



July 2006
Club News

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Our club is having a potluck on Saturday, July 8, at Jasper State Park, from 10am to 3pm. A permit to hunt the park has been acquired. Bring your detector and plan to hunt from 10am to noon, then again after lunch. Weather is looking perfect and the food should be great!

You should have received a flyer about the potluck via email, but if not, you can find it at our website.

Note: There is a \$3 day use fee charged by the park that you will need to pay.

Hope to see everyone for what I hope will be an annual event for our club! ❖

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Monthly Club Outing

Next Outing Planned for July 15

At our June meeting it was decided by those present, that in addition to the club potluck, we should still hold a regular club outing.

We will be meeting at 9am on July 15 at Alton Baker Park in the main parking area. We will hunt until 1pm then count out.

Member **Wayne Moore** picked up blank detecting permits from the Public Works office and those who were at the meeting filled one out. Wayne will take them back to the PW office for signatures and will have them available for us the day of the outing. You need to have a signed permit in order to detect in Eugene city parks. Thank you to Wayne for taking the time to do this for us!

If you have a location that would be suitable to host a club outing, and have permis-

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Next Meeting is
July 18, 2006
7-9pm
El Rey Mexican Restaurant
Hwy 58 & Dexter Road
Dexter, Oregon

For information call
541/937-2611
or visit our website at
www.quest4thepast.com/cdclc

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

**Club Raffles & Winners**

June
50/50 Drawing
Jerry Kerns

Quarter Drop
Barb Tyler

Membership Drawing
Jerry Kerns

Next Outing...

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sion from the land owner to hunt, please let us know about it. Parks are great, but more interesting locations would enhance the experience for us all. Please share!

The following is a current schedule of club outings:

August 13 (Sunday)

September 16 (Saturday)

October 15 (Sunday)

November 18 (Saturday)

December 17 (Sunday)



Let's Party

Club Potluck & Detecting
Saturday • July 8
10am to 3pm
Jasper State Park

Detecting starting at 10am, with a potluck lunch at noon, followed by more detecting!

Coil & Diggers Club of Lane County **2006 Executive Committee**

President, Barb Tyler, 541/937-2611, quest4thepast@msn.com
Secretary/Treasurer, Charlene Kerns, 541/942-0234, desertdog@starband.net
Board Members
1st Chair, Neil McElroy, 541/461-8464, oddcoins@msn.com
2nd Chair — Position Open

Pull Tab Collection

We all hate the little buggers when we're out detecting — those pesky pull tabs off of soda cans that could be gold according to our detectors... but usually aren't. Every detecting pouch will have more pull tabs in it than good stuff. The only thing you might have more of are bottle caps and Lincoln Memorial pennies! But those pull tabs are worth something to someone. So save them!

U Thanks to Jerry and
P Charlene Kerns, they
D have researched the
A "myth" of pull tabs for
T kidney dialysis and it's
E false, according to
www.snopes.com. How-
ever, some organizations
still do collect them for
the little bit of money
they bring in from recycling. So continue to
bring your pull tabs to
the meetings and put
them in our collection bucket.
This should make those pesky
little buggers a little easier to
dig! ❖



Find of the Month

FOTM Starts July 18

At our July 18 meeting we will start our Find of the Month (FOTM) program. **Kris Walsh** has graciously agreed to coordinate the program for us during the meetings.

It's all pretty simple: you must be a member to participate; go detecting; bring your best or favorite finds to the next meeting; enter one find per category and hope your find gets voted as best in that category! If it does, you win a silver dime!

The categories will be as follows:

- Oldest US Coin
- Misc. US Coin
- Foreign Coin
- Token
- Silver Jewelry (925 or sterling)
- Gold/Platinum Jewelry
- Costume Jewelry (other)
- Artifact/Trinket
- Digger's Dud
- Display

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Available on our website in PDF format:

CDCLC Membership Application Next Meeting Program

Next Club Outing Flyer Newsletters

...and detecting information for Oregon State Parks and Corp of Engineers Parks/Projects

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From the President's Coil

Club Roster Available

— by Barb Tyler, CDCLC President

A club roster and club cards were available at the June

meeting. The roster is a list of all of our members and their contact info so that we can connect with each other away from meetings. The club cards are to be carried with you when you detect. If you are approached by someone interested in the hobby, introduce them to the club by giving them one of these cards which has meeting info on it. There is also a place to include your name and phone number should you care to. The rosters and cards will be available at the potluck July 8, also at the club outing July 15, and at the July meeting on the 18th.

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For a description of each category and the general rules, send an email to Barb at quest4thepast@msn.com.

Note: Finds entered must be items you have found since the last meeting; voting is done by the membership during the meeting break; winners in each category are announced at the end of the meeting. ❖

Other Items of Interest

If you have never detected at Emerald Park, you should. The club had our June outing there and it was a very nice park — one of the cleanest parks I have ever detected. Kudos to the neighborhood and the Parks department located next door to the park for maintaining the grounds so nicely! It was a perfect day for an outing also, the weather was quite comfortable.

Only about seven of us showed up at 9am to hunt until 1pm when we counted out our finds. **Neil McElroy, Wayne Moore** and myself had the highest scores. I lucked out in the playground area finding a very nice silver cross, and a couple of other small silver trinkets. **Kris Walsh** found a Chinese cash coin too!

Join us July 15 for an outing to Alton Baker Park. Should be some nice finds there after the 4th of July events. Be sure to have your permit with you, and remember to take good care of the park while you are there.

Member
**Don
Quinton**

Library Open

has started up the clubs library. He already has books checked out to other members! The library is a collection of books and videos—donated or loaned—on metal detecting. It

is a great resource for those new to the hobby or even old timers who might want to test their knowledge against the pros! Contact Don!

Helping Hand

The July issue of *The Post*

is out and in it is a follow up article I wrote on our club and hobby. *The Post* is a small newspaper distributed in the areas of Creswell, Lowell and Dexter. They printed the first article I wrote about the formation of the club back in April. If you can get a copy of the July edition, be sure to see the picture of member **Jack Edmonds** and his wife Ann detecting during our outing at Emerald Park.

One of the things I mention in the article is ways in which our club can help the public.

Not long after I moved to the area, I was contacted through my website by Springfield law enforcement. They wanted assistance locating a missing firearm that had been used in a shooting involving an officer. The suspect had buried himself and the gun in a gravel hole in a construction site. The sus-



pect was found but the gun was missing. I was honored to assist their efforts using my detector, and within 15 minutes the gun was located.

At the time, there was not a club in the area, and I didn't know anyone else in the hobby that I could ask to join me in the search. Now, as word gets out of our club, I hope the future will bring another phone call and another opportunity to assist local law enforcement. I believe in putting our detectors and our skills to good use! ❖



The Sleep Walker Night Hunt

— by Barb Tyler

Darkness cloaks the forest floor and stars begin their native dance above the towering fir trees. Flames reach from a distant campfire, creating shadows that waver against the darkness beyond. A slight breeze wafts the smoke toward you, calling you to come sit and contemplate the evening. But you know you must stay focused on the task at hand.

Silently and without the benefit of light, you make your way across the grassy field to where you hope you will make an honest income this night. Your position means everything.

As others walk near you, the only conversation is among the crickets, but now even they have gone quiet. You fold the collar of your shirt up to chase the chill away, knowing that

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Club Business

Meeting Minutes

The Club meeting on June 20, 2006 was called to order at 7:10 PM at El Rey Mexican restaurant in Dexter. There were 10 members and 6 guests in attendance, no new memberships. A fee of \$1.00 was charged to full members, and \$2.00 for guests to attend the meeting and cover the cost of the room rental.

Barb Tyler, President, opened the meeting with introductions of the Board, and members and guests introduced themselves. Announcements were made including a notice about the Beaver State Coinshooters annual hunt held on July 15-16 in Albany; a flyer was available if anyone was interested.

Minutes of the May 16, 2006 meeting were distributed with the monthly newsletter, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as distributed. The Treasurers report was brief, noting \$151.00 in the bank. The checking account was finally opened, with Barb Tyler and Charlene Kerns as signers. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter.

Club Roster and Club Cards were distributed to all members. The Club Cards should be

used when we are talking about the club to a non-member, and the person needs more information. Simply hand them the card with your contact info on the back, date/time and location of our meeting is on the other side.

An extra event has been planned for July, a Club Picnic/Hunt will be held on July 8 at Jasper Park from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Detecting begins at 10 AM, break at 12:00 for potluck lunch, and then resume detecting until 3 PM. This is a potluck and all food should be prepared and ready to eat, since no one has signed up to be the BBQ chef. The permit for this outing has been obtained by Barb; anyone wanting to detect will need to sign the permit.

Our next regular club outing will be to Alton Baker Park on July 15, plan on meeting in the main parking lot at 9:00 AM. We will detect from 9am to 1pm. Wayne acquired permits from the city of Eugene and had them available at the meeting for members to fill out. He will take them back to the city for their signature then have them available for us the day of the outing. If you plan to attend this outing, please have a permit from the city, or make arrangements with Wayne to get one.

Glenn 'Pat' Randall has been ill

since April so a get well card was circulated for everyone to sign with best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The "Quarter Drop" raffle game began this month as a club fund raiser. Drop a quarter in the tube and receive a raffle ticket for a prize. Several members and guests played, Barb Tyler won the silver dollar prize; she donated it back to the club.

A detecting library has been established by Don Quinton. There are several books on metal detecting and a few treasure hunting magazines available for check-out.

Four members participated in the Show and Tell explaining how and where they found the rare tokens, beautiful coins and jewelry that were found.

July will be the first month of the FOTM (Find of the Month) contest. Kris Walsh has volunteered to be in charge of this monthly event. We discussed the categories we will use and the procedures.

An article has been posted in the July issue of The Post concerning CDCLC and our hobby. Also included is a photo of Jack Edmonds and his wife enjoying the day at one of our outings.

Wayne Moore donated a 1979 proof set to be used as a prize for a club drawing.

June raffles winners were:
Barb Tyler - Quarter Drop
Jerry Kerns - 50/50 drawing
Jerry Kerns - Membership drawing

Submitted by: Charlene Kerns,
Secretary/Treasurer

Club Business

Treasurer's Report

June

Beginning Balance: \$181.00

Income

Membership Dues:	\$0
50/50 Drawing:	\$19.00
Quarter Drop	\$15.75
Cover Charge:	\$22.00
TOTAL:	\$56.75

Expenses

Room Rental:	\$16.00
Postage/Supplies:	\$12.19
Coinage:	\$43.00
TOTAL:	\$71.19

General Fund

Ending Balance: \$166.56



If you dig it – please remove it!

Night Hunt...

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soon your blood will be pumping harder and your temperature will rise. Then a single voice breaks the stillness...

“Ready?”

You prepare for what you’re about to do. The voice speaks once more... “Go!” From that point on, you and 30 others stumble your way through the grass amidst the rustle of plastic grocery bags.

Plastic grocery bags? Yes, the unmistakable sound of plastic grocery bags swishing in the darkness at their holders side. You have just begun a one hour night hunt called the Sleep Walker. With detector in one hand and a grocery bag in the other, you wander aimlessly in the darkness listening for that sweet tone of your detector saying “I’ve found something!”

You bend down and grope to find the target. You hear someone across the field from you as they discover their own target and the exclamation “oh, yuk!” breaks the silence. You wince at the thought of what your own target might be. But the hunt for silver is strong within you and you grab for something that oozes between your fingers. You pluck it from its grassy bed and toss it in your grocery bag and move on.

Again the silence is broken by

yet another exclamation, “Oh, that was gross, what was that?”

You begin to smile and chuckle to yourself as your mind tries to picture this event from a spectators point of view. Truly, you couldn’t be that desperate for a few coins?

As time goes by the exclamations cease and conversation takes hold of the night’s cool darkness and turns it into an atmosphere of warmth and friendship. In a few moments time you will be at the campfire anxiously inspecting your goopy finds for whatever treasure they hold; an over-ripe banana, a soggy tomato, a glob of peanut butter... all hold riches at the bottom of your bag. This night’s wealth would be found in zucchini squash laden with coins, or strawberries and oranges past their prime, or watermelon and salad dressing. But you earned every ounce your bag could hold.

Was it an alternate way to earn a living? Probably not. Was it fun? Well, we could hear you smiling over your plastic grocery bag! ❖

Author’s Note: Sitting on the sidelines as a spectator at the Rogue Valley Coinshooters Sleep Walker night hunt, I was entertained as I peered into the darkness, hearing the sound of rattling grocery bags and the occasional wince or exaltation of a hunter that I could not see. I hope I made it possible for you, the reader, to pull up a chair and sit there with me!