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EUREKA! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc.
Denver, Colorado



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Year of the Dog Hunt

by
Bruce Morton

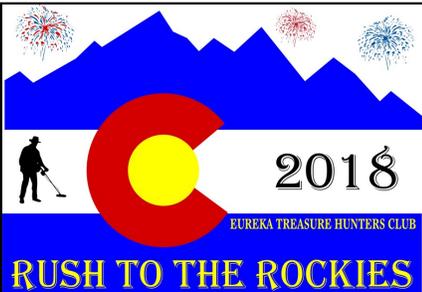


On May 20, 2018 the morning dawned cool, almost cold. The air was thick with moisture and the grassy field was sodden and unforgiving to those without Gortex. Yet they came, this intrepid band of treasure seekers, bringing tarps and folding chairs, and an appetite for adventure.



After months of thinking and weeks of planning, it all came down to a forty five likeminded souls who gathered on the grassy meadow to pursue a goal. Wait... that sounds like golf. It was not golf, it was metal detecting in Colorado... the sport of Princes (we're not sure what Kings do). Before we describe the hunt, I must express sincere thanks to **Alan Bravo**, your co-hunt master. Without his many ideas, suggestions, and contributions, there would have been no hunt. In fact, the Year of the Dog theme was his idea. The eclectic blend of amassed prizes reflects the meshing of our two

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Rush To The Rockies

National Open Metal Detecting Event

July 6-8, 2018

Pickle Gulch Campground

Black Hawk, CO

Planning Update

by Kim Guité

I volunteered for all three days last year and as a new member of Eureka! I learned so much just watching the hunters. It was exciting watching people go through their finds and receive prizes for their tokens after each hunt. I had so much fun that I raised my hand to be chair of the Rush committee for this year's event.

The countdown has begun! We are only about a month away. So much work has been put in by many Eureka! members to make this a spectacular event. We have thousands of coins and dozens of amazing items for door prizes, tip cards, token finds and much more.

After nearly a year of planning, this event is a major undertaking for the club and we could use more volunteers to help make those plans a reality.

Volunteer!

Please consider helping us. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Eureka! meeting on 6/8 or you can contact Brian Henry at briandeanhenry@gmail.com.

Register Now!

If you want to hunt, I encourage you to do so as the hunt is nearly full. The entry form, schedule and additional information is available on our website: Eurekathc.org

Questions? Contact Kim at kimg.eureka@outlook.com
or (720) 608-0811

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Pirates Cove Water Park
Spyderco
Tenacious Treasure Tracker
Texas Roadhouse
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&
Many Eureka! Club Members

Would you be willing to **donate** to help make this event our best one yet? Please contact Linda Erickson at Linda.Erickson@comcast.net.

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Drawing tickets are \$1 each, take a chance.

Joining Eureka!

Membership Dues

Yearly dues are \$30 per individual or \$36 for a family membership. Please go to:

Eurekathc.org

Download and complete the application form under the *About* tab. Membership dues can be paid to the Treasurer at the regular monthly meetings.

Eureka! T-shirts, window decals, mugs, pins, hats, and patches are available, as are Rush To The Rockies T-Shirts and stickers.

TREASURE HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

- I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.
- I WILL fill all excavations.
- I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.
- I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.
- I WILL build fires in designated or safe places only.
- I WILL leave gates as found.
- I WILL remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find.
- I WILL NOT litter.
- I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.

The Prez Sez

by
Chris Davis



Spirit of the Find

The Board, and Cindy Bockenstedt in particular, has done a great job spending the last several months updating the Eureka! Membership Handbook. While we were at it, it seemed only reasonable to take a look at the Find of the Month (FOM) regulations. Our FOM regulations require items submitted to be recovered “In the Spirit of the Find” (SOF). Defining the Spirit of the Find is a tough one. The problem is, everyone has a different definition of what the “Spirit of the Find” is. If you were to ask 10 different members, you would likely get 10 different definitions. To some folks, you have to have a metal detector in your hand to qualify. To others, it might be exploring a dumpster.

After carefully studying the issue I’ve concluded that, at it’s core, the Spirit of the Find means the item was found in a manner that is acceptable to our group.

You will note our club name is the Eureka! Treasure Hunting Club, not the Eureka! Metal Detecting Club. Metal detecting is indeed a central focus, but not exclusively so. This distinction significantly expands the field of what we are after, and how we go about finding it. Treasure is indeed in the eye of the beholder. Recovering coins, jewelry, prospecting gold, meteorites, bottles, and arrowheads are just some of the many examples of what we search for, and different techniques are used to find them.

So, what does our Membership Handbook say on the subject? Not much.

*“It is not necessary for a metal detector to have been used to locate or retrieve the find. It is, however, necessary for the item entered to be in the **spirit of the “find”**. For example, nothing found by cleaning out a basement or searching thrift, pawn or antique stores, bank coin rolls may be entered. You are also not restricted as to the location of the find”.*



If we tried to write a formal regulation for every conceivable situation, our new Membership Handbook would weigh 5 lbs, take a lawyer to decipher it, and still not cover everything. After considerable discussion, our Board decided it would prefer not to overly limit the way our members hunt because we want to encourage the sharing of interesting finds. Within limits. That being said, sometimes the Board receives a large number of complaints about a given technique. If enough Club members holler loud enough, it will be necessary to adopt additional, formal regulations.

So what techniques meet the Spirit of the Find? Unfortunately, it is not a clear-cut thing. Some of ways used to make recoveries push the boundary of SOF.

I guess all I can do is tell you what my idea of Spirit of the Find is. The following are my opinions, and as my sainted Mother used to say, “Everyone is entitled to their own stupid opinion”.

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- Was it found while metal detecting? That is an easy one. It is eligible, most of the time...
- Can you knowingly go out and search a club hunt field at a later date and submit the items found that were probably planted? To me, this does not meet the SOF.
- Did you find a ring in the gutter on your way to the store? Yes, it is eligible, but this technique is considered by many to be pushing the boundary.
- Did you recover some gold while gold panning. Yes, it is eligible. Our new regulations require the gold to come from 1 location, found in no longer than the period of one day.
- I personally believe digging stuff out of the garbage is pushing the boundary.
- How about old bottles or arrowheads? They count.
- You have to find the item. It cannot be purchased or given to you.

Another one of the critical ingredients of whether the collection technique meets the level of SOF is, does it make a good story? If you win, you are going to have to stand up in front of the membership and tell us all about the find.

If a fair number of our members complain about a technique, we will be forced to make official changes, and we really do not want to do that. Our members are asked to use common sense and not push the boundaries so far as to create discord in our Club.

The object of our Club is to have **fun** metal detecting and treasure hunting. The object of FOM is to get the membership to bring in interesting things they find in for the Club membership to see. Some of our members are very competitive, but you have to ask yourself, is a whole silver dime (the prize for winning a FOM entry) worth upsetting other Club members? Therefore, give some thought to the method used to recover an object to be entered in FOM. If there is a question as to the acceptability to our club, run it by one of the officers before entering it.

We will go over and discuss FOM regulations at our June meeting.

Good Hunting!

Featured Speaker May 11, 2018 General Meeting Mr. John T. Dean

Our featured speaker on May 11th was John T. Dean, a respected numismatist and author. He presented a very interesting talk about "So Called Dollars", especially as they pertained to Colorado.



Mr. Dean defined so called dollars as: "A Dollar Sized medal, typically commemorative in nature and normally made for special events, such as Expositions, Fairs and other large State and National events. These medals can be made by the US Mint, but many are made by third parties and events sponsors."

There are other medals that fit the

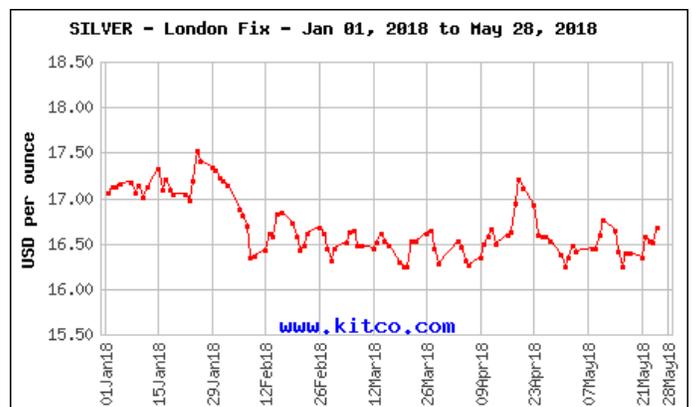
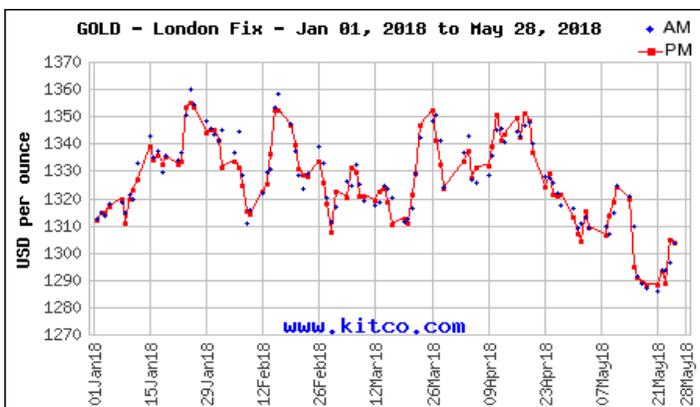
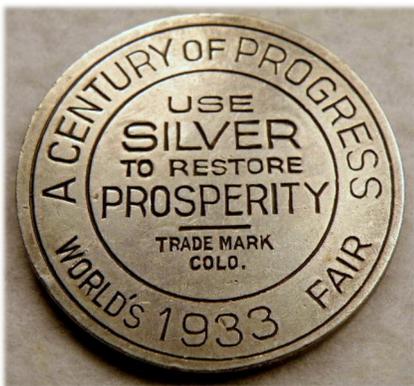
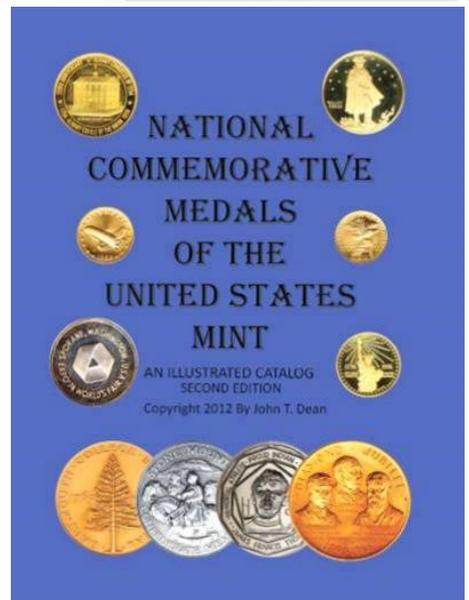
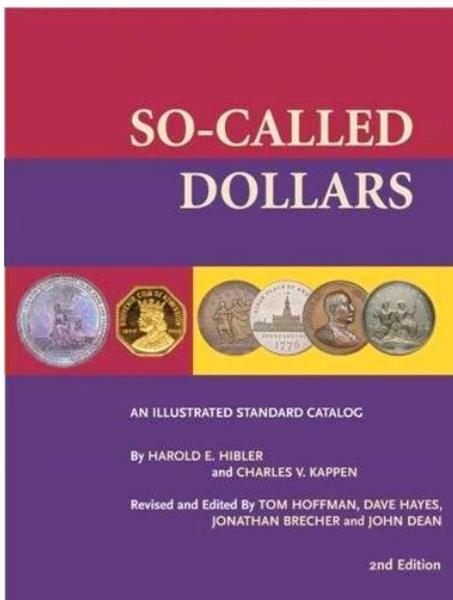


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SCD definitions, but this is the one that covers a large majority of those so-called dollars as defined in the So-Called Dollar reference book.

He graciously presented to the club an SCD commemorating the Rush to the Rockies, the Colorado gold rush. We appreciate Mr. Dean's willingness to share his knowledge and thank him for a well-received program.





“RING-IN” SUMMER HUNT

Sunday June 10th

Hunt from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Lunch from 12:00 p.m. - ?

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Contact: Vince DiPrimo 303-506-6500

If bad weather check club hotline: 303-595-5448

Secretary's Report
General Meeting May 11, 2018
by
Nancy Faires



President Chris Davis called the Eureka! THC monthly club meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone.

The 2018 officers, Board members and previous Club presidents were introduced. There were approximately 70 present including several guests and new members.

Nancy Faires presented the Treasurer's report.

Kim Guite reported that a RUSH organizational meeting was held May 1 at 3R Auto, 3701 S Kalamath. Updates on registration, purchase of coins and food was discussed. Registration increased to \$300 effective May 1st. Please sign up with Linda Erickson or Brian Henry to volunteer. Please donate your juvenile finds for the RUSH kids hunt. The next meeting will be May 30th.

Speaker: John Dean

Topic: So Called Dollars

John donated a Rush to the Rockies coin to the club membership.

April – April Fools Hunt Lazy Heart Ranch, Golden, CO

There were 33 hunters. Spyderco token was found by Linda Erickson. She received a Spyderco knife from Boots Lewis.

May – Bruce Morton/Alan Bravo – May 20th – Robby Ferrufino Park, Arvada
\$15 per hunter

Registration required by Thursday May 17 prior to the Sunday hunt.

Bruce gave early prizes to Todd Lyle and Ron Erickson after their names were picked from the hunt sign-up sheet.



June – Ring in the Summer - Vince DiPrimo

Majestic View Park, Arvada, CO

July 7/8 - Rush to the Rockies Pickle Gulch, CO

LULUBELLE'S BLING – Louise Smyth and Bill Chapman

Marcina Grimberg found the Bling at Clements Park and received 5 golden dollars from Louise.

Thank you Louise and Bill for sponsoring this hunt.



Tenacious Treasure Tracker (TTT) – Brian Henry

Alan Bravo found the TTT token and he received \$100, a TTT t-shirt and a TTT trophy.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club continues to be popular and well attended.

Meetings are the 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday each month.

Please come and join us at Lookin' Good restaurant to share stories, finds and have breakfast together with an unplanned hunt to follow. Everyone is encouraged to participate. This is a good opportunity for new members to meet and detect with some of our Club's excellent detectors. See Chris Davis to sign up for an email reminder. The next outing will be May 19th, weather permitting.

Chris reminded everyone that seeded hunt items recovered from Club hunts are not eligible for FOM.

Club hats with a Eureka patch are available for \$20 each.

Brian Henry has "finds boxes" for sale. See Brian if interested.

There is a FOR SALE column in the *Soundoff*. Provide your detector related sale item info to Bruce to be added to the column.

General Drawing Winners

- 1982 Silver Washington half dollar – James Harrington
- 1987 S PR67 Proof set – Linda Erickson
- Dos peso – Chuck Hedberg
- 1853 Large cent – Brian Henry
- 1939 S Walking liberty half dollar – Chuck Hedberg
- 1887 Seated liberty dime – Alan Bravo
- 1922 Peace dollar – Everett Johnston
- 1914 Barber dime – Jeff McClenden
- 1858 Seated liberty half dime – Ron Roberson
- 1865 3 cent nickel – John Olson
- 1858 Flying eagle cent – Chuck Hedberg
- 1997 S PF69 Lincoln cent – George Rowe

2nd Chance Winners

- Some Dreams Die* + probe – Everett Johnston
- Back to Basics* + probe – Dan Pierson
- Gloves – Linda Erickson

Membership Drawing Winner – Fran Espinosa

- Holiday Drawing Winner – Jeff Lubbert**
- 1879 Morgan silver dollar

RTTR 50/50 Cash Drawing Winner – Tanya Harrington

2nd Chance Winners

- Historical Album of Colorado* – Family 4 pack Colorado RR Museum & Rush to the Rockies Centennial – Alan Bravo

Finds of the Month Winners (must be a paid member to enter and vote)

- Gold category – Randy Sable
- Coin category – Dan Buecker
- Token category – no entries this month
- Artifact category – Alan Bravo



Jewelry category – Jeff Lubbert

Meet & Greet - Terry Weatherly and Jeff Lubbert will be available after the meeting. Bring your questions and comments for help. Everyone is welcome.

There is a FOR SALE section added to the *Soundoff*. Please let Bruce know if you have detector related items you would like to add to the section.

REMINDERS:

Year of the Dog Hunt - May 20, 2018

2018 Rush to the Rockies – July 6-8, 2018

Volunteer to plan and/or assist with a Club hunt

Volunteer for 2018 Rush to the Rockies

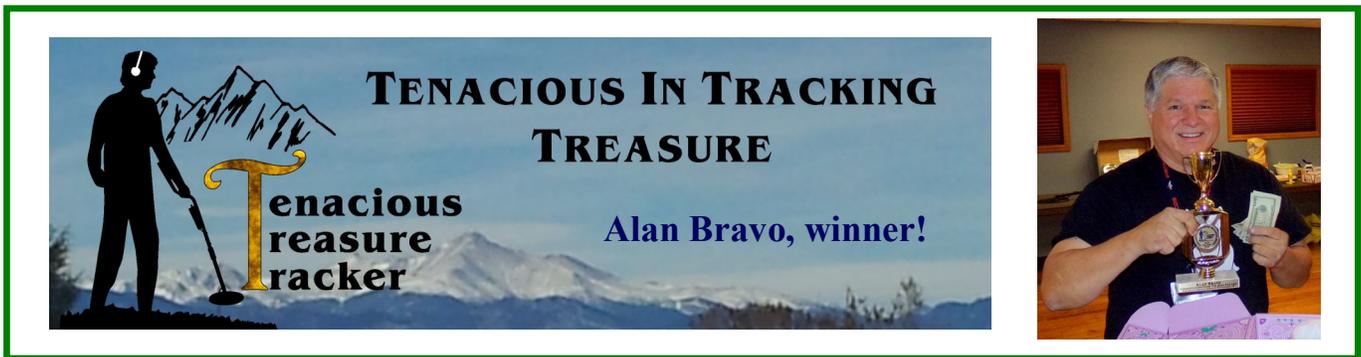
47th Indian Territory Treasure Hunt – May 26-27, Creek Co Fairgrounds, OK

WWatts Rendezvous, Mancos, CO – June 16-18

Topeka Treasure Hunt –City Park, Hoyt, KS – May 20

42nd Annual Treasure Hunt – MOKAN Search & Recovery – Sept 16

Thanks to everyone who brought food, donated and everyone who assisted with the meeting.



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Eureka! Calendar

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June 2018

- 1st - Newsletter Published
- 6th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 8th - General meeting 7:30pm
- 10th - Club Hunt
- 16th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
- 29th - *Soundoff* Deadline

July 2018

- 6th-8th Rush to the Rockies Hunt
- 6th - Newsletter Published
- 11th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 13th - General Meeting 7:30pm
- 21st - Breakfast Club 9:00am
- 27th - *Soundoff* Deadline

August 2018

- 3rd - Breakfast Club 9:00am
- 3rd - Newsletter Published
- 8th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 10th - General meeting 7:30pm
- 12th - Club Hunt
- 18th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
- 31st - *Soundoff* Deadline





Lulubelle's Lost Bling Treasure Puzzle

by "Spectrum Bill" Chapman

A cryptogram is an encoded message. The code used is called a simple substitution cypher. This means that the message is encoded by replacing each character in the message with a letter of the alphabet. Every time a particular character occurs in the message, it is replaced with the same code letter. Word spacing and punctuation are not changed.

The cryptogram is solved by looking for frequently used characters and clues provided by letter patterns and word spacing. Solve the cryptogram shown below, find Lulubelle's Bling, and bring it to the next regular Eureka! Meeting to collect a prize.

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OYLS LSI DMDHDSPI. ESI APKQG D HDMJ OYLS
LSI LMYXDF QDZI XILOIIQ VCFGIQ DQG OSIDL
MYGVI. SPOINIM OSIQ ESI APKQG LSI EHYMDF
EFYGI ESI FPEL SIM XFYQV.

Last Month's Solution: Lately, the news has been filled with coverage of the anniversary of Columbine. Wanting to pay her respects, Little Lulubelle visited the monument in the adjacent park. Afterwards she ate her sack lunch near the tennis courts in either pavilion A, B, or C. After lunch, she tried out the small nearby slide and lost her bling.

Park: Clement Park
Prize: Five golden dollar coins
Sponsor: Louise Smyth of Gold-N-Detectors

Gold-N-Detectors
802 Washington Ave, Golden, CO 80401
Louise@goldendetectors.com

In-Town Hunt Information

In-Town club hunts are meant to be fun, first and foremost. They provide a context outside of the meetings for fellowship with club members. To put on an in-town hunt you need to:

- Schedule with the Hunt Coordinator or President (see the contact list).
- Provide the Hunt Coordinator a plan.
- Send the hunt flyer to the newsletter editor in an appropriate format for insertion into the newsletter (see the contact list).
- Provide flyers at the monthly meeting.
- Ensure the hunt rules are discussed BEFORE the hunt.
- Police the hunt.
- Decide if the hunt is a members only or an open hunt (non-members may hunt).
- Write a story for the newsletter and send it and accompanying photos to the newsletter editor prior to that month's deadline.

To ensure the continuation of this hobby and to provide the best impression of Eureka! and its membership, you, as hunt master, MUST enforce all rules, including:

1. Pouches to store finds and trash must be worn and used at all times

during the hunt.

2. All hunters must wear headphones.
3. Absolutely no tolerance of holes left open (a first warning, followed by a time-out or expulsion from the hunt).
4. Hunters digging and leaving trash of any sort on the hunt field will receive the same treatment discussed above.

All hunts will need to be okayed by Hunt Coordinator (see the contact list) prior to officially being put in the newsletter and put on.

Failure to follow the guidelines may result in hunts being cancelled.

Hunts may be paid for in advance. This helps the hunt master with planning for how much should be planted in the field. In case a person must miss the hunt, their prepaid fee may be refunded if they call the hunt master before the hunt and cancel, other circumstances will be reviewed. No refund will be given for just plain failure to show up to the hunt.

Westminster requires a permit to metal detect in their city. It will be good for a year.
See Connie at the lower level of City Hall.
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs from 7:00am to 6:00pm.
Please follow the City's guidelines and show that we, as detectorist, are a responsible group.

Edgewater - All small community where detecting is not allowed.
Douglas County Parks - Metal Detecting prohibited.

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GOLD CATEGORY

Chris Davis	14K Sapphire/Diamonds Ring
Chris Davis	14K Basketball Pendant
Glen Thompson	10K Earring
Chuck Hedberg	Gold Ring
Cindy Bockenstedt	14K/10K Necklace
Randy Sable	Gold Anchor/Cross Pendant

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Brian Henry	0.925 Silver Elephant Necklace
Win Faires	0.925 Silver Ring
Mike Rose	0.925 Silver St Christopher Pendant
Jim Griffin	Silver Ring
George Grimberg	Gold Plated Mercedes Ring
Chuck Hedberg	Silver Cross Pendant
Cindy Bockenstedt	Cuff Link
Roy Neys	Silver Ring
Roy Neys	Angel Bling Ring
Jeff Lubbert	Lead Pendant

COIN CATEGORY

Mike Rose	1987 French 5 Centimes
John Olson	1957-D Silver Quarter
Alan Bravo	1899 Indian Head Penny
Dan Beucker	1908 Barber Dime

TOKEN CATEGORY

No Entries

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

John Olson	Military Eagle Forage Cap Button
Jeff Lubbert	Epaulette
Alan Bravo	City Bottling Co. Bottle, Denver
Chuck Hedberg	Lead Type
Dan Buecker	Gillette Head/Tail Coin
James Harrington	Harmonica
Cindy Bockenstedt	Hotel Key Fob #16
Alan Bravo	Perfume Bottle

FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

Gold: natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item, except gold coins which are entered in the Coin Category.

Jewelry: objects of metal often set with gems and worn for personal adornment, except jewelry qualifying for the Gold Category.

Coin: a piece of metal issued by governmental authority as money.

Token: a piece resembling a coin issued by some person or entity, not of a governmental authority (with the exception of tax tokens), that could be redeemed for services or specified items. Advertisement tokens with no redeemable value are entered in the Artifact Category.

Artifact: simple object showing human workmanship or modification, and all other items that do not meet the criteria for other categories.

Find of the Month Winners - May

GOLD - Randy Sable

Mariner Cross Pendant with gold chain



Found in Halleck park in snow storm with Breakfast Club, about 2" deep, using Garrett AT Pro

JEWELRY - Jeff Lubbert

Lead Pendant



Recovered at old military site in eastern plains, 3"-4" depth amongst iron trash. Other good targets were recovered nearby. Whites MXT with 5x10 elliptical coil

ARTIFACT - Alan Bravo

Decorative Perfume Bottle



Found at scrape off of circa 1890 house in open area where house stood, about 3" - 4" deep, with Whites Spectra V3i and 6x9 DD coil.

COIN - Dan Buecker

1908-D Barber Dime



Permission granted at 2nd house (1910) door knocking in Wyoming while on business. Recovered 3" down between sidewalk and street. Minelab E-Trac with 12" standard coil.

TOKEN

No entries this month

Upcoming Events

NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

Bring:

Nametags ~ thanks for wearing them to all Eureka! functions.

Cash ~ for drawings, hunts, hats...

Finds ~ to show.

Answers ~ to puzzles.

Ideas ~ for speakers, fun outings.

Snacks ~ as always, treats for the snack table are appreciated.

Speaker ~ Chris Davis

**“Updates to Eureka!
Handbook”**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

-Greeter for Eureka! Meetings

-**Rush to the Rockies**

Set-up and Clean-up

Planters

Extra Activities Coordinator

Fireside Chat

Help with Gold panning station

Snack Bar help

Helping with lunch

Help with parking

-**Articles for *Soundoff***

-Help at Club Hunts

-Present a topic of interest to the club.

Please contact a Club Officer or Board Member to get involved!

UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKER

Please volunteer to speak on your favorite subject. Contact Jeff Lubbert

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

Breakfast Club

June 16th, 2018 (Saturday)

July 6th, 2018 (no meeting)

See Rush to the Rockies information

Contact: Chris Davis 225 235-2642 for place and time to meet or to get added to the email list.

Sun, June 10th, 2018

Ring-In Summer Hunt \$15

Majestic View park, Arvada

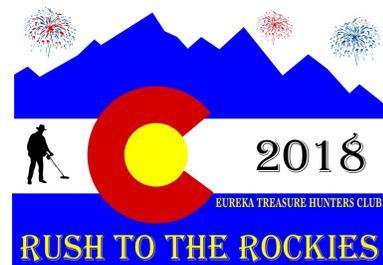
Hunt 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow

Bring chairs and pop-up tarps, please

SEE FLYER IN THIS EDITION

Contact: Vince DiPrimo 303 506-6500

July Club Hunt :



See information in this edition or at [Eurekathc.org/Rush To The Rockies Hunt](http://Eurekathc.org/Rush%20To%20The%20Rockies%20Hunt)

LINKED WEB SITES

www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk

www.fmdac.org Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs

www.spreaker.com/admrr

Relic Roundup Radio Show (hosted by Jeff Lubbert, 7pm Mondays)

TenaciousTreasureTracker.com

See Brian Henry's website for the TTT Hunt clues and to check out the new items available.

Eureka! Club Members Service Directory



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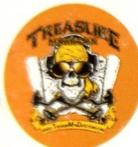
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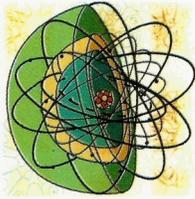
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Eureka! Breakfast Club

by
Chris Davis



Friday, May 4th

Despite steady rain, snow, sleet, and hail the previous 2 days, the weather for our first Breakfast Club outing in May was quite nice. Roughly 16 of our members showed up at the Lookin' Good



Restaurant. After a fine meal we made our way to the Lowry Sports Complex soccer fields for a hunt. While making my usual Sunday tot lot run 5 days earlier, I happened to pass by the Lowry Sport Complex in Aurora. I noticed a crowd of about 500 individuals out on the soccer fields. I thought to myself, "self, this might be a good place to take the Breakfast Club". I did not expect to find a great deal of coins on a soccer field,

but the potential for jewelry is always there. Some of us did quite well, others of us, not so good, but we all had fun. I think Richard K. did the best on change. Linda K. picked up a small kid ring, but a ring is a ring is a



ring. Randy S. recovered a very interesting Ice Cream Token. Jim M. and Linda K. both found bullets. It never ceases to amaze me the number of bullet casings and slugs we find while hunting on our public parks and in school play areas. Katie and I probably made the best find of the day; a nice ring. I thought it was a man's wedding band, 'cause I found a similar one in Florida a decade or so ago, but my wife thinks it is a woman's wedding band. I have learned that she is seldom wrong when it comes to jewelry. The ring is unmarked. It is either 1) a white gold band with 12 diamonds, or 2) a nickel band with 12 very nice cubic zircons. We will have to wait for the meeting to test the ring and the stones. Then, you, I, and Paul Harvey will know the rest of the story.



Saturday, May 19th



Neither rain, nor snow, nor gloom of night shall stop the Breakfast Club from its ever diligent pursuit of buried treasures. I arose this morning to a beautiful day, if you discount the 40 degree temperatures and steady rains. Drove on thru the rain to the Lookin' Good Restaurant. Much to my shock and amazement, 14 individuals showed up. But the foul weather did take its toll. By the time we made it over to Clement Park to make a hunt, the attendance had fallen to 7. Of these, only 4 (if you count the dog) actually made a hunt. I will not name these 4 foolish individuals, but let us

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refer to them as Brian, Marcus, Chris and Katie. Truth be told, I did not want to get wet (as sugar does melt in the rain). But Katie once again told me to *man up* which, with a whimper, I did. Not having a dog raincoat, I taped a grocery bag on the hound dog with electric tape. It worked quite well. And I did find a gold ring on the day. Brian picked up 2 pieces of jewelry in the play area. Katie and I did best on change with \$3.70. We also recovered a very nice key chain with a bullet and a wheat-ear penny (1940-D).

[Oh yes, the ring: I found it in my wife's jewelry box when I got home.]



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1. You take your detector to a funeral just in case you pass a great hunt spot on the way.

Contributed by Alan Bravo... a treasure hunter.

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hunt themes.

Prior to the hunt, it rained for 2 ½ days. That morning, it was still misting at 0630 hours but the weatherman had promised a rain free morning so we initiated the launch sequence. By the time the participants arrived, there was no more mist but the volunteers were soaked from mid-calf down. Except, of course, Chris Davis who, being an experienced UK hunter, wears custom made, fancy Wellingtons.

Don't let the back woods accent fool you; that ol' boy's pretty smart.

From three parks that were scouted (all new to Eureka! club hunts), Robby Ferrufino Park in Arvada was selected (*because not everything needs happen south of I-70!*) It has a wide open, flat, field with near perfect grass for planting targets without digging into the turf, off street parking, and restrooms.



Tarps and tables were set up by volunteers to serve morning pastries, coffee, and hot chocolate prior to the hunt. As the air dried out, the place took on the atmosphere of a gypsy camp (absent the rousing music [Hmm... maybe an idea for next hunt]).

Thirty seven hunters showed up to locate and recover \$570 in clad and silver coins, and tokens for over \$400 in prizes. Sara Saraceno won the drawing for the Morgan silver dollar to start the action.

To make things a bit more interesting, the field was laid out in a hexagon, rather than a rectangle (not as easy as it sounds). Hunters with coils of 12 inches or greater in any dimension started adjacent to one another. So for the first few minutes, at least, the "Big Feet" were in competition with each other. That, apparently, was not a problem for Ron Erickson who excelled! Anyone new to detecting



should observe Ron, to learn. But don't *follow* him around; you'll find nothing. There were some "wild" finds made in addition to the planted bits and bobs. Mary Sable and Beth Driscoll both found surprisingly similar rings, and Jeff Lubbert recovered a (gold?) chain with stones (bracelet/anklet?)

Following a relatively civilized hunt (there were no threats made or shots fired), the hunters exchanged their tokens for prizes, including: Indian head pennies, knives, a mug and hat, lights/lanterns, tools, proof sets, and silver rounds of varied sizes. Alan and I hope you enjoy them. One of the top (value) prize tokens was not found so that prize was donated to Kim Guite for use in Rush to the Rockies. You don't know how much I wanted to take that prize home, but

my conscience got in the way. Question: Can one have his conscience removed?

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To close, we wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the following individuals who made substantial contributions to the success of the hunt:

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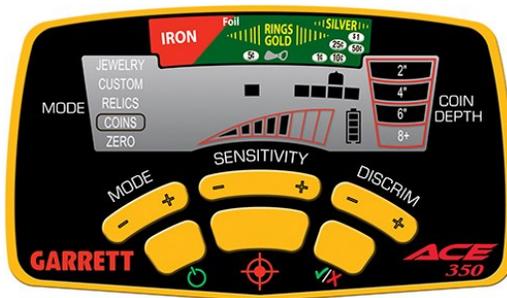
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