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EUREKA! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc.



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Drawing tickets are \$1 each, take a chance.

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- I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.
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- 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.
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- I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.

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Yearly dues are \$30 per individual or \$36 for a family membership. Please go to Eurekatlc.com and download and complete the application form. Membership dues can be paid to the treasurer at the regular meetings.

Renewals are due in March



[Click here for membership application link.](#)

About *Soundoff*

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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 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
2nd Friday of March 7:30 p.m.
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GOLD CATEGORY

Charlie Fulton Buddha Pendant
Jeff Lubbert..... Texas A & M 14K Class Ring

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Charlie Fulton Silver .999 Bracelet
 Ron Dunsmore Silver Necklace
 Linda Kibler..... .925 Ring
 Joe KochSilver Earring
 Joe Carter.....Silver Ring
 John Cornelisse..... Latin Inscription Silver Ring
Mary Sable..... Snake Earring

COIN CATEGORY

Pat Lucero 2000 Jamaica \$20
 Joe Koch 1979 Nicaragua 10¢
 Joe Koch 1992 Ukraine 50¢
Joe Carter.....1925 Mercury Dime

TOKEN CATEGORY

Roy Morris..... Oklahoma 5¢ Tax Token / Old Age Assistance

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Ron Erickson Spyderco Police Pocket Knife
 Ron Dunsmore Sakss Sample Nippers
 Joe Koch Cartridge
 Joe Johnson Telephone and Radio Batteries
 Joe Johnson Gigabytes of Memory
Cindy Bockenstedt Thirst Parlor Advertising Token



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.

Find of the Month Winners - February

GOLD - Jeff Lubbert

Texas A&M Class Ring



Approximately 1 ounce of 14K yellow gold!

Jeff found this ring, lost while sledding by a groom's party in

early January. The Groomsmen were from Texas which is why they were sledding. For more details see the full story of this search and recovery on page 31.

JEWELRY - Mary Sable

Snake Earring

Mary found this "Effie (Calavaza) Zuni" turquoise and silver earring with her White's XLT in a field in Lakewood near a park.



Effie Calavaza is from Zuni, New Mexico. She specializes in sand casting and incorporates large stones and snake design. She began silver smithing in 1956 after learning from her husband, Juan Calavaz. She uses both her husband's and her own designs. Her work is stamped EFFIE C. ZUNI in 1/16 Gothic print. This is the family hallmark used by Effie and her three daughters: the third daughter, Gloriana Vasattie, until his death in 1970. Over the years, her daughters, Gloriana Vasattie, Gloria Jean Garcia and Sotie Calavaza have assisted Effie in jewelry making. Effie's work is collected throughout the world.

COIN - Joe Carter

1925 Mercury Dime

Using his White's V3i with the Standard Loop, Joe found this silver dime at Harvard Gulch Park less than an inch down.



TOKEN - Roy Morris

Oklahoma Tax Token



Roy found this token at a new construction sight just off S. Kipling and Stanford. A backhoe had dug a ditch about 12-18" deep and piled dirt on both sides. After searching for about two hours and having frozen toes, he hit the signal on his way back to his truck and found the token. It is a Consumer's Tax Token for 5¢ from the State of Oklahoma and was "For Old Age Assistance". Roy used his White's MXT.

ARTIFACT - Cindy Bockenstedt

Thirst Parlor Advertising Token



Cindy found this token downtown Denver at an area along an alley where 5 feet of dirt was scrapped off. It was an inch down in a field of iron. Her White's MXT with a small coil showed a VDI of 16. This advertising token is from Cripple Creek for the Thirst Parlor, Next Door To Jail. The reverse states: You Don't Have To (bullfrog-pictured). Circa 1901-02.

Find of the Year Winners - 2013

TOKEN – John Steele, Roy Neys

Tivoli / 2½¢ St Elmo Bar / 2½¢



GOLD - Terry Weatherly

3 Diamond 14K Ring



COIN - John Cornelisse

1344 Hammered Silver



ARTIFACT - John Steele

Crossed Rifles Infantry Badge



JEWELRY - Cindy Bockenstedt

Victorian Brooch





The Prez Sez

By Ron Erickson

Thanks to Linda Erickson and Linda Kibler, the Lovely Linda's for putting on a terrific February hunt. Their Moon Light Dance was a success and the weather could not be better. After the hunt was finished, I heard someone say "That was the most fun I've had for \$15 in a long time". I hope others shared that opinion.

How do you define treasure hunting? If you are walking down the street and see a ring lying on the ground, are you treasure hunting, or are you only treasure hunting when you are swinging your machine back and forth? There are a lot of ways to treasure hunt, including going to garage sales, flea markets, thrift stores, or just looking at the ground while walking through the parking lot. Laura likes to look by the drive through windows at fast food joints.

If I were to add up the time I spend treasure hunting, I think I spend more hours treasure hunting without a detector in my hand than I spend with one in my hand. Have you thought about the best treasure you have found without your detector?

Although this probably goes without

saying, and I'm not saying anyone has ever done this, but I would like to remind everyone that when you are entering items in find of the month, it cannot be an item that you purchased, whether it be at a thrift store or from some guy on the corner. This is not to discourage you from those forms of treasure hunting, but the finds of the month are meant to be items found.

It is great to see a bunch of new members joining our club. The key thing to remember is that we are here to have fun and promote our hobby. Please bare with us because a lot of us have been metal detecting for a long time and we forget what it is like to be a newbie. Please don't hesitate to ask questions and hopefully you will get the right answer. We have a lot of great things planned this year and to get more out of the club, please plan to participate.

Reminder: Dues are due in March. New name badges will be available hopefully at the next meeting.

Happy Hunting,
Ron

+-+ Upcoming 2014 Events +-+

MARCH EUREKA! MEETING

Bring:

Dues Renewal ~ \$30 Individual, \$36 Family.

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

Cash ~ for drawings, hunts, hats...

Finds ~ to show.

Answers ~ to puzzles.

Ideas ~ for speakers, fun outings.

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

UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKER

MARCH: Matt Morgan, the author of "Handbook Of Colorado Meteorites" will speak on meteorite basics and potential areas to search. Thanks Jeff Lubbert for setting this up.

UPCOMING EUREKA! CLUB EVENT

March 16, 2014 Lucky Charm Hunt
Majestic View Park, \$15
Lunch 12:00 (bring side dish)
Hunt 1:00
Contact: Jay Reed 303-466-1344

THE CLUE

Find the answer in the newsletter to *The Clue* to have your chance to win at the next Eureka! meeting.

What page is the Spyderco Token on?

Last month's answer: 3 gold items, 3 rings.

SHOWS TO SEE

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2014 CALENDAR

March

7th - Newsletter published

12th - Board Meeting 6:30

14th - General Meeting 7:30

16th - Lucky Charm Hunt 12:00

28th - Soundoff Deadline

April

4th - Newsletter published

9th - Board Meeting 6:30

11th - General Meeting 7:30

13th - Club Hunt

25th - Soundoff Deadline

LINKED WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk

www.fmdac.org Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs

<http://www.relicroundup.blogspot.com>

Relic Roundup Radio show (hosted by

Jeff Lubbert 7 p.m. Mondays), and

blog.

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.

See the calendar for planned hunts and openings.

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| Finds Table | Bob Flier | Speakers | Boots Lewis |
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| Drawing Table | John Olson | Coin Purchases | Ron Erickson |
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Look Who's Joining the Fun

By
John
Cornelisse



James Davis going by the name of "Chris" lives west of town in Golden. He was a game biologist in Louisiana. Chris has been in Colorado for six months pursuing his grandchildren, (hope he's found them). He is also searching for a house, so if you have one to sell, let him know at 222-235-2642 or aggiefan55@gmail.com.

Chris has been metal detecting for forty years and tells me he has never been a member of a M.D. club before. He is a Minelab fan using a ML Sovereign and a ML Excaliber. Welcome to the Eureka Club!!

My First Try At Metal Detecting

By Chris Davis

When I was a young(er) man, in a moment of weakness, I broke down and bought one of those fancy metal detectors with all the bells and whistles. I studied the literature diligently and finally settled on a Minelab Sovereign XS-2 Pro with an 8 inch coil. My dear sweet wife was not pleased when she found out how much it cost. Some folks just cannot take a joke. Of course, it cost me double. In our house, whenever I go out and buy something, I can count on my wife to go out and buy something of equal or greater value. It is one of those quid pro quo things. This particular lapse of judgment cost me a new piece of bedroom furniture.

I was thrilled when my new metal detector package finally arrived in the mail. I poured all the parts out and attempted to put them together. Being a manly guy I figured this shouldn't be too difficult a task. You have heard the term, "computer illiterate"? I now regret to admit I was "metal detector assembly illiterate". After scratching my head for a while, I broke down and went to Plan B. You know what they say, "If all else fails, read the instructions". Surprisingly, this approach actually worked this time.

I carefully studied the instruction manual's tips on searching. With visions of diamond rings and gold doubloons, I charged out to make my fortune. I went out to an

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old house location deep in the woods. On my first “hit” I got a 550 reading on the meter. According to the manual, silver will give such a reading. I dug down and hit tin. I just knew this was the lid of a tin box full of silver dollars, so you can imagine my disappointment when I discovered it was just a piece of tin. I spend two more fruitful hours, dug 20 holes and found: 1 piece of tin, a brass fitting, 2 feet of copper wire, an aluminum bottle cap, a pull tab, a beer can and 1 penny (zinc, no less). This was not an auspicious beginning to my metal detecting career.

I did some quick calculations. As this rate, I figured I would have paid for the detector and my wife would stop giving me dirty looks after only 12.6 years of uninterrupted (nonstop) searching. In the process, I would have dug 1,103,760 holes and found an additional 55,000 pieces of tin, 55,000 brass fittings, 110,000 feet of copper wire, 55,000 pull tabs and aluminum bottle caps and enough beer cans to fill 2,292 cases.

Gee, metal detecting is fun. It apparently does not take much to amuse some people. I could hardly wait to go again the next day. I did, and have gone regularly ever since. I never claimed to be smart, just good looking and persistent.

After years of metal detecting it has become obvious I could make more money picking up beer cans on the side of the road (at least in Louisiana). I like to describe myself as a big kid looking for Easter eggs. That next beep is probably a pull-tab, but...you never know until you dig it up.



Wheatridge requires permits to metal detect in their city. **No hunting is allowed October through March.** They are accepting permit applications which will allow metal detecting April 1 - September 30, 2014.

Eureka! Club Members Service Directory

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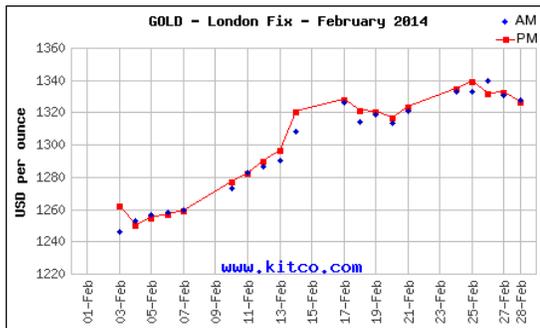
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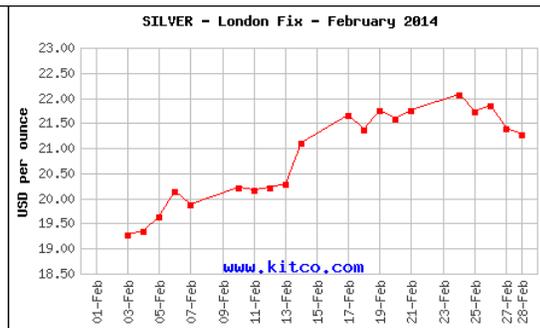
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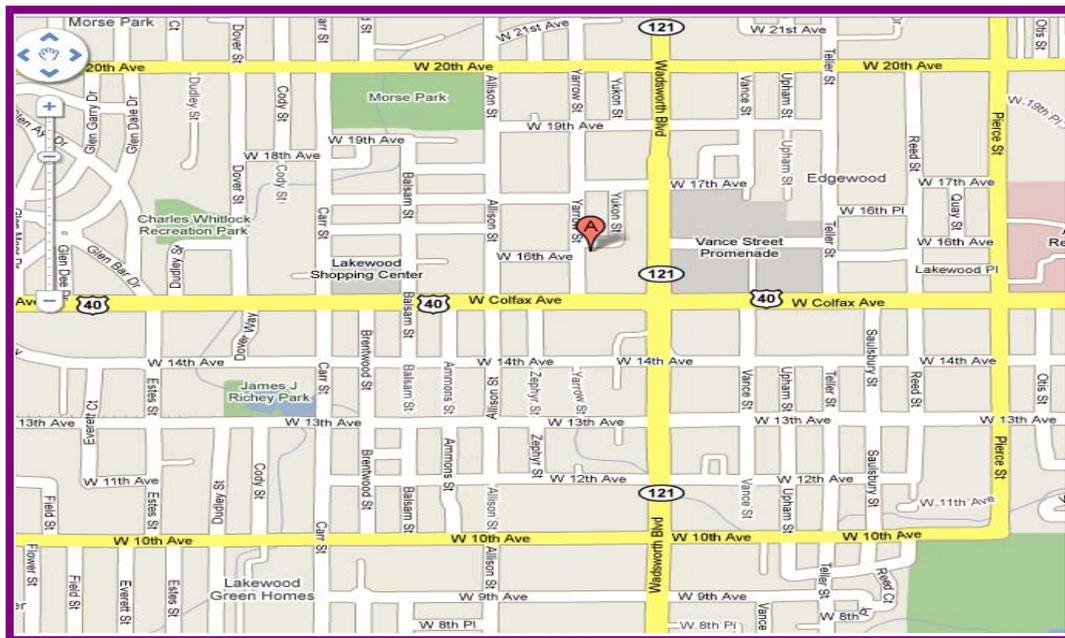
Gold Prices



Silver Prices



Eureka! 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 (near Wadsworth & Colfax).



Secretary's Report

By Nancy Faires



February 14,
2014

President Ron Erickson called the February meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 74 present including two guests.

Membership renewal is in March. Dues are \$30 for a single membership and \$36 for a family membership. Everyone needs to fill out the membership application to help us keep our records updated. The applications can be printed from the web site or see Linda Kibler or Nancy Faires for a copy.

Linda Kibler presented the Treasurer's report.

Ron introduced the Eureka officers and Board members.

The outgoing Board members are: Terry Weatherly, Sheri

Muehlbauer, John Steele and Harry Barcroft.

The newly elected Board members are: Linda Erickson, Jeff Lubbert, John Hinton and Jan Hallez.

Finds of the Year awards:

Gold – Terry Weatherly

Jewelry – Cindy Bockenstedt

Token – John Steele and Roy Neys

Artifact – John Steele

Coin – John Cornelisse

January – **Sports Hunt** – Ron Erickson

Majestic View Park – good turnout and enjoyed by all.

February – **Valentine's/President's Day**

Hunt – Linda Kibler and Linda Erickson

February 16 - Inspiration Park - \$15 each – hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided

– please bring a side dish – lunch at 11

AM, hunt starts at 12 Noon.

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Tip of the Month – Linda Erickson

Check snow mounds in parking lots after snow plows go through. Always check your detector when you remove it from your car before beginning hunting.

2014 Monthly Calendar

The Board has set the 2014 monthly calendar with new and exciting hunts including a “Lucky Charm” hunt, meteorite hunt, ski slope hunt, field trip and some training classes. A large, silver hunt is being planned for June at the Lazy Heart Ranch.

The Club received 3 calls last month for recovery requests. John Steele will coordinate a “call tree” for volunteers to participate in the recovery process. Please sign up with your name, phone, email, area you will be available for and your available times.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the canned food drive headed up by Bernice Ortiz. This delivery will be taken to a food bank in Broomfield.

Thank you to everyone who brought food to the potluck tonight.

There is some interest in creating a **Breakfast Club** consisting of members meeting to get to know each other, discuss detecting, finds and possibly hunting together. Please sign up if interested and notify Ron Erickson if you are interested in helping coordinate this.



John Cornelisse built and donated a ring box to the Club. We will begin selling tickets next month for a drawing.

Lulu’s Bling – sponsored by Louise Smyth – Gold-N-Detectors Devan Romero found the bling at Terrace Park and received 5 golden dollars. Thank you Louise for sponsoring this hunt.



In March we will begin having our monthly meetings downstairs. We will maintain our storage closet upstairs until one becomes available downstairs.

Boots Lewis presented Ron Erickson a Spyderco knife for previously finding an older knife that belonged in a collection of the Spyderco owners’ family.



General Drawing

State quarters proof set – John Olson
Good luck token – Abel Espinoza

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1854 Seated half dollar – Bill Abercrombie
 Dos peso gold coin – John Olson
 1857 Flying eagle cent – Roy Morris
 1901 Morgan silver dollar – Boots Lewis
 1847 Large cent piece – Eric Ryland
 1857 Seated quarter – Bill Abercrombie
 1942 Walking liberty half dollar – Pat Lucero
 1865 Seated half dollar – Robert Clearwater
 1867 2 cent piece – Robert Clearwater
 1898 Barber quarter – Mary Sable



Membership Drawing

Bust dime – John Olson

Coronet Gold Coin Drawing

Jimmy Kneidler



Thank you to John Steele for acquiring this coin.

Silver Tokens put in February's Hunt

Canned Food Drawing

Peace dollar – Robert Clearwater

2nd Chance Drawing

Chocolates – Laura Lewis
Western & Eastern Treasures – Jeff Lubbert

Just For Fun Newsletter Clue

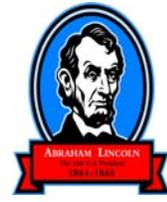
Silver dime – Louise Smyth





February Hunt Report

By Linda Erickson



With temperatures hovering around 70°, we couldn't have asked for better weather for the February Club Hunt at Inspiration Point Park. We had 41 hunters come out at noon to enjoy a great lunch of hamburgers provided by the club and delicious side dishes that were contributed by the hunters. A big thank you goes out to the grill masters John Hinton and Ron Erickson.



It was great to see some of our newest members at the hunt. We hope they had a good time. It was nice to see so many people using the practice boards and the practice field before the hunt.

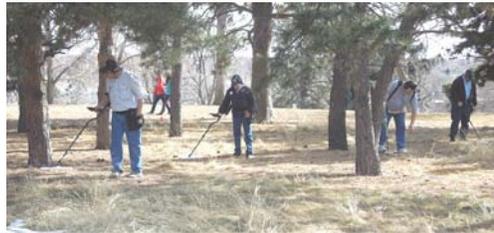


The hunt was a Valentine's Day/Presidents' Day hunt so the field was loaded with presidential dollars, silver dimes, heart-themed silver jewelry, five love tokens, a lot of clad halves and quarters, and an occasional heart-shaped tin of goodies, including candy and a presidential dollar. There were also several boxes of candy conversation hearts and chocolate hearts thrown in just for the fun of it. Who would have guessed that the chocolate hearts would have melted in a February hunt?



Mixed in with all these goodies were eight red keys good for 1 oz silver hearts, valentine-themed silver bars, or presidential

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silver rounds. After hunting for an hour, the group came together. All the keys and love tokens had been found and the 1 oz silver items were distributed.

Many hunters went back out onto the field to search for the remaining silver dimes and any other goodies they could find. John H. and Devin found rings that were not planted in the hunt. A number of people found items from a Civil War hunt that was held in the park a couple of years ago.



One particular item of interest was found. It was a glass bottle with some sort of metal inside, wrapped in duct tape. The uniqueness of the item prompted a phone call to the police who came to retrieve it. The contents will remain a mystery as the police officer said we will probably never know what they find in it after it is turned over. We hope everyone had a good time.



Hunt Masters: Linda Kibler & Linda Erickson

Reigning Coinhuna: Walt Hoessle



John's report from his England detecting trip, a follow up of his "UK Fall Hunt" article published in January's edition of *Soundoff*.

John Cornelisse, USA

Metal detecting finds for export found Oct 2013. Location East of Colchester.



1. 1922 George V milled silver florin (24 pence)
2. 1816 George III milled silver sixpence
3. 1880 Army button
4. 1422- 61 French gold half Ecu coin weight - 3 Lis in a shield type with initials both sides
5. 15thC open topped thimble
6. Medieval purse bar arm
7. Spur fragment
8. 18thC crotal bell
9. Georgian thimble
10. 1553 Mary hammered silver groat
11. 17thC copper posy ring 'LIVE IN LOVE'
12. Copper half crown(30 pence) - 1689 James II Irish 'gun metal' emergency coinage Obv 2 - JACOBVS II DEI GRATIA - Rev 2 Rev Crown and 4 sceptres , XXX above crown, month below MAG BR FRA ET HIB REX (date)
13. Georgian clasp
14. 6 lead musket balls
15. 17thC hammered copper trade farthing - illegible
16. Post medieval cast copper alloy rectangular two piece buckle C1650-1725
17. Georgian watch winder
18. Post medieval lead bale seal
19. Georgian thimble



25 – 18th to 20thC copper coins

'Detecting Tips

A Useful And Unique Rig

By Roy Morris

It was just before the start of the February Club hunt at Inspiration Point Park when Jeff Lubbert noticed me gearing up. He mentioned that my detecting equipment was quite different than other people's treasure hunting rigs and asked me to write about mine for the newsletter.

I have certain problems with my hips and pelvis so, through lots of experimentation, I have found that "load-bearing" equipment is best suited for me as it puts the weight on my shoulders and not on the top of my pelvis. What I use is all military equipment that was designed by some pretty smart folks. Civilian off-shoots of this design are used by virtually all of the

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- 1. 12 - 18th to 20thC copper coins
- 10. Post medieval German lead bale seal
- 11. Georgian thimble
- 12. 17thC knife quillion
- 13. Georgian buckle
- 14. Medieval book clasp
- 15. 20thC harness buckle
- 16. Georgian plated spoon bowl
- 18. 3 nails
- 19. Georgian finial
- 20. Post Tudor pottery shard



Lorie Atencio, Cindy Bockenstedt and Mary Sable answered Tim's call for help to find his lost keys, no charge. Tim emailed Eureka! after losing his keys while playing Frisbee at a school field after a snow storm. He and his friend looked for the keys for 4 hours, and rented a metal detector but could not find them. It took our group two and half hours to search the large area covered in 6 inch deep snow, but Mary finally found the keys. Tim was so happy and relieved, he hugged Mary and was all smiles!



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| 1. WWII AA flack shelf fragment | 12. WWII AA flack shelf fragment |
| 2. 20thC harness buckle | 13. WWII AA flack shelf fragment |
| 3. Georgian bowl foot | 14. WWII AA flack shelf fragment |
| 4. Post medieval steelyard weight | 15. Post medieval lead trade weight |
| 5. Medieval chaffing dish handle fragment | 16. Victorian copper mount |
| 6. 4 buckle fragments | 17. Georgian finial |
| 9. 20thC harness buckle | 18. Georgian draw knob |
| 10. 1500-1700 mount | 19. 3 rivets |
| 11. Copper chain | 20. 4 tacks |

HELPING OUT (Part Two): John Lambe received another email sent to the club asking for help to find keys. Not any keys, but the security keys that “open every door” to a whole major ski resort! After 30 inches of snow dumped on the mountains, Scott discovered he had lost his large set of keys while helping get a car unstuck. The plows were clearing the lot and his keys were now in a 20 foot high snowbank. Scott tried their metal detector, but only found bottle caps. His call for help included an offer of ski passes. After some discussions and suggestions, he got some heavy equipment to spread the snow back out and detected it and found the important set of keys. Scott won’t be in hot water, and they didn’t have to re-key the whole ski area. So instead we can remark: “Scott, thanks for helping out your resort’s guest!”



1. Georgian key hole insert
 2. Georgian draw pull fragment
 3. Georgian hook
 4. Gilded rivet plate
 5. Copper disc inscribed '99'
 6. Lead mount
 8. Medieval buckle fragment
 19. 30 Post Tudor buttons



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construction trades but they cost a great deal more.

My equipment consists of H-Type "Alice" suspenders, a standard issue pistol belt with a quick release buckle and a pistol belt pad that fits on the interior of the pistol belt. This "harness" was designed to make carrying heavier loads over all kinds of terrain a lot easier and many items can be attached to this set-up if necessary.

This stuff can be found by going to: [uscavalry catalog.com](http://uscavalrycatalog.com). When their home page comes up look on the top left side and click on "Bags, Packs & Cases". Then, at the top of that page, click on "Alice" and all of the items will be displayed.

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| Item# 9850-New Issue Pistol Belt..... | \$19.99 |
| Item#6902 Blackhawk Pistol Belt Pads..... | \$16.88 |
| Item# 22942 H-Type "Alice" suspenders..... | \$20.99 |

Total cost: \$57.86 plus shipping and handling. All of these pieces are not used surplus items. They are brand new.

I mount my digging tool and probe on the left side front of the belt and my pro-pointer on the right side front. This leaves both the left and right hip positions free to mount other equipment such as a hand-pick, a canteen or water bottle, a snake pistol, a collapsible shovel, and/or your "finds & trash" pouch. A butt-pack can be added to the back of the belt for your knee pads, gloves and extra batteries, etc. (Note: Your standard White's pouch will not fit the belt).

This type of rig, with some equipment modifications, is what I have used for years, even decades, when hunting elk and mule deer. It is, in a word, practical. It's inexpensive and works well and you can't ask for better than that. Be sure to order your web belt 2 inches longer than your normal pant's waist size. Things will "ride" easier and the added adjustability will compensate for heavier clothing.

If anyone has any questions on this set-up don't hesitate to ask me about it. I'll be glad to help you. My cell phone number is 720-325-6822. Good luck and good hunting!



Lucky Charm Hunt March 16th in honor of St Patrick's Day

Come to Majestic View Park West 70th Drive, West of 72nd and Wadsworth on Estes drive and enjoy.

Lunch at 12:00. We will furnish the sandwiches. Please bring a side dish. Hunt will start at 1:00.

Find the right "Lucky Charm" and take home SILVER, Prizes, and Memories of your Lucky Day

\$15 - Member's Only Hunt
Contact: Jay Reed 303-466-1344



Metal Detecting, Artifacts, Relics & Coin Show 2014
 April 4th, 5th & 6th
 Nolan County Coliseum / Annex Building
 1699 Cypress Street
 Sweetwater Texas

Admission: \$2.00 / kids 12 & under free

Friday April 4th: Setup of vendors and booths from 8:00 AM till 4:00 PM. From 4:00 PM till 5:00 PM will be the TAMDC Meeting.

Saturday April 5th: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM: SHOW opens to the public for viewing a multitude of interesting artifacts, including coins, jewelry, relics, etc. See the latest metal detectors and visit with manufacturers, exhibitors and dealers. Attend public seminars during the day. Schedule available at the show.

Saturday 6:30 PM: Dinner/Banquet with special Keynote Speaker Dr. Jeff Broome. Dr. Broome has been a professor of Philosophy at Arapahoe Community College in Littleton Colorado since 1985. Dr. Broome is an accomplished author and has just completed his newest book entitled Cheyenne War: Indian Raids on the Roads to Denver, 1864-1869. This is his third book on the Indian wars. His earlier publications include Dog Soldier Justice: The Ordeal of Susanna Alderdice in the Kansas Indian War (University of Nebraska Press) and Custer into the West With the Journal and Maps of Lieutenant Henry Jackson (Upton and Sons, Publisher). Dr. Broome develops his insights into history by using metal detectors to locate lost sites relevant to his studies. Dr. Broome will be attending the show and will have his books available for purchase.

Note: The Banquet will be held at the Sweetwater County Club at 901 Country Club Road. 325-235-8484

Sunday April 6th: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM SHOW opens to the public, and:

SILVER HUNT: (rain or shine) 7:00 AM – 7:30 AM: Onsite registration for Silver Hunt. 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM: Silver Hunt. Tokens for prizes will be planted along with Silver coins. Token prizes will be awarded from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

Kids Hunt: (Clad & Foreign coins) Tokens for prizes. No Charge (12 years of age & under) 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Token prizes will be awarded from 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM.

For more information contact: Terry Smith: (903) 238-3020 Tommie Deese: (903) 238-5715 or Margaret Logston: (903) 987-4301

Recommended Lodging: Hampton Inn (Host Motel) 302 SE Georgia Avenue. A block of rooms is reserved for TAMDC. Call 1-325-235-3337 Other lodging: LaQuinta Inn: 325-236-6887, Best Western Plus: 877-574-2464, Holiday Inn Express: 877-654-0232



Texas Association of Metal Detecting Clubs Admission Form

Please print clearly.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, and Zip: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Club Name: _____

General Admission: Adults \$2.00 / children 12 & under admission is free.
 Silver Hunt entries received by March 22, 2014 will be entered in three drawings for \$50.00 each.
 General Admission: _____ \$2.00
 Banquet: _____ \$25.00 (no late fee)
 Silver Hunt: _____ \$125.00 (all hunters must pay) (no late fee)
 Booth Space: _____ \$25.00/table (no late fee) Club & Individual Display
 Booths. (No admission included)
 Number of tables: _____ X \$25.00 = _____
 Manufacturers: _____ \$100.00/table (no late fee) (Includes admission)
 Number of tables: _____ X \$100.00 = _____
 Dealers Tables: _____ \$50.00/table (no late fee) (Includes admission)
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 Total Payment: _____

Mail admission form with payment to:
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HELPING OUT (Part Three) By Jeff Lubbert



In mid to late January Ron received a call from a gentleman named Jim Pennington inquiring about having some Eureka members come to his ranch to search for a ring that was lost on his property earlier that month. Jim's ranch is west of Morrison, up highway 285 a few miles. The ring was lost when a group of young gentlemen were here from Texas to be groomsmen in a wedding. If you remember back to the first week of the year, we had just received several inches of fresh snow followed by a few nice sunny days. This group of guys from Texas didn't see much snow and being young and adventurous people, when the opportunity to do a bit of tobogganing arrived, they took it. They donned jackets and hats and headed for the now knee deep snow covered hills just east of Jim's house. A good time was being had by all, photos and video show the group of young men having a ball.

Suddenly Charley Mitchell, one of the groomsmen, realized that his beloved Texas A&M class ring was missing. All of the



guys had taken several turns sledding down the hill which is approximately 50 yards wide by 50 yards long. When they looked at the hill it was covered with sled tracks, but which tracks did they need to search around? Obviously they needed to search the whole hill. They began to search for the ring but deep inside they knew that the search was in vane due to the immensity of the hill and the depth of the snow.

One from the group even came up with the idea of using a metal detector to aid in their search. But being a novice at using a metal detector and being hindered by knee deep snow the machine wasn't doing much good any way. No big surprise, their search for the ring ended without success.

Jim didn't give up on the search, which is why he called Ron. He and Ron made arrangements for a small team of Eureka members to search for the ring. By late January we received a heat wave and the snow on the sledding hill had melted so a proper search could be done. Ron rounded

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up a few Eureka members that he knew lived on the Northwest side of the metro area for a Saturday search.

Boots Lewis, Jay Reed, Richard and Linda Kibler, Ron & Linda Erickson and I gathered at the Erickson residence to carpool up to the hunt site on the prescribed morning.



We arrived at Jim's ranch and noticed that the house was perched on a hill so sledding could have been done in any direction. After everybody exited their vehicles introductions were made, Jim told us the story of the ring's loss and pointed out the area of the hill that the sledding occurred on. The search area was bounded on the west and south by a paved drive way and on the east by a swampy area at the bottom of the hill. Jim went inside to print out a photograph taken of the hill side with all of the sledding tracks on it. We now had a search area and a plan was starting to come together. Ron and I decided that we needed to divide the hill into lanes so that each person could do a

grid search of their selected lane. As Ron started setting lanes on the hill side, most of the crew readied their detectors and started searching. As mentioned before, the hill we were searching is large, to do a thorough search of it could take several hours, even with a crew of several people.

The lanes that Ron made were approximately ten yards across by fifty yards long so I grabbed my XLT and equipped it with a Bigfoot coil. All of the search team, other than Ron and me, had selected their lane and had begun their search. I selected the first lane at the top of the hill, nearest the house. It ran down hill to the east and into a swampy area at the bottom of the hill. I started on the north side of my



lane heading down hill, mindfully overlapping my swing pattern so as to cover my path completely. I reached a patch of taller grass and noticed that there was still some snow/ice that was still in the shade of the grass so I carefully stepped into this

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taller grass. Suddenly I found myself lying on my back in the batch of mud alongside my XLT. That darn ice and snow was more slippery than it looked. I must have hit the ground pretty hard because several of our crew asked if I was okay. I reassured everybody that I was okay, scrapped a layer of mud off my detector and continued on my search. I made my way to the far end of our search area and started my return search back up the hill. Just before reaching that nasty grass/ ice patch I received a signal on my machine. There laid a dime on the surface so obviously the guys lost more than a ring. I picked up the dime and made another swing and on the far left side of my swing there was another signal. It was the ring laying right on the surface. I shouted out that the search was over because I had found the ring. This search only lasted a few minutes and Ron had just gotten his detector out and hadn't even turned it on yet.



Attached is an email I received from Charley:

Soundoff March, 2014

Mr. Lubbert,

About a month ago, you and several others were called out to the mountains to look for my class ring. I cannot express how grateful I am that y'all would spend your day searching for something that belongs to a complete stranger.

I was in Colorado for a week for a friend's wedding, the bride being the granddaughter of the folks who owned the house you found the ring at. It was earlier in the trip that I lost the ring, so it put a slight damper on the rest of the week. We had made several efforts to find it ourselves, but between the several inches of snow and our lack of experience in metal detecting, it was a lost cause.

Once we left Colorado to head back to Texas, I figured the ring would never be found. The Penningtons and Banes (the bride's side of the family that contacted your club) were some of the nicest people I have ever met. They devoted a lot of their time, even once I was back home in Texas, to finding the ring.

I am a Mate aboard a ship that works offshore in the oilfield. The vessel specializes in deep sea construction, pipeline survey, repairs, etc. I work for 28 days, then off for 28 days. I just got home a few days ago, so I would like to apologize for taking so long to contact you.

It is hard to write this email and not sound like it is all about my ring. What is truly more important to me is the humanity and selflessness that you,

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your club, and the Penningtons/ Banes portrayed in finding it. So thank you for everything.

Attached is a picture from the day I lost the ring. I am on the blue sled, closest to the camera. If you look closely at my right hand, you will notice the ring still there. This picture was taken just moments before the ring came up missing.

Thanks Again for you time and work!

Charley Mitchell



Gold Country Couple Discover \$10 Million In Buried Coins

By Kevin Fagan

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Some dream of roaming the Earth to hunt buried treasure. One Sierra Nevada couple didn't have to go that far. They dug it up in their backyard - about \$10 million worth, in 19th century U.S. gold coins stuffed into rusty cans.

It's believed to be the biggest hoard of gold coins ever unearthed in the United States. And it's going on sale soon.

The bonanza emerged last year as the man and woman were walking their dog on their property in the Gold Country and noticed the top of a decaying canister

poking out of the ground.

They dug it out with a stick, took it to their house and opened it up. Inside was what looked like a batch of discs covered in dirt from holes rotted through the can. A little brushing revealed nearly perfectly preserved \$20 gold coins with liberty head designs on the front, dated from the 1890s. They ran back to the same spot, and

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when they were done digging, they'd found a total of eight cans containing 1,427 coins - with a face value of \$27,980.

A total of 1,373 were \$20 coins, 50 were \$10 coins and four were \$5 coins. They were dated from 1847 to 1894, and after sprucing up they shone like, well, gold - which fortunately never corrodes. About a third of the coins were in pristine condition, having never been circulated for spending. Most were minted in San Francisco.

"It was a very surreal moment. It was very hard to believe at first," the man said in an interview taped by the rare-coin dealer he eventually consulted to make sense of the find. "I thought any second an old miner with a mule was going to appear."



The couple are keeping their identities and location secret for many reasons, the main one being to prevent treasure hunters from ripping up their land with back-hoes. But they've allowed coin dealer Don Kagin of Tiburon, who helped evaluate some of the biggest sunken treasure finds in history, to offer the collection up for sale.

It's dubbed the Saddle Ridge Hoard, after the spot on the couple's property where it was found. The collection is expected to sell for at least \$10 million, either as a whole or in pieces, based on the evaluated condition of the coins.

"You hear all those Wild West stories of buried treasure, and you think they're fantasies - well here, this one really did happen," Kagin said the other day as he and his

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senior numismatist, David McCarthy, laid out dozens of the coins and cans for inspection at their office. "And what is almost unbelievable about this collection is what pristine condition so many of them are in."

According to "American Coin Treasures and Hoards," the bible of buried treasure finds, the biggest hoard of gold coins dug up before Saddle Ridge was a collection found by construction workers in Jackson, Tenn., in 1985. It had a face value of \$4,500 and sold for \$1 million.

Kagin and McCarthy met with the couple in April, two months after the hoard was dug up and the inevitable attorneys had gotten involved.

"The first thing the family did after finding all the cans was rebury them in a cooler under their woodpile," McCarthy said. "They were terrified and had to think about what to do."



He said when he first sat with the couple to examine the find, "the family had cut little squares into some foam and put 18 of the coins in the squares in a cigar box. I pulled out the first coin, and it was from 1890. It had dirt on it, but when I looked close, it dawned on me just exactly what it was.

"I almost fell out of my chair. It was mind-blowing. I was literally sitting with the most amazing buried treasure I've ever heard of."

He spent the next several months restoring the coins - a job so consuming that "my fingers bled," McCarthy said. It then took until this month for them all to be appraised and readied for sale.

About 90 percent of the coins will post on Amazon.com's Collectibles site, probably in May, Kagin said. The rest he will sell privately, "to well-heeled collectors who desire the finest and the rarest."

The oddest of the bunch are an 1866 \$20 coin minted in San Francisco without the words "In God We Trust" on the back - the words were added to those coins, called "Double Eagles," later that year - and an 1849 \$5 coin struck in the short-lived Dahlonega, GA., mint.

Professional Coin Grading Service of Irvine, one of the world's foremost coin-assessment firms, evaluated the hoard and certified that 13 of the coins are either the finest-preserved known examples of their kind, or tied for that rating.

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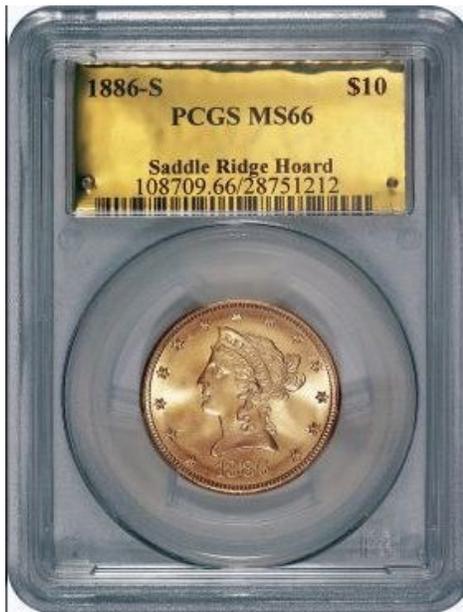
How all that cash came to be underground in the Northern California mountains is a mystery. Was it loot from a stagecoach robbery? Some miser's life savings?

"The family and the attorneys researched who might have put them there, and they came up with nothing," Kagin said. "The nearest we can guess is that whoever left the coins might have been involved in the mining industry." He also reckons the cans were buried at various times.

However or wherever the collection is going to rock said Donn Pearlman, a national Professional Numismatists Association member, will offer a presale glimpse of the American Numismatic Association's National Money Show, a three-day event that starts in Atlanta

"It is always amazing when a coin is found, let alone one that dates back to the Gold Rush era," the man said. "This will cause a tremendous amount of excitement."

The couple, who are in their 40s and are self-employed, told Kagin they want to donate some of the proceeds to the homeless and hungry in their area. They also plan to keep a few coins as keepsakes.



they were found, the coin-collecting world, spokesman for the national numismatists Guild. Kagin will offer some of the coins at the American Numismatic Association's National Money Show, a three-day event that starts on Thursday.

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"Like a lot of people lately, we've had some financial trials," the man told Kagin in the recorded interview. "I feel extreme gratitude that we can keep our beloved property." The couple didn't sound like they were suddenly going to live large, though. "We love our lives as they are," the woman said.

Kagin, whose 81-year-old outfit is the nation's oldest family-owned numismatic firm, said he's planning to send buyers a write-up of the collection's place in Gold Country history. He did similar research when consulting on the gold chunks and coins fetched from the record-setting shipwrecks of the steamships Central America (\$130 million value, in 1987) and Republic (\$60 million value, in 2003).

"This is not just a bunch of coins found in a bunch of cans," Kagin said. "Coins like this are art, and some of the best artifacts we have of characteristics of our society."

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"You look at these coins," he said, gazing at a dozen of the "Double Eagles" spread before him, "and you see history. They are the Gold Rush, murders in the mountains, buried treasures, the Wild West, everything of that time.

"And it's all right here before you. You can hold it in your hands. Amazing."

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And from Wikipedia:

The owners of the property discovered the trove while they were walking their dog on a trail in an area of their property. Although they had reportedly hiked the trail numerous times previously, it wasn't until they spotted a rust-covered metal can poking out of the ground near the base of an old tree, that they chose to explore further.

Before finding the trove, the couple had noticed some unique features of the area. They recalled seeing an old empty can hanging from an old tree. The can had evidently been there so long that the tree had literally grown around it. At the time, the couple surmised that the hanging can had possibly been used to hold flowers and mark a grave. They also noticed an oddly shaped rock on the nearby hill, which they nicknamed "Saddle Ridge".

After they found the gold, they realized that the geographical features and the hanging can were probably markers to the site, placed by the original owners. The center of the treasure trove was located exactly ten steps between the jagged rock and the direction of the North Star.

After Mary noticed the can, John bent down to pick it up, but found that it was stuck in the dirt. He began to use a piece of wood to pry it from the ground. It was so heavy that they believed that the can likely held lead paint. On their walk back to their house, struggling to carry the weight of the find, the lid of the can cracked open, revealing the glint of gold.

They returned to the site with some hand tools to see if they could find anything else. They found another can about a foot away from where the first can was discovered. Although it was partially decomposed due to rust, it held several more coins. They continued to return to the site to look for more coins, primarily digging in the ground and eventually using a metal detector. Their work eventually resulted in the discovery of eight cans filled with over 1,400 coins.

Clickable Link to possible answer to "Who hid those gold coins?"

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2568952/Could-newly-discovered-gold-coins-haul-stolen-disgraced-San-Francisco-Mint-employee-1901-Treasure-hunting-enthusiasts-weigh-origins-couples-10-million-find.html>

That's all this month - find something good!

