

Coil & Diggers Club of Lane County

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Club News

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November Outing Recap

Private Property & the Search for Gold!

Thanks to member **John Huggins**, we had permission to hunt an 8 acre farm that has been in the same family since 1876. We were not able to hunt the original house that was built in 1876, and rebuilt in 1879 after a fire, because it now sits in the middle of a golf course. But we were able to hunt the adjoining property – also owned by the same family – which included a house built in the 1930s, as well as pasture and old out-buildings.

Due to the nature of this outing (being on private property), it was a “members only” outing. There were 10 of us who showed up (we first met at McDonald’s for breakfast) and unfortunately John was not feeling well so he was not able to stay and hunt with us. John was there long enough to introduce us to the owners and show us the lay of the land; then it was a comfy chair, a warm fire, and hot cocoa for him – as it was quite cold that day! →

The property owners were missing three pieces of gold jewelry they hoped we could find. But without knowing exact locations where to look, we were not successful in finding the pieces. They were grateful for our efforts and we were grateful for the opportunity to hunt an old property.

Several older horse shoes were found, as was a Buffalo nickel, one wheat penny, a child’s silver ring, and an old metal toy car. Overall, not a very successful hunt, but I think everyone enjoyed the outing for what it was worth – private property with potential and not a local park!

Celebrate the Season

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, December 19**. Please plan to join us as we celebrate the season with our club’s first holiday meeting. Some of our members will be bringing some very special desserts for us to enjoy. There will be free coffee available and sodas available for purchase in the lounge. Each person attending will receive a free ticket for their chance to win a gift. Family members and guests are always welcome!

Side Note: If you would like to bring a gift to donate to the drawing or a dessert to share, it would be appreciated. Gifts should be something everyone would enjoy, and should be wrapped.

Happy Holidays!

Next Club Outing

Our next outing will be on **Sunday, December 17**. We are going to **Westmoreland Park** in Eugene. Everyone

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Next Meeting is

December 19, 2006
7-9pm

Springfield Elks Lodge
1701 Centennial Blvd
Springfield, Oregon

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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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From the President's Coil

We're on a Great Path & Growing!

— by Barb Tyler, CDCLC President



When I started this club in April, never in my wildest dreams did I think it would make it this far and grow so fast. We are now at 25 members — having received two new memberships at our November meeting. [Be sure to see their roster information on the next page.] I can only say, I am quite pleased to see so many people enjoying the hobby in this area, who are willing to be a part of the club. The December meeting will be our ninth meeting (boy, how time flies!), and I am really looking forward to celebrating our one year anniversary on April 17, 2007!

I suppose we should be thinking about who will replace some of the Executive Committee members come April 2007. The position of President is a two year term with one more year to go, but elections for Secretary/Treasurer, Board Member 1st Chair, and Board Member 2nd Chair should be held in March. If you are interested in participating on the Executive Committee (or if the current board members are interested in continuing for another year) please let me know by our February meeting.

You may have noticed that I have changed the size and layout of the club's newsletter. As we grow as a club, the content of the newsletter grows too. So I thought the larger format would accommodate everything nicely, and I thought perhaps some of our older members might appreciate the larger font making it more easy to read. If you ever have something you'd like to see in the newsletter, that you think would be of interest to our membership, please send it to me via email or scribble it out on a piece of paper and give it to me at a meeting — I welcome all submissions!

I hope you will find the time to join us at our December meeting. I know the holidays are a busy time for everyone, but taking time out for the things you love—like metal detecting—is a great stress reliever. So come relieve some stress with us and enjoy some dessert while you're at it—maybe win a gift, too! ✂



Club Raffles & Winners

Nov

50/50 Drawing
Bill Halsne

Quarter Drop
Ron Carroll

Membership Drawing
Wayne Moore

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www.CDCLC.org

Site Sponsored by:

[The Traveling Detector.com](http://TheTravelingDetector.com)

Available on our website in PDF format:

CDCLC Membership Application Next Meeting Program Next Club Outing Flyer
Newsletters ...and detecting info for OR State Parks & Corp of Engineers Projects

New Addition to FOTM Program Temporarily on Hold

We were going to expand our FOTM program starting with the December meeting, encouraging all members to bring in displays of their finds for a chance to win a prize in a drawing, but it has been put on hold until further review by the Executive Committee.

The idea is to encourage all members to bring a display of their finds each month in exchange for a ticket that could win them a prize in a drawing! But after announcing it at the November meeting, it has been discovered that there are some details to the program that need to be discussed and worked out by the Executive Committee.

If you would like to offer input on the subject, please send an email to the club at cdclc@msn.com.

Thank You!
CDCLC Executive Committee

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



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



November FOTM Winners

Oldest US Coin: Wayne Moore, 1908 Barber Dime
Misc. US Coin: Neil McElroy, 1913 Barber Dime
Foreign Coin: Don Quinton, 100 Pesos

Token: John Huggins, San Francisco Train Token

Jewelry (Costume): John Huggins, Mans Ring

Silver Jewelry: Patrick McElroy, Ring w/Stone

Gold/Platinum Jewelry: Neil McElroy, 18k Wedding Band

Artifact/Trinket: Neil McElroy, 1933 Ford Motor Co. Medallion

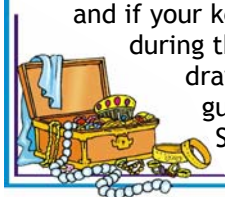
Digger's Dud: Wayne Moore, Ornate Valve

Display (Best Finds): Neil McElroy

Display (Most Creative): Don Quinton

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.

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.

Roster Additions

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

Full Member **Ken Giusto**
1043 S 7th St
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
Phone: 541/232-3440
Available: Most any time
Equip: Whites DFX

Full Member **Lewie Warren**
PO Box 70734

Phone: 541/554-2806
Email: teslafelix@hotmail.com
Available: Most any time
Equip: New, no equip.



If you dig it — please remove it!

Club Outing...

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meet prior to 9am in the parking lot of Kids Sports off of Polk. We will hunt until 1pm then count out our finds. Our outings are held rain or shine, cold or warm. However, if it is threatening snow or freezing rain, consider the outing cancelled.

Future Outings

We have other members who are working on securing us permission to hunt other private properties in the future. **Ron Carroll** is working with the Boy Scouts and has permission for us to hunt a camp

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Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Springfield Elks Lodge by Barb Tyler, President. The club is now at 25 members - two new members joined this month, and we had one guest, Bob Russell, who is thinking of joining the club next month.

The club was made aware of the article written by Dick Stout in the Western & Eastern Treasurers Magazine. Our club and website was mentioned in the article and we are hoping for some interest and potential new members from our local area.

Club cards were made available again. They are great to pass out to interested people you may encounter during your hunts.

The October Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved as printed in the October newsletter.

Club Holiday Party was discussed, and a decision to have a "dessert" party was decided. I welcome all of you to bring your favorite holiday dessert to our December meeting. The Club will buy a few gifts and each member in attendance will receive a ticket for a chance to win one of the gifts. Our normal 50/50 and quarter drop will also be played.

Don Quinton spoke of his Trash collection project;

don't forget to bring your trash to the monthly meetings to give to Don. He will have his trash can each month for your "deposit".

The November 18 hunt on private property was discussed. Unfortunately, the owners lost jewelry was not found, but Neil did find a silver ring which he returned to the owner. Also found was a buffalo nickel, a wheat penny, and a small metal toy car.

Next outing is Sunday, December 17, at Westmoreland Park 9am to 1pm. Meet in the parking lot near Kids Sports.

Ron Carroll said he is working with the Boy Scouts and we have received permission to hunt Camp Baker, a huge 250 acre site. There is also another camp near Sisters for possible detecting this summer. Wayne is trying to get permission to hunt the Veneta County Fair Grounds.

Our 50/50 winner of \$11.50 was Bill Halsne.

Our Membership winner of a silver 50 cent piece was Wayne Moore.

Quarter drop winner was (again) Ron Carroll winning a Silver Dollar.

The meeting continued with conversation concerning various detectors, their functions, and what's new on the market.

— Respectfully submitted by
Charlene Kerns, Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

November

Beginning Balance: \$300.06

Income

Membership Dues:	\$36.00
50/50 Drawing:	\$11.50
Quarter Drop	\$13.50
Cover Charge:	\$23.00
Other:	\$ 0.00

TOTAL: \$84.00

Expenses

Room Rental:	\$19.00
Postage/Supplies:	\$ 0.00
Coinage:	\$126.50

TOTAL: \$145.50

General Fund
Ending Balance: \$238.56

Book/DVD/Video Review

Coin Shooting (Using a Metal Detector Effectively)

— This book is available in our club's library. To check it out, contact Club Librarian Don Quinton at gozento@hotmail.com or come to the next meeting.

Coin Shooting
by H. Glenn Carson 1973

If you ever wondered how the Pro's find so much treasure, this little book has numerous stories of how and where to do it. I have never seen so many places mentioned that can be explored for coins or treasure. I don't think the author has left a stone unturned or an outhouse overlooked. ❖

— Don Quinton, Club Librarian

Tip of the Month

Tools of the Trade

— by Barb Tyler

If you are new to the hobby and have purchased your first detector, you might be wondering about all the “stuff” that came with it – unless of course you bought it from a local dealer who took the time to explain the operation of your new equipment and the tools that came with it. But if you didn't, here are some of the things you might have received, or need to consider as your next purchase:

Headphones are a must to minimize outside noises like traffic or children playing (or asking too many questions). They also enable you to hear the subtle sounds from your detector that you might otherwise miss. Keep in mind, headphones are to a detector like speakers are to a stereo system. You're not going to pay



several hundred dollars for a stereo system so you can attach a \$20 set of flea market speakers to it! The quality of sound is in the speakers. Same with the headphones. Though there are some less expensive headphones on the market that work very well, the better the headphones the better the target sound coming from your detector. Keep in mind the weather as well. Those large bulky headphones can be rather uncomfortable in the hot summer months; consider a lighter weight pair for warmer days. Headphones also help your batteries last longer.

Diggers are very important – unless you expect to talk your find out of the ground! A digger is a personal item; not everyone is comfortable using the same thing. Consider the type of detecting you will be doing before you select your digging tool. If you are only going to be hunting beaches, you probably don't need a large knife type tool with a serrated edge to it for digging plugs and cutting through tree roots; you'll need a sand scoop with holes in it to allow the sand to flow through but not your find.



If you are detecting ghost towns, you'll want a small shovel; there aren't any groomed lawns to worry about



so using a pick or probe type tool with a rounded point to pop a quarter out of the ground, isn't required. Personally, I would recommend



you have one of each tool that I just mentioned; because you never really know the type of detecting you might be doing and it's always good to BE PREPARED!

A Pouch or Apron is necessary unless you plan to put all of your finds – including the sharp metal trash – into your pocket! I wouldn't suggest it! Pouches are again something that is personal, you have to pick what is right for you not what works for someone else. You might try using a tool belt from your lo-



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near Florence; he is making final arrangements. This will be another *members only* outing and will actually be considered a field trip and separate from the normal club outing. Member **Kris Welch** is working out the details in order for us to charter a bus from her father's company. So stay tuned to this newsletter and our website for more information on this outing; and if you are not a member yet, you might want to get signed up! 🗝

Attention All Trash Collectors!
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!



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Tools of the Trade...

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cal hardware store; or a carpenter's apron. Or support some local detectorist who makes a bag especially for this hobby. It's a good thing to have a pouch with enough pockets, because as I've found, I need a pocket for my good finds, a bigger one for the trash, and one or two for the tools I dig with and other things I think I have to have with me at all times.

Pinpointers are valuable tools that shouldn't be left behind. They are little electronic devices or mini detectors. They are great for pinpointing



the target inside the hole you have dug or in the plug you have removed. They help minimize the potential for scratching a good find. There is a wide variety of these on

the market, so once again I find that personal preference is important. But they are a must for any detecting pouch!

Batteries are a Forget-Me-Knot. Don't ever leave home without an extra set or two or three. You don't want to discover out in the middle of a productive field, several miles from the nearest store, and with only hours to detect, that your batteries are going dead and you don't have any spares.

A Magnifying Glass is handy for examining your find in the field – if you can't wait to get home to see the key date on a coin or the engraving on the inside of a ring.



Gloves, First Aid Kit, Water and toilet paper are personal items that should be in every detecting bag.

Depending on the type of detecting you plan to do, there are numerous other items you might want to have in your arsenal – it certainly wouldn't be a mistake having them that's for sure! They might include: plastic buckets, trash bags or other trash container, sifting tray, hat or sun visor, sturdy pair of shoes or boots, kneepads, mosquito repellent, suntan lotion, chapstick, handy-wipes, bag for your detector, rain gear for yourself and your detector, GPS unit and/or maps, cell phone or two-way radio, gold pan, gold bottle, eye dropper, tweezers....and the list goes on.

Detecting is a personal hobby; be prepared to make several choices along the way until you find the right tools to meet your needs and that work for you. Eventually you'll narrow down the tools to just a few faithful ones that you take everywhere you go, and by then, everything else can go on Ebay. ✂