



# 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 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.

**Next Club Meeting**  
**2nd Friday, April 7:30 p.m.**  
**at the**  
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**Colorado**  
**Hotline: (303) 595-5448**  
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Cover art: A collage of find of the month entries with the winners in color overtop of a photo of Eureka's fun hunt at Berkeley Park Lake.

Reality TV – Enough Already!  
Linda Erickson

Have you had enough reality TV? I admit to enjoying a number of reality shows and was looking forward to watching two new shows about metal detecting, but these new reality shows have me deeply concerned about the future of our hobby and the way others perceive our hobby. One of the shows, "American Digger," produced by Gurney Productions, airs on Spike TV. I was not impressed with the one episode I watched of American Digger. The only thing the show shares with the great metal

detecting magazine *American Digger* is the name. The "star" of *American Digger*, Ric Savage, once a contributor to the magazine, is no longer associated with *American Digger* magazine as he is now pursuing his new career in reality TV. This is what Spike TV says about American Digger: "Ric Savage . . . and his team . . . target areas such as battlefields and historic sites in the hopes of striking it rich and capitalizing on unearthing and selling bits of American history. The only thing standing in their way are the homeowners themselves, who Savage must convince to allow them to dig up their property using state-of-the-art metal detectors and heavy-duty excavation equipment. What artifacts they find, they sell for a substantial profit, but not before negotiating a deal to divide the revenue with the property owners." The values they place on the recovered relics seem to be overly inflated, making it appear even more appealing to the entrepreneurial type. As a relic hunter, I do not relic hunt for income—thankfully I have a job for that and detecting is what I enjoy doing away from the daily grind of the office. I'm certainly not against being given a token of appreciation by an owner in exchange for finding a lost ring or other valuable item.

If you have seen *American Digger* on Spike TV and agree that airing the show is bad for the hobby, please pass along your comments to the production company at <http://www.gurneyproductions.com/contact>. The other show is called "Diggers" and airs on the National Geographic Channel. I admit to not having seen this show, but I have heard that it is even less impressive. What I would expect to see from the caliber of National Geographic is a show where archaeologists use the skills of the metal detecting

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## Secretary's Report

March 9, 2012

**President Ron Erickson** called the March meeting to order at 7:30. There were approximately 67 members present and several guests, including **Ken Berris; Harold and Karen Snyder; Alan Ingel; and Adolfo Ramirez.**

**Terry Krelle** is no longer a board member. **Jim Griffin** was elected to fill **Terry Krelle's** position.

John Steele continues to work on Eureka! regaining its tax exempt status.

Cindy Bockenstedt presented a great slide show of the many items recovered from Berkeley Lake. Carl Johansen put the photos/descriptions together. The Club held a hunt, March 11, at Berkeley Park. Once again, many great items were recovered—just ask John Hinton!

Don't forget, any member can write an article or forward an Internet/magazine article (with credit to the author/publisher) to Jeff Lubbert, [coindigr@hotmail.com](mailto:coindigr@hotmail.com), for this newsletter. Also, if you have any suggestions, talk with a board member.

### **Lulu's Bling Clue Hunt**

Cindy Bockenstedt found the bling for both February and March.

## General Drawing

Gold Nugget Drawing (1.2 gr)  
Nancy Carter  
Christmas Drawing (Crystallized Silver Specimen)  
John Lambe

### General Drawing

1925 Standing Liberty Quarter  
Martha Kledas  
1876 Seated Liberty Dime  
Vicki Martez  
1968 Kennedy Proof Half Dollar  
Cindy Bockenstedt  
1917-S Walking Liberty Half Dollar  
Cindy Bockenstedt  
1857 Flying Eagle Cent  
Richard Monroe  
1910 V Nickel  
Martha Kledas  
1981-S Proof Penny  
Doug McConnell  
1963 Franklin Proof Half Dollar  
Burt Downey  
1945 Dos Peso  
Jay Reed  
1854 Seated Liberty Quarter  
Nancy Faires

### Membership Drawing

1917 Walking Liberty Half Dollar  
Ron Nordren

### Last Chance Drawings

Minelab Cap  
Jane Reed  
Minelab Cap  
Richard Monroe  
Hawaii Souvenir Spoon  
Mary Nordren

# The Prez Sez

By Ron Erickson



## Prez Says

As I dictate this to my wife on our way back from Sante Fe, it feels like spring has sprung. We had a fun weekend trip to Santa Fe to attend the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Civil War encampment of the Battle of Glorieta. See Jeff Lubbert's article for a synopsis. The schedule for this year seems to be filling up fast with great hunts and exciting speakers. Dr. Tom Noel will be at the April meeting to talk about Leadville. Bring your questions for Dr. Noel.

Our April hunt, Cents or No Cents, put on by Jeff Lubbert and Joe Koch, will be loaded with large cents, flying eagles, Indian cents, Wheaties, and some zinc for good measure. Hopefully we'll have good weather. Moose season opens for the club in May with a moose theme club hunt. See the upcoming events page for more details about all upcoming events.

I hope you all got out to Berkeley Lake for the hunt in March. It was fun and well attended. Bring in your items to put on the show and tell table. We are also having a contest for the most unique fishing sinker found or item used as a fishing sinker found at Berkeley Lake. The club is working on setting up an out-of-town ghost town hunt. Stay tuned for details as this will probably be a limited participation hunt.

As a courtesy to your fellow club members, please save your personal conversations for the break time.

Happy hunting,

Ron



Eureka members taking a slide show of Berkeley Park Lake finds



Slide show during March meeting



Find of the Month voting during break

# 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.

APRIL IS INCOME TAX MONTH. IN 1913, CONGRESS WAS GIVEN LEGAL AUTHORITY TO TAX INCOME BY THE 16<sup>th</sup> AMMENDMENT. IN HER STUDY OF THIS PERIOD OF HISTORY, LULUBELLE WENT TO AN APPROPRIATELY NAMED PARK AND FOUND A MONUMENT WHICH READ; "ERECTED THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF FEDERAL STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BY WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION DEDICATED TO THE ENRICHMENT OF HUMAN LIVES A RECORD OF PERMANENT ACHIEVEMENT". FIND THIS MARKER AND YOU CAN FIND LULUBELLE'S LOST BLING.

# Finds of the Month - January

## GOLD - Jim Geith

### *Ladies 14 kt w/ 12 Diamonds*



Jim was using his Minelab E-Trac topped off with his 6X11 coil at a Jeffco School near the ball field when he came upon this nice ring 3 inches deep.

## JEWELRY - Jim Griffin

### *1872 Liberty Ring*



Due to his primary detectors needing some repairs Jim was using his old Whites Classic 2 when he dug this nice ring. Proof you need to keep a back up detector.

## COIN - John Hinton

### *1900-S Barber Quarter*



John was detecting the cat tails along Berkeley Lake when his MXT signaled this wonderful target.

## TOKEN - Roy Neys

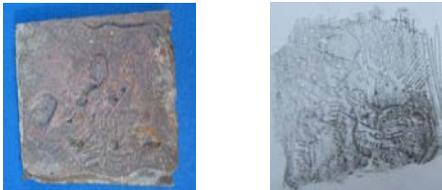
### *5 Cents Trade - Colorado City*



Roy was working the sands with his Whites DXF near the steel boat dock at Berkeley Lake one cold day when he found this great token. The token is good for 5 cents in trade at Hopper's Place in Colorado City. GREAT find Roy!!

## ARTIFACT - Ron Erickson

### *Printers Plate - man welding*



Ron was detecting a construction site just off Federal Boulevard using his Whites V3i when he dug this interesting printers plate.

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community to uncover bits and pieces of history. If you have seen Diggers and have any comments, please send them to: [comments@natgeochannel.com](mailto:comments@natgeochannel.com). Do we need any more ammunition for the archeologists to use against us in their fight to make our hobby illegal? Let's keep our hobby respectable by following the standards and ethics we've set out as a club and letting the producers of these programs know how we feel. These types of shows are making everyone in our hobby look like the looters and thieves that archeologists have been saying for years that we are. While we have been making strides in improving our relationship with the archaeological community, I believe these shows are a setback in our efforts to work side by side with the archeologists to preserve those places being paved over on a daily basis. Let your voice be heard.

Editors note, below is an email I received from Butch Holcombe of *American Digger* magazine regarding their position on the reality show that shares their name.

After much deliberation, we have decided to drop American Digger Magazine's association with Rick Savage, who until this month wrote our Savage Facts column. The parting was amicable, and we appreciate his work on his column and past promotions of the magazine. We won't lie, our dropping his association was in great part because of the controversy his Spike TV show has created, and the confusion that American Digger Magazine had anything more than a passing association with the Spike TV series which shares our name. We have no input or influence into the Spike show, and like many, are not thrilled with what we see.

We never have, nor never will, change our format: A good digging magazine for

## 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.**

those more concerned with historical values than market values. Hope this helps clear things up. We wish those connected with the show well, but had to further make a distinction between the magazine and show. We hope this helps clear things up.

# 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  
15th - Club Hunt (see pg. xx)  
26th - SoundOff Deadline

## May:

9th - Board Meeting  
11th - General Meeting  
19th - Club Hunt (See pg. 22)  
24th - SoundOff Deadline

## June:

6th - Board Meeting  
8th - General Meeting  
TBD - Club Hunt  
28th - SoundOff Deadline

## July:

11th - Board Meeting  
13th - General Meeting  
TBD - Club Hunt  
26th - SoundOff Deadline

## August:

8th - Board Meeting  
10th - General Meeting  
TBD - Club Hunt  
30th - SoundOff Deadline

## September:

12th - Board Meeting  
14th - General Meeting  
TBD - Coinhuna Club Championship  
27th - SoundOff Deadline

## October:

10th - Board Meeting  
12th - General Meeting  
TBD - Club Hunt  
25th - SoundOff Deadline

## November:

7th - Board Meeting  
9th - General Meeting  
TBD - Club Hunt  
29th - SoundOff Deadline

## December:

12th - Board Meeting  
14th - General Meeting  
27th - SoundOff Deadline

## Upcoming 2012 Events

### MAY OUTING

The American Numismatic Association National Money Show will be held May 12 the Colorado convention Center. Our guest speaker for May, Christopher Marchase, will be giving a presentation at the event at 11:00 a.m. called "The Private Coinage of Joseph Leshner and His Referendum Medals". There will be a museum showcase which will include the ANA's collection of Leshner dollars, and several of Mr. Marchase's Leshner dollars will be on loan. Admission to the show is free to ANA members, and \$6 for non members, but there is a coupon for \$2 off at [nationalmoneyshow.com](http://nationalmoneyshow.com). Admission will gain access to the bourse floor, the numismatic theater, where Mr. Marchase will be giving his presentation, and the exhibit area. Mr. Marchase is currently working on a token exhibit related to the Cripple Creek Mining district that he hopes to exhibit there as well. The doors open at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in going, plan to meet at the Convention Center at 10:00 a.m. [or whatever time you think.]

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

We are excited to announce a couple of upcoming speakers you won't want to miss.

Dr. Thomas Noel ("Dr. Colorado") will be presenting a program about Leadville, Colorado at the April meeting. Dr. Noel, a Professor of History and Director of Public History, Preservation & Colorado Studies at University of Colorado Denver (UCD), is the author of numerous books, articles and columns. He is a graduate of

UCD and the University of Colorado at Boulder. Tom teaches Denver, Colorado, Heritage Tourism, Historic Preservation, Mining & Railroads, National Parks History, U.S. West, and Western Art & Architecture courses at UCD, as well as conducting tours of the highest state and the Mile High City for the Smithsonian Institution and the Colorado History Museum. Tom writes a regular column for the Sunday Denver Post Perspective section and also appears on Denver KUSA Channel 9's "Colorado & Company" as Dr. Colorado. Tom co-directs The Center for Colorado & The West at the Auraria Library. Tom will have a selection of his books available for sale at the meeting during the break.

Our speaker in May will be Christopher Marchase, President of Colorado Tokens & Rare Coin. He will do a presentation of Clark and Gruber and will also touch a bit on Colorado trade tokens. In 1859, Gold nuggets and gold dust were used for commerce in the Territory of Jefferson, later to be renamed Colorado, because there was no other medium of exchange. Gold dust brokers paid \$12 to \$16 an ounce, and there were many abuses. It was impossibly difficult to transport gold to Philadelphia and equally impossible to transport coins from Philadelphia back to Colorado because of the danger and likelihood of stagecoach robbery. To improve these conditions, the Clark brothers, Austin and Milton, along with Emanuel H. Gruber became bankers, brokers, assayers, and minters in Denver, and in July of 1860 the firm struck four denominations. Christopher Marchase will share the story.

See page 22 for information on the May Moose hunt.

# A Day at the Beach 2012

By Roy Neys

It was a perfect day for a picnic in March. Everyone brought good stuff to eat and the Club bought hoagie style sandwiches.

Shortly after eating we all headed for the beach. Steve Montaño had barely started when he found a cool suspender clip. He dashed back to the lake after he had conferred with Ron about what his find was. A heart beat or two later he comes running back to the tables beaming with a Texas Ranger style six-shooter held high over his head.

And so the afternoon began. The targets didn't come fast and furious as they did last summer but a lot of good stuff was found.

Terry Weatherly found a 1916-D Barber Quarter and Cindy Bockenstedt found a 1903 Barber dime and Ruth found an amazing piece of amethyst while digging for a token. Speaking of tokens Joe found a great northern good for I forgot how much trade token.

Even though a lot of members think all the good things were found, just before I left Ron found an Indian Head Penny.

Cindy finally found the small spider knife on the following Tuesday. I will have to go to the April meeting to find out who found the elusive spider token. I'll see you there over by the finds table.

Remember: life is short, order desert first.



A great find made by John Hinton



Steve Montaño's gun



Throngs of Eureka members searching



Yavonne Montaño digs a target

# Eureka! Treasure Hunters Membership Handbook Excerpts

## **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 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.

# Eureka! Treasure Hunters Members Service Directory

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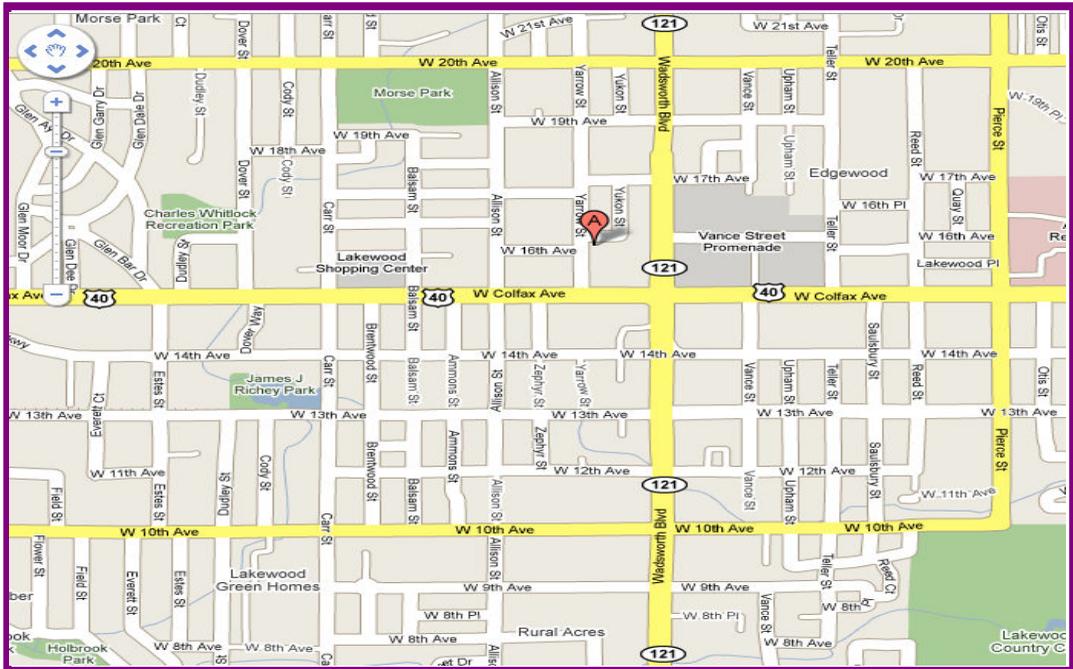
**Wanted: Eureka members. Go to [www.eurekathc.com](http://www.eurekathc.com) for our membership form.**

**Wanted: Looking for some one that collects or repairs cigarette lighters see Ron Erickson.**

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# In-Town Hunt Schedule

As a Eureka member we want you to participate in and help put on In-Town club hunts. These hunts are ment 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 (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.
- 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.

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 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 page 10 for planned hunts and openings. See page 19 for Hunt Coordinator & Newsletter Editor contact information.

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**GOLD CATEGORY**

Roy Neys..... 14 kt Ring  
 Cindy Bockenstedt..... 10 kt Antique Pin  
**Jim Geith..... 14 kt Ring w/ 12 Diamonds**

**JEWELRY CATEGORY**

Jim Griffin.....Eagle Ring  
 John Hinton.....Necklace  
 John Cornelisse.....Ring  
 John Cornelisse.....Sterling Ring  
 John Cornelisse.....Necklace  
 John Cornelisse.....Silver Band  
 Roy Neys.....Blue Bird Pin  
 Cindy Bockenstedt.....Antique Stickpin  
 Boots Lewis.....Sterling Silver Broach w/ Stones  
**Jim Griffin.....1872 Date Ring**

**COIN CATEGORY**

Cindy Bockenstedt.....1894 V-Nickel  
 John Hinton.....1940-D Mercury Dime  
**John Hinton.....1900-S Barber Quarter**

**Token Category**

Ron Erickson.....Civil War Token  
**Roy Neys.....5 Cents Trade Hopper’s Place, Colorado City**

**ARTIFACT CATEGORY**

Cindy Bockenstedt.....1902-1915 Coca-Cola Bottle  
 John Cornelisse.....Arrowhead  
 Carl Johansen.....1901 Pan American Sterling Spoon  
**Ron Erickson.....Printers Plate**

**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

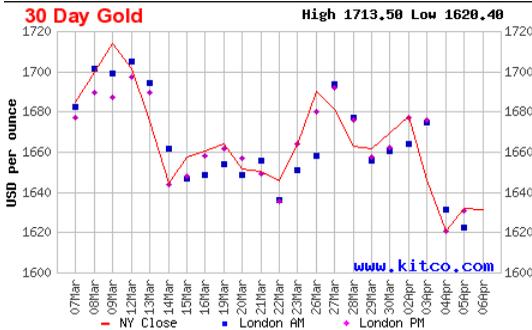
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## New Member

Have you met new member Ron Dunsmore? He lives in the Golden area and currently uses a Bounty Hunter. He is a friend of Boots Lewis and has been detecting for less than a year. Besides metal detecting he also enjoys photography. Ron is hoping to learn from the “pros” of the club and have fun detecting. He is hoping to get a new or “new to him” detector, so if you have a quality old machine that you haven’t used in a while he may be willing to take it off your hands.

## 2012 WWATS Hunt

Are you looking to go to a national competition hunt? WWATS is having their open hunt May 27, 2012 (Memorial Day weekend) at the K-River Campgrounds near Antlers, Oklahoma.

For more information go to their website at [www.wwats.org](http://www.wwats.org). There you will find information, maps and registration forms.

We have had members attend this hunt in the past and they have gave good review for this hunt.

## Glorieta Pass, 150 years later

For those of you who may not have known this past March 26-28 marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Battle of Glorieta Pass. Ron and Linda Erickson along with my wife and I went down to Santa Fe the weekend of March 24 to take in the anniversary of this historic battle. The National Park Service had a celebration to commemorate the battle which included a small contingent of re-enactors in an encampment putting on demonstrations of military black powder rifle usage, they fired of a full scale reproduction cannon and there were talks on the history of the battle.

We spent several hours at the encampment enjoying the demonstrations and talks. There were van tours of the battle sites, luckily we had reservations as they sold out several days before the start of the celebration. The van tours took us to all portions of the battlefields, from the Confederate encampment on the south to the Union encampment on the north and to the heart of the two battlefields.

This battle was miniscule when you compare the number of combatants, less than 3,000, to those of Gettysburg, Shiloh or Antietam. But when you look at the possible changes in the war if the Confederates had won the battle and achieved their goals, the whole complexion of the war would have changed.

The confederate forces led my General Sibley were heading toward Fort Union with hopes of taking that fort. If they could take that fort they would use it as a stepping stone to taking the West along with it’s mineral wealth for the South. With victories at Valverde, Albuquerque and Santa Fe the next step was to take Glorieta Pass, the southern gateway to Fort Union.

On the first day of the battle, March 26th, the advanced forces of both sides met face to face in an area know as Apache canyon on the Santa Fe Trail. Here a running battle ensued. Over 400 of the Colorado Volunteers lead by Major Chivington battled with over 300 Texans led by Major Pyron. Chivington's men split forces in a flanking maneuver and forced the Confederates to retreat twice. This tactic allowed for the captured the Confederate rear-guard. Both sides received losses and casualties. Towards end of the day both sides went into a cease fire to take of their wounded and dead. The Confederates retreated to the mouth of the canyon to Johnson's ranch and the Union made their way back to Kozwalski's ranch and their camp.

The next day while waiting to see what each other were going to do, both sides were reinforced. A force of 800 men led by Colonel Scurry and Major Pyron added to the Confederate forces. And and additional 900 men led by Colonel Scurry bolstered the Union forces.

March 28th both forces advance from their camps from their camps. The Union split it's forces with Chivinton leading 300-400 men over Glorieta Mesa in an attempt to come in behind the Confederates and catch them in a pinch maneuver. The forces met around 11:00 AM at Pigeon's Ranch. There were repeated attacks and counter attacks throughout the battle. The Confederates were getting the better of the battle forcing the Union to retreat.

Mean while up on the mesa above the battle Chivington ended up further south than was expected. He came to the end of the mesa and looked down on the Confederate supply train left at Johnson's Ranch with a very small number of men (30-40) to protect these vital supplies.

Chivington and his force of 300-400 men advanced on the supply train and small guard force. The Confederates seeing the overwhelming number of Union forces coming down the slope retreated leaving the supply train and animals to the whim of Chivington's troops. Rather than capture the abandoned supplies the decision was made to burned all of the Confederates supplies and either chased off or killed all of the horses and mules. Chivington and his men went back to the top of the mesa and returned to camp.

Scurry thinking they had achieved a victory and captured the pass soon found that he had no supplies. The Confederate forces supplies consisted of only what was left from what they taken with them into battle that morning. The Confederates were forced to retreat back to Santa Fe to try to regain supplies. But the people of Santa Fe didn't have enough for the forces to continue their march to Fort Union. And with that the confederate threat in the west was over.

## **MAY HUNT**

Members Only - Moose Hunt

See the May SoundOff for date

Special hunting season for Eureka Treasure Hunters in Unit 4 Woodside Park, Pine Junction, Colorado

Unit Rules:

Hunters will need to obtain a valid Eureka hunting license which is a token in the hunt field. Hunters are then eligible to hunt the designated moose area.

Limit: One Canadian Moose (1 oz silver) per hunter

Other game coins and moose treasure will be in the hunt field.

Noon Moose Camp BBQ with Moose burgers and chocolate moose ..... hunters are invited to bring something to share

1 PM Hunt starts

Sign-up during the April and May club meetings.

Outfitter costs to be determined



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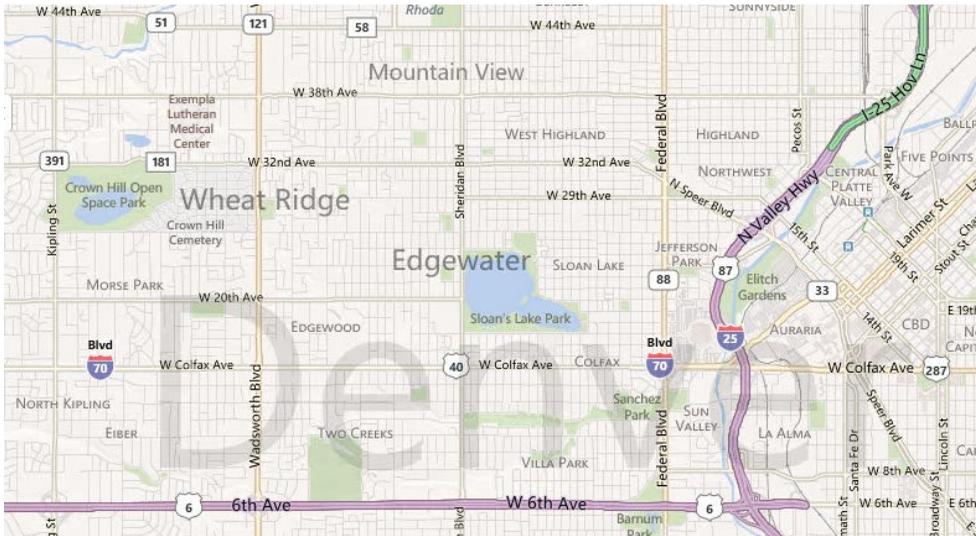
Who: Members only

When: Sunday April 15, 1:00 P.M.

Where: Southwest side of Sloan's Lake Park (17th Avenue & Sheridan Blvd.)

Cost: This will be a fee hunt (fee to be announced at meeting)

We will be hunting for all types of cents; Memorial, Wheaties, Indian heads, Flying Eagle and Large Cents.



Parking Lot



