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Coinhuna hunt report

First off I have give my apologies to all for not getting a hunt flying into the previous months newsletter. Roy Neys and I were co-hosts of this hunt and we had a lack of communication as to who was doing what. We had another successful coinhuna competition hunt, crowning a new Eureka Treasure Hunters club competition hunt champion. The weather was wonderful with the sun shining, highs in the mid-eighties and a bit of a breeze. Wow, we could not have asked for any better weather! Then to make things even better we had a potluck and BBQ with Grill-master John Hinton. John grilled up some wonderful burgers and dogs. Thanks for doing the cooking again John.

We had 25 hunters signed up to compete when we began the hunt. The hunt field was set up in concentric circles with the outer circle being a 50 foot radius and the inner circles being in 10 foot increments. The circles were split into quadrants that meant that there was going to be only 6 people in each quadrant to start with. We were expecting 36 people at the hunt so the hunt field was seeded pretty heavily in the first round.

The hunters drew poker chips to determine who was in which quadrant of the round one circle they would start in.

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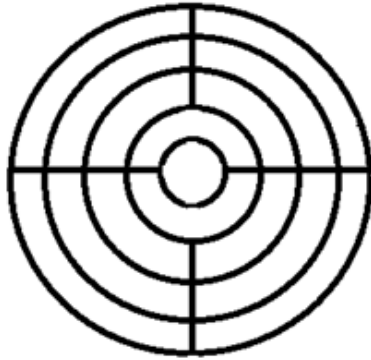
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We set it up so that within each quadrant the 4 hunters that found 7 silver dimes first moved on to round two. And each round after the first the hunters to find 10 silver coins to move on in the competition. The coin count was verified by hunt officials Bill Chapman, John Steele, Sharon Harkins and myself. The official starter for each of the rounds was Louise Smyth. Having officials to check the hunters coins was important because in round two John Olson found the appointed amount of coins three different times. It was pointed out by official Chapman that John was including in his count clad dimes that were natural finds. The number of hunters was cut in half with each round and we ended up with Roy Neys and Bernice Ortiz in the finals. This duo had faced off in previous coinhuna championships. As a matter of fact Bernice has been a regular in the finals ever since we have been putting on this competition. In order to make sure that our Coinhuna could find more than silver dimes I decided to put 21 buffalo nickels and 19 silver dimes in the final hunt field and the Coinhuna was to find 20 of those coins. The first to 20 coins was Bernice, she had come in second several times and finally she won the championship. Way to go Bernice!! For winning our Coinhuna championship Bernice wins a \$1 gold piece, a coinhuna vest and her name on the championship plaque.

After we crowned our 2011 club champion the hunt fields were opened up to all who participated. But those who got knocked out in the first round and those who helped put on the hunt got a three minute head start. All in all I would say that this hunt was a success. I heard a couple of grumblings from those that were knocked out in the first round, but

they were happy to hear they got a head start on cleaning up the spoils.

See pages 21 & 22 for more photos.



This years Coinhuna field layout.

Secretary's Report

September 9, 2011

President Ron Erickson called the September meeting to order at 7:30. There were approximately 58 members present and several guests, including **Don Monk**.

Thanks to everyone who brought food! If **you** can bring some yummys for the October meeting, members would definitely enjoy them!

Roy Neys and Jeff Lubbert put on a great hunt Sunday, September 11. It was the annual Coinhuna Hunt where the Club determines the fastest competitive detectorist. Bernice Ortiz is the 2011 Coinhuna. This is always a fun **free** hunt. Given the price of silver, each recovered dime was worth \$3, so every participant made out like a bandit! Thanks for the barbecue, John Hinton!

Terry Weatherly and **Terry Krelle** are 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 Olson was the speaker at the September meeting. The lucky guy made two trips to Alaska this summer to nugget shoot and dredge/high bank.

He metal detected (nugget shooting) at Ganes Creek—one of Alaska's premier large nugget producing creeks. Thanks for sharing your photos, John.

New membership badges and handbooks are available.

Lulu's Bling Clue Hunt

No one found Lulu's bling.

General Drawing

Gold Nugget Drawing (1.4g)
Delmar O'Dell

Christmas Drawing (Silver Dollar)
Boots Lewis

General Drawing

1878 Morgan Dollar	Delmar O'Dell
1853 Large Cent	Arron Shipe
1892 Columbian Expo 1/2 Dollar	Chuck Sanders
1858 Flying Eagle Cent	Bernice Ortiz
1900 V Nickel	Sheri Williams
1865 3 Cent	John Olson
1862 Indian Head Cent	Bernice Ortiz
1865 2 Cent	Bernice Ortiz
1945 2.5 Peso	Cindy Bockenstedt
1866 Shield Nickel	Nancy Faires

The Prez Sez

By Ron Erickson



WOW September was great. John Olson gave a fantastic talk on his trip to Gains Creek in Alaska. If you missed this you have my sympathy. Thank You John!

We could not have had better weather for the Coinhunna Hunt. The food was great. Thank you to everyone who brought something to share, and to John Hinton for running the grill. Jeff Lubbert and Roy Nayes did a great job laying out the hunt fields, and with some great help, everything ran smoothly. Thanks for a great job to all who helped.

The fun hunt helped get a bunch of trash out of Berkeley Park. Thanks again for your Help. I hope you had some great finds.

Members of Eureka met with the Wheat Ridge Parks and Recreation Council. I want to thank those involved and hopefully we will see some positive changes. We'll keep you updated but they are taking our request to detect in the city under advisement.

We are trying a few new things with the newsletter so let us know what you think.

Elections are coming up. What can you do to help the club?

The snack table was on a diet last month, I know I could use to lose a few pounds or more but if you would like to have something to nibble on besides your finger nails bring it.

The other day we were looking for a place to hunt and ran through a few

options that required long travel and little hunt time, so we picked a place within 10 miles from home and made the most of the time hunting and not driving. This turned out to be the right choice as we all found some good items and had fun. So don't forget, sometime the best places to hunt are right around the corner.

Eureka is looking for articles to publish in the newsletter. Please let us know if you have a story or tip you would like share. We are also looking for guest speakers. Give it some thought and let Steve Montano know.

Happy Hunting

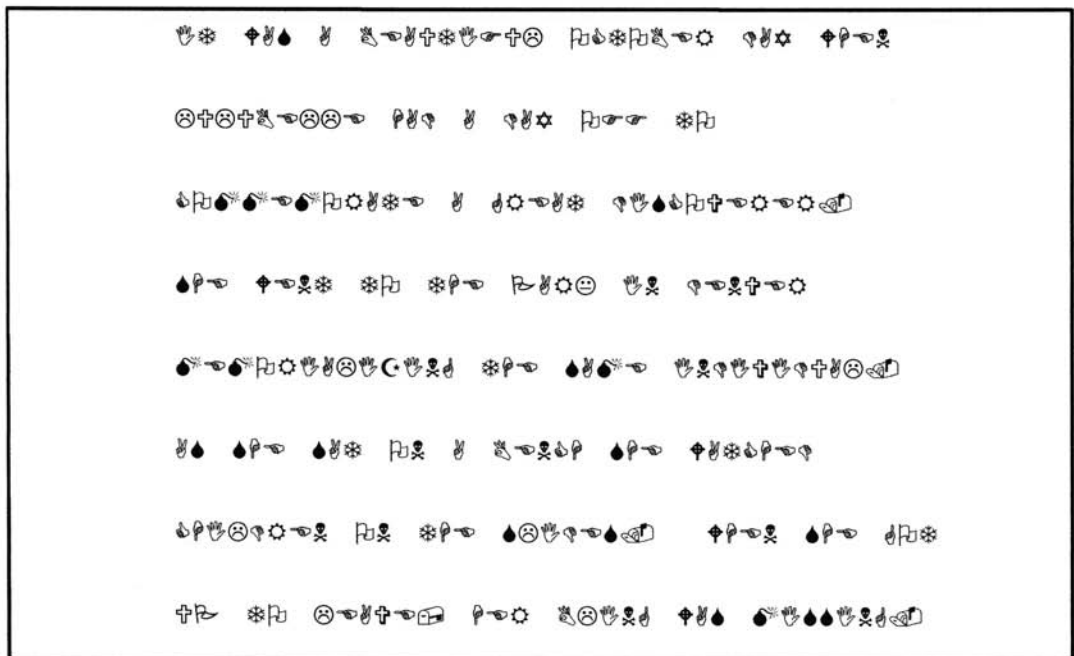
Ron

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.



Winners of the Month

GOLD - Roy Neys

14 kt Signet ring

Roy was hunting Berkeley Lake Park with his DXF in a heavily hunted area when he came across this 14 kt signet ring. Reading 27 on his VDI meter Roy decided to check this signal he would normally pass up.



COIN - John Olson

1901 V Nickel

John was invited by a friend to hunt at a construction site in Denver where he found this 1901 V Nickel. Using his V3i John pulled this nickel from just below the surface.



JEWELRY - John Steele

1800's Silver & turquoise broach

John was sifting at Berkeley Lake Park when he found this broach.



ARTIFACT - Cindy Bockenstedt

.32 Iver Johnson Revolver

Cindy was detecting at Berkeley Lake Park (sound familiar) when she dug this lovely revolver.



The gun was hiding 4"-8" under the surface but her MXT still gave her an overload signal. Curious as to what it may be, she investigated the signal. After a bit of electrolysis she figured out what the clump she dug was.

TOKEN - Bernie Watts

5 cent Windermere Jersey Herd

Bernie was using his XLT at a construction site he has permission to hunt when he found this token. The token was in a pile of dirt that was scraped to the side of the site. The token was redeemable at the Littleton location.





Eureka!'s October Birthdays

- **Amanda Appelhans**
- **Harry Barcroft**
- **Cindy Bockenstedt**
- **Linda Erickson**
- **Addie Faires**
- **Gary Keim**
- **Yvonne Montano**
- **Ruth Mutschler**



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.**

Key Hunt

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011

2:00 pm, bring a snack to share

\$10.00 entry - Members Only Hunt

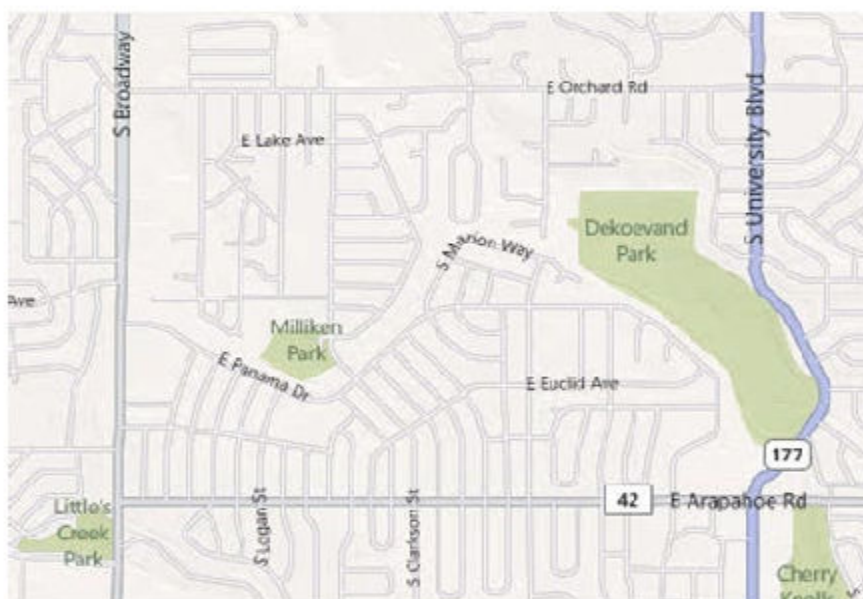
Milliken Park

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between Orchard Rd and Arapahoe Rd on Clarkson

Search for Keys, Treasure, Caches, Washington Silvers, Mercs, Buffalos, Wheaties, and Indians.





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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.

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.

Vice Presidents Report Steve Montano

Here we are going into October, 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.



Upcoming elections

We will start taking nominations for 3 seats on the Board of directors during the upcoming October 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.



September 2011 (as reported from www.melfisher.com)

Bronze Seal from Atocha Found – Large Emeralds Found by Investor during Emerald City Week



Last week on the Atocha site proved, once again, that we are on the right trail. Captain Andy and the Magruder crew went out on Friday and were able to dive a couple of days before they moved to Emerald City. In those two days they found two EOs (encrusted objects), two silver coins and an extraordinary artifact – a bronze seal in exceptional condition.

The oval-shaped seal was found about 200 yards south of where we found the 9-carat emerald ring in July, 2011. This seal is a very important piece since it was found right along the same line as the gold rosary, the gold bar, and the beautiful emerald ring. There is a crest on it which may identify the owner and could possibly confirm that this is also the owner of the emerald ring. It is another clue towards uncovering one of the many mysteries of the Atocha.

Captain Andy described the seal to us over the radio: "It is about one inch wide and 2 inches tall, with an intricate design around the outside edges. There are two four-legged animals that look like llamas standing next to each other and a tropical tree, possibly a palm tree. Other parts of the design include 3 arrows pointing upwards and a thick line similar to the icon on the silver coins that represents Austria. This is a fabulous find, in great condition!" Matroci added.

Seals like this one were typically used to stamp their identifying mark into hot wax on a letter or official document.

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.

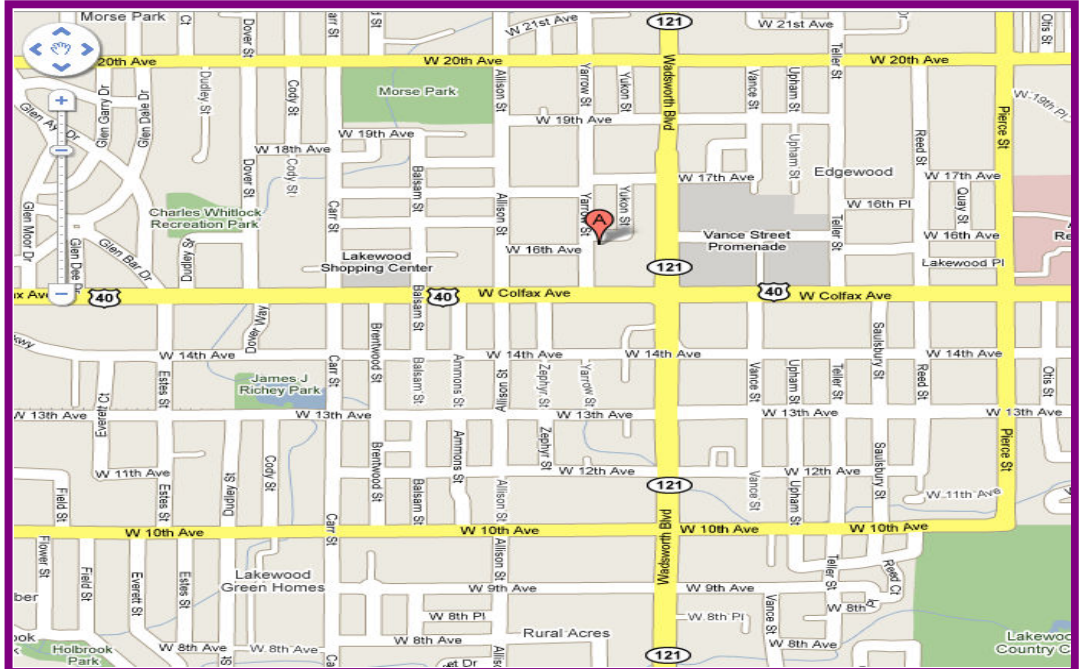
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JEWELRY CATEGORY

John Steele.....1800's Silver & turquoise broach
Jane Reed.....Sterling silver ring
Cindy Bockenstedt.....Antique Cameo
John HintonChilds Silver Bracelet
Doug Burg.....St. Michael's Pendant

COIN CATEGORY

John Olson1901 V Nickel
Doug Berg.....1945 silver war Nickel
Doug Berg.....Chinese coin, 1890's

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Cindy Bockenstedt.....Iver Johnson revolver
John Olsonceramic bottle cap circa 1893
John Olson.....Seagram's 80 year medallion
Terry Weatherly50 cent deposit Standard Bottling Company
Terry Weatherly.....State Capital Medal
Jeff Lubbert.....Cavalry officers button

Token Category

Bernie Watts.....5 cent Windemere Jersey Herd, Littleton, CO.
Roy Neys.....Liberty Bell - Good for 5 cents in trade

FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

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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.

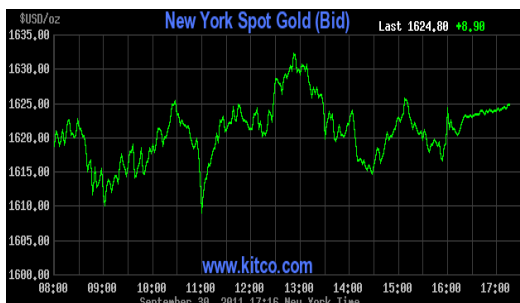
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