

# October 2006 Club News

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#### October Meeting Program

## Meteorites: What they are & how to find them with John Huggins



CDCLC member John Huggins has a small collection of meteorites and will bring them to our October 17 meeting. He will discuss the origin, identification, and value of meteorites. John will also talk about a couple of large metal detector coils he has developed to cover more ground in the search for meteorites.

John will focus on the major types of meteorites and what they look like; and will pass some samples around. He'll discuss the common characteristics and how to identify each type.

#### Take Note!

Coil & Diggers Club has a new website address as of October 1: www.CDCLC.org

Next club outing is October 15 at Alton Baker Park, 9am to 1pm

To enhance his program, John will discuss the asteroid belt; where most meteors originate; the Kirkwood gaps caused by the gravitational pull of Jupiter; and he'll share some facts on how often meteors impact earth and when to see a meteor shower.

Please join us for this unique opportunity!

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#### **Next Meeting is**

## October 17, 2006 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!



## Sept

50/50 Drawing Kris Walsh

Quarter Drop Ron Carroll

Membership Drawing Wayne Moore

## Members Go the Extra Mile to Assist the Public

In late August the club was contacted through the website by an individual needing assistance locating property stakes. The call was put out to our members and Don Quinton and **Neil McElroy** responded promptly. Don was actually the one that went out on the call and this is what he had to say:

I was asked to contact a man who lived in Santa Clara that needed to locate a boundary stake at the corner of his property. I detected the entire area using my Whites IDX PRO set on the all metal mode. Every time I got a signal the man would lunge at the site with a shovel and dig a hole, but there was only trash. The man told me that there was a lot of excavating that took place at the corner where the stake was supposed to be, so it was likely the stake had been removed at some point.

The man asked me to try and locate another stake, so I

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#### **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** 

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## Extra Mile...

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climbed a fence and tried to locate the other stake but it was too close to a chain link fence for me to get a good signal.

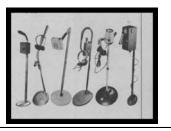
I then asked if I could detect his back yard for fun, he said ok. I didn't find any goodies but I did locate several old brass sprinkler heads and he was glad to know their location.

When I was leaving the man offered me \$20, but I refused it and invited him to come to our club meeting. ❖

- Don Quinton

Thank you Don for representing our club and our hobby in a good way.

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



## The Adventures of Mike Wolfe & His XLT

Editor's Note: Besides being entertaining, there are lessons to be learned from these stories.

#### **Sweetest Afternoon Yet!**

Friday afternoon the XLT verified all the reasons I wanted it. Within a two hour period, it showed me the way to the following three personal records:

- Most wheat cents dug in a day: 4
- Oldest wheat cent dug: 1937
- First silver quarter ever: 1962-D

Two stories about the quarter:
1. The signal was sweet, and it was only 1.5 inches down. The bad thing was, it was in gravel, and I forgot and dropped to my knees to dig it, and had to jump back up and do the "dance of pain" for a few seconds before I resumed the dig.

Then, alas!

2. I put the shovel into the

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start a club, but it takes everyone to make a

club. I want to thank those members who have stepped up to the plate during the first six months of our club's life. It is your commitment and energy that is moving us forward.

Charlene Kerns has done a wonderful job in her dual role as club secretary and treasurer. It takes a lot to keep track of everything we talk about during a meeting and then to keep track of the funds as they come in. I'm sure she appreciates all the help that Neil McElroy provides with the raffles-which is where most of our club funds come from. Neil has been a real asset to the club in many ways and is a board member on the Executive Committee.

Wayne Moore has stepped up to the plate more than once helping our members get detecting permits for Eugene parks and then Springfield. He also helps with the club outing during the count out and is keeping track of everyone's score.

Kris Walsh has kept our FOTM program organized at each

### September FOTM Winners

Oldest US Coin: Neil McElroy, 1916-d

Lincoln Cent

Misc. US Coin: Neil McElroy, 1937-s Walk-

ing Liberty Half Dollar

Foreign Coin: Wayne Moore

Token: Wayne Moore, Louisiana Luxury

Token

Jewelry (Costume): John Huggins, Red

Trillium Ear Ring

Silver Jewelry: John Huggins, Pot Leaf

Gold/Platinum Jewelry: Neil McElroy, 14k

Opals & Diamond Ring

Artifact/Trinket: Mike Wolfe, Cap Rocket

Digger's Dud: Ron Carroll, Boy Scout Scarf

Holder

Display (Best Finds): Neil McElroy Display (Most Creative): Ron Carroll

meeting; not an easy task with all the members logging in their finds right up to the last minute.

Don Quinton has solicited for and received books and videos for the club's library. He keeps them all with him and brings them to each meeting so members will have a chance to check them out. He is now providing book and video reviews to the newsletter. Don makes the perfect librarian!

Other members contribute in ways that are uniquely them, and it is all very much appreciated. I look forward to the next six months, and our club's one year anniversary in April! Thank you all. .

#### **FOTM Standings YTD**

Neil McElroy, 94

Wayne Moore, 52

Ron Carroll, 16

John Huggins, 11

Barb Tyler, 10

Kris Walsh, 9

Don Quinton, 8

Mike Wolfe, 8

Allen Jacobs, 7

## Please Leave Your Hat at the Door



The Elks have a long standing rule that no hats are to be worn inside the lodge; goes back to the days when gentlemen respectfully removed their hats upon entering someone's house, or when entering a room. Though our club members and guests have not been officially asked to remove their hats since meeting at the Springfield Elks Lodge, I personally am requesting that your hats be left in your vehicle for the evening out of respect for their rules. Thank you!

- Barb Tyler, CDCLC President

## Bring a guest to a meeting...

and if your key is chosen
during the membership
drawing, then your
guest wins too!
Share the wealth!

### **Roster Addition**

Welcome new member Vaughn Russ who joined at our September meeting. Vaughn is new to the hobby and is looking to learn more about his new Minelab detector. Please add his contact info to your club roster:

Full Member Vaughn Russ 194 Irvington Dr. Eugene, OR 97404 Phone: 541/461-1997 Email: vaughnruss@comcast.net

Available: Weekends Equip: Minelab

# Wanna Do More Than Just Parks?

I think it might be true to say that a majority of our members joined the club hoping to broaden their opportunities for places to hunt... and maybe it might be true to also say that some members aren't participating in club outings because they are held in local parks—the "been there done that" syndrome. Well guess what?

As a club we decided that at each meeting we would select the next location for our club outing. The only places that come up for discussion happen to be local parks.

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#### **Club Business**

## **Meeting Minutes**

September 19, 2006

Meeting was called to order by president Barb Tyler at 7:10pm at the Springfield Elks Lodge. There were nine members in attendance and two guests: Dennis MacDaniels, and Vaughn Russ who joined the club.

Barb announced the absence of Charelene Kerns, Secretary/ Treasurer; Neil McElroy, board member; and Shirley Stoy, board member. She introduced member Spunky Gray who was filling in.

Announcements: Bring detector related items you have for sale to the meetings.

#### Club Business:

- Treasurer's report was approved as printed in the newsletter.
- Minutes of August 15 were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- Club raffles were announced.
- Don Quinton gave a report on the club's library; he said some items have been checked out for a long time and should probably be returned to the club. He also reported on a White's DVD that we now have two copies to loan out.

- Membership is now at 20. See the newsletter for contact info on the latest new members.

#### Old Business:

- Wayne Moore brought in permits from the city of Spring-field and distributed. He will take them and have them signed; they will be available at the October meeting.
- A snack sign up sheet was passed around. Members sign up for a month in which they would be responsible for bringing a snack to the meeting. The club is providing coffee.

#### **New Business:**

- Email etiquette was discussed. Barb wanted to make it clear the type of information that would be shared via email using the clubs email address and also that when guests are included in any mailings - all member email addresses will be hidden. The type of information sent out would include, but not be limited to: anything concerning the club; items of interest to club members such as detectors for sale; regulation and permit info; members seeking information as long as it pertains to the hobby; announcements when the club has been contacted by a private party or law enforcement official wanting assistance in finding something lost.

Wayne Moore discussed the September outing to Perkins

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## Meeting Minutes...

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Peninsula Park. There were 5 members who attended, however, nothing of any value was found. Five tokens had been planted in the park prior to the outing, each token worth a small prize. None of the tokens were located and still remain hidden in the park.

We discussed several locations for our October outing which is scheduled for Sunday, October 15. We decided on Alton Baker Park. Meet in the main parking lot at 9:00am. Until we have a better source of places to detect, parks will continue to be a selection each month for our outings. Members are encouraged to research and investigate possible locations for the club to hold outings. If you find a place, then gain permission for the club, or ask another member to do this if you aren't comfortable.

During a 15 minute break club members voted on Find of the Month. See the results as printed in the October newsletter. Once again there were some great finds!

There was no formal program scheduled for tonight's meeting. Instead we talked among ourselves and shared a few stories:

 Member Don Quinton responded to a private party

### **Club Business**

## Treasurer's Report

## September

Beginning Balance: \$201.56

#### Income

Membership Dues: \$18.00 50/50 Drawing: \$16.00 Quarter Drop \$10.00 Cover Charge: \$13.00 Other: \$ 9.00

TOTAL: \$66.00

### **Expenses**

Room Rental: \$11.00 Postage/Supplies: \$ 0.00 Bank Ser Charge: \$ 0.00

TOTAL: \$11.00

General Fund Ending Balance: \$256.56

who contacted the club. The individual wanted assistance locating property stakes in hopes of resolving a property line dispute. Unfortunately the stakes were not found; but Don reported that he was able to locate some old sprinkler heads for the guy. Thank you Don for responding to this call for help.

—Member Mike Wolfe told of his detecting trip with his wife to the ghost town of Wendling. His wife took quite a spill on the hillside; fortu-

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## Meeting Minutes...

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nately she was okay. Then they weren't sure they were going to locate their car where they had parked it because after wandering around in the forested area they became a little disoriented. They did locate the car, but Mike says he'll know to be a little better prepared next time when going out to hunt in the wilderness. A GPS unit and a first aid kit comes to mind.

–Member John Huggins spoke briefly about the topic he will present on at our October meeting: Meteorites. He will bring samples of some meteorites to the meeting.

Congratulations to these drawing winners: 50/50 for \$16 was won by Kris Walsh; Ouarter Drop Silver Dollar won by Ron Carroll; and Wayne Moore won two silver quarters in the Membership Drawing when his key was drawn.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Spunky Gray, acting Secretary. 💠

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

#### Book/DVD/Video Review

## Trash or Treasure Guide to the Best Buyers

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

Trash or Treasure Guide to the Best Buyers is written by Dr. Tony Hyman.

If you have something to sell or just want to find out its worth, this 620 page book is for you. It has listings for 1000 top buyers that you might want to contact if you have some treasures to sell.

Categories are too numerous to list here, but here are just a few: China, books, pottery and glass, art, radios, jewelry, toy cars, dolls and many more. It also has information on the best way to liquidate Estates. .

> Don Ouinton Club Librarian

Note: Just a friendly reminder, If you have a book checked out, please remember to return it when you are finished and let the next person enjoy it. Thank you!

## Websites of Interest

www.findmall.com www.thetreasuredepot.com www.treasurenet.com www.classringfinder.com www.losttreasure.com www.metaldetectorreviews.net

Our club's library can always use additional material. If you have metal detecting books. videos or DVDs hanging around and would like to donate or loan them to the club, please contact Don Quinton at gozento@hotmail.com or bring your items to a meeting. Don maintains the club's library and has the inventory with him at each meeting so members can check out items at no charge — as long as the items are returned.

#### **Next Club Outing**

## Alton Baker Park October 15

Our next club outing will be to Alton Baker Park on Sunday, October 15, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Meet in the main parking lot and remember to have your Eugene City Parks detecting permit with you!

There have been several activities in this park over the summer so hopefully there will be some worthwhile finds to discover. If nothing else, please join us for the camaraderie and one of the last remaining days of good weather. .

## Trip Report

- by Don Quinton

Last Friday I met Wayne in the old town site of Wendling, Oregon and we detected the area. Wayne found two old wheat pennies and a neat old child's revolver. He also found the back to an old pocket watch; but the best find of the day was an intact pocket watchthough not gold. Wayne found so many things, I was wondering if maybe he had brought them with him and planted them so I would look bad-as I didn't find anything but trash.

I guess Wayne felt sorry for me though; we left Wendling and he took me to one of his secret places so I could find some treasures. I did find two modern pennies, a toy airplane and some toy cars. No pocket watches though. Thanks Wayne for a great day of detecting! .



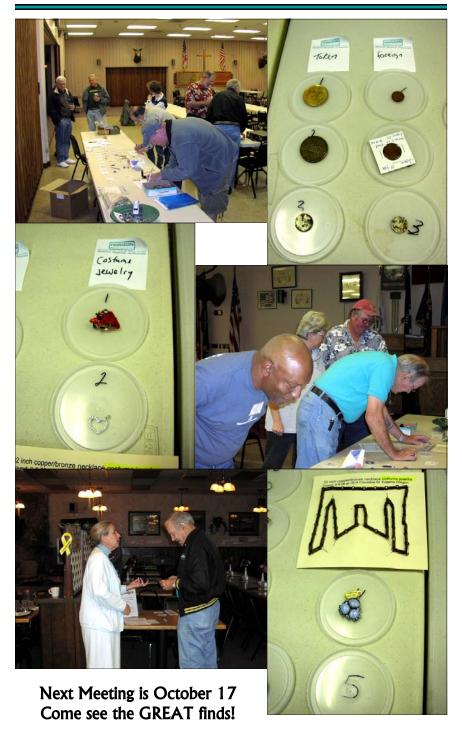
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## XLT Adventures...

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ground, and the ground was so hard and the gravel so sharp that I slipped and nicked the coin. Now it says "In od We Trust" and it has a scratch. That will serve to remind me to be more careful in retrieving future finds.

Even so, despite the nicked coin and the punctured knee caps, I was very pleased to finally dig a silver quarter!

On Monday I added my first coin found and dug at Wendling, a 1941-D wheat cent. This was my third trip to Wendling and my second effort with the XLT. That wheat cent was the only coin I found all day. The coin was so worn, we could not read it in until we got it home.

While I like Wendling, I'm beginning to wonder a bit if it is worth the effort. My wife, however, who does not like detecting very much, loves Wendling and wants to go anytime she hears I am thinking about it. She collects the pieces of broken pottery that we find, and plans some arts and crafts projects. She often digs for me, too.

On this particular day, we narrowly avoided disaster when, descending a hillside, quite far from the car, my wife slipped and fell about 20 feet. At one

point, her feet were above her head as she rolled. I had visions of broken bones or other damage. However, all that happened to her was she was a little bit dazed.

But there's more! Then, we realized we had lost track of the car and were not sure how to get out of the woods. We found our way without a great deal of trouble, but I think I'll have to use a different system next time — other than "I'll just remember where it is." We do take a cell phone, so I guess we couldn't get totally lost. A good GPS unit comes to mind! .

## Detecting Places...

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If we hope to have outings to old homesteads, farm fields, ghost towns, older fairgrounds. and other more appetizing locations, then we all need to pitch in and discover these places—and seek permission for the club to hunt.

As a team, I'm sure we can come up with something; we drive by places every day and wonder. Well, stop wondering and start researching! As a team I'm sure we'll have the "property finders" and the "permission askers." We need to work together to better our chances. Your suggestions are expected at the October meeting! Come prepared. .