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COINHUNA 2018

By Chris Davis



The 2018 Coinhuna Hunt was held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the Robert F. Clement Park in Littleton, Colorado. This world-famous hunt is held annually to determine who is the best competition detectorist in the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club. This hunt is open to Eureka! club members only. At the end of this year's contest, only one was left standing, the Best of the Best.



Normally, we hold our Coinhuna event in September. Unfortunately, I was out of country for virtually the entire month, so it was decided to move the hunt to October. There is always a risk with this type of change, as Mother Nature does not always cooperate with the best laid plans of mice and men. Snow and frigid weather are common in October. Never-the-less, the hunt was scheduled for Sunday, October 14th. It should have come as no surprise that the weather was great all week. Then on Sunday the temperatures plunged into the 20's and we got 5 inches of snow. Well, the purpose of these hunts is to have fun. Numb toes and frozen fingers do not contribute significantly to most folk's definition of "fun" so, reluctantly, we had to reschedule for the following week. As luck would have it, this time the weather

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was perfect. The temperatures were in the low 70's.



We had 48 hunters and quite a few observers for this year's gala event. Some 1,415 coins (but who is counting) were planted, including: Wheat-ear pennies, Indian-head pennies, steel war pennies, large cents, V-nickels, Buffalo nickels, silver Roosevelt dimes, silver Mercury dimes, silver Bust dimes, silver Standing Liberty quarters, silver Washington quarters, and silver Walking Liberty half dollars. A good number of clad dimes, quarters, halves, dollar coins and nickels were thrown in just to thicken the soup. At the Club Meeting prior to the hunt, members were advised it might be helpful to know how to find steel pennies, and a small probe might come in handy.

Everyone got to hunt in the largest area, Field 1, where 1,035 coins were planted. The first 24 hunters to find 10 coins were able to move on to Field 2, where 260 coins were planted. The first 12 hunters in Field 2 to find 10 coins then traveled on to Field 3. Field 3 was a bit more challenging. The hunt field was clogged



with trees, brush and stumps, but that was not the real problem. It also had a great deal of garbage, which really complicated things. 120 coins, including steel pennies, Standing Liberty quarters, Bust dimes and V-nickels, were planted. It took a while for the 3 finalists to emerge. These individuals included



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Tony Frangella, Win Faires and Cindy Bockenstedt. Tony was using a Garrett AT Pro with stock 8"x11" coil. Win had his Deus with an 11" coil, and Cindy used a White's with a Bigfoot coil.



To make things a bit more interesting the Huntmaster (a real jerk) changed up the Final round a little. Field 4 was defined as "anywhere in Clement Park that was not in Fields 1, 2 or 3". The finalists were instructed to go out and find 5 wild (not planted, naturally lost) coins. They could go anywhere they wished, but the first individual to put 5 coins in the hand of the Huntmaster



would be the new Coinhuna. Both luck and skill came into play. After a hard fought contest, **Win Faires** emerged as the new **Great Coinhuna for 2018**. Win was awarded a gold Dos Pesos coin, and his name will be added (again) to the Coinhuna plaque. This is Win's second Coinhuna win. Normally, the Coinhuna winner is given a fishing vest with his name and the year he won Coinhuna monogrammed. Win saved the Club some money by being a previous winner. As he already has his vest; all we have to do is a little more mono-

Cindy Bockenstedt
Finalist

Win Faires
Coinhuna

Tony Frangella
Finalist

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graming.

I have mentioned it several times, but it would not be out of place to go over correct protocol once more for dealings with the reigning Coinhuna. For a formal audience with the Exalted One, one should grovel forward on one's hands and knees, head lowered, and beg for an audience. In passing, a simple bowing of the head and touching the knuckles to one's forelock is sufficient.

Oh yes, to add a little frosting to the cake, our contestants also managed to find 4 wild (not planted) rings during the hunt. Of these, 3 were gold. Jim M. started things out with a small, but very nice 10K ring. Those small gold rings are hard to find. During our cleanup hunt, Jack H., in Field 1, found an unusual 8K white gold man's wedding band. Gold 8K and 9K rings are much more common in Europe. Joyce K., also in the heavily hunted Field 1, finished things up right with a 14K white gold woman's wedding band. Mike M. recovered a pretty cut stone ring. Pete picked up a wild silver cross. Not too bad a day.

I would like to acknowledge everyone who helped make this hunt such a success. Randy S., Mary S., Jim M., Ken K., Bruce M. and Roy N. helped plant. Planting for this hunt is always a major task. My lower back still hurts. Thanks to Jay R. and Bruce M. for help with the Drawing Tip Cards. Chuck H. watched our gear and directed the troops to areas of need. Chuck also donated the V-nickels. Bruce M. donated the finalist's coffee mugs and the copper bars to the semi-finalist hunters. Nancy F. and Linda K. ran registration and kept us all on track. Thanks to everyone who brought food, and showed up to make this hunt a great success.

Lastly, we'd like to say what a joy it was to have Sandy Shafer with us again! You've been missed, Sandy.



All Hail The Great Coinhuna!



Current and past Coinhuna winners

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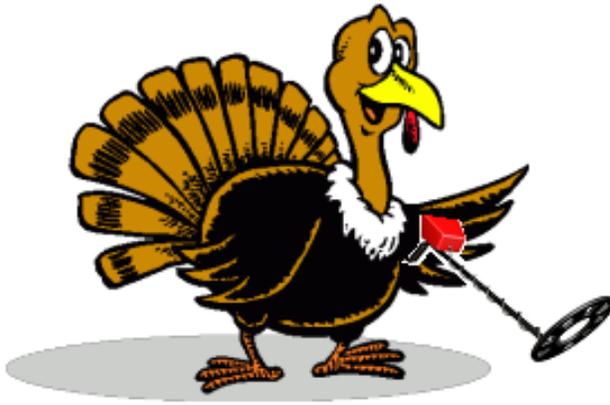
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If inclement weather hunt will be on Sunday November 18, 2018

Members Only

Contact: Brian Henry 720-771-1883



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Contact Nancy Faïres 720-234-6130 or photo518@msn.com

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What's all the Chatter About? by Tom Peeples



Are you hearing, and unable to stop, falsing and chatter when using your **Garrett AT Max**? I purchased a Max towards the end of 2017. I have found it to be an very effective detector, but have also found it to be an extremely sensitive and chatty machine.



I used my new Max for quite a few outings and was very impressed with its functionality. Then, I decided to detect around my own yard, which I had never had any difficulty with chatter before. The detectors falsing was extremely annoying and the chatter I experienced, though not excessive, was enough to drive me crazy. I had to listen closely to be able to pick out good targets between all the falling and chatter. I decided to go over to the park a couple doors down from my home and again experienced the same irritating falsing and chatter.

Immediately I began to research on the internet, found similar conditions and believed this chatty condition showed my Max to be a defective device. Thus, I called Garrett to get information on what I needed to do to return it for repair/

replacement. The professional from Garrett I spoke with told me the Max is prone to chatter under many conditions. e.g. from **EMI (Electro Magnetic Interference)** from overhead and underground power lines, electric dog fences, and other detectors being in close proximity, but the hardest conditions I've found to identify are "surrounding technology." i.e. chatter caused by microwaves, transformers, various electrical street and business fixtures, fax machines, radio-relay stations, mobile telephones, computers, televisions, etc...

The Garrett representative told me that since the Max is an extremely sensitive machine, it is almost impossible to completely stop chatter.

The reason I wrote this article is, after purchasing the Max and not being unable to "stop" the falsing and chatter, I felt I may have wasted my money. Well, I didn't want to "waste money" so along with calling Garrett, I did a great deal of research and work in the field hoping to figure out a solution to this problem. This article represents what I came up with in doing so, and using this information has allowed me to be able to use the detector effectively.

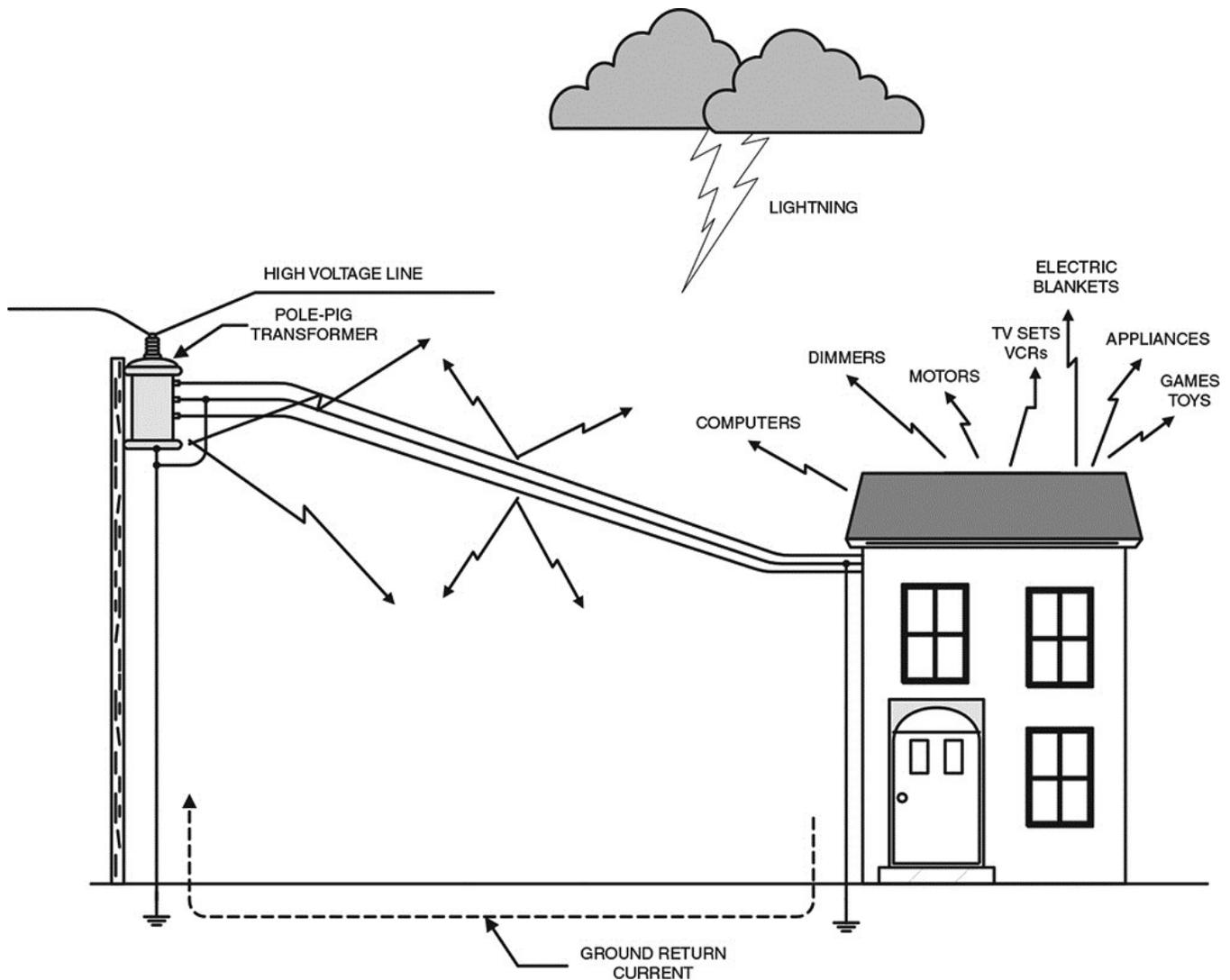
With the Max turned on in my yard, the professional ask me to begin walking away from my house. I still experienced chatter as I came to the end of my driveway, into the street, and a bit farther away. Once I reached the center of our cult-de-sac, the chatter stopped.

She said that the Max is an extremely sensitive machine and is very susceptible to interference, as well as sounding off on any small piece of metal in the ground. She told me a lot of people having interference seem to have it right out of the box (testing it in the house) or near something electrical. Then she gave me some pointers to use to help alleviate this problem.

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When you experience falsing and chatter, knowing what is causing it and what you can do to help to reduce it, are key. Switching frequencies, backing off the sensitivity, adding more discrimination, etc... will solve the majority of this problem. It takes practice to master any metal detector, and the more sensitive ones can take a lot longer



Below is a list of suggestions I have uncovered through my research and through using my Max out in the field.

Stopping Background Noise, Falsing and Chatter

Check your batteries to see if they are bad, or running low...

Make sure the coil wire connector is tight at the control box. (screw it right to tighten and left to loosen) Check this condition regularly to help manage chatter.

Check to make sure the coil wire is tight around the shaft near the coil. There is metal in the wire and sometimes when swinging the coil, if the wire is loose close to the coil, the coil will pick up the metal in the wire and cause background chatter. The wire can be secured to the shaft by using something like a pull tie, Velcro or tape.

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Check the Sensitivity setting, e.g. if Sensitivity is set to full (i.e. 8 bars), turn the sensitivity down two notches. Too much Sensitivity can cause background noise and chatter. Experiment by dropping Sensitivity down until you get the desired effect. Remember, you can lose up to an inch in depth for each notch sensitivity is dropped but dropping the sensitivity two notches from the top can usually help to prevent background chatter. It's a delicate balance.

Check/change the detectors Frequency setting. Many times things like another detector close by, electric lines over head or under ground, a dog fence, etc... can cause background noise and chatter. Try re-setting the frequency to see if it resolves the problem.

Ground balance the machine by pressing and holding down on the "ground balance" button while pumping the coil up and down from the ground multiple times until you get a consistent meter reading on the control box and the sound from pumping the coil quiets down and evens out.

Minerals in the soil can cause background noise and chatter.

Do a Manual Ground Balance to see if you can manually adjust out any excessive background noise and chatter.

Sometimes a coil going bad and shorting out can cause background noise. What works best is if you can change the coil to see if this will resolve the problem.

Be sure to remove your Skid Plate occasionally to clean out any dirt and grime. Concentrated amounts of mineralized soil trapped in between your coil and skid plate can cause false signals and affect depth.

Do a factory re-set: With the detector turned On, hold down on the power button for 5 seconds until you hear a double beep to restore the detector to factory setting. The double beep signifies that the detector is set back to its default settings and this can help to stop chatter.

If all else fails, try moving to a different area and see if the problem stops.

Defective Machine: sometimes if a detector goes bad it may exhibit excessive background noise, false signals, and chatter that can not be resolved.

Many other false signals can be addressed by learning how to minimize them. Below are the most common causes of false metal detector signals.

Footwear with metal accents. Steel-toed boots are a common culprit and even the metal eyelets in shoelaces can set off your detector.

Digging tools and other metal objects. If you are swinging near your tools, this can be a problem. Jewelry you are wearing (rings, watch, necklace) may cause a false signal.

Improper Swinging. Bumping objects or the ground can cause your detector to give a false signal.

Try to keep the coil as close to the ground as possible without scraping it. Swinging your coil back and forth like a pendulum can also cause errors.

Moisture in the control box of your detector.

You have detected a metal metal object underfoot but haven't found it yet, or many times a detector senses an object and sounds a tone, then when swung over the object again, the object is blocked due to it being below the level of discrimination selected.



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(Quick Set-Up & Tips) The Procedure I follow each time before I detect with the AT Max:

Verify that all connectors are tight.

Re-set detector to factory settings. (Do so by pressing down on the power button until 2 beeps are heard.)

Set detector to “Zero” Mode.

If iron discrimination is used, set to 30-35 unless you really want to hunt old broken plow blades and horseshoes.

Adjust sensitivity down two notches from top. (Doing so can usually help stop chatter.)

Ground balance machine (do so often!)

The more time you spend with the machine the more you will understand how it "talks" to you.

Not to say that these suggestions are a “cure-all.” The Max is an incredibly sensitive machine and along with that quality can come the possibility of hearing some chatter. By using the ideas listed above I have found my detector is more stable and that falsing and chatter have become more manageable and much less maddening.



“Get the Lead Out”

An Extra Hunt

by

Jan Hallez



The extra hunt this month, “Get the Lead Out”, held at Barr Lake on October 18th was a great success! The day was beautiful. 20 hunters gathered at 11:00 a.m., eager to begin the hunting. All day there were numerous pretty pelicans swimming in, or flying over, the lake which provided a great backdrop for this project.

The purpose of this hunt was to remove as much lead and junk from Barr Lake as we could. Birds eat the small lead sinkers and die from lead poisoning. Or they will get old fishing hooks and line stuck in

their beaks that can kill them. I am happy to report that we removed 30 pounds of lead sinkers from the beach area. We also picked up and disposed of 25 gallons of trash. Among the trash was a medical syringe, a watch, a rubber alligator, an old pocket knife and a broken motor mount. We were all hoping that someone would come across a ring or two, but this unfortunately did not



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happen.

Bruce Morton was awarded a silver half for having the most weight of the stuff in his bucket. I am sorting through the lead and miscellaneous stuff to put together a shadow-box that represents our efforts for presentation to the Nature Center at Barr Lake. This underscores this year's promotion to "Keep Our Lakes Clean".

Several pictures and a list of items found were sent to Michelle Seubert. She was very impressed with our efforts to help with this cleanup. So much so, that we have been invited back with our detectors next year. This is a big deal, since detectors are normally not allowed in this State Park.



A big thank you goes out to all our members who attended. I have provided a list of participants to Chris Davis. I have also provided a small fund for all who attended, so that they can pick up a free drawing ticket of their choice at the November meeting. This is just a small thank you from me, your hunt master for this event.



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The Prez Sez by Chris Davis



November is the month we nominate new officers to govern our Club. We will vote in an election of these officers at the December meeting. This year we will elect the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 Board Members. All officers are elected for 2 year terms. Our officers are responsible for the guidance and direction of our Club.

After one year's membership, any adult member in good standing shall be eligible to run for any elective office.



Officer Duties

President:

- The President shall chair all general Club Meetings.
- The President shall chair all meetings of the Executive Board.
- The President shall conduct all meetings in accordance with a basic outline found in "Robert's Rules of Order."
- The President shall have the power to call special Club and/or Executive Board Meetings at any time with reasonable notice to the members involved.
- The President shall have the power to form committees and appoint chairpersons.

Vice President:

- The Vice President shall assist the President.
- The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President or in his inability to serve, preside at all meetings and perform all duties otherwise performed by the President.
- The Vice President shall assist committees in the carrying out of their functions.
- The Vice President shall be responsible for the coordination of all refreshments for all Club functions.
- The Vice President shall be in charge of new member/guest orientation.
- The Vice President shall be responsible for the coordination of the guest speakers at general Club meetings.

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Secretary:

- The Secretary shall record the minutes of all Club and Executive Board meetings.
- The Secretary shall have the power to organize and manage a notifying committee.
- The Secretary shall review all Club correspondence and coordinate responses as needed.
- The Secretary shall maintain a file of Club correspondence.

Treasurer:

- The Treasurer shall receive all membership dues and issue membership cards.
- The Treasurer shall receive all monies and maintain records of all accounts.
- The Treasurer shall maintain all Club checking accounts.
- The Treasurer, President, or Vice President shall write and sign all checks.
- The Treasurer may purchase necessary office supplies for the operation of the Club.
- The Treasurer shall maintain a petty cash fund at all Club meetings and functions of an adequate amount to meet anticipated needs.
- The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining a current membership list.

Board of Directors:

- Board Members, along with the other officers of the Club, shall comprise an Executive Board which shall aid in Club policy-making decisions.
- The Board of Directors shall represent the Club when dealing with community agencies or other clubs with mutual interest.
- The Board of Directors shall be convened for special meetings called by the President.

Each Club Officer is responsible for putting on one Club Hunt a year. This is not as intimidating as it might sound. Experienced Club Officers assist and guide the new officers. The Club Hunts are not that hard. All Club Officers meet once a month, usually the Wednesday prior to the General Club Meeting, to discuss Club business and prepare for upcoming events, e.g. meetings and hunts.

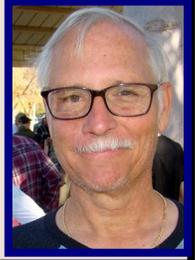
I encourage new folks (with at least one year of membership) to consider running for office. New ideas are desirable to keep things fresh, interesting, and help avoid stagnation, i.e. “getting in a rut”.

**OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS
COMING OPEN FOR ELECTION
(and current officer holders)**

President: Chris Davis
Vice President: Jeff Lubbert
Secretary: Nancy Faires
Treasurer: Linda Kibbler
Board Member: Norm Ruggles
Board Member: Vince DiPrimo
Board Member: Sheri Muehlbauer

If you intend to nominate someone for a position, please discuss the nomination with that individual in advance of the nominating process and verify that they are willing to run for, and serve in, office.

Maryland Free-State Treasure Club Annual Open Hunt by Jim Merritt



Maryland Free-State Treasure Club located in Middle River, Maryland and holds an annual open hunt. Go figure! Each year it's held at Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis, Maryland. This year it was held on September 30, 2018 with Jim & CC Merritt from Eureka! attending. Sandy Point Park is located on the Western side of the Chesapeake Bay. The park also overlooks the double span of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge which connects the Eastern Shore with Baltimore-Washington DC area and is the shortest driving rout to the Ocean and its many beaches.



The Maryland Free-State Treasure Club organizes and host this one day event with 4 individual hunts. The warm-up hunt, two adult hunts and one child hunt. In addition, there was a big silver hunt for an additional cost. Only the warm-up hunt had clad coins. The part that we missed was this is actually a two day event. On September 29, 2018 the Annapolis, Maryland Metal Detecting Club starts the weekend off with their open hunt at the same



location. Since I've not attended either hunt in past years and not knowing the details missed the first day. That will not happen next year!

There were just under 100 registrations for September 30th. Most paid for the extra big silver. The hunt area was of course all in the sand and covered about a 200 feet by 300 feet area. Yes, that's a very tight area! The hunts each lasted a whole 20 minutes. Sort

of like speed dating; no time to get distracted! The Kids hunt lasted 45 minutes. I should have snuck into that one. LOL!

Prior to the hunts, I observed some strapping a wire basket onto their sides. I figured it was an east coast thing. Only to learn it was a speed basket. When you picked up a sound on the detector you would reach down and scoop it up and recheck the hole. If you had it in your scoop, it was dumped in-

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to the speed bucket and you moved on while shaking the speed bucket and letting the sand, shells and small rocks fall out (see photo.) Now you know why only 20 minutes are allotted for the hunt! I will definitely be making one of these strainer baskets this winter!

You may ask what did I use to detect and what did I find while hunting? I used my White's MXT Pro with 9 inch double D

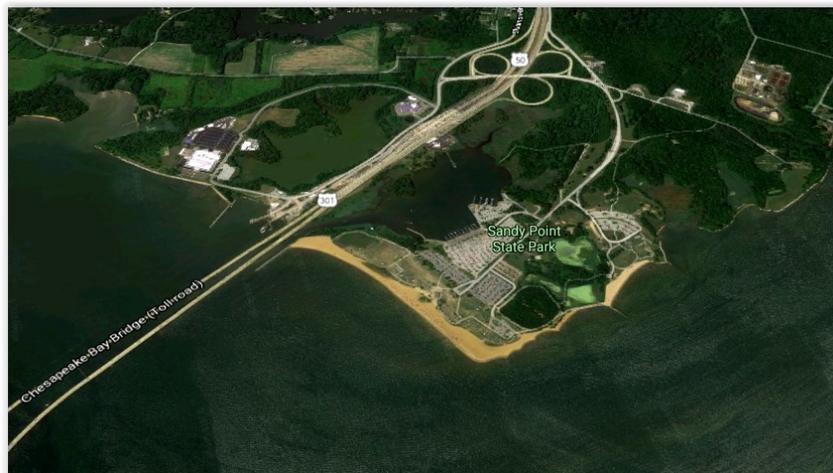


coil. During the 4 hunts I uncovered 9 clad pennies and 2 nickels from the warm-up hunt plus 5 Wheaties and 4 Indianhead pennies, 5 war nickels, 38 silver dimes, 6 silver quarters, 3 silver halves and 2 silver dollars; one of which was my first Morgan Silver dollar. Sweet! And we made a lot of new friends; real treasure.

Oh yes I almost forgot, just like Eureka, they have several ticket drawings for prizes. I was the lucky winner on the last ticket to win a cash prize. I will defiantly be back in 2019! If this interests you go to www.youtube.com and check out "metal detecting sandy point state park". Let me know if you're interested in attending next year!

Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

Recovering & Preserving History



Secretary's Notes
by
Nancy Faires



October 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of Eureka! THC was held at the Clement Center October 12, 2018. There were approximately 75 Club members and guests in attendance.

Introduction of the Club officers and Board members.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Linda Kibler

Updated Member Handbooks available – one per membership

Future updates will be announced at Club meetings, documented in the news-letter and

located on the web site

Diggin' at the Ranch – September hunt – Win Faires

A drawing was held for the remaining 7 prizes not awarded during the hunt

Spyderco token was found by Jeff McClendon

CoinHuna – October hunt – Chris Davis

Date changed to Sunday October 21st due to weather. Members only

Get the Lead Out – cleanup hunt at Barr Lake – Jan Hallez

Thursday Oct 18th

Turkey Hunt – November hunt – Brian Henry

Nov 11th – Majestic View Park (Nov 18th in the event of inclement weather)

Holiday Party – Old Spaghetti Factory, Westminster - Nancy Faires

Dec 16th – RSVP and pay by Dec 12th

November Club meeting will include nominations for all officers and 3 Board members

Pet Policy – pets may be brought to hunts at public parks/grounds but not on private property

Breakfast Club – Chris Davis

Meetings every 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday monthly

Speakers: Jack Hoover and Chris Davis – Metal Detecting in England



FINDS OF THE MONTH

Jewelry – Jay Reed

Coin – Chris Davis

Artifact – Jack Hoover

Token – Jack Hoover

Gold – Roy Neys

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DRAWINGS

- 1853 Silver 3 cent – Tom Peeples
- Dos Peso – Chris Davis
- 1922 D Peace dollar – Dan Pierson
- 1943 Walking liberty half dollar – John Olson
- 1847 Large cent – Jeff McClendon
- 1876 S Seated liberty dime – John Olson
- 1916 D Barber quarter – Chuck Hedberg
- German States, 12 Kreuzer, silver – G Mora
- 1868 Two cent – Joe Johnston
- 1902 Indian head penny – John Olson
- George Washington commemorative coin – Chuck Hedberg
- 2003 Proof set – G Mora
- Holiday – 1887 Morgan silver dollar – Lori Atencio
- Membership – Boot Lewis
- 50/50 – John Olson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Meet & Greet after meeting
- Get the Lead Out – Oct 18th
- CoinHuna – Robert F Clements Park – Oct 21st
- Turkey Hunt – Nov 11th
- Holiday Party – Dec 16th





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Eureka! Calendar

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November 2018

- 2nd - Newsletter Published
- 7th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 9th - General meeting 7:30pm
- 11th - **Turkey Hunt**
See Flyer in this edition
- 17th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 30th - *Soundoff* Deadline

December 2018

- 7th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 7th - Newsletter Published
- 12th - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 14th - General Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 15th - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 16th - **Eureka! Holiday Party**
5:00 - 7:00 pm
See Flyer in this edition
- 21st - **Soundoff** Deadline (early, due to holidays!)

January 2019

- 4th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
- 4th - Newsletter Published
- 9th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 11th - General meeting 7:30pm
- 13th - Club Hunt
- 19th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
- 25th - *Soundoff* Deadline



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

Ron Norden Class Ring with Diamonds
Roy Nays **14K Ring with Ruby**

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Beth Driscoll Silver Ring with Stone
 Beth Driscoll Silver Ring with Fancy
 Chuck Hedberg Heart Earring with Stones
 Chuck Hedberg Butterfly Ring
 Win Faires Silver Ring
 Win Faires Silver Ring
 Ron Norden 24" Mens Necklace
 Everett Johnston Lightening Pendant
 Everett Johnston Purple Flower Pendant
 Everett Johnston Chili Pepper Pendant
 Norm Ruggles Silver Ring with Stones
 Joyce Keith Rifle Ring
Jay Reed **Silver Ring with Gold Leaf**

COIN CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg 1901 Indian Head Penny
 Jack Hoover Iron Age Silver Stater
 John Olsen 1886 Seated Liberty Dime
 Everett Johnston 1961 D Penny
 Everett Johnston 1965 Quarter
Chris Davis **English Gold Quarter**

TOKEN CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg F.R. Mansfield 5¢ in Trade
 Norm Ruggles Silver Ring with Stones
Jack Hoover **Williams Bros Bonus Check 20%**

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Marcus Lieberman Toy Car
 Rhys Llewellyn Bronze Yale Padlock
 Everett Johnston BMC Trade Coin
 Norm Ruggles Triple Crown Medal
 Joyce Keith Toy Car
 Joe Johnston Keyed Switch
Jack Hoover **Medieval Casket Key 1066-1485**

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 - October

GOLD - Roy Neys

14k Ring with Ruby Stone



Found at Sloan's Lake Gun Club. Almost walked past a scratchy pull tab signal.
Recovered ~2" deep.
Whites DFX with Bigfoot

JEWELRY - Jay Reed

Sterling with Black Hills Gold Ring



Recovered from park while traveling on vacation in Black Hills, SD. Not much else found.
XP Deus with 9" Coil

ARTIFACT - Jack Hoover

Casket Key



A "casket" is a box in which valuables are locked. Found while hunting in England.
XP Deus with 11" Coil

COIN - Chris Davis

Hammered Gold Quarter Noble



Found in England near an old medieval church.
From the reign of Edward III (1361-1369)
XP Deus with 13" Coil

TOKEN - Jack Hoover

Williams Bros. Bonus Check Token



Found in England.
XP Deus with 11" Coil

Upcoming Events

NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

Bring:

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

Cash ~ for drawings and ETHC merchandise

Finds ~ to share

Answers ~ to puzzles

Ideas ~ for speakers, fun outings

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

Speaker ~ Chris Davis

Officer and Board Duties

Positions open for election

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Articles for **Soundoff**
- **Help at Club Hunts**
- **Clean-up after meetings**
- Present a topic of interest to the club.

Rush to the Rockies 2019

Eureka! will be hosting Rush to the Rockies 2019. The dates are yet to be set.

Once the dates are established, we will be actively seeking volunteers so be thinking of how you'd like to participate.

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

November 17th, 2018 (Saturday)

December 7th, 2018 (Friday)

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

Sunday, November 11th, 2018

Turkey Hunt \$20

Majestic View park, Arvada

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. with hunt to follow

Bring chairs and pop-up tarps, please

SEE FLYER IN THIS EDITION

Contact: Brian Henry 720-771-1883

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Annual Eureka! Holiday Party

Old Spaghetti Factory

Westminster 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

See flyer in this edition

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 new merchandise available.

www.Youtube.com/AdventuresInDirt

Compilation of the best weekly metal detecting channels and finds, by Ken King (Eureka! member). See his

Weekly Dirt show at 3:00 PM on Sundays (and available thereafter)

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Eureka! Breakfast Club

by
Chris Davis



Friday, October 5th

Once again, we had a great turnout for the October 5th Breakfast Club. Nineteen (19) of our members apparently did not have anything better to do with their time, and showed up for the Gala affair. The weather was great!

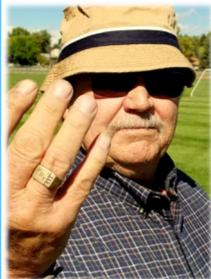


After breakfast we all traveled over to the Stenger Sports Complex in Arvada for our hunt. We did not find a lot, but what we found was excellent and everyone had a good time. "We" (collectively as a group) got 3 rings!

(Nothing wrong with finding 3 rings.) Chuck recovered what he described as an "ugly" ring. It didn't look too ugly to me; it looked



silver. Jeff also got a very nice silver ring. Ron Norden did best by picking up an



unusual, but great, 10K class ring with 4 small diamonds. Gold and silver are all the basic food groups a

good detectorist needs to stay healthy. Beth did best on

coins with \$2.75, and also got a nice silver earring. So, for a

bunch of amateurs, we done okay on the day. It was, indeed, a fine day to be out.

Saturday, October 20th

The Eureka! Breakfast Club gathered at the Lookin' Good Restaurant on November 20, 2018 for the second of our bi-monthly outings. The weather was perfect. Once again, we had a very good turnout. Some 18 individuals attended. After breakfast we all drove over to Ruby Hill Park for a hunt. Ruby Hill is frequently used as a snow sledding hill during the winter. In addition, there is a new entertainment pavilion, where folks lay out around the surrounding hollow. Most of us concentrated in the bowl-like hollow, there. No spectacular items



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were found, but the potential for rings is definitely there. Our only ring, a fine aluminum band, was found by Mike M. Both Roy N. and Bruce M. recovered very nice key chains, but there was something fishy about the one Bruce found (it had 5 fish on it). Probably the nicest find was a silver cross recovered by Jan H. Everyone found a decent amount of coins but it appears Jim M. did best with \$5.50.



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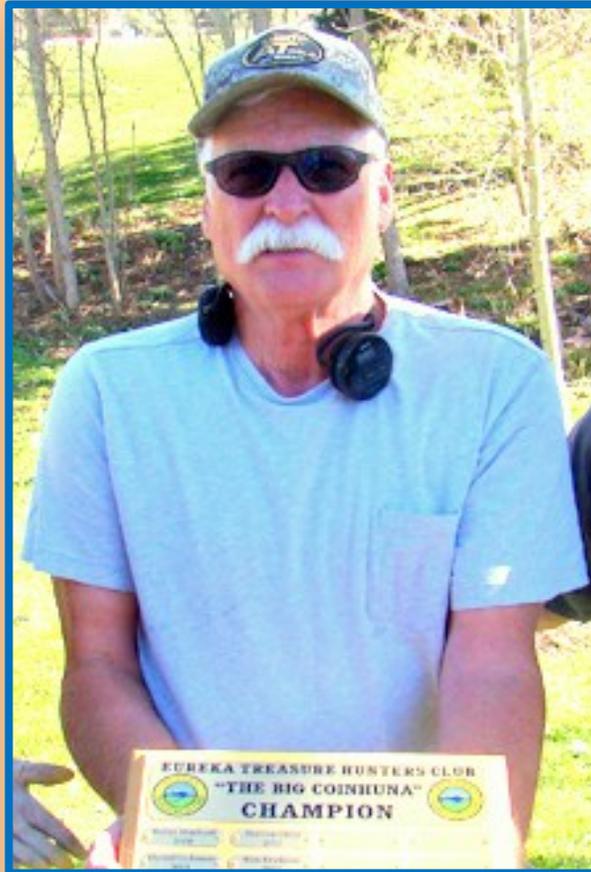
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Eureka! is a Denver-based, Colorado nonprofit organization established in 1973 for the enjoyment of metal detecting, electronic prospecting and treasure hunting. Its purpose is to provide an educational and social forum of mutual benefit for members. Eureka! holds a monthly meeting and conducts various special presentations, hunts and seminars. Members have voting privileges. Membership includes access to all general meetings, selected seminars and outings. Annual dues run April to March and are \$30 for single adult membership, \$36 for a family membership and \$15 for Junior membership. Pro-rating of dues are done for new members joining the club after the April 1 dues date. Club meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Clement Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado. Come early to socialize.

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