

# Coil & Diggers Club of Lane County

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in 2006

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**Club News**

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## *Club's First Holiday Party*

The December 19 meeting was our club's first holiday party and it was attended by many of our regulars. We had a great time, enjoyed some really good homemade treats, and everyone went home with a gift – thanks to several donations by club members and the purchase of two \$25 Visa gift cards by the club, which were won by **Kris Walsh** and **Ron Carroll**. Member **Don Quinton** (Club Librarian), a collector of carbide minor's lamps, gave a short presentation on how the lamps work and had several from his collection for us to look at.

**Thank you all  
for making our first  
Holiday Party  
a significant one!**



Neil, Shirley & Charlene opening gifts at club's first holiday party!



Everyone received a gift at the party!

## Next Meeting is

January 16, 2007  
7-9pm

Springfield Elks Lodge  
1701 Centennial Blvd  
Springfield, Oregon

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### 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

**President, Barb Tyler**

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## January Meeting Program

Be sure to join us for the meeting on January 16 when member **John Huggins** will give a presentation on **GPS** units. He will explain what a GPS (Global Positioning System) is and how it works, and suggest ways it can be a useful tool in our quest for treasure. If you attended his last presentation on meteorites, then you know John is an excellent presenter and a handy resource to have around the club!

Thank you John!



### From the President's Coil

## On the Horizon

– by Barb Tyler, CDCLC President

I was pleasantly surprised at the December meeting when the last gift was presented, and it was to me! It was a beautiful fleece shirt with our club's logo embroidered on the front, and a \$35 gift card – it was explained that it was a thank you gift from the membership for my having started the club. Now I say, thank you all for the wonderful—and very special—gift! Thanks to **Neil McElroy**, who spearheaded the project to have our club's logo set up for embroidering on



shirts and hats – items that will be available for purchase in the near future!

Also on the horizon, as mentioned in last month's newsletter, are elections! We will be voting on new Executive Committee members in March, and they will take office in April. The positions available are: *Secretary/Treasurer* (now filled by **Charlene Kerns**), responsible for taking minutes during meetings and keeping the club's financial business up-to-date;

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## Club Raffles & Winners

### Dec

50/50 Drawing  
Ron Carroll

Quarter Drop  
Ron Carroll

Membership Drawing  
Jerry Kerns

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## On the Horizon...

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**Board Member 1st Chair** (now filled by **Neil McElroy**), responsible for handling the raffles and drawings at each meeting, also is liaison to club outing chairperson; and **Board Member 2nd Chair** (now filled by **Shirley Stoy**), responsible for the meeting sign-in table and greeting members/guests as they arrive and check in. The position of President is a 2-year term with one year remaining. The work is simple, the hours are short, and the club needs you! If you think you would be interested in filling one of these positions, please let me know before the March meeting.

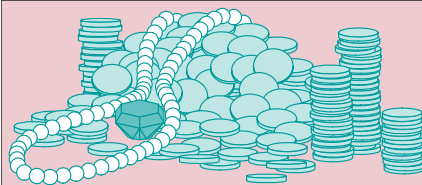
I would like your ideas on program topics for upcoming meetings in 2007. It is my plan to have more informative programs this year. Email me at [quest4thepast@msn.com](mailto:quest4thepast@msn.com).

Happy Hunting everyone! Please remember to cover your holes after you have rescued your treasure from the ground! ♣

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



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



## December FOTM Winners

Oldest US Coin: Ron Carroll, 1902 Indian Head

Misc. US Coin: Wayne Moore, 1939s Dime

Foreign Coin: Wayne Moore, 1870 5 Centimos

Token: Ron Carroll, \$1 Transit Token

Jewelry (Costume): Neil McElroy, Ring w/stone

Silver Jewelry: John Huggins, Ring w/blue stone

Gold/Platinum Jewelry:

Artifact/Trinket: Wayne Moore, Lead Ship

Digger's Dud: John Huggins, Bowling Medal

Display (Best Finds): John Huggins

Display (Most Creative): Neil McElroy

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](mailto:CDCLC@msn.com) — by the end  
of each month.

## December Outing Recap

## Sometimes You're On Your Own

The December outing to Westmoreland Park, as it turned out, was for those brave enough to face the cold. Only four showed up to detect in temperatures hovering in the low to mid 30's. They met for breakfast first at Deb's Restaurant on Franklin Blvd. Once at the park they were probably wishing they were still in the restaurant drinking hot beverages! Three of them managed to detect for a short time and one was actually hardcore enough to detect the entire day!

So, we are trying Westmoreland Park again in January — but it is looking like it will be another cold one! If you dare, join us on Saturday, January 13, from 9am to 1pm. Meet at 8am for breakfast at Deb's Restaurant located at 1645 Franklin Blvd and we'll caravan from there, or meet us at the park in the parking lot of Kids Sports at 9am.

**Note:** An outing will only be cancelled if it has snowed, or is threatening to snow or ice. You will not be notified of a cancellation, you will have to assume that due to weather the outing is off. Participation in an outing is entirely at your discretion.



If you dig it — please remove it!

## Meeting Minutes

The Dec. 19, 2006 meeting was called to order at 7:15pm at the Springfield Elks Lodge by Barb Tyler, President.

Members approved the minutes and treasurer's report as printed in the December newsletter.

Neil McElroy spoke of our two club raffles, and Barb noted that the club membership was now at 25 members.

A discussion ensued concerning the FOTM categories, and the club voted unanimously to add a toy category.

Elections for new officers will be held in March 2007; chairs open are Secretary/Treasurer and two Board Member seats. The President's chair is held for two years with one year remaining.

We welcomed Pat Randall back from a serious illness. He is feeling better and taking a trip to Texas for the holidays.

We discussed the club outing that was scheduled on December 17. Only four members showed up but it was too cold to hunt. Our next club outing will again be at Westmoreland Park, 9am Saturday, January 13, 2007. All club members are welcome to meet at Deb's Restaurant at 8am for a no host breakfast. Deb's is located at 1645 Franklin Blvd.

Ron Carroll has received approval for our club to hunt a Boy Scout Camp near Florence

which we look forward to on February 24, 2007. A fee of \$5 per person will be charged, and prizes will be given out. Kris Walsh is arranging a shuttle van to take us to Florence, a fee of \$10 per person will be charged for the ride to cover gas and insurance. This will be a Members Only hunt. We also have permission to hunt a Boy Scout Camp near Sisters that will be scheduled for later this year.

Wayne Moore has a list of sites to research. He will distribute the information to members who are willing to help with the research so we'll have exciting new destinations for upcoming outings.

We would like to thank Wayne for donating the disposable gloves to keep our hands clean while we are digging. With all this wet weather, they will certainly be a welcome addition to our hunting gear.

The Club's first Holiday Party followed our business meeting. Thank you to all the members who donated gifts for the gift drawing. The club purchased two \$25 Visa gift cards which were won by Kris Walsh and Ron Carroll. All the gift excitement was followed by great conversation and lots of wonderful treats baked by our members.

The Quarter Drop was won by Ron Carroll. The 50/50 drawing of \$11 was also won by Ron Carroll. The membership drawing was won by Jerry Kerns.

— Respectfully submitted by Charlene Kerns, Secretary/Treasurer.

## Treasurer's Report

### December

Beginning Balance: \$238.56

#### Income

Membership Dues:	\$ 0.00
50/50 Drawing:	\$11.00
Quarter Drop	\$22.25
Cover Charge:	\$15.00
Donation:	\$ 2.25

**TOTAL:** \$50.50

#### Expenses

Room Rental:	\$13.00
Postage/Supplies:	\$ 0.00
Coinage:	\$ 0.00
Prizes:	\$55.00

**TOTAL:** \$68.00

General Fund  
Ending Balance: \$221.06

### Tip of the Month

## Magnets

— by Barb Tyler

Magnets can be a useful tool while detecting. I once found a rather powerful little magnet in a school playground—it attached itself to my digger; I left it there and whenever I question a particular piece of rock or metal object, I test it out on the magnet.

Magnets are also useful in the bottom of sand scoops. They help to retain the smaller metal objects that would otherwise sift through the holes with the sand.



## Crazy Ed's Sagas & Secrets of the Desert

– The following book is available in our club's library. To check it out, contact Club Librarian Don Quinton at [gozento@hotmail.com](mailto:gozento@hotmail.com) or come to the next meeting.

Ed has a mine in Southern Nevada and built his own little Bush Airplane. In this book he tells of his dangerous and often comical adventures. Ed searches for and finds old Spanish hoards of silver and gold using markings left by the Spanish when they explored the southwest. Read about the time he bought enough extension cords from Kmart to reach the three miles to his cabin in the desert and how he had trouble with the Jackrabbits unplugging them.

This is a perfect little book to read when sitting by the fire waiting for the pools of water to dry up in your favorite detecting park. ✂

– Don Quinton, Club Librarian

### 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!

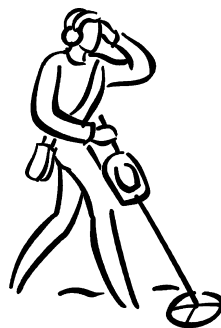


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## A Little Recognition

I have had several calls from one of our club members named John, inviting me to go detecting. It seems that he has a passion for freezing and sloshing around muddy soccer fields. I have taken him up on some of his excursions and I have thoroughly enjoyed them. John will be embarrassed that I had this printed in the newsletter, but I feel someone that is that dedicated and is such a nice guy needs some kind of recognition. Thanks John H.!

– Don Q.



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## Roster Additions

No new members in the month of December.

## New Websites

I have been notified recently about a couple of new websites coming on line soon. One is geared toward Northwest folks who are into the hobby of metal detecting. You can check it out at:

[www.nwtreasurehunters.com](http://www.nwtreasurehunters.com)

The other is also a detecting site geared toward articles written on the hobby. Right now they are having a contest for the best article, so if you are a writer, check it out at:

[www.detectorbase.com](http://www.detectorbase.com)

Both of these sites are linked on our club's website.

If you're planning a vacation with your detector, check out Barb's website at:

[www.travelingdetector.com](http://www.travelingdetector.com)

## New Category Proposed for FOTM

It was discussed at the December meeting that a category for toys should be added to the FOTM program. Typically a lot of toy or toy-like items are found by our members, and with no other category to put them in, the Artifact and Digger's Dud categories get too cluttered. So members voted to add this new category starting with the January meeting.

The Digger's Dud category was also discussed and needs some clarification. This category is for either junk that has an interesting characteristic to it, a "what's it", or for an item that does not fit into any other category. [A "what's it" is something you have no clue what it is.]

Other changes to FOTM are still being discussed. ✂