chair. Our President's position is a 2 year term with 1 year remaining.

The February Treasurers report and February minutes were approved as printed in the March newsletter. Our club membership is now at 29, and we had two new members join for 2007; please welcome Dale and Rebecca Given to our club. Annual Membership is due for 2007. If you have not paid your membership fee yet, you may do so by printing

off the application from the club's website, or get a copy at the April meeting.

The recent club outings, Island Park in Springfield and the Florence Boy Scout Camp were great fun - wet but lots of targets and good finds. And a big congratulations to Neil for his terrific find of a \$10 gold coin during one of his own hunts. Way to go Neil!

The next club outing will be Sunday, April 15 at Skinner Butte Park. The hunt will begin at 9:00am and conclude at 1:00pm. If you would like to join the group for a no-host breakfast, the club will meet at McDonalds on Broadway at 8:00am.

Our monthly drawing winners:
 Quarter Drop: Ron Carroll
 50/50: Neil McElroy
 Membership: Jerry Kerns

The next club meeting is Tuesday, April 17 at the Springfield Elks Lodge beginning at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Charlene Kerns, Sec/Treas.

Bring a guest to a meeting...
 and if your key is chosen during the membership drawing, then your guest wins too!
 Share the wealth!



Send your articles for the newsletter to CDCLC@msn.com — by the end of each month.

Treasurer's Report

March

Beginning Balance: \$282.81

Income

Membership Dues:	\$162.00
50/50 Drawing:	\$ 18.00
Quarter Drop	\$ 12.25
Cover Charge:	\$ 21.00

TOTAL: \$213.25

Expenses

Room Rental:	\$ 15.00
Postage/Supplies:	\$ 0.00
Coinage:	\$ 0.00
Prizes/Awards:	\$ 0.00
Other:	\$ 0.00

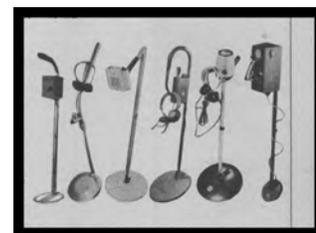
TOTAL: \$ 15.00

General Fund
 Ending Balance: \$481.06

~ PLEASE READ ~

It is time to renew your dues for 2007. Please do this as soon as possible so a new roster can be printed in time for the May meeting (otherwise it won't be done until the June meeting). See the membership application in this issue or pull it down from the club's website at CDCLC.org. Fill it out and mail it in with your check or bring it to the April meeting. Get those dues in!

Have detecting equipment for sale?
 Bring it to the next meeting!



Member News...

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Opal & Gold Necklace

New member **Richard Stocking** had success when returning to Island Park several days after the club outing there in March.

This park is a very difficult one to detect. Electrical lines run under ground and lots of trash everywhere. Every sweep of the coil brings a signal to decipher. But diligence pays off.

From about six inches down, Richard pulled this very nice gold necklace with Opal charm.



Attend the April meeting where Richard will have it entered into FOTM! ✂

Attention All Trash Diggers!

Bring your metal trash—found while detecting—to each club meeting. Don Quinton will keep the collection of trash as it grows, and will create a display to show the community how we keep the parks clean & safe!



If you dig it — please remove it!

Organized Hunts Have Something for Everyone

Call them “organized hunts” or “competition hunts” or “adult Easter egg hunts”, they are one thing...lots of fun! If you have never been to one, you don’t know what you’re missing. It’s kind of like going to a club meeting, where you rub elbows and share stories with good folks who have the same interest as you — except there are more folks, better stories, and you get to take home treasure!

An organized event of this nature, usually hosted by a metal detecting club, can either be one hunt, one day of hunts, or two days or more of hunts! It really depends on how big the hosting club is, what they can afford to sponsor, and how many volunteers they have working for them.

A full day will likely consist of 2-3 hunts in the morning and 2 hunts in the afternoon. You pay to enter them all or you pay to enter the ones you are most interested in.

Each hunt will be anywhere from 30 minutes long to one hour. Fields are roped off and planted with coins and tokens. The coins can be all silver or a combination of clad and silver with other coins such as Indian Head pennies thrown in for good measure. The tokens are redeemable for prizes. Some hunts may even have a theme or gimmick to them making them more entertaining.

In a competition hunt, the number of coins you find during the hunt is important if you intend to take first, second or third place in the standings. Otherwise, all that is important is finding as many coins as you can and a token or two that you hope will equate to a really good prize.

It’s the “in between” times that are most enjoyable. That is the time, when everyone is resting up between hunts, that you hear some incredible stories like how Neil McElroy found his \$10 gold coin! ✂

Roster Additions

Note: New rosters for 2007 will be printed and distributed in May or June (most likely June) — it depends on how quickly everyone gets their dues paid! So renew your dues now!

Welcome to the following new members. Please add their contact info to your current club roster:

Full Member
Dan Given

4900 Royal Ave SPC 63
Eugene, OR 97402
Phone: 541/461-2383

Email: dan4016@yahoo.com
Available: Evenings
Detector: Whites DFX

Full Member
Rebecca Given

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Eugene, OR 97402
Phone: 541/461-2383

Email: danelle728@yahoo.com
Available: Evenings
Detector: Bounty Hunter

Time to **RENEW YOUR DUES!!!**

Membership Application for 2007



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE YEAR STARTING APRIL 1, 2007 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2008

ANNUAL DUES ARE NOT PRORATED AND ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\$18 PER ADULT 18 YRS OR OLDER, TO BE PAID IN FULL \$_____ (+ \$1 PER MEETING, PAID ONLY WHEN ATTENDING A MEETING*)

\$6 PER FAMILY MEMBER 12 TO 17 YRS OF AGE, TO BE PAID IN FULL \$_____ (+ \$1 PER MEETING, PAID ONLY WHEN ATTENDING A MEETING*)

CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12 = FREE

OPTION: FIRST YEAR MEMBERSHIP (ADULTS ONLY) PAY \$3 ONLY WHEN ATTENDING A MEETING*

***ONLY GOOD FOR ONE YEAR; MUST PAY FULL DUES IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.**

CAN BE CONVERTED TO FULL DUES AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR BY PAYING \$18.

NOTE: GUESTS AT A MEETING WILL BE ASKED TO PAY \$2 AT THE DOOR

***MEETING FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

FULL DUES: YES NO FIRST YEAR: YES NO YEAR _____ TOTAL DUES REC'D: \$ _____ INITIALS: _____

Complete this application, along with your check payable to Coil & Diggers Club, and submit at a meeting.
Or mail to: Coil & Diggers Club of Lane County, PO Box 87, Dexter, OR 97431

(A PDF COPY OF THE CDCLC MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER WILL BE SENT TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS YOU LIST BELOW)

THANK YOU
Please print legibly

Application is: (Check one) Renewal _____ New _____ Change _____ Year first joined: _____

Member Name (Adults) _____

Family Member Name(s) _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

(Most club communications will be done via email)

Tell us about yourself: (If you are new to the hobby please say so!)

What type of detecting do you enjoy? (Please list) _____

What type of detector(s) do you use? (Please list) _____

Are you available to hunt with other members? (Please list your availability. i.e. weekends only, evenings, etc.) _____

Have you ever been asked by another person or organization to find something with your detector? (If yes, please give details) _____

_____ Was the item found/returned? Yes No

Are you willing to assist someone to find something that has been lost, or assist local authorities searching a crime scene? Yes No

Are you a detector dealer/distributor? If so, what brands/products do you offer for sale? _____

Would you be interested in serving on a committee or on the board of officers? Yes No Maybe in the future