

The *Soundoff*

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Metal Detecting In Maui

By Chris Davis

*H*ave you ever wished you could run off to Hawaii and go metal detecting? Way back in 2006 my wife and I did so, and I picked up a few tips.



Maui also holds the dubious distinction of having the highest number of Tiger Shark attacks in the world. This trip sounded better and better all the time.

First, I got on the Internet and did some research. I discovered there were warnings out because heavy rains had washed sewage into the (fresh) water. This resulted in four cases of infection by a nasty flesh eating virus, and it was recommended visitors stay out of the water. I also discovered there had been 72 confirmed cases of dengue fever, transmitted by mosquitoes, to those folks that stayed out of the water.

Information on metal detecting in Hawaii was a bit thin on the internet. I was told it was okay to search from the high water mark to the ocean, and it was not legal to search in State Parks. The Tourist Information Center warned not to leave any valuable items (such as metal detectors) in cars, but a little common sense goes a long way. As anywhere, you would be ill advised to leave any expensive item in plain sight in a vehicle.

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The airfare to Hawaii did not cost anything. Well, that is not exactly true. Back in those days we used one of those “Delta Sky Miles” credit cards. Every time we bought something with the credit card, we got so many “free” air miles. I put my daughter’s wedding on the card. That alone should have been enough to fly around the world eight or nine times. Anyway, we finally accumulated enough miles for the both of us to make it to Hawaii and back. Of course, nothing in life is really free.

With the old system, highly sought after destinations, such as, surprise, surprise, Hawaii, had only a limited number of “Sky Miles” seats available. It was necessary to call in and make reservations a year in advance. We had to call in at midnight to get the reservations for the flight over. We had to wait two weeks later, call in a midnight and make arrangements for the return flight. Got to love it. Now-a-days, you can just pay for the ticket, and take it out of your Sky Miles later.

I had never taken my metal detector on a flight before and learned several things. Be sure to use those universal locks the Airport Security can open for inspection. When they x-ray your bags they are almost always curious what that odd looking circuit board on your metal detector

is. They opened the suitcase with my metal detector both coming and going. You know because they leave a “We Inspected Your Luggage” slip. Some folks put their detectors in carry-on luggage.

At the time, Delta allowed travelers to check-in two bags, not to exceed 50 lbs. each, and two pieces of carry-on luggage. This point became important later. Normally, I travel rather light and would have taken just one check-in bag and one carry-on. I once spent three weeks in Italy with everything in one carry-on. But, because I wanted to take my snorkeling and metal detecting equipment, I needed another bag. Packing was a bit of an art. I took my Minelab Excalibur and a take-down, long handled 5” scoop.

The fault in my plan became apparent when we flew, from Maui to the Big Island and back, on a puddle jumper airplane. It seemed, Hawaiian Air had different baggage allowances. They allowed only one check-in bag, not to exceed 50 lbs., and only one carry-on bag, not to exceed 20 lbs. I ended up paying a \$20 over-weight fee, which was the least of my trip expenses.



Everyone had told me Maui was expensive. They were right. The Park Service charged me \$10 just to watch

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the sun come up. I spent \$50 on a couple of hamburgers (and associated Mai Tais) on two different occasions. This did not concern me much. All the money and rings I was going to find on the beaches would easily cover my expenses. At least, that was the plan.

All beaches in Hawaii are public property. The trick is figuring out how to get through the private property to it. At most places there are public access points, you just have to look for them. A number of beaches can be reached only by going through Resorts. You stop at the Security Checkpoint, and they give you a pass. Some charge a parking fee, some do not.

I tried metal detecting on the Big Island but did not have much success. Most of the beaches are coral and lava. There is very little sand on the beach or in the water. There were exceptions. The Kaunaoa beach looked very pretty with a small, but sandy beach. We had to stop at a resort check station and get a pass. I searched, but found only a few coins on the beach and nothing in the water. We drove on down to the Hapuna Beach State Park, famous for its white sand, but I was not impressed. The sand looked rather brown to me. I guess the locals have never seen the truly white sands of Destin, Florida. As this



was a State Park, I did not search there.

We drove on down to Kaupulehu Beach. We got another pass at the resort check point. The beach was pretty. There was sand on the steep, narrow beach but only lava and coral in the water. I discovered digging around the lava was very difficult. I found a little change in the dry sand. A fellow came over and asked if I had found anything. I told him I had found only a few coins and some real nice bottle caps. He said, "I did not know people collected bottle caps." I assured him most metal detectors would rather find a good bottle cap than a gold ring. I did not find much, but there were not many people present. The old maxim still holds true, you want to find stuff, go where the crowds are. The more folks you got, the more stuff they will lose, and the more stuff you can find.

The Kaanapali Beach by Lahaina, Maui was much nicer. There was

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more sand, both on the beach and in the water. The beaches in Hawaii are not like the beaches in Florida where you can dig in the sand forever. On Maui anyway, there is a layer of sand, of varying thicknesses, over a hardpan of coral or lava. The item dropped may sink through the sand, but can go no further.

It took a little while to develop a technique on how to work the coral/lava. Walking in the surf was difficult. Of course, I was using my water machine. Either the waves were too rough in shallows or it got deep too fast. I found it easier to put on the dive mask and fins. Even with



the metal detector and long handled scoop I was positively buoyant, but could get down to 15 or 20 feet without too much problem. Under the sand, at various depths, lay a coral or lava base. Sometimes I could scoop, other times I would hit the coral. I finally figured out how to hover above and clear the thin sand layer by waving my flipper, then picking

the item out with my fingers. I ran into a number of other fellows metal detecting, but all stayed on the beach, none were in the water.

On one occasion, I was snorkeling around with my metal detector. I turned to find myself nose-to-nose with a sea turtle. Has it been a



shark, I would have been lunch without ever knowing it was coming.

All in all, I did okay. I spent 18.25 hours metal detecting during the trip, about half on the beach and about half in the in the water. I found \$11.25 in change, 1 silver dime, 1 wheat-ear penny (out of 94 pennies found), one 10 centavos coin from Argentina, one 5 piso (yes, it said "piso", not "peso") coin from the Philippines, 4 fishing weights, 1 cheap coral necklace, 6 hotel keys (4 of which went the hotel I was staying at), **1 silver ring** on the beach, **1 gold ring** (man's wedding band, 14K white gold) found in 5 1/2

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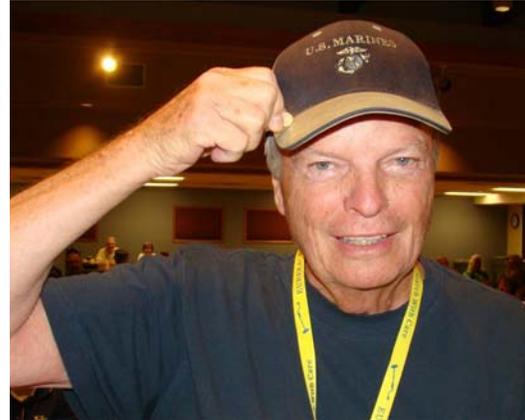
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Yearly dues are \$30 per individual or \$36 for a family membership. Please go to Eurekathc.com and download and complete the application form. Membership dues can be paid to the treasurer at the regular monthly meetings.



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

Baseball caps with the Eureka! logo are available for \$10.00. Metal detector lapel pins are \$5.00 and Eureka! window decals are \$2.00.



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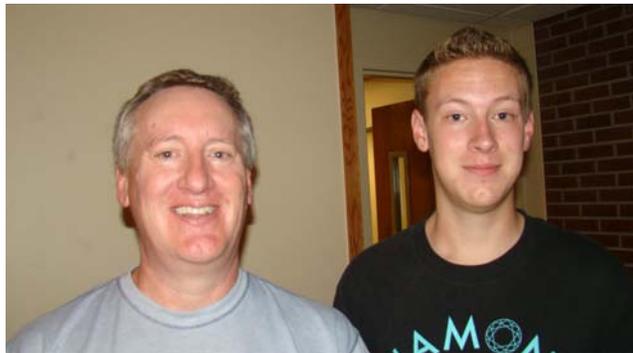
- I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.
- I WILL fill all excavations.
- I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.
- I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.
- I WILL 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.

Look Who's Joining the Fun

By Chris Davis

The Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club has three new members.

While out detecting the other day, Randy Wade and his son Kendall, ran in to one of our Board Members, Van Romero. Van suggested they might consider giving Eureka! a try. Randy and Kendall joined us for the Gold Strike, Rush to the Ranch Hunt. Kendall, who has just started detecting, found one of the gold coins. Not a bad way to



Randy and Kendall

start off a new hobby. Randy has been metal detecting off and on for three years now. He hasn't done badly and has already picked up a nice 1897 dime. They have a Garrett AT Pro and an AT Gold. They are interested in coin, jewelry and relic hunting. The Wade's are long time residents of Parker. Randy is a network technician for Motorola. Kendall is currently a manager at Sonic, but is contemplating returning to school. Randy also enjoys playing golf, hunting and hiking. Kendall likes hiking and soccer.



Dan

Dan Voelker was looking for a hobby and started metal detecting a year and a half ago. He discovered Eureka! while browsing Yahoo. Dan is also interested in coin, jewelry and relic hunting. He is using a Garrett AT Pro. Dan has lived in Evergreen for three whole weeks. He is originally from Fort Wright in northern Kentucky where he was employed in the procurement of machine tools. Dan also enjoys golf and collecting baseball cards.

Metal Detecting, The International Language

Prez Sez
By
John Olson



First, I want to thank Boots Lewis for taking over for me while I was in Mexico with my family. Rumor has it that he did a great job. I am confident in his abilities to conduct interesting and productive meetings. Thanks again Boots!

While I was in Mexico, I did a fair amount of metal detecting on the beaches. They are public beaches next to the condo where we were staying for 12 days. The days were cooler than normal but still too hot for me to detect during the middle of the day, so my detecting was mostly at night and in the early morning hours.

After a couple of days, I noticed a couple of people detecting on the beach during low tide. I wanted to visit with them but they moved at a faster pace than I did so I was unable to catch up to them. Maybe they had a great find and didn't want to share where they found it.

Early one morning, another detectorist and I met on the beach and I recognized him as being one of the local vendors that gave small sailboat rides to tourists. He spoke very little English and my Spanish is very poor at best, but we were able to communicate with each other pretty well. We asked each other what he found followed by hands digging into treasure pouches and proudly showing the badly corroded pesos and American coins. I also had a single earring that I had scooped up. He said that he hasn't worked much because of the high wind and that detecting on the beach was his work. He was using an old White's Spectrum with a grocery bag protecting it from the salt water mist and no headphones. He dug targets with a small shovel, and he was very good at pinpointing targets and quick recovery. I offered my finds to him but he refused and with a smile he said, "Thank you, but they are yours." I hope he finds that gold ring that I was unable to locate.

If pesos were equal in value to dollars then I could have paid for most of our vacation with my finds. I recovered four silver rings, several earrings and necklaces, several dollars in American coins and over \$2700 pesos. Pesos add up quickly when they are in large denominations like 100 pesos and 500 pesos! 10 pesos coins are used a lot and would ring in as a zinc penny. Target ID is different in the salty sand than in our Colorado soil and would be a good article for another time.

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GOLD CATEGORY

Mary Sable..... 18K Men's Ring
 Chris Davis..... 14K Clear Stone Ring
Ron Worley..... 14K Navy Ring

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Chris Davis..... Abigail Bracelet
 Eric Ryland..... Christmas Tree Pin
 Roy Morris..... Silver Celtic Wedding Ring
 Pat Lucero..... Silver with Lapis Ring
 Pat Lucero..... Silver with Brown Stone Ring
 Win Faires..... Silver with Turquoise Ring
 John Hinton..... Silver Bracelet
Jay Reed..... One Direction Charm

COIN CATEGORY

Chris Davis..... South African 2 Rand
 Chuck Hedberg..... 1900 Indian Head Cent
 Jane Reed..... 1945 Mercury Dime
 Jim Merritt..... Indian Head Cent
John Hinton..... 1876 Seated Liberty Dime

TOKEN CATEGORY

John Hinton..... Kansas Sales Tax/2

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Boots Lewis..... 1868 England Silver Spon
 Chris Davis..... iPhone 6
 Chris Davis..... US Marine Dog Tag
 Brian Henry..... 1920 Radiator Cap Emblem, Brass Shriner's Shield
 Brian Henry..... Eagle Uniform Button
 John Olson..... 1870s Iron Silver Mining Co. Chit
 John Hinton..... Gem Dairy Milk Bottle Lid
 Jim Merritt..... Brass Oval Picture Frame
John Lambe..... Air Force Space Command Challenge Coin

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 - July

GOLD - Ronald Worley

14K Navy Ring

Ron joined Chris Davis and Win Faires who were already hunting Lutz Park on the day after the 4th of July. Within minutes of arriving, Ron pulled out this big gold ring from 4 inches down. He was using his Minelab Xterra with its stock coil.



COIN - John Hinton

1876 Seated Dime

John dug this silver Seated Liberty dime out of City Park. It was underground 5 inches, but this dime couldn't hide from John's MXT equipped with a Bigfoot coil. John hunts in relic mode.



JEWELRY - Jay Reed

One Direction Charm



Jay was searching Benedict Foundation Park with his Tesoro Golden equipped with a Cleansweep coil. The 4" deep grass held this *One Direction* ring which is actually a band off of a perfume bottle. *One Direction* calls it a guy's "charm to wear", showing it hanging from a chain.

ARTIFACT - John Lambe

Challenge Coin



This Air Force Space Command Challenge Coin was found by John while using his White's V3i with a Bigfoot coil. It came out of a soccer field at Bible Park. It ran up around 94 VDI and was only one inch deep.



TOKEN - John Hinton

Kansas Sales Tax



City Park gave up this round token. John found it with his White's MXT with the Bigfoot coil.





LuLubelle's Lost Bling Treasure Puzzle

By
Bill Chapman

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.

IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST, LITTLE LULUBELLE RODE
THE ROLLERCOASTER AT LAKESIDE TO COOL OFF.
AFTERWARDS, SHE WENT SOUTH TO A NEARBY PARK
TO WATCH THE MOUNTAINVIEW MUDHENS PLAY
BALL. SHE FOUND A BIG RED SLIDE NEARBY, BUT
THIS TIME SHE DIDN'T LOSE HER BLING. CHECK BACK
NEXT MONTH TO SEE WHERE LULUBELLE GOES NEXT.



Last month Laura Lewis solved the puzzle and found Lulubelle's Bling.

Last month's solution:

Being patriotic during the month of July little Lulubelle wanted to meet all the Eureka Board Members. She began with Terry Weatherly who lived fairly close to her in Arvada. Terry was not home so she went to the nearby Terrace Park. There she played

on the slides but managed to lose her bling.

Park: Terrace Park

Prize: 5 Golden Dollars. Sponsored by Louise Smyth of Gold-N-Detectors.

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.

Hunts may be paid for in advance. This helps the hunt master with planning for how much should be planted in the field. In case a person must miss the hunt, their prepaid fee may be refunded if they call the hunt master before the hunt and cancel, other circumstances will be reviewed. No refund will be given for just plain failure to show up to the hunt.

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Upcoming 2015 Events

AUGUST EUREKA! MEETING

Aug 14, 2015 7:30pm

Clement Community Center

Bring:

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 DENVER SHOWS

Denver Gem & Mineral Show
Minerals of the American Southwest
Sept 18-20, 2015 \$6
Fri 9-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Denver Mart Expo Hall
451 E 58th Ave (I-25 exit 215)
Denver, CO 80216

Denver Coin Expo
Oct 21-24, 2015 \$5 Parking \$5
Thur-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-4
National Western Complex
4655 Humbolt St
Denver, CO 80216

REMINDER

August is *Back To School* time.
Please avoid school grounds when
school is in session.

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

Aug 15, 2015 (Saturday) and

Sept 4, 2015 (Friday)

Breakfast Club

Contact: Bill Abercrombie 303 525-0504 for place and time to meet.

Aug 16, 2015 - \$20

Zipper Hunt

BBQ Noon (bring a side dish),

Hunt 1:00pm

Lasley Park

Zip on over to Lasley for the Zipper and Silver Hunt, prizes for zippers.

Contact: John Hinton 303 619-4313

Sept 15, 2015 - Free, Members Only
Coinhuna

Lunch 11:30am, Hunt 12:30pm

Eisenhower Park

Compete, become the next Coinhuna

Contact: John Olson 719 588-7021

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 7pm Mondays), and blog.





Secretary's Report By Nancy Faires

July 10, 2015

In the absence of President John Olson, Boots Lewis called the Eureka! Club Meeting to order. Everyone was welcomed and the Officers and

Board Members were introduced.

There were approximately 60 present including new members.

John Cornelisse presented the Treasurer's Report with an update on the Holiday Fund.

June Hunt – Eureka Gold Strike, Rush to the Ranch, Lazy Heart Ranch, Golden - Boots Lewis
There were 60+ people participating including 37 paid hunters. Everyone had a good time.
The Spyderco knife will be awarded next month.

Chris Davis gave a brief report on the coin recovery data he has been monitoring. The May hunt had an 87% recovery rate and the June hunt had a 78% rate. We will continue to monitor the data at future hunts.

July Hunt – Majestic View Park, Arvada - Linda Erickson
Silver Moon Hunt – night hunt, Saturday, July 11 – hunt starts at dark.
This will be a dark hunt – test your pinpointing ability.

August Hunt – Lasley Park – John Hinton
Zipper Hunt - lunch at 12 Noon, hunt at 1 PM.

Lulu's Bling - sponsored by Louise Smyth, Gold-N-Detectors
Laura Smith found the Bling at Terrace Park, Arvada.
She received 5 golden dollars from Louise.
Thank you, Louise, for sponsoring this hunt.

Breakfast Club – Chris Davis

Meetings are the 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday each month at Lookin' Good Restaurant, 9 AM.
Please come and join us for breakfast and a hunt. Everyone, particularly new members, are encouraged to participate.

Provide your email address to Nancy Faires to be added to the reminder list.

Tenacious Treasure Tracker Hunt – Brian Henry - www.tenacioustreasuretracker.com
Brian reported that the "treasure" had not been found as of this date. Follow the website for clues.

Instead of a speaker this month, there were multiple discussions from the membership regarding hunting July 4th & 5th, where, what was found, silver nickels, and pop can detection.



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Ron Worley was given a prize he had won from the 2014 Holiday Party.

General Drawing Winners

- 1935 S Peace dollar – Win Faires
- 1908 O Barber half – Chuck Hedberg
- 1565 Hungarian silver coin – Jane Reed
- 2001 S Kennedy proof half – Chuck Hedberg
- 1927 D Standing liberty quarter – Roy Neys
- 1851 Large cent – Laura Lewis
- 1962 Proof set, Philadelphia mint – Chuck Hedberg
- 1891 Seated dime – Chuck Hedberg
- 1935 D Buffalo nickel – Bernice Ortiz
- Dos peso – Ken Harmon
- 1858 Flying eagle cent – Pat Lucero
- 1890 Indian head penny (love token) – Win Faires

Membership Drawing Winner – silver dime prize
John Lambe

Holiday Drawing – 1879 Morgan silver dollar
Mary Ann Bower

Finds of the Month Winners – silver dime prize

- Gold category – Ron Worley
- Coin category – John Hinton
- Token category – John Hinton
- Artifact category – John Lambe
- Jewelry category – Jay Reed

Please enter your finds in the Finds of the Month, “even if you think you won’t win.” Everyone wants to see what is found and hear the stories behind your finds.

Boots Lewis thanked Board Members for their help this month.

Thank you to everyone who brought food tonight.



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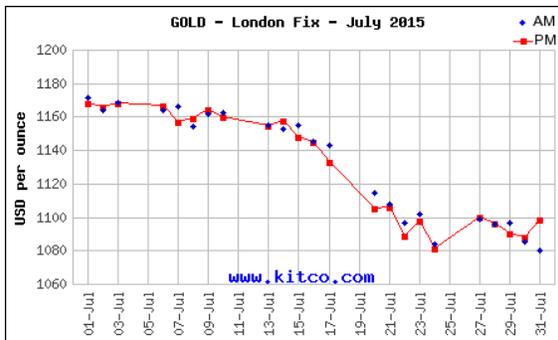
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7th - Breakfast Club
7th - Newsletter Published
12th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
14th - General Meeting 7:30pm
15th - Breakfast Club
16th - Zipper Hunt 12:00pm
28th - Soundoff Deadline

September 2015

4th - Breakfast Club
4th - Newsletter Published
9th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
11th - General Meeting 7:30pm
13th - Coinhuna Hunt 11:30am
19th - Breakfast Club
25th - Soundoff Deadline

Gold Prices



Silver Prices



Wheat Ridge requires a permit to metal detect in their city. No detecting is allowed October-March. Permits allow detecting April-September.

Westminster requires a permit to metal detect. It will be good for a year (up from 3 months). See Angie at the lower level of City Hall. Office Hours: Mon-Thurs from 7:00am to 6:00pm. Please follow the City's guidelines and show that we, as detectorist, are a responsible group.



Zipper Hunt

August 16, 2015, 12 Noon

Zip over and join us at Lasley Park

1401 Kendall St, Lakewood (Florida Ave)

Hopefully, at the east pavilion. If not, at the west pavilion
Park around back in the Lasley Elementary School parking lot,
or along Otis Street on the west side.

Cost: \$20

Potluck Lunch BBQ at Noon

Hunt at 1

Silver coins, clad and find zippers for Door Prizes

Contact: John Hinton 303 619-4313

Eureka! Breakfast Club: The Eureka! Breakfast Club will meet the First Friday and the Third Saturday every month. Everyone is invited!

Contact Bill Abercrombie 303 525-0504 if you are interested in meeting for breakfast and then going out metal detecting with other club members.

If you want to learn more about your detector or how to detect, or cement friendships, this is a great opportunity to tap into other member's experience or to get together for a fun outing.



Report and Photos
by Chris Davis

The Breakfast Club – July 18, 2015

After a good meal at the Looking Good Restaurant, the Breakfast Club proceeded to the Newlon Elementary School for a hunt. Digging techniques were discussed, then we went at it. On that day, some change and 2 copper rings were found. Bill Abercrombie pulled a nice Kennedy half dollar and 3 tokens out of the same hole. Mary Anne Bowers picked up her very first ring, and her first Wheat-ear penny.





SILVER MOON NIGHT HUNT REPORT

By Linda Erickson

Laura Lewis and I couldn't have asked a better night for the Silver Moon Hunt. Laura and I arrived early to plant the hunt field, along with help from Chris Davis. We had 16 hunters come out to Majestic View Park in Arvada for some fun after dark. After passing out glowing necklaces, covering up any lights on the detectors and pin

pointers, and waiting for the sky to darken, the hunt was underway at 9:00 p.m.



No lights were allowed for the first 20 minutes of the hunt. Hunters had to rely on the tones they were hearing and their pin-pointing techniques to quickly recover the coins. After 20 minutes, hunters were allowed to

remove the covers from any lights on their machines or pin pointers.

There were 153 silver dimes (a number of which were placed into grapes), 5 silver halves, 13 Eisenhower dollars, a few clad quarters, some commemorative space coins, and the Spyderco token planted in the



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hunt field. Burt Downie also donated some little finger lights and magnifying glasses, and Ron and I threw a ring and bracelet out in the field, along with many glow in the dark bugs. Along with the coins were 12 glow-in-the-dark lizards with pennies taped to the bottom. There was one lizard in the hunt field with the word “silver” written on the bottom. That lizard was good for a 1 oz silver bar.

Unfortunately that lizard was not turned in at the end of the hunt. We heard someone had found a lizard, but then lost it. It could have been the winning lizard. In any event, that 1 oz silver bar will go into the Zipper Hunt that John Hinton is putting on in August.

With the help of Nancy Faires, we counted the recovered coins after the hunt and there were only 6 dimes left in the field and surprisingly there may have been 3 Eisenhower dollars unrecovered. Two additional dimes were then recovered by Win Faires. I think that is a great recovery percentage considering it was very dark by the end of the hunt.

Due to fire restrictions in the park, we were not able to roast marshmallows, but we all enjoyed some watermelon. I’d like to thank everyone who helped with the hunt, including our photographer Chris, and to those of you who came out to try something a little different.





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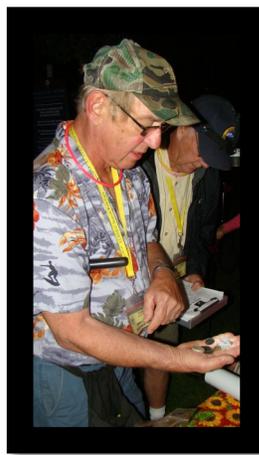
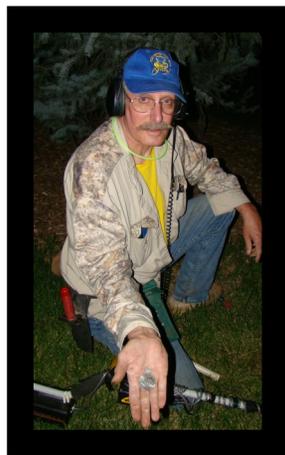
By Chris Davis

Those who managed to stay awake might remember the brief talk I gave at the July Meeting on coin recovery percentages. When I first joined and inquired about the percentage of planted coins recovered in our hunts, I was told by several individuals, “Oh, we recover **98%** of the coins planted.”

Being hardheaded and unable to take anyone’s word for it, when I ran my May Hunt, I marked or otherwise could identify each of the 1,245 clad coins and array of other unique coins planted. The hunt field was a large, but well-manicured park grass. Everyone filled out a recovery form at the end of the hunt indicating what they had found. During the hunt, we found **87%** of the items planted.

The Gold Strike Hunt was held in June. The hunt field was relatively large, rough and grassy. Of the 229 items put out, 170, or **78%** were recovered.

At the July Night Hunt, we still fell below the suggested 98% level. Of the 180 items placed in the small hunt field, only **96.6%** were recovered. Or, at least only 96.6% were reported. After the hunt several folks kept finding unaccounted for coins at the bottom of their pouches. As hard as the folks hit the small search area, I find it unlikely they really missed the two Eisenhower dollars unaccounted for.



The Ring Finders Assist With Recovery Of Lost Ring

By Brian Henry

As a member of *Ring Finders*, I received an email from James Broomfield about a lost family heirloom gold ring.

I responded to James to give me a call. I was expecting a call Sunday morning but heard nothing. So I went on about my day. About 2:00 p.m. I was concerned if James had found the ring on his own, so I sent him an email. He emailed me back that he had not found it and wanted to know if I could help.

We met at the soccer field. He told me he had rented a detector from Bill Chapman and Louise Smyth at Gold-N-Detectors, and they referred him to Jay Reed, John Hinton and Jim Griffin. After spending several hours hunting that morning, the four were unable to find the ring.

James explained, after tossing a Frisbee down the middle of the field for his dog, he notice his ring was missing. I lined up with the goal post and headed south right down the center of the field. After about ten steps, the AT Pro received a good signal. I kneeled down, parted the grass and there was a gold ring.



I stood up and asked James if that was his ring. He looked at me said, "Don't mess with me. How could you find it that fast? I searched all over that area. We all did." Then James, in an emotional outburst, ran up and gave me a big man hug. It was a good way to end the day.



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