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Find of the Year Awards

Gene Kotlan, Dan Sprouse
and Charles A. Johnston
Award winners

Chickamauga Civil War Relic Show

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About Eureka!

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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Cover art: A collage of find of the month entries with the winners in color overtop of a historic photo of Berkeley Park Lake.

A Call for Help

by Ron Erickson

At our February meeting we had a couple of guests on a mission. Cathy Mansur attended the meeting with her adult son and her 8 year old granddaughter Reese. They were in need of some help and I am proud to say the club responded.

With the temp at 17 degrees according to the gauge in Linda's car, I was not



Reese braving the cold

sure how many members would turn out. We had approximately 15 hunters show up.

With a fresh dusting of powder it was easy to see where we had covered the ground and it was good training for some who had become sloppy with their coverage. Unfortunately, after more than three hours, we did find the cochlear implant that had been lost while sledding. at a cost of \$8000 it will be hard to replace. There have been several groups contacted to help with the cost involved but as of 2-23-12 they still have not been able to replace the Implant.

Secretary's Report

February 10, 2012

President Ron Erickson called the February meeting to order at 7:30. There were approximately 58 members present and several guests, including **Jerry Greene; Mike and Sheri Wilkins; Chris Dirkee; Polly Cisneros; Myra Valkren; and Alan Ingels.**

Thanks to everyone who brought tasty dishes to the annual potluck—the Awards Banquet! The food was good and members had a chance to mingle.

,,, and Eureka! had a chance to recognize members for achievements and commend members for their service to the Club:

Token Find of 2011	John Steele
Jewelry Find of 2011	John Steele
Gold Find of 2011	Mary Sable
Coin Find of 2011	John Steele
Artifact Find of 2011	John Steele

See photos of the Finds in this newsletter.

Service Awards

Gene Kotlan Memorial Award	Louise Smyth
Dan Sprouse Award	Jeff Lubbert
Charles A. Johnston Award	Boots and Laura Lewis

Eureka! has two new board members, Harry Barcroft and Cindy Bockenstedt.

A little girl and her family came to February's meeting. While sledding, the little girl lost one of her cochlear implants at a park. The family asked the Club to use

their detectors to find the implant. A hearty, stalwart group of 17 members met at the park the next day at 8:00 a.m. What a cold, snowy Saturday it was! Unfortunately, the implant was not found, but Ron Dunsmore is working with the family, offering assistance through the Shriners International for the replacement of the implant.

The Club is compiling a list of members and the services they can provide, e.g. plumbing or electrical wiring. This Service Directory will come in handy for fellow members when they're looking to hire someone to work on household projects. Submit listings to Jeff Lubbert, coindigr@hotmail.com.

The Club is also looking for suggestions for speakers at the Club's meetings. If you have any ideas for a great hunt, tell the board members—even suggest just a hunt site. Let the board members know your ideas. Tom Noel, a local historian and published author, is scheduled to speak, as is Sue Knous, an authority on railroadiana.

We're always looking for articles and news for this newsletter. If you have anything to submit or any suggestions, contact Jeff Lubbert, coindigr@hotmail.com.

The Club has made a large purchase of coins. Stay tuned for info about next spring's Moose Hunt.

2012 membership dues are due in March.

Lulu's Bling Clue Hunt

No one found Lulu's bling.

General Drawing

Gold Nugget Drawing (1.2 gr)

Linda Erickson
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The Prez Sez

By Ron Erickson



March Prez says

If you missed February's meeting and you volunteered over the last year, let me say how grateful the club is to all our volunteers. THANK YOU!!!

At the last meeting, we presented the winners of the Gene Kotlan, Dan Sprouse and Charles A Johnson Awards to our volunteers of the year, along with the Finds of the Year awards. Oh yes, and then there was the pot luck dinner. If you went away hungry it was your own fault. We also installed the new Board Members and will be working on putting together our hunt and outing schedule for the up coming year. If you have any suggestions please talk to a Board Member and we will take it into consideration.

I hope you have taken some time to brush up on your equipment and re read the owner's manual. Unless you have a photographic memory you might be surprised at what you have forgotten. Refresh your memory and be ready to find some great items when the snow melts and the ground thaws.

We were recently notified to hear about the death of Stuart and Lois Pritchard's daughter, Elizabeth Malie Pritchard, of Newport, Oregon. Elizabeth died suddenly Wednesday, February 8, 2012, of unknown causes. She was 26. The Pritchard Family were long time mem-

bers of the club and Stuart Pritchard is the author A Guide to Colorado Merchant Trade Tokens.

Happy Hunting,
Ron



Members enjoying some of the pot-luck and warm conversation.



Two newly installed, Harry and Cindy, and two re-installed, Sherry and Terry, Executive Board Members

Finds of the Month - January

GOLD - Roy Neys

Gold Signet Ring "E"



Roy was swinging his DXF armed with a 10" DD at Berkeley Park Lake when he found this signet ring. The ring was hiding approximately 18" under the cattails just above the clay layer. Sweet find Roy!!

TOKEN - Joseph Koch

1901 Merchant's Bank Token



Joseph was using his DXF sporting his 12" spider coil in the cattails at Berkeley Park Lake when he found this neat token. The Mercantile Bank was located on 17th Street at Curtis. This token was good for an additional 50 cents when you opened an account.

JEWELRY - Dwayne Hilterbrand

.925 Silver Ring



Dwayne was using his V3i equipped with a 10" DD coil on a soccer field when he came across this lovely sterling silver ring.

ARTIFACT - John Cornelisse

Dagger Letter Opener



John was detecting at Curtis Park with his V3i topped off with his 6X9 DD coil when he received a nice quarter signal. After retrieving the quarter John rechecked the signals location and his detector sounded off on this sweet letter opener.

John would recommend that if you detect the 5 points area that you don't do so alone.

COIN - Dwayne Hilterbrand

1891 V-Nickel



Dwayne was once again using his V3i with the 10" DD coil, this time at Berkeley Park Lake when he found this nice nickel.

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Christmas Drawing (Crystallized Silver Specimen) Addie Otis

General Drawing

1928D Standing Liberty Quarter
Jim Griffin

1802 Large Cent John Olson

1978 Proof Quarter Bob Flier

1898 Barber Half Dollar Alan Ingles

???? Flying Eagle Cent
Cindy Bockenstedt

One Troy Ounce Silver Chuck Sanders

1858 Barber Dime/Love Token
Ron Erickson

1858 Barber Dime/Love Token
Cindy Bockenstedt

1945 Dos Peso Addie Otis

1916 Barber Dime Bob Flier

Membership Drawing

???? Seated Liberty Quarter
Terry Weatherly

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.

Want to Learn about Jefferson County Ghost Towns

John Steinle, History Education Supervisor of Jefferson County Open Space, will present a program describing these ghost towns on Thursday, March 9th at 6 P.M. at the Hiwan Homestead Museum. Many rare and historic photos will be used to illustrate the talk. This program is sponsored by the Jefferson County Historical Society. Reservations are required and there is a \$5 fee to attend. To make reservations call 720 497-7650 or email Andy Spencer, Education Coordinator at aspencer@jeffco.us

Finders of the Month



2012 CALENDAR

January:

11th - Board Meeting
13th - General Meeting
22nd - Club Outing - School of Mines

February:

8th - Board Meeting
10th - General Meeting

March:

7th - Board Meeting
9th - General Meeting

April:

11th - Board Meeting
13th - General Meeting

May:

9th - Board Meeting
11th - General Meeting

June:

6th - Board Meeting
8th - General Meeting

July:

11th - Board Meeting
13th - General Meeting

August:

8th - Board Meeting
10th - General Meeting

September:

12th - Board Meeting
14th - General Meeting
16th - Coinhuna Club Championship

October:

10th - Board Meeting
12th - General Meeting

November:

7th - Board Meeting
9th - General Meeting

December:

12th - Board Meeting
14th - General Meeting

Chickamauga Civil War Relic Show

(and Visit to Tennessee and Georgia)

Ron and I had a chance to visit one of the largest Civil War relic shows in the county. It was held in Dalton, GA the first weekend in February. At the entrance of the Civil War show sat a Confederate Cannon, recently restored after being recovered from the Wreck of the Philadelphia. The Philadelphia was a 3-masted schooner loaded with scrap metal. The Philadelphia contained the largest single collection of Confederate cannons (27) found since the Civil War. Shortly after the Civil War, the Philadelphia left the Port of Charleston loaded with Confederate cannons intended for Northern scrap yards. The overloaded vessel later floundered and sank off the South Carolina coast. The ominous and historic symbols of rebellion lie hidden on the sea floor until their recent discovery. As of 2012, five cannons have been recovered and conserved for future generations. If you have \$75,000 and two years to wait, you can purchase one of the cannons for your own personal collection. We heard some people remark that seeing the cannon alone was worth the trip. After paying the \$8 entry fee, we entered a large room filled to capacity with tables. We spent the good part of two days looking over approximately 400 tables containing Civil War relics and related items, including, among other things, swords, rifles, pistols, bullets, books,

period photos, reenactment items, and of course metal detectors. As much as Ron had hoped to return home with a Civil War era gun, the prices of these guns running thousands of dollars made it prohibitive. We only purchased a few items for our personal collection but we were able to get some good deals on some relics for this year's Blue and Gray hunt.



In addition to running into our friends Butch and Anita Holcombe from American Digger magazine, we had the opportunity to meet many other interesting people in the hobby of metal detecting and Civil War collecting, including Rafael Eledge from Shiloh Relics. You've probably seen him as one of the appraisers on Antiques Road Show. We were also treated to a couple of days of site seeing by Charlie Harris. Charlie Harris writes the Q&A column for American Digger magazine, has a wealth of information on Civil War relics, and has published *Civil War Relics of the Western Campaigns, 1861-1865*, which has become one of the standard reference works on the Civil War with over 1500 photographs of relics. We experienced "southern hospitality" at its fin-

est. Charlie and his wife, Teresa, were our personal tour guides for a drive on Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain and the Chickamauga battle site. The battle of Chickamauga was the most significant Union defeat in the Western Theater of the American Civil War and involved the second highest number of casualties in the war following the Battle of Gettysburg. Charlie's wife, Teresa, shares Charlie's passion of civil war relics but also has a passion for collecting vintage baby bottles and is a very talented wood carver. Her most famous carving is "Nemo," who is part of the Chattanooga Carousel.

We also had an opportunity to hunt for a few hours in Ringgold, Georgia with Lamar White, another fine southern gentleman, who is President of the Dixie Relic Recovery Club. Although we didn't find anything spectacular at this battle site, we now have an appreciation for what it is like to hunt in that area. The briars, vines and brush make it nearly impossible to swing your detector at times. A farmer's field would have been much easier, but the guys down in the south have been known to tie themselves to trees with ropes to hunt on steep, wooded hillsides to find the great relics. We had the opportunity to attend two different metal detecting club meetings in the area. We were able to see how these clubs operated and noticed some similarities in the issues they deal with—those secret hunting spots, who will bring refreshments, and who volunteers to do the work.

The Dixie Relic Recovery Club meets at the Old Stone Church, which was used as a Civil War hospital and still has blood stains on the floor. The other club holds their meetings in a gated rifle club building. We were welcomed by the groups, enjoyed the opportunity to talk with metal detectorist in that part of the country and enjoyed seeing the type of items they find, most of which we will never find here. Oh wait, that's not true. If you attend this year's Blue and Gray hunt to be held this summer, you could be the proud new owner of some fine Civil War relics.



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 Bylaws 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.

parent with any children under the age of eighteen residing in one household in a domestic situation. Each person with a single membership will have one vote. Each adult (person over the age of 18) in a family membership will have one vote. Renewal time for memberships is in April each year. Members who have not renewed by the May meeting are excluded from further club activities. Payment can be made by cash or by check made payable to the Eureka! Treasure Hunter's Club, Inc. Payment is made to club treasurer. Payments made by existing members are not prorated. Membership dues are determined and voted on by the Executive Board by April of every year.

Dues are used for the on-going month-to-month and year-to-year operation of the club.

Membership Dues and Voting Rights

Currently, annual membership dues, for age 18 and older are \$30 for single membership, \$36 for a family membership. Family memberships are those with two adults and/or a single

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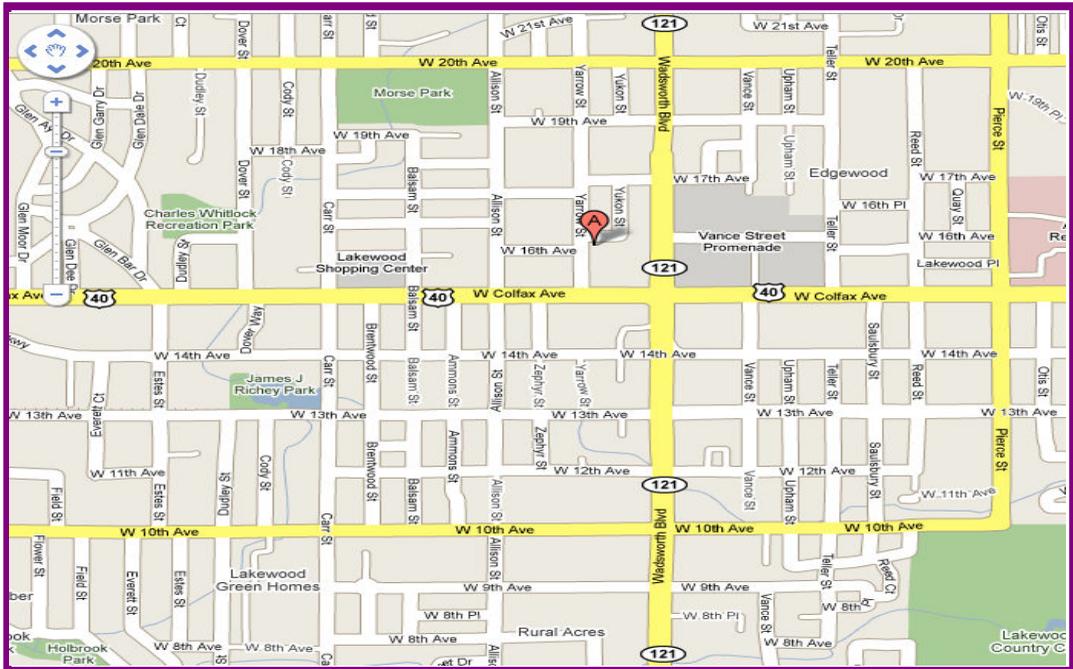
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In-Town Hunt Schedule

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

Jim Griffin.....Ring
Roy Neys.....Gold Signet Ring

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Jim Griffin.....Turquoise Ring
 John Hinton.....Amethyst Ring
 Jane Reed.....Religious Medallion
 Jay Reed.....Mexican Silver Ring
 Joe Koch.....Copper Ring
 Joe Koch.....Silver Band
 Roy Neys.....Medallion
Dwayne Hilterbrand.....Silver Ring

COIN CATEGORY

Cindy Bockenstedt.....Buffalo Nickel
 John Hinton.....1901 Barber Dime
Dwayne Hilterbrand.....1891 V-Nickel

Token Category

Cindy Bockenstedt.....Denver Tramway
 Roy Neys.....Denver Tramway 1/2 Fare
Joe Koch.....Merchants Bank 50 Cent

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Cindy Bockenstedt.....(2) Military Dog Tags
 Roy Neys.....YMCA Swimming Badge
 Jim Griffon.....Boy Scout Button
 Ron Dunsmore.....Cub Scout Button
John Cornelisse.....Letter Opener

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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Eureka members searching for cochlear implant (see “A call for help” on page 3).
The temperature at the time of the search was 17



Some of the items recovered from the sledging hill.



Eureka members enjoying the pot-luck



Our Gene Kotlan Award winner, Louise Smyth

2011 Finds of the Year



Gold - Mary Sable, Woman's 22 kt Yellow Gold Ring w/ Rubies



Jewelry - John Steele, 1800's Silver & Turquoise Broach

2011 Finds of the Year



Coin - John Steele, 1800 Large Cent



Token - John Steele
Brohm Brothers 5 Cents in Trade



Artifact - John Steele
George Washington Inaugural Button

