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## 2019 COINHUNA COMPETITION HUNT

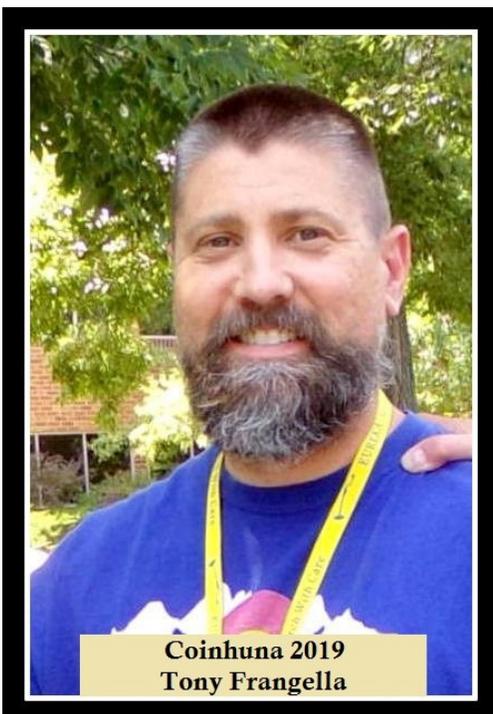
by Chris Davis



Our annual Coinhuna competition was held on Sept. 15 at the Robby Ferrufino Park. We had a great turnout with 61 folks registered to hunt. It was a hair on the warm (hot) side but a number of our members brought canopies which really helped out a lot.

I could not think up any more diabolical hunt themes, so this was a, more-or-less, classical Coinhuna hunt. We had 4 fields. The top 24 hunters moved on from Field 1 to Field 2. The top 12 hunters moved on from Field 2 to Field 3. The top 3 hunters moved on to the final Field 4.

The final 3 hunters included: Ron Erickson (a 4 time Coinhuna winner), Win Faires (a two time Coinhuna winner, and **Tony Frangella** (who made it to the final field last year). After a fierce battle, Tony Frangella emerged victorious. **Tony is the new Great Coinhuna for 2019!** As winner, Tony was presented with a gold Dos Pesos coin. His name will be inscribed on the great Coinhuna Plaque, and he will be awarded the coveted Coinhuna vest. **Tony is the Best of the Best of our competition hunters, 2019.** Tony was using a **Garrett AT Gold** detector with a 5" x 8" inch coil.



Coinhuna 2019  
Tony Frangella



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Copper tokens were awarded to the 12 Semi-finalists. "Coinhuna 2019 Finalist" coffee cups were presented to Ron and Win.

Ken King brought his cameras and videoed the hunt. I think we are all looking forward to seeing the edited product. This will be on Ken's YouTube channel called "Adventures in Dirt", <https://www.youtube.com/adventuresindirt> and Ken will be publishing links to it on his Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/KenKingCO>.

I would like to thank all the folks who made this hunt a success. Mike Magee, Steve Rex, Randy Sable, Mary Sable and Bruce Morton helped plant the 1540 coins in the hunt fields. Bruce Morton served as a Field Judge. Nancy Faires kept track of hunters, recorded hunt field winners, set up the food tables, and kept me in line. Jay Reed and John Olson ran the Dos Pesos Drawing. Thank everyone for participating in the hunt, bringing food, tables, and canopies, assisting with setting things up, taking things down and cleaning up after the hunt. A hearty round of applause to everyone for making this a great hunt! And, huge **congratulations to Tony Frangella**.



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## **Flying South Hunt**

**Sunday, October 20h, 11:00 a.m.**

**Robby Ferrufino Park, 9001 W 74th Ave, Arvada, CO 80005**

**\$20 Members**

Must be registered\* by Thursday, October 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Payment at hunt permitted, but No Same Day Signups

*The frenetic pace of Coínhuna is over and Mother Nature is preparing for her winter's nap, so join your friends for a relaxed, no frills hunt with plenty of varied targets and groovy prizes.*

Volunteers needed

Seconds are allowed for hunters requiring assistance (including those age 12 and under)

Donations welcomed and appreciated

Water and morning pastries will be provided (if you need coffee, bring it)

Contact: Bruce Morton 720-363-5869 [eureka.bmorton@gmail.com](mailto:eureka.bmorton@gmail.com)

\* Listed on a sign-up sheet, have texted your name to the above phone number, or emailed your name to the email address prior to the cutoff date/time

**Note Date Change**

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Drawing tickets are \$1 each

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

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- 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.

# North Metro Community Center Outing

By Nancy Faires



On September 19th, 2019 members of the Eureka! Treasure Hunter's Club got together with the **North Metro Community Center** at Riverdale Regional Park in Brighton. Eureka! members included: Nancy Faires, Win Faires, Roy Neys, Linda Kibler, Chris Davis, Marcus Lieberman and Bruce Morton provided metal detecting tips and demonstrations. Eight participants from North Metro Community Center included Kathy, Sara, Andy, Kim, Dusty, Janet, Nate, Martin, Aubrey and Rosa.



The North Metro group brought with them 2 Bounty Hunter Metal Detectors. Eureka! member, **Ron Graves**, donated a Bounty Hunter Tracker IV detector, bringing the total to 3. Eureka! provided Garrett "finds" pouches for the group.



The Eureka! members gave a brief talk on metal detector operation, went over how to set up the machines, swing, pinpoint, search and recover targets. A small field was set up for everyone to practice recovering items. The field was planted with a variety of foreign coins, some gold painted lead slugs, pennies, nickels and jewelry.

Everyone did very well. Probably the best find was made by Nate, who recovered a very nice wild (not planted) ring!

After the hunt Eureka! provided snacks.

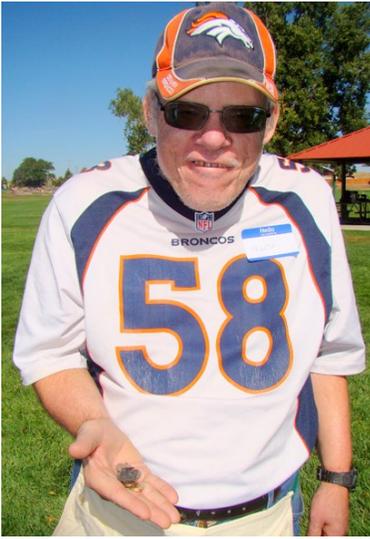
Eureka! presented the group a new Bounty Hunter Pro-spector Metal Detector. As we walked out of the park,

the group was heard excitedly talking about their “finds”.

What a day!







# Eureka! 2019 Calendar

October						
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## October 2019

- 2nd - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 4th - Newsletter Published
- 4th - General meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 13th - Get the Lead Out Hunt  
*See flyer in this edition*
- 20th - Flying South Hunt  
*See flyer in this edition*
- 19th - SAT Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 25th - Soundoff Deadline

## November 2019

- 1st - Newsletter Published
- 6th - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 8th - General meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 17th - November Turkey Hunt  
*See preview in this edition*
- 16th - SAT Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 29th - Soundoff Dead-line



## December 2019

- 6th - FRI Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 6th - Newsletter Published
- 11th - Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
800 Washington Ave., Unit E, Golden
- 13th - General meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 15th - Holiday Dinner Party
- 21st - Breakfast Club 9:00 a.m.
- 27th - Soundoff Deadline



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Note please that detectors are normally not allowed at Barr Lake. We have special permission for this project. We will meet by the boat dock. Bring your detectors, gloves, small shovels, a bucket and snacks + water.

Location is 13401 Picadilly Rd, Brighton, CO 80603

Tell the volunteer at the gate you are "volunteering", so you will not need to pay for your visit.

**For more information call Jan Hallez at 303 913-7346**



## Don't Treat These Nickels as Pocket Change!

by Chuck Bower

Some coin hunters consider searching for US 5 cent pieces ("nickels") a nuisance. They hit down there in the low part of the target identification (TID) spectrum with lots of trash, particularly can slaw, bent or broken pulltabs, and large pieces of aluminum foil. Everyone would be happy with an older nickel (Shield, Liberty/V, or Buffalo with date) and there are a few key low mintage Jeffersons, but most are high mintage and worth all of, well, a nickel! However, there is a group of high mintage Jefferson nickels which are worth finding, and because of their mass production there are a lot of them in the ground just awaiting the patient detectorist. I'm referring to the Wartime Nickel, known by the nickname 'Warnick' amongst collectors.

During WWII, nickel was deemed to be a strategic metal as a critical component of steel required in building tanks. In addition to its price rising to above that of silver, it was also initially hypothesized that continuing the 5 cent coin composition (75% copper, 25% nickel) as used since its inception in 1865 would compete with and possibly hinder the war effort. The choice of composition for War Nickels is an interesting story unto itself, as reported in reference 1. Initially the mint wanted to use a 50-50 alloy of copper and silver. There were two problems with this choice. Vending machines and other mechanical collectors of coins, such as subway turnstiles, either measured a coin's weight to determine its denomination, or measured its conductivity. (The latter used a similar method to modern metal detector discrimination techniques!) So the mint researchers went back to the drawing board with the requirement of finding an alloy whose a) density, and b) conductivity matched the coin it was replacing. The arrived at solution was 56% copper; 35% silver, 9 % manganese. Pure nickel and its typical alloys are not particularly good conductors, unlike silver and copper. But of course we detectorists already know this. Manganese, one of the poorest conductors among all metallic elements, took care of matching the new and old conductivities. So it's not a coincidence that the TID of Warnicks is the same as or very close to that of conventional nickels. More on this later.

Apparently the mint had the foresight to anticipate selectively removing these oddball coins after the war as they intentionally moved the (tiny) mintmark from the right side of the Jefferson Monument and placed it prominently, in large size,

above the monument's dome. This was also the first time since the formation of the US Mint in 1792 that a coin struck in Philadelphia included the mint's designation ('P') to coincide with the branch mints' letter designations



Figure 1

which was required since their inception, as early as the 1830's. Ironically it wouldn't be the US government but rather collectors, smelters, and hoarders who swept these coins out of circulation and that didn't occur until the late 1960's and early 1970's.

The research and decision for the new coin weren't finalized until the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 1942. As a result, both the Philadelphia and Denver mints (but not San Francisco) produced nickels of the conventional composition (and traditional mintmark size and location in the case of Denver) for the first several months with the 1942 date. The new composition coins were then produced at both Philadelphia and San Francisco (but not Denver) with the 1942 date and large mintmark. From 1943 to 1945, all three mints produced these coins, typically in large

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quantities. Not only did the total 3 ½ year production of Warnicks (870 million) exceed the 4 ½ years of Jefferson nickel mintage prior, but it took almost the first 8 years after the war to surpass that wartime production. A positive consequence of this for coin hunters is that a lot of them were dropped and still await our searches!

Surprisingly some eagle-eyed metal detectorists have noticed that not all of the Warnicks in the ground give the same TID as conventional composition nickels. (See reference 2.) Several have been found with higher TID's, nearly all the way up to the penny/dime zone. Such occurrences have occurred sufficiently to give them credence, but the cause is still unknown and under speculation. To attempt to shed light on this, I performed air test TID determinations with a Minelab Equinox 800 on 160 Warnicks, at least one of every date and mintmark. All of these coins were taken from circulation years ago, not from the ground. Typically the TID of a conventional composition Jeffie is in the 12-13 range. All 160 of the test nickels read in the 12-13-14 range. So there might be a slightly higher conductivity in some cases but nothing close to what has been reported on a few coins recovered from the ground. The handful of Warnicks I've recovered have all read the same as conventional composition nickels.



Another interesting observation of Warnicks I've found detecting is that they tend to show the white color of typical 90% silver composition coins, not the dark gray color of Warnicks found in circulation. (This isn't always the case, however.) So even without looking for the large mintmark, pulling one of these out of the ground can immediately give a hint that you've found a Warnick.

As far as value goes, there's about 77% as much silver in a Wartime nickel as in a silver dime. A 90% silver dime has 0.072 troy ounces of silver and a Warnick contains a bit over 0.056 troy ounces. As I write this (end of August 2019), a troy ounce of silver is valued at \$18.36 and thus a Warnick has about \$1 of silver bullion value.

So with all the proliferation of these Wartime Nickels, is there any chance of finding a key date version? There are a few overdate / overmintmark varieties (see reference 3) such as the 1943/2-P but those are subtle effects which not only would be difficult to discern on a moderately to highly circulated specimen, but its value is sufficiently modest even in near mint-state condition that a coin removed from the ground with its (typically) obvious imperfections likely would only be of noteworthy interest.

A book published in 1983 (reference 4) theorized that the melting of common date silver alloy coins in the late 60's turned moderately scarce coins into key (collectible and valuable) issues. The hypothesis went like this: the scarcer/rarer coins (such as the 1939-D Jefferson, not silver but used here for comparison) were removed from circulation by collectors. The typical silver alloy coins were melted indiscriminately to cash in on the high bullion value. The author's contention (built upon shaky statistics at best) was that 75% of all non-collectible silver alloy coins minted after 1915 were melted. If true that would lead to the 1943-D Warnick having a survival population of 3.8 million, just short of the already collectible key 1939-D (mintage 3.5 million)! He did point out that perception of scarcity adds to a coin's value and if collectors didn't realize this 'fact' of 75% attrition the prices wouldn't rise to reflect his contention. He was right about this latter point. Besides his shaky statistics,

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this author also assumed that other than collectors and bullion seekers removing coins from circulation there was no other sink on the population. Clearly we know better – all the coins lost in parks, school- and church-yards, private properties, etc. are apparently a significant stockpile just waiting for our detectors to signal their hiding spots.

There is one tantalizing exception of a potential once-in-a-lifetime find as detailed in reference 3. In 1961 a collector found in circulation a coin of the Wartime composition with date 1942 and the small –S mintmark next to the Jefferson Monument (location of standard nickel composition mintmarks). Ironically as was mentioned above, although the Philadelphia and Denver mints produced conventional composition nickels in 1942, the San Francisco mint only struck the Warnick composition type. So this is the only known 1942 5-cent piece with a small mintmark. Possibly this was a test strike (“pattern” is the numismatic term) which slipped into circulation but even 58 years after its discovery the jury is still out as to its authenticity. If this is a legitimate coin from the mint its value is likely in the 6-7 figures and would rival the 1943 bronze cents and 1944 steel cents which in total number less 100 known specimens in all six date+mintmark cases and bring auction realized prices in the \$100,000+ range.

One final tidbit regarding the wartime necessity of the change in composition, relayed in reference 1: if the same number of conventional nickels had been minted in that time period it would have comprised less than 0.5% of the available US nickel (metal) inventory. Parallel to the 1943 zinc coated steel penny being necessitated by the strategic need for copper in the war effort (which was only struck for a single year before its hardness caused difficulties in striking, and its lack of popularity led to its demise), the ‘necessity’ for changing the US 5 cent piece composition seems to have been exaggerated. But we detectorists can benefit from this today, regardless of whether or not its intended reason of creation was legitimate.

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#### FIGURE CAPTIONS:

Figure 1. Reverse of Wartime Nickels showing the three mintmarks: P for Philadelphia, D for Denver, and S for San Francisco.

Figure 2. Comparison of several nickels found in the ground with a metal detector. The top row are Buffalo nickels with the standard 75% copper, 25% nickel composition. The bottom row are Wartime Nickels with composition 56% copper, 35% silver, and 9% manganese. Only water and a soft toothbrush have been used to remove loose dirt.

[Editor: Chuck, a detectorist and the brother of our Mary Anne Bower, received a Ph.D. in Astrophysics from Indiana University. He was employed by NASA as an X-Ray Astrophysicist and worked on the Chandra X-Ray Satellite at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama.]



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# THE PREZ SEZ

by  
Chris Davis



October, 2019

I regret I will not be here for the October Meeting. Jack Hoover and I will be across the Big Pond in Merry Old England searching for buried treasure. This will be our fifth metal detecting tour over. I guess we are slow learners.



My wife was out of town when I made my airplane reservations to England. As I am computer illiterate, I had to call Jack for assistance. All went well, until I discovered I was scheduled for a one-way flight to Iran. Take that, for what it is worth.

One of the neat things about detecting in England, they have 2,000 years, or more, of history. If we find a hundred-year old coin in Colorado, we get so excited we pee on ourselves. In England, they find an 1840's penny, they throw it in the bushes.

Yes, for what it costs to go to England, I could save money by going down to the coin shop and buying a gold Roman coin. But, that is not quite the same as digging up that bronze Roman coin yourself. Holding it in your hand, you realize you are the first person who has touched that coin in 1500 years. The last person that held it probably spoke Latin. You wonder what he would have bought with it? And how he lost it?

We have done quite well in the past. On our first trip, both Jack and I found gold coins. Both were Half Sovereigns. I believe the one Jack found was 1894. The one I found was 1849. We have found a good number of nice Roman coins (43-410 AD) and medieval (410-1485 AD) hammered silver coins. Last year I dug up 9 hammered silver coins. On my third trip I uncovered a hammered gold coin, a Quarter Nobel, minted in the 1360's.



Another nice thing about detecting in England, there is very little trash in the remote fields we search. Last year I found only 6 pull tabs during the 10 day hunt. Over here, I find more than that during the first 15 minutes.



The main reason I go every year is the food in England. Jack likes it so much, he brings most of his food with him. For some reason, he does not like steak and kidney pie. Thankfully, there are other reasons to visit.

Our Vice President, Boots Lewis, will be presiding at the October Club Meeting in my absence. Try to give him a hard time. During the Club Meeting continuously raise your hand and ask where the restrooms are.

While we are on the topic of overseas travel, I might mention a few tips for carrying your metal detector with you while flying. As you are aware, when you fly you have checked luggage, and luggage you carry onto the plane with you, oddly called "carry-on luggage". I personally carry-on everything of value, including my metal detector; and for good reason. On my second trip over I flew with Icelandic Air. Somewhere between London and Denver, apparently the baggage handler just threw my checked suitcase out of the airplane, some 30 feet to the ground. Both wheels and the frame were broken. Had my detector been in the bag, I would have been considerably more upset.

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I am able to take my detector down and carry it, my pin pointers (batteries taken out and taped), 2 extra coils, toiletries, 1 change of clothes and my cameras in my carry-on bag and backpack. If the checked suitcase gets lost, I can still operate.

I put my detector's operating manual on top of the machine. Spare Lithium Batteries may not be placed in checked luggage. Regulations require spare Lithium Batteries to be in your carry-on luggage. Each battery should be in a protective case, preferably in its original packaging when possible. Digging tools, such as your Lesche, should be in your checked luggage. In England, "knives with blades longer than 3" are illegal. One of my England hunting buddies had his Lesche confiscated from his checked luggage by British Customs. It took a bit of doing, but they eventually bought him another one. The point is, I put a printed advertisement on top of my Lesche in my checked luggage when I go to England, so there is no confusion as to its function as a digging tool, rather than a knife.

One of the features on my XP Deus Coil is a small light which blinks on every 4 seconds. Virtually everyone I know puts a piece of tape over this light when flying. Security folks have a tendency to be paranoid about devices with blinking lights. I already mentioned, I take the batteries out of my pinpointers. The last thing I need is to have something beeping in my luggage. The security folks have no sense of humor.

I also have my name, phone number and e-mail address taped to all my gear.

I will ask everyone NOT to call me while I am in England. Text messages are okay, but calls out-of-country cost money.

Hopefully, I will see you all when (if) I get back.

Cheers!!!

## Who's New



**Chip Gregory** joins us as a native Coloradan, now residing in Lakewood. He works as an engineering technician and has been a detectorist for 40 years, off and on, classifying himself as "still a beginner". Chip has already attended a breakfast club and the Coinhuna hunt, so he's jumping right in. We can thank our Internet presence for Chip finding Eureka! Welcome to Eureka!, Chip.

**Paul Pitetti**, another Colorado native, lives in Boulder [that's right, another member of the Northern Alliance.] He is retired acupuncturist and driver, and found us on the Internet. Being brand new to detecting, Paul selected the Minelab Equinox 800 as his first machine, so he'll be looking for guidance from some of our Minelab users. He too joined our breakfast club. Paul also enjoys photography. Welcome aboard, Paul.



# Eureka! Breakfast Club

by  
Chris Davis



## Friday, September 6, 2019

The weather was nice, and we had a good turnout for the Sept. 6, 2019 Breakfast Club. Fifteen individuals attended.



After a hearty breakfast, we drove over to the Spencer Garrett Park. Spencer Garrett Park is one of those parks you do not want to go to by yourself, or visit around dark. It is okay if you go in the mornings and in groups.

It was a pretty good drive over to the park, but was worth it. We did quite well. The group found 5 rings (Chris D./aluminum, Dan P./pot metal, Cindy B./titanium man's wedding band, Jim M./silver Claddagh and Bruce M./silver.). This find was Bruce's best silver ring, to date.

We had a wide variety of great finds. Linda K. picked up a very nice religious medallion, which could be gold. Mary S. got an excellent, large \$1 casino token. Marcus L. picked up a

brooch. Dan P. recovered a heart pendant. Jeff M. dug up a bracelet. Cindy extracted a nice tax token. Randy S. scooped up a key on a stainless steel necklace. Chris D. found a small gold (10K) bracelet (laying on top of the ground.) The bracelet was marked "417", which is the European version of "10K".

We did well on coins. I thought Win F. had it wrapped up with \$6.00. Then, I spoke to Cindy B. who had \$9.43. Lastly, I checked with Roy N. who had dug up a whopping \$13.07, including 40 quarters. Kind of made my paltry \$3.85 look pitiful.



## Saturday, September 21, 2019

We had a near record turnout for the Saturday, September 21 Breakfast Club. A total of 23 Club members came out. I can only suppose everyone was trying to beat out the first snowstorm of the season.

The high temp was a frigid 78 degrees on the day. We made out hunt on the O'Kane Park. It was rather slow (for some of us), but (others of us) made some nice finds.

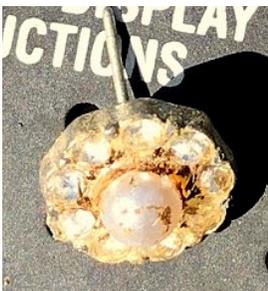
Brandy L. dug up a nice silver bracelet. Roy N. got a copper ring and a nice pearl earring. Pete picked up a token and a wheat-ear penny. Rhys L. recovered a silver Mercury Dime. Outside of



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my toy car, the best find was a very nice silver ring by Ron N. I never did get a final total, but undoubtedly Win F. did best on change. He had \$5 when I last spoke to him, and he hunted for another hour. It was a good hunt.



# 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.

## PLAN AHEAD

We will be holding a **FOOD DRIVE**  
at the December club meeting  
on **December 13th**

Please, do not bring items to any prior meetings, as there is no place for storage. More information will be presented in time for you to participate.

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## GOLD CATEGORY

Chris Davis ..... Bracelet  
 Randy Sable ..... 18K Ring  
**Brandy Llewellyn ..... 14K Ruby Ring**

## JEWELRY CATEGORY

Chris Davis ..... 925 Mens Ring  
 Chris Davis ..... "Tiffany" Ring  
 Marcus Lieberman ..... Broach  
 Roy Neys ..... Kids Ring  
 Randy Sable ..... 925 Mexico Bracelet  
 Terry Allred ..... 1994 Class Ring  
 Norm Ruggles ..... Cross Pendant  
 Kevyn Llewellyn ..... Coin Charm  
**Bruce Morton ..... 925 Ring with Stones**

## COIN CATEGORY

Marcus Lieberman ..... 50 Centavos  
 Ron Erickson ..... 1869 Shield Nickel  
 Norm Ruggles ..... 1920 Wheat Penney  
**Mary Anne Bower ..... 1721 - 1760 Copper Half Penny**

## ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Marcus Lieberman ..... Bullet  
 Roy Neys ..... Wood Maul  
 Joe Johnston ..... Water Pistol  
 Joe Johnston ..... Cast Iron Vent  
 Alan Bravo ..... Rock Art  
 Brandy Llewellyn ..... Pac Man Token  
 Susan Ruggles ..... Tomboy Mine Spike  
**Linda Erickson ..... Victorian Lady's Face**

## TOKEN CATEGORY

Mary Sable ..... Colorado Central Station \$1

### 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 - September 2019

## GOLD - Brandy Llewellyn

14-K Gold and Ruby Ring



Mountain park recovery. Sounded like a dime on XP Deus. Her 1st gold.

## JEWELRY - Bruce Morton

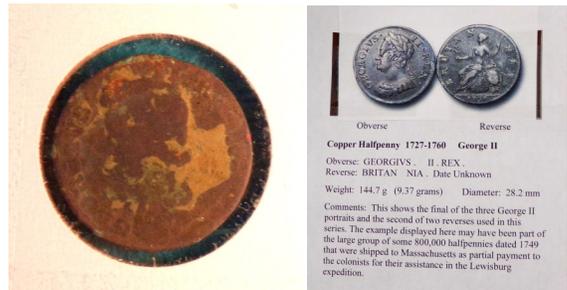
925 Silver with gem stone and diamond chips



Breakfast Club find in Aurora park. Sounded like a dime on Bounty Hunter Land Ranger Pro. His best silver find, to date.

## COIN - Mary Anne Bower

1727 - 1760 Copper Half Penney



Recovered from old Inn-Tavern-Boarding House site in New Hampshire, 5" deep. Whites MXT Pro.

## ARTIFACT - Linda Erickson

Victorian Lady's Face



Found eastern Colorado at what may have been a dump site, only 1" deep, using a Teknetics T2.

## TOKEN - Mary Sable

Colorado Central Station Casino \$1



Breakfast Club recovery at Aurora park (same as Jewelry, above) at 1" depth, with Whites XLT.

## Upcoming Events

### NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

Bring:

Nametags ~ thanks for wearing them to all Eureka! functions

Cash ~ for drawings, hunts, and Eureka! merchandise

Finds ~ to share

Ideas ~ for speakers and outings

**Speaker tonight: Boots Lewis - Upcoming election of board members**

### LINKED WEB SITES

[www.mdhtalk.org](http://www.mdhtalk.org) Detecting Hobby Talk

[www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org) Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs

[www.spreaker.com/admrr](http://www.spreaker.com/admrr)

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

[TenaciousTreasureTracker.com](http://TenaciousTreasureTracker.com)

See Brian Henry's website for the TTT Hunt clues, and new merchandise available.

[www.Youtube.com/AdventuresInDirt](http://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)

[www.Youtube.com/5280Adventures](http://www.Youtube.com/5280Adventures)

A variety channel of metal detecting, coin hunting, and other outdoor activities by Tony Frangella (Eureka! member) with his son, Caden.



### UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

#### **Breakfast Club**

3rd *Saturday*, October 19th, 2019

1st *Friday*, November 1st, 2019

Contact: **Chris Davis 225.235.2642** for place and time to meet or to get added to the email list.

#### **Get the Lead Out Hunt**

Sunday, October 13th 10:00 AM

Barr Lake State Park

Members only

Contact: Jan Hallez 202.913.7346

See flyer in this edition

#### **Flying South Hunt**

Sunday, October 20th, 11:00 AM

Fee: \$20 Members only

Contact: Bruce Morton 720.363.5869

See flyer in this edition

#### **November Turkey Hunt**

Sunday, November 17th, 11:30 AM

Fee: \$20 Includes lunch (Bring a side)

Members only

Contact: Brian Henry 720.771.1883

See preview in this edition

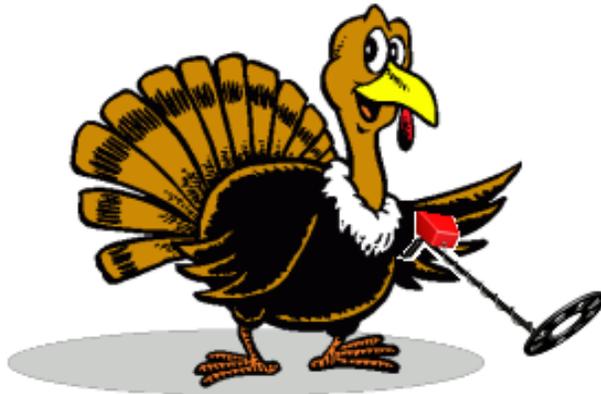
### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Articles for **Soundoff**
- Assist at **Club Hunts**
- Cleanup after meetings
- Present a **topic of interest to the club**

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



# PREVIEW



**NOVEMBER TURKEY HUNT**  
**Sunday November 17th**  
**Lunch 11:30 - 12:00**  
**Hunt Starts at 12:30pm**  
**\$20.00**



**Majestic View Park**  
**8998 W 72nd Ave**  
**Arvada, Colorado 80005**



**Tokens will be planted for:**  
**Gold Coin, Butterball Turkey and Many More Prizes**

If inclement weather hunt will be cancelled.

**Members Only**

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Articles, letters and short items of interest on prospecting, detecting and treasure hunting topics are welcomed and encouraged. All items submitted for publication are subject to editing. Submittals for publication or correction of errors may be made by e-mail in ASCII text format or MS Word. All article submissions must be received by the editor no later than the deadline of the month (see calendar) for inclusion in the next month's issue. Include publication information on articles clipped from other publications. **Let's hear your story, ideas or tips - contact your **Soundoff** editor.**

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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.

**Next Club Meeting**  
**Second Friday of November 2019,**  
**7:30 p.m. at the**  
**Clement Community Center**  
**1580 Yarrow Street**  
**(NW of Wadsworth and Colfax)**  
**Lakewood, Colorado 80214**  
**Hotline: (303) 595-5448**  
**[www.eurekathc.org](http://www.eurekathc.org)**

## Secretary's Report

by  
Nancy Faires



Eureka! THC Club Meeting  
Lakewood, CO  
September 13, 2019

### CALL TO ORDER 7:30 PM

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Clement Center, Lakewood, Colorado. There were approximately 65 members and several guests present.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of the Eureka Board members

### TREASURE'S REPORT – Linda K

Speaker Topic: Chris led a discussion with the members discussing the different ways of cleaning finds.



### REPORTS

August Hunt – Linda Erickson / Back to School Hunt, August 11<sup>th</sup> Majestic View Park – there were 32 participants. Boots Lewis found the Spyderco token and received a Spyderco knife.

September Hunt – Chris Davis / COINHUNA, September 15<sup>th</sup> Robby Ferrufino Park, Arvada / Members Only Lunch 11:30 AM Hunt 12:30 PM

October Hunt – Bruce Morton / Flying South, October 13<sup>th</sup> Robby Ferrufino Park, Arvada

Barr Lake – Jan Hallez / Get the Lead Out, October 20<sup>th</sup> Barr Lake 10 AM – 1 PM

November Hunt – Brian Henry Turkey Hunt

Breakfast Club – Chris Davis – next gathering September 21<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Friday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday monthly – meet at the Lookin' Good Restaurant 9 AM

### **THE EUREKA OCTOBER MONTHLY CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Coin Buy-Back – the Club will buy your gold coins, buffalo nickels and silver dimes – see Alan Bravo

Ticket sales for a Minelab Equinox 800 detector - \$5 each

Request from North Metro Community Services – Nancy reported the outing is scheduled for Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 – 12 Noon at Riverdale Regional Park, Brighton.

HART – additional hunt(s) to be scheduled for Loretto Heights

PERT – if interested see Chris – must be a member for a year prior to participating

Newsletter Trivia – Bruce Morton - won by Norm Ruggles

Items recovered at Club hunts are not eligible for FOM (unless wild finds)

### DRAWINGS

1867 3 Cent nickel – Ken Harmon

1908 Barber half dollar – Chuck Hedberg

1876 Seated liberty dime – Marcus Lieberman

1864 2 cent – Brice Young

1876 Seated liberty quarter – Chuck Hedberg

1910 D Barber quarter – Dan Pierson

1914 Barber dime – Paul Pitetti

*(Continued on page 29)*

1851 Large cent – Mike Magee  
 1989 Proof set – Chuck Hedberg  
 1 oz Silver round (Indian/buffalo) – Brandy Llewellyn  
 1945 D Walking liberty half dollar – Marty Stone  
 Dos peso – Brian Henry  
 Holiday – 1890 O Morgan – Bernice Ortiz  
 50 / 50 – Alan Bravo  
 Membership – Mike Magee  
 2<sup>nd</sup> chances  
 Probe – Bud Van Gundy  
 Gloves – Ken Harmon  
 Probe – Brian Henry



**FINDS OF THE MONTH**

Jewelry – Bruce Morton  
 Coin – Mary Ann Bower  
 Artifact – Linda Erickson  
 Gold – Brandy Llewellyn  
 Token – Mary Sable



Thank you to everyone who brought food, participated and donated tonight.

**ADJOURN 9:16 PM**





