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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 a subscription to *Soundoff*, all general meetings and selected seminars. Annual dues are \$30 for single adult membership, \$36 for a family membership and \$15 for a Junior membership. Pro-rated dues may be paid by any member joining the club after the May 1 dues date. Club meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., on the second floor of the Clement Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado.

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2nd Friday, November 7:30 p.m.
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Key Hunt Filled With Surprises

Sunday, October 16th, 2011, was a mild beautiful sunny fall day, perfect for the hunt. The club hunt was held at Milliken Park in Centennial. Milliken is bordered on the south side by the Highline Canal where the tall cottonwoods were in their autumn splendor. The hunt field spanned an open grass area dotted with trees to across the Highline trail into the rough natural area there. Things to find included caches and keys as well as old coins.

Some participants chose the rough area guessing the caches would be buried there or were just challenging themselves. This hunt included a key

that would open a large treasure box secured by a lock and chain. The box sat on the table with the many goodies everyone brought to eat.

This was the first hunt I've held. With help and guidance, it's exciting and fun and not hard to do. Roy Neys, as Hunt Master, was my right hand support person, helping with the ideas, rules, coins, planting, cleaning up and follow through. You can count on Roy. Also, John Steele can count, which is a good thing since he is our Treasurer. Thanks John for collecting the \$10 hunt fee and checking that the hunters were Eureka club members, since this was a member's only hunt.

I chose older coins for our hunt: Washington silver quarters, Mercury dimes, buffalo nickels, wheat cents and Indian cents. A few Roosevelt dimes were slipped in as well as a couple of tokens, current dollar coins and clad. John Olson also donated some V nickels to spice things up. Thanks John and for help planting. Jane Reed was my third helper with planting; good job Jane.

Keys were everywhere (several members donated, so the assortment was interesting). The key to find was the one that opened the Treasure Box. The hunt started with a 30 minute time limit. If the key to the box was not found, the hunt would continue for another 10 minutes. If still not found, the person with the most keys (John Olson with 19) would get the spare from me.

The key was not found right off, so the overtime round was used. We met back at the table where people were checking

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Secretary's Report

October 7, 2011

President Ron Erickson called the October meeting to order at 7:30. There were approximately 66 members present and several guests, including **Craig Hasler; A. Walker; Jeff Baxter and son; Lloyd Draper;** and **Joe Cook.**

Thanks to everyone who brought food! The rhubarb pie brought by the Kiblers was particularly tasty. If **you** can bring some yummys for the November meeting, members would definitely enjoy them!

Cindy Bockenstedt put on a great hunt Sunday, October 9. **Cindy** planted a lot of keys, but only one key could unlock a box that contained lots of treasure. Richard Kibler was the winner. See Cindy's report in this newsletter. Thanks to everyone who brought snacks to the hunt.

Roy Neys is working with HART (Historic Artifact Recovery Team) in Central City as the town has been putting in new sidewalks/pavement. There have been few great finds but the project isn't finished.

John Steele was the speaker at the October meeting. John, along with many, many others (including Eureka! members) has been recovering rings and stuff at Berkeley Lake—Denver Parks has drained it and is re-lining it. John shared his experiences and showed the Club some of the items recovered. In fact, the *Denver Post* has written a couple of stories about the treasure hunters working at the Lake, and the paper even quoted **John Steele** several times. Thanks for sharing your stories, John.

In December, some new board members will be elected. Sheri Muehlbauer, Terry Weatherly, Roy Neys and Cindy Bockenstedt have been nominated and more nominations will be accepted at the November meeting. Please consider a position on the Eureka! board.

Lulu's Bling Clue Hunt

Sharon Harkins and **John Cornelisse** found both of Lulu's Blings planted in August and September.

General Drawing

Gold Nugget Drawing (1.25g)
Delmar O'Dell
Christmas Drawing (Silver Dollar)
John Brewer

General Drawing

1927 Standing Liberty Quarter	Roy Neys
1833 Large Cent	Boots Lewis
1897 Barber Quarter	Fran Espinosa
1842 Seated Liberty Dime	Fran Espinosa
1857 Flying Eagle Cent	Steve Montaño
1902 V Nickel	Joe Johnson
1897 Barber Half Dollar	Steve Romeis
1865 2 Cent	Joe Johnson
1945 Dos Peso	Walter Hoessle
1910 Barber Dime	Alan Bravo

Free Hunt Drawings

Bernice Ortiz
Steve Romeis

Last Chance Drawings

Colorado History Books Donated by Ron Erickson
Steve Montaño
Bernice Ortiz

Membership Drawing

Walter Hoessle

The Prez Sez

By Ron Erickson



Another great fall day goes by and I did not get out to hunt. I hope you did. Last month we sure had a lot of good finds brought to the finds table. I hope you all repeat the display of goodies in November. All the goodies on the snack table were tasty as well.

Elections are under way. What are you looking for in the leadership of the club? What do you have to offer? We have a great club and I am thankful for all the help. So for those of you who I forget to say THANK YOU to, here it is in writing. THANK YOU!!!!!!

As I am writing this, they are talking about the first snow in the metro area. With our mild winter last year, I remember hunting well into the end of the year. Hopefully we'll have some more good weekends to get out there and hunt. Are you an author of an article, or are you planning any trips that you would like to share with the club as a speaker? I think some of our better speakers this year were members sharing stories of their hunting expeditions. So, if you've got an interesting story, let's hear about it.

Happy Hunting, Ron

November meeting

At the November meeting we will be talking about when to clean and more importantly when not to clean your finds.

Also you can expect to see another amazing batch of finds from Berkeley Lake Park and other locations.

Last month we had a great batch of food as mentioned in the Prez Sez. And I believe that we had a record number of people at the meeting, it was standing room only.

We will also be taking nominations for the Board of Directors seats. We have 4 Board memberships that will need to be filled.

The elections will be held during the December meeting and the new board members will take their positions following the February meeting.

Looking a little farther ahead our December meeting is annually our dessert potluck meeting. Plus we will be voting on finds of the year.

Attention Big Foot users!

If you have used your Big Foot coil as hard and as long as I have you will someday need to replace or repair it.

Instead of shopping E-Bay for some sight unseen coil of doubtful providence get it repaired.

Call William Lahr at: 1-310-635-0869 and for the paltry sum of \$50.00 plus shipping and boxing it will be like or better than new.

LuLubelle's Lost Bling

Treasure Puzzle

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.

Some people like to solve cryptograms much like some people like to do crossword puzzles. 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 LuLu's bling and bring it to the next regular Eureka! meeting to collect a prize.

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Finds of the Month

GOLD - Carl Johansen

10 kt ring w/ 5 diamonds



Carl was hunting Berkeley Lake Park with his DXF with his 4X6 elliptical coil when he came across this 1880's 10 kt ring with 5 old mine cut diamonds. He found a total of 6 gold rings that day.

TOKEN - Carl Johansen

Great Northern 2 1/2 Cent

Carl was hunting Berkeley Lake Park with his DXF with his 4X6 elliptical coil when he uncovered this token from The Great Northern good for 2 1/2 cents in trade, it was 3" down in rocky soil.



JEWELRY - Jay Reed

Krementz Bracelet



Jay was hunting a beach at Lincoln City, Oregon with his Minelab E-trac when he pulled this Krementz gold-plated silver bracelet with 27 stones. Jay was using a very open discrimination pattern with tone ID.

ARTIFACT - Cindy Bockenstedt

Denver City Railway Button



Cindy was detecting with her MXT at Berkeley Lake Park's old swim beach when she dug this beautiful Denver City Railway button. The button was in the side wall of a 2 foot deep excavation that Cindy working.

COIN - Carl Johansen

1895-S Morgan Dollar (key date)



Carl was hunting Berkeley Lake Park with his DXF with his 4X6 elliptical coil when he found this key date 1895-S Morgan Silver Dollar.



Eureka!'s November Birthdays

- **Bill Abercrombie**
- **Doug Brott**
- **Elizabeth Hall**
- **Jim Hite**
- **Geline Jensen**
- **Boots "Doc" Lewis**
- **Diane Lubbert**
- **Mead Marshall**



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.**



New Proprietor

I am sure most of you know by now, but if you didn't, here is the skinny, so to speak, on the change in Gold-N-Detectors. Gold-N-Detectors is under new management. As of July 1, 2011 Louise Smyth became the owner and proprietor of our beloved G-N-D. Louise has been working there part time for the past seven years behind the counter taking your money. Over that time Louise has been learning the ins and outs and the who's who of the metal detecting and prospecting world. You can't be around Bill that much and not learn a thing or two about treasure hunting. Louise is a 4th generation Denver native. She attended North High and then continued her education at the University of Denver where she received her bachelors and masters in accounting. So when you combine her education with the experience of working with Bill for the past seven years you know that Gold-N-Detectors is in very capable hands. Just like many others, Louise has had a

few bouts of unemployment within the last few years in her chosen career. Her part time employment at G-N-D for so long and with Bill wanting to retire it seemed to make sense that Louise should be the one to purchase the shop. In March Louise decided to purchase the shop after the negotiations and paper work she became the owner the first of July.

Currently Louise has no plans or expectations of changing the format of the shop or adding to the line of detectors that G-N-D currently sells. When I asked why there were no plans on expanding the line of detectors I a little surprised to find out how much money it takes to bring in a new line of detectors. You just cannot bring a few models from a manufacturer and sell them. You need the accessories to go with that line; additional coils shafts, arm cuffs, battery packs and so much more. When I thought about it, it made sense. When I need a connection bolt, arm cuff or lower rod for my machines I just head to G-N-D and pick one up and don't even consider that it might not be there.

Louise's plans for the shop is pretty simple in theory but will require a fair amount of hard work, to continue with the same world class customer service and good name associated with the store. She is also planning on changing models that are currently for sale. One of the other changes that Louise would like to do is add to the line of detectors that are currently for rent. She is considering adding White's Coinmaster to the line of detectors that are for rent so that customers have the digital display. She is hoping that this may bring a few customers back to purchase detectors. One of the other upgrades Louise expects to bring about is an upgrade in sales and inventory hardware. Some of the distributors that G-N-D deals with are WAY behind

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in technology and have very specific “requirements” for placing orders. So the hardware upgrade will probably have a few sticking points. Ah technology, can’t live with it, can’t live without it.

Gold-N-Detectors is the world’s number one seller of the Whites MXT and also the nation’s leading retailer of Desert Fox’s black sand magnets. The number one selling item at G-N-D is the Proline professional gold pan. Yes, gold pans go out the door at a very rapid pace. The number one selling metal detecting accessory is the Garrett Pro Pointer.

The past three months have been the shops best in the 16 years of it’s existence. But that doesn’t mean that there are customers in the shop at all times. During the slow times Louise is on the computer checking out forums and keeping up with manufacturers’ websites trying to keep up with the latest chatter on how each model of detector or mining equipment performs in the field. Then during her “off days” Louise is out getting supplies for and doing the business that keeps the Gold-N-Detectors open. So much for off days!

We know that Louise and employees of Gold-N-Detectors are members of Eureka. But they are also members of other clubs; the GPOR and the GPAA make up the other clubs that G-N-D are members of and supports.

The School of Mines has long been a ready supply of customers but the students make up a surprisingly small percentage of sales. I guess when you think back to college days, you didn’t have much money to spend on school supplies. So even though the students are consistent in their needs every September they are not what keeps the store going. Your purchases of new model detectors and accessories for your current detector keep the lights on and

doors open.

I hope to see my fellow Eureka members up at Gold-N-Detectors supporting Louise buy purchasing you metal detecting, prospecting and treasure hunting supplies. We need our members to support those who support us and have brought us so many members over the years.

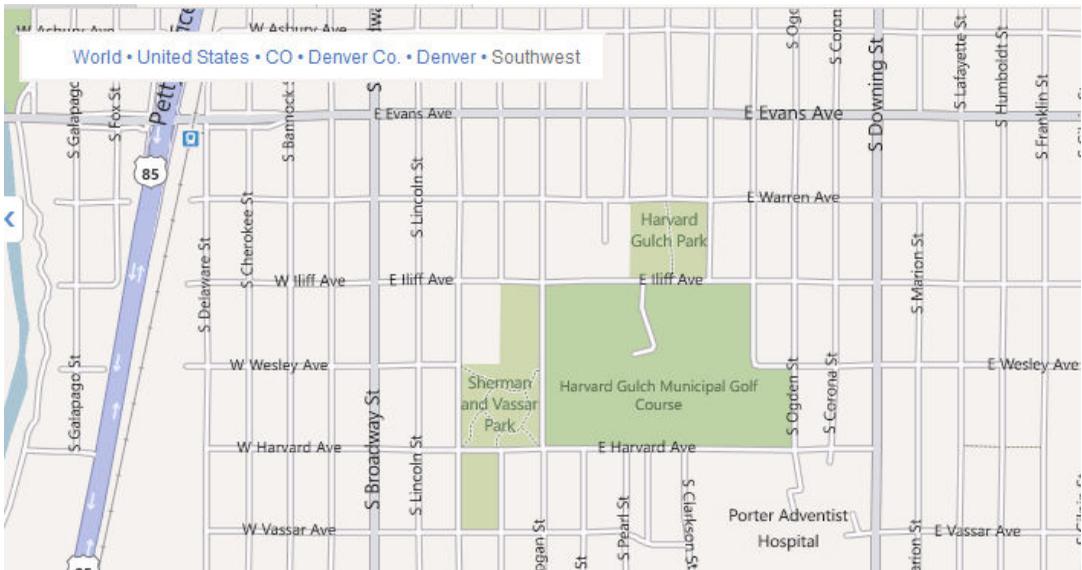
2011 November 13, 2011 Food Drive Hunt

OK since none of you turkeys signed up for a hunt this November, I will put on the hunt. So, weather permitting on Sunday, November 13 at 1:00pm we will hunt up some goodies.

Come to State Home Park at about Illiff & Logan St. on the north side of the park north of the golf course, just east of the parking lot where we have had numerous hunts in the past.

The price of admission is two or more non perishable food items and \$5.00. Or just bring \$10.00 and we will donate \$5.00 of that to the food bank

In the event that the weather is stormy, I will try to have the Hot Line message updated by 11:00 am.



Eureka! Treasure Hunters Membership Handbook Excerpts

General Requirements of a Member

Members are required to abide by the Treasure Hunter's Code of Ethics and By-laws of the club.

Members should attend as many meetings and outings as possible.

Members should be willing to serve on a committee if asked.

Members are encouraged to participate in events.

Members are encouraged to promote fellowship within the club, with other organizations of similar interests and with the community.

Members, if eligible, are encouraged to run for any elective office.

Members in violation of the Club's bylaws are subject to disciplinary action, as determined by the Executive Board.

Board of Directors

1. Board members, along with the other officers of the Club, shall comprise an Executive Board which shall aid in Club policy-making decisions.

2. The Board of Directors shall represent the Club when dealing with community agencies or other Clubs with mutual interest.

3. The Board of Directors shall be an extension of the President and Vice-President.

4. The Board of Directors shall be called in on all special meetings called by the President.

Board Meeting

1. Any Executive Board member who misses three (3) Board meetings in succession may be removed from that position at the discretion of the Board.

2. A special election may be held at the next general membership meeting to elect and fill any vacant position.

Upcoming elections

We will be taking nominations for 4 seats on the Board of directors during the upcoming November meeting. By being a board member you can be on the front lines of what is going on with the club and affect the future direction of the club. Being a board member does not take a lot of time unless you wish to be more involved in the hobby. Just like anything else, the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.

Vice Presidents Report Steve Montano

Here we are going into November, what a summer it was. I hope you got out and detected this summer. I got out but not as much as I would have liked too. I do have my big treasure hunt trip to New Mexico the first couple of weeks in November. I have been doing a lot of research this summer so my Dad and I have a plan of action while out there.

Here are a few pictures of our last trip. We found a few caves that seemed to never end. We went in only as far as the rope was long because we didn't want to get lost in all of the different passages. (We are looking forward to going back with a longer rope next time.) We also found some really interesting petroglyphs that we are currently trying to find out how old they are and what they mean.

So, if anyone of you out there have an idea of what these symbols mean please contact me at this next month's meeting. Happy Hunting, see you at the meeting.



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and counting their keys, and trying them to see if theirs opened the treasure box. Richard Kibler suddenly grinned and held up a small shiny new double sided key. He slipped it into the Master lock and popped open the box. Congratulations.

Inside were an assortment of old coins (approximate worth - \$20), a \$10 gift card to Gold N Detectors, donated by Louise Smyth, a transit token, 4 old postcards, two older magazines, 1992 Lost Treasures, 1969 U.S. News and World Report, a 1991 Rocky Mountain News newspaper reporting on the start of the Gulf War, a John Deere tin and a children's Simple Simon 78 record. Richard, will ebay see any of these posted?

The Key Hunt had 27 participants with 2 getting in free, after winning their entries at the last regular club meeting. Of all of those hunters, no one found the Spyderco token good for a new Spyderco knife donated by Boots Lewis. Better luck next hunt.

There were six small caches. These were found by Ron Erickson (2), John Olson, John Steele, Richard Kibler and someone else. Ron found one of his directly center under a bench, where another hunter had assumed it was a support for the bench. Another cache was overlooked as trash, but John Steele scooped it up as treasure.

I noticed several people helping others during the hunt. This took away from their finds, but fosters our sport and friendships. I'm proud of you guys and glad to know you. Thanks to all who helped. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did.

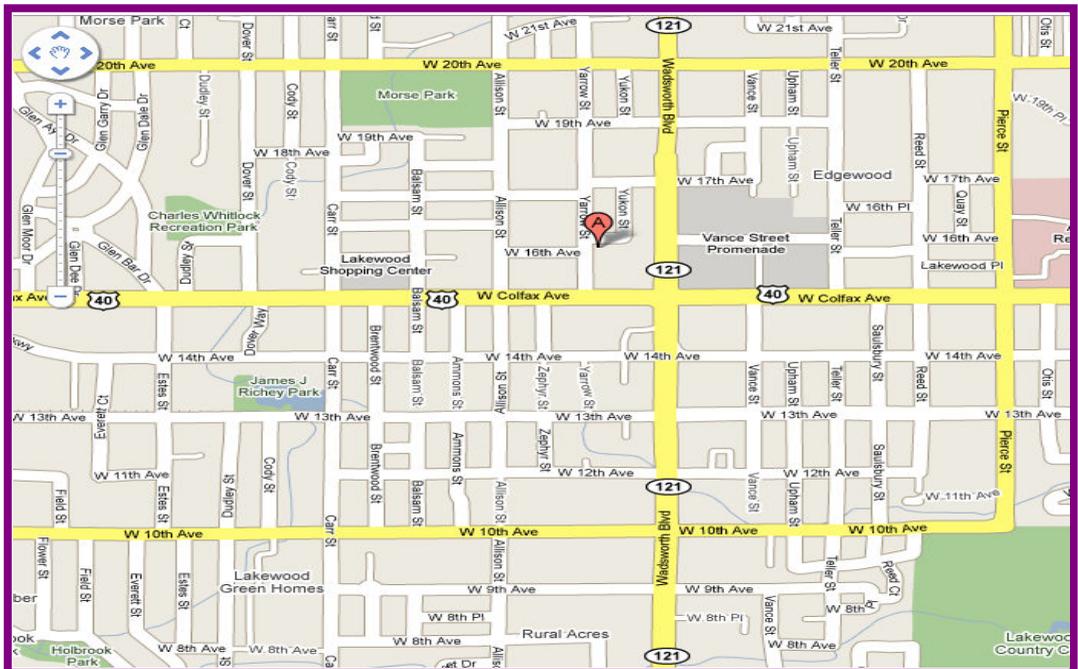
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In-Town Hunt Schedule

If this sounds familiar, the rules regarding in-town hunts bear repeating. Again, I want to reiterate in-town hunt rules for those who seem to have missed the obvious by failing to read and follow the instructions the club has provided. We want you to put on hunts. They are designed 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 **MUST**:

- Schedule with the Huntmaster.
- Provide a plan.
- Provide flyers.
- Ensure the hunt rules are discussed **BEFORE** the hunt.
- Police the hunt.
- The hunt master for any particular hunt can decide open hunt (non-members may hunt) or members only.
- 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, will usually get people's attention

4. Hunters digging and leaving trash on the hunt field should receive the same treatment discussed above.

All hunts will need to be okayed by Huntmaster (Roy Neys) prior to officially being put in the newsletter and put on.

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

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GOLD CATEGORY

John Olson.....	1933 Class Ring
Roy Neys.....	14 Karat Gold Ring
Jim Griffin.....	Bible teachers Ring
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	10 kt Signet Ring
John Hinton.....	10 kt. Ring
Jeff Lubbert.....	Heart Pendant
John Brewer.....	10 kt. Signet Ring
John Brewer.....	Ruby & Diamond Ring
John Brewer.....	Diamond Solitaire
Carl Johansen.....	10 kt. Ring w/ 5 Diamonds

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Doug Burg.....	Broach
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	Sterling Indian Ring
John Hinton.....	Sterling Arapahoe Good Luck Ring
Terry Weatherly.....	Religious Medal
Carl Johansen.....	Silver Indian Swastika Bracelet
Bernice Ortiz.....	Turquoise Men's Ring
Jay Reed.....	Krementz Bracelet, Gold Over Silver

COIN CATEGORY

Jim Griffin.....	1891-S Seated Dime
Joe Johnston.....	1909-D Barber Quarter
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	1901 Barber Quarter
Jay Reed.....	1901 Indian Head Penny
Carl Johansen.....	1895-S Morgan Silver Dollar (Key Date)

Token Category

John Olson.....	15 Cent C.H. Pierson
John Olson.....	Denver Tram Fare
Roy Neys.....	M.E. Geary
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	Sioux City Service Token
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	I.D. Cranoac 5 Cent
Carl Johansen.....	The Great Northern 2 1/2 Cent

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ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Mary Sable.....	Admiral Dewey Medallion
Jim Griffin.....	Devil Dogs Air Ring
Jim Griffin.....	Bull Throwing Award
Jim Griffin.....	Fun Token
Roy Neys.....	Tarzan Ring
Roy Neys.....	Lead Indian
Roy Neys.....	Atlantic Clipper
Delmar O'Dell.....	Wooden Sailboat
Delmar O'Dell.....	Denver Standard Bottle
John Brewer.....	English Aristocratic Button
Terry Weatherly.....	1934 Skelly "Jimmy Allen Flying Cadet"
Jeff Lubbert.....	United Commercial Travelers Fob
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	Denver Railway Button

FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

Gold: Natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item

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 (includes GOLD coins of any nation).

Token: a piece resembling a coin issued as money by some person or body not of a governmental authority; can be redeemed for services or specified items.

Artifact: simple object showing human workmanship or modification

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