

Coil & Diggers Club of Lane County

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Club News

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Field Trip to Florence Boy Scout Camp

It couldn't have been a wetter day!



A Pretty Soggy Crew

From left: John Huggins, Wayne Moore, Ron Carroll, Neil McElroy, Patrick McElroy, Don Quinton, Kris Walsh. Not pictured: Gary & Jolie Wagoner, and Barb Tyler.

Talk about a bunch of drowned rats! Those of us who braved the weather to go to Florence to the Boy Scout Camp were either really avid detectorists, or fools. But gosh, we had a good time!

The weather wasn't too bad when we first started out, but then it got real windy and rained heavily on our parade. But no one stopped detecting until it was over!

Soaked to the bone and cold, we laid out our treasures and our trash on a few picnic tables. Everyone had found at least one Boy Scout item; a silver dime was found; a ring; a Chinese cash coin; an Israeli dog tag; bullet shells and tent stakes were plentiful as was the usual trash.

To award prizes, Ron and Wayne devised a drawing that consisted of a can full of num-

bered poker chips and a corresponding list of items. When a chip was drawn, the number was matched to an item on a list and the person with the most of that item won a silver coin – either a silver dime or a silver half. The items on the list were anything from a pull-tab or a piece of foil, to a silver coin, jewelry, or some unusual item you wouldn't think of. It was very nicely done and added to the fun.

This particular Boy Scout Camp was over 200 acres! So much ground we couldn't possibly cover it in one day, or even two. I'm sure Ron will schedule us another trip there sometime when the weather is a bit more cooperative!

Thank you to member **Kris Walsh** of Porter Stage Lines who shuttled our group to the camp. We hope she was able to get the coffee spill and the wet sand cleaned up okay.

Thank you to member Ron Carroll for securing the location and the permission for us to hunt. And thank you to him and member Wayne Moore for organizing the outing. You all did a great job! ✂

Next Meeting is

**March 20, 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!

Coil & Diggers Club of Lane County 2006 Executive Committee

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March Meeting Program

At our February meeting member Wayne Moore handed out some research papers on local areas that had some history to them. He had asked that members do some additional research on the sites and bring their findings to the March meeting. It is all in an effort to locate some worthwhile search areas for future club field trips and outings. We hope you did your homework! We'll be discussing the findings at the March meeting.



From the President's Coil

Elections in March

– by Barb Tyler, CDCLC President



April brings our club's first anniversary. With it comes new officers. At our February meeting we took nominations for Secretary/Treasurer, Board Member 1st Chair, and Board Member 2nd Chair. President is a two year term so I will be continuing on for another year. Nominations were as follows:

Secretary/Treasurer – **Charlene Kerns**

Board Member 1st Chair – **Neil McElroy and John Huggins**

Board Member 2nd Chair – **Shirley Stoy**

Nominations are still open so if you are interested in participating in your clubs future then please get your name in the hat soon! I will call for nominations one last time at the March meeting then we will vote before the meeting is over. New officers will assume their positions at the April meeting.

I wish to thank member **John Huggins** for once again putting on a well structured and formative presentation for our club. The topic was GPS units and I must say, things have changed a lot since they were first put into public use. I was most im-

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Club Raffles & Winners

Dec

50/50 Drawing
Ron Carroll

Quarter Drop
Wayne Moore

Membership Drawing
Wayne Moore

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www.CDCLC.org

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

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Newsletters ...and detecting info for OR State Parks & Corp of Engineers Projects

February Presentation...

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pressed with the software now available to use with a GPS system. As John pointed out through his own experience, with one of these systems and the mapping capabilities, there should be no reason for anyone to get lost on Oregon back roads.

If anyone has a topic they would like to see covered in a presentation at a meeting, please speak up – particularly if you have a speaker who would be available! Topics of interest might be: token or coin collecting, how to do research on the internet, or maybe something instructive like how to set up a personal program on a Whites detector or how to pan for gold!

Thank you to **Kris Walsh** for bringing the snack to our February meeting. **Ron Carroll** is signed up to bring a snack to our March meeting.

See you at Island Park on March 17 or at the meeting on March 20! 🦌

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



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



Oldest US Coin: 1868-s
Seated Liberty Half Dime,
Neil McElroy

Misc. US Coin: Walking Lib-
erty, Ron Carroll

Foreign Coin: Canadian Silver
Dime, Ron Carroll

Token: Good for 10¢ Palmol-
ive Token, Wayne Moore

Jewelry (Costume): Ring, Ron
Carroll

Silver Jewelry: Sterling
Watch Fob, Ron Carroll

Gold/Platinum Jewelry: 10k
Gold 1965 Class Ring, Neil
McElroy

Artifact/Trinket: Jack
Daniels (?), Mike Wolfe

Digger's Dud: American Flag,
Ron Carroll

Display (Best Finds): Ron Car-
roll

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.

January/February FOTM Winners



Meeting Minutes

The February 20 meeting was called to order by President, Barb Tyler, at 7:15pm and introductions were made. The club had 5 new members sign up and 12 guests attended the meeting. This brings our membership up to a total of 29. The club membership fees for this time of year were explained to the guests.

There was no meeting in January due to bad weather; the December minutes and Treasurer's report were approved as printed in the January newsletter.

Elections will be held in March for new Executive Committee members. Please be present in March to cast your vote! Nominated are: Secretary/Treasurer, Charlene Kerns; Board Member 1st Chair, Neil McElroy or John Huggins; Board Member 2nd Chair, Shirley Stoy. [President is a two year term with one year remaining.]

Wayne reported on the Skinner Butte Park outing last month and the first silver coin was found during a club outing, as well as 3 wheat pennies.

Our next outing will be March 17 at Day Island Park. We will meet at the park and hunt from 9am to 1pm. Please remember you will need a Springfield permit for this hunt.

Wayne also passed out locations to investigate for future hunts, and discussion among the "investigators" will take place at a later date concerning desirable locations.

The Quarter Drop was won by Wayne Moore, and he also won the Membership drawing and received a silver 50 cent piece, and his guest won a silver quarter. Ron Carroll won \$14.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

John Huggins presented on GPS units and how they can assist us with detecting. Very interesting and well presented. Thank you John.

Respectfully submitted:
Charlene Kerns
Secretary/Treasurer



If you dig it – please remove it!

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



New Detecting Website Looking Worthwhile!

A month or two ago I emailed club members about a new metal detecting website that was about to go online: www.detectorbase.com. It promised to be new and different with lots of articles on detecting, etc. I finally remembered myself to check it out, and I think it's well worth the time to scan through it's pages. The following article is just one of many that have been submitted to this website.

Karma Nickel

I wanted to talk about one of my last detecting hunts of 2006. I was at a local park, a park that I've hunted many times in the past, and was having some pretty bad luck. This park is pretty trashy but has yielded me a lot of good finds (early wheat cents, indian heads, barber dimes and V nickles).

I decided to focus on the surface coins for a bit, since I figured it must be masking a lot of targets. So I started

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Club Business

Treasurer's Report

January / February

Beginning Balance: \$221.06

Income

Membership Dues:	\$ 0.00
50/50 Drawing:	\$14.50
Quarter Drop	\$19.25
Cover Charge:	\$46.00
Donation:	\$ 0.00
Field Trip:	\$150.00

TOTAL: \$229.75

Expenses

Room Rental:	\$28.00
Postage/Supplies:	\$ 0.00
Coinage:	\$ 0.00
Prizes:	\$60.00
Shuttle:	\$80.00

TOTAL: \$168.00

General Fund

Ending Balance: \$282.81

What's it Worth

New book in our club's library!

– The following 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.

A new book has been donated to the Club by Neil McElroy – *What's it Worth: The Worlds Most Accurate Antiques and Collectable Price Guide*, with over 5,000 items priced and reported directly from buyers.

Here is a List of books currently in the Library and available for you to check out:

- Divers Almanac
- Treasure Hunters Yearbook
- Magnificent Quest
- Diving & Digging for Gold
- Crazy Ed's Sagas
- Finding Gold Nuggets
- Coinshooting
- Treasure Hunting
- Treasure Hunters Manual
- Successful Coin Hunters
- Roadside Geology of Oregon
- Ghost Towns of the West
- The New Successful Coin Hunter
- Lets talk Treasure Hunting
- Guide to the Best Buyers
- Oregon Ghost Towns
- Roadside History of Oregon
- What's it Worth
- ...and several Treasure Magazines.



Tip of the Month

Plant a Test Garden

One of the best ways to learn your detector and to decipher the sounds it gives off when there is a target in the ground is to plant a test garden.

Select a location in your yard that won't be disturbed, so you can leave the garden there for future reference.

You'll want to plant a variety of items you would normally find while detecting; for example small gold rings, silver jewelry, coins, pulltabs, other miscellaneous metals.

If you have enough items, plant them at varying depths, say three to six inches. Be sure to leave enough space between them so that your detector isn't trying to read more than one signal at a time.

Once you've planted the garden, practice scanning over the items and pay close attention to how they sound. Of course, ground conditions and soil makeup can play a big role in how items sound in the field, but the test garden will give you a general idea and a good handle on what your detector is telling you. ⚡

Outing to Park at Skinner Butte

The location of the February 18 outing was not disclosed until everyone met at the McDonald's on Broadway for breakfast. Skinner Butte Park, one of the oldest parks in Eugene, was the chosen spot.

A handful of club members and one guest detected from



9am until 1pm, leaving much more ground to cover for another time.

This was the first outing since the inception of the club where someone actually found

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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!

February Club Outing...

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a silver coin — and it was our guest **Richard Stocking** (who is now a member by the way)! Way to go Richard — and thank you for the great pictures!



Some of our members would like to return to Skinner Butte for another club outing, so it will probably show up on the schedule again sometime in the future.

Next Scheduled Outing

Be sure to join us Saturday, March 17 for the next club outing. We will be heading to Island Park in Springfield — where we hope to find the next silver coin. Don't forget, you'll need a Springfield permit to hunt this park. For more details on the outing, visit the club's website at www.CDCLC.org and click on the Next Scheduled Outing link. Better weather is just around the corner! ✂

Karma Nickel...

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probing a bunch of clads out. I normally hate digging clads, but felt I was going to get a good target by doing this. After several hours, I had about 5 dollars in clads, which surprised me that I found that many quarters.

I rescanned my area, but no luck. So I decided to leave, but as I always do, I always scan on the way back to my car, just in case. Sure enough, I got this weird signal. It wasn't the best signal, but it's a signal I like to hear with my Whites XLT for a deep coin. While pinpointing I noticed that the pinpoint was possibly locking on to two targets. The signal was erratic, my optimism quickly fell. Scanning the target in non-pinpoint was giving me the good signal, but the pinpoint was not.

I said to myself, "the only way to find out if this is junk or not is to dig it out". So I dug my initial plug. Removing the soil I did not visual see the target. Scanning the target only returned me silence from the hole AND the extracted dirt! What happened? Thinking it may have been a piece of foil in there and my detector's discrimination was final able to see a "clear" picture, I put the plug back in. Going over the spot again, I got my good signal again!? I was stumped.

At that time a homeless woman walked up to me and starting watching. I wanted to continue with my understand-

ing of this target and hole, but felt awkward with her watching me. So I thought I'd take the offensive and said "Hi, how are you?". She smiled and walked closer to me and asked if I had any spare change so she could get something to eat. I reached into my pocket and realized I didn't have any money on me... so I said, "I'm sorry, I don't". But then realized, I had a little over five dollars in dirty clad. I asked her if she minded if it was "dirty" and of course she said "no".

I reached into my collection bag, and pulled out all of the clad I found that day and handed it to her. She was very appreciative and moved on. I thought to myself, "That's another good reason to dig up the clad targets".

On that note, I was going to call it a day, but thought I'd swing the coil over that spot one more time. Again, the signal came up as a good possible coin signal. I redug my plug and scraped the soil a few more times, and to my surprise a 1911 V-Nickel! It was hiding in there the whole time all right. It's funny how the detector had a clear view of that coin, but couldn't see it. I think there may have been a piece of iron below it or around it that was masking the signal after the plug was removed.

I couldn't help thinking that a little karma might have played a part here!

— Hank D.

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

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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