

The ***Soundoff***

**EUREKA!** Treasure Hunters Club, Inc.



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## SILVER MOON NIGHT HUNT

Come out for some fun after dark!  
July 11, 2015 at 8:30 p.m.  
Hunt will start at dark.

**Majestic View Park**  
Just South of 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. West of Carr  
**Marshmallow Roast After Hunt**  
**\$15.00**

Silver coins, clad, and special tokens for prizes.  
No light hunt. Electrical tape will be provided to cover any lights on your  
equipment.



No Full Moons Allowed.



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

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

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- 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.
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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 July, 7:30pm**  
**at the**  
**Clement Community Center**  
**1580 Yarrow Street**  
**(NW of Wadsworth and Colfax)**  
**Lakewood, Colorado**  
**Hotline: (303) 595-5448**  
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## Just Another \*#!#&%\$ Bottle Cap

by Bill Chapman

If this is your response to that circular, rusted piece of steel you located because it was mimicking a coin, you are not alone. For years, I held this nemesis of the metal detector in very low regard. But a recent find initiated a change of attitude and began a quest for knowledge of this collectable artifact. More about this peculiar find in a minute.



The first change on attitude begins with the item's name. "Bottle cap," while appropriate to us, is not what this item is called at all by the manufacturer and thousands of collectors worldwide. The correct name of this item is a "**crown cork.**"

The crown cork (also known as a crown seal, crown cap or just a cap) was patented by William Painter on February 2, 1892 (US Patent 468,258). It had 24 teeth and a cork seal with a paper backing to prevent contact between the contents and the metal cap. The current version has 21 teeth. To open these bottles, a bottle opener is generally used.<sup>1</sup>

Prior to the invention of the crown cork bottle stopper, soda bottles had ordinary cork bottle stoppers and the bottles often had rounded bottoms so they could not be stored standing upright. The reason for this is corks have a tendency to dry out and shrink, which allows the gas pressure in the bottle to cause the cork to "pop." Storing bottles on their sides prevents the corks from drying out and "popping." After the invention of the crown cork bottle stopper, this problem was eliminated, and soda bottles could be stored standing upright.<sup>2</sup> I'll bet you didn't know the origin of the term "soda pop". That term is more than 100 years old. and was made obsolete by the crown cork in 1892.

As a side note, another industry was spawned from the manufacturing process of crown corks. After the discs of metal destined to be crown corks are punched out of the thin sheets of metal, the remaining waste is sold to air filter manufacturers to be used as retainers of the spun-glass filter material in

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furnace filters.

Crown corks are collected by people around the world who admire the variety of designs and relative ease of storage.<sup>3</sup> Collectors tend to prefer the term crown cap over corks. In Mexico, these are called **corcholatas**. In Spain, as well as in South America, the names **chapas** or **chapitas** are used while in the Philippines the term **tansan** is employed. Those crown corks that we detect are generally unsuitable for collectors as they are often bent by the bottle opener. To acquire a collectible cap, place a quarter sized coin on the cap then gently open it. The result is a collectible cap which if you don't plan to collect them, can be snapped back onto the bottle and used to reseal it.



Now about the peculiar find that stirred up all this interest. I found one of these (see photo) what I know now to be a **lift-off cap**. Through researching a crown cork collector's web site I ran across what the proper term for this item is. The lift-off cap was introduced by Coca-Cola in June of 1965. It lasted for only a very short time before (I have been unable to find precisely when) it was discontinued but it may not have lasted the year. Any found lift-off cap is considered to be from circa 1965.



So there you have it; more than you ever wanted to know about those \*#! #&%\$ bottle caps.

#### References:

1. Crown Brand-Building Packaging: Crown History ([http://www.crowncork.com/about/about\\_history.php](http://www.crowncork.com/about/about_history.php))
2. Nickell, Joe (2011), "Pop' Culture: Patent Medicine Becomes Soda Drinks", *Skeptical Inquirer* (Committee for Skeptical Inquiry) 35(1): 14-17
3. The Crown Cap Collectors Society International (<http://www.bottlecapclub.org>)



# 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.

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**Last month's solution:**

This month our intrepid adventurer went to the Rino art district. Little Lulubelle bought a take out lunch at a tres chic restaurant and ate in a nearby landing park. She sat under a tree with two trunks but while lunching lost her bling.

**Park:** Globeville Landing Park

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

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**GOLD CATEGORY**

John Cornelisse..... Star Gold Ring  
 Mary Sable ..... 10K Pendant  
 Chris Davis ..... 10K Cross Ring  
**Chris Davis..... 10K Heart Shaped Locket**

**JEWELRY CATEGORY**

Randy Sable..... Silver Ring  
 Devan Romero ..... Pair of Heart Shaped Earrings  
 John Hinton ..... Necklace and Heart with Stone Pendant  
 John Cornelisse..... Silver Ring  
 John Cornelisse..... Silver Ring  
 Ron Graves ..... Silver Ring  
**Cindy Bockenstedt.....Men’s Ring 14g SS**

**COIN CATEGORY**

Jane Reed ..... 1877 Seated Dime  
 Chuck Hedberg ..... 1851 Seated Dime  
 Randy Sable ..... 1984 Australian \$1  
 Tonette Romero ..... 1917 Wheat Cent  
 Ron Graves ..... 1964 Vietnam 10 Dong  
**Cindy Bockenstedt..... 1516-1555 Henri I d’Albret French Liard**

**TOKEN CATEGORY**

Tonette Romero ..... 1933-1935 1/5 Cent Tax Token  
 Chuck Hedberg ..... Colorado 2 Cent Sales Tax Token  
**Tonette Romero..... Grand American Fare/\$1**

**ARTIFACT CATEGORY**

Randy Sable.....USAF Challenge Coin  
 Geoffrey Mandell ..... 1800s B L Co Door Lock Plate  
 John Hinton .....Pocket Knife  
 Cindy Bockenstedt .....Pocket Knife “From Mamma to Nannie (Sullivan),  
 Christmas 1903”  
**Doug Cohn..... WWI Die Cast Battleship Replica**

**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 - June

## GOLD - Chris Davis

### 10K Heart Shaped Locket

Chris was out in Aurora doing multiple park hunting with his XP Deus with a 10 inch coil. At a school play area, he found this "I Love You" gold heart shaped locket in the wood chips.



## COIN - Cindy Bockenstedt

### 1516-1555 French Liard

This Middle Ages coin was found at our Eureka! Club's May Day Hunt as a natural find. Cindy was using her White's MXT with a Bigfoot coil when she got a solid 37 VDI. Thinking it was another pull tab, she popped out this ancient coin from 1/2 inch below the grass at Lasley Park in Lakewood, next to a grade school. It is a hammered, low grade silver coin from the era of King Henri I d'Albret of France who ruled from 1516-1555. The coin is slightly smaller than a dime and very thin. Cindy thanks "Iron Patch" from the Treasure Net forum for help with the ID of this almost 500 year old coin.



## TOKEN - Tonette Romero

### Grand American Fare / \$1

At the end of the day, Tonette was swinging her Garrett's ACE 350 at Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary School's baseball field. There she found a 25th Anniversary token (1964-1989) from Grand American Fare. The large token is good for \$1.00 in trade.



## ARTIFACT - Doug Cohn

### WWI Die Cast Battleship

This approximately 4 inch long replica of a WWI Battleship was found mixed with trash at a site in Englewood near the General Iron Works site. Doug was using his White's MXT with a medium DD coil.



## JEWELRY - Cindy Bockenstedt

### Men's Ring 14g SS



This big heavy men's ring was a natural find at our Eureka! Club's May Day Hunt at Lasley Park. It rang up as a 90 VDI on Cindy's White's MXT. It was down 4 inches.

## 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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## The Search for Mexican Gold 2015

**Prez Sez**  
By  
**John Olson**



As you read this Prez Sez article, I am in Puerto Penasco (Rocky Point), Mexico with my family. I always travel with my loved ones. My loved ones are my White's Surf Pro P.I. and V3i. Just kidding! While my family is sleeping in, I am usually out on the beach searching for treasure. We go there every year or two and each year I manage to find my share of Mexican coins, US coins, some artifacts, a couple of pieces of silver and some junk jewelry, but I have yet to find Gold. Two years ago, my son-in-law lost his gold wedding band while playing with the kids in the high surf at Rocky Point. I searched for that ring for many hours throughout the whole week but I could not find it. Moving water, sand and gravity were my enemies at that time and I concluded that it quickly sank out of reach for my 9.5" concentric coil.

Maybe I just didn't overlap my sweeps or I lacked the skills needed to adjust my machine to reach that extra inch. Hopefully, I will have that ring in my hand as you read this! Anyway, my son-in-law soon purchased another wedding band and he and my daughter continue to be happily married and we are grateful that they include us on their vacations.

The Eureka! Gold Strike hunt in June gave me more confidence that gold (and lead fishing sinkers) can be more easily found when the right coil and adjustments are made to your machine. Thanks to Boots and Laura for putting on such a great hunt and a big thanks to Bill Chapman for teaching all of us how to be more successful at metal detecting and prospecting!

I hope your treasure pouch is overflowing this summer. Bring your finds and your friends to the meeting.

Man, it's hot here. I think I will take a break from detecting and sit under this palm tree and order a cold drink! "Disculpe. Quiero un cerveza fría! Hasta el próximo mes. Busca el oro!"

Juan Olson

## Upcoming 2015 Events

### JULY EUREKA! MEETING

#### Bring:

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

Cash ~ for drawings, hunts, hats...

Finds ~ to show.

Answers ~ to puzzles.

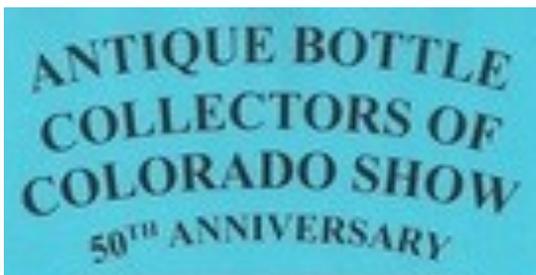
Ideas ~ for speakers, fun outings.

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

Unwanted Finds ~ Donate items that could be used in future Eureka! Club Hunts. Deposit them in the marked container on the Finds Table at the meeting.

### PLACES TO GO

After fireworks shows, detect where the people gathered.



Antiques, Glassware, Bottles, and Collectibles  
July 25, 2015 9am-4pm - \$3  
Douglas County Fairgrounds/Kirk Hall  
Castle Rock, Colorado  
Contact: Jeff Johnson 303 681-3776  
[www.antiquebottlecollectorsofcolorado.com](http://www.antiquebottlecollectorsofcolorado.com)

### UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

July 18, 2015 (Saturday) and

Aug. 7, 2015 (Friday)

Breakfast Club

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

July 11, 2015 - \$15

Silver Moon Night Hunt

Evening Hunt 8:30pm

Majestic View Park

Contact: Linda Erickson 720 231-8080

Aug 16, 2015 - \$20

Zipper Hunt

BBQ Noon, 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

### LINKED WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

[www.mdhtalk.org](http://www.mdhtalk.org) Detecting Hobby Talk

[www.fmdac.org](http://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

June 12, 2015

President John Olson called the Eureka Club meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were approximately 75 present including a couple visitors and two new members. Officers and Board members were introduced.

John Cornelisse presented the Treasurer's report.

Bill Chapman was the guest speaker. He spoke about how to set your detector to find gold/lead, using your pinpointer and the importance of selecting the proper coil for what and where you are detecting. Thank you Bill.



**May Hunt** – May Day Hunt – Chris Davis  
Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> – Lasley Park, Lakewood



There were 19 hunters participating in two hunts: the first without probes the second with probes.

Jack Hoover found the Spyderco token and received a Spyderco knife from Boots Lewis.

Thank you Spyderco for sponsoring this hunt.

A recovery survey was obtained from the hunters showing approximately 87% of the planted items were recovered at this hunt.

**June Hunt** – Eureka! Gold Strike Rush to the Ranch – Boots Lewis  
June 14<sup>th</sup> Lazy Heart Ranch, Golden  
\$100 per hunter – includes a pig roast / \$20 per person for food only  
Hunt begins at 3 PM and dinner at 5 PM.

**Tip of the month** – Boots Lewis  
Learn what you can from other members.

**July Hunt** – Majestic View Park, Arvada - Linda Erickson  
Silver Moon hunt – night hunt Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>

**Prez Sez Clue** – Lasley Park - John Olson  
Mary Sable won 41 cents – a silver Washington quarter, a 1935 Buffalo nickel, an Indian Head penny and a silver dime.

**Lulu's Bling** - sponsored by Louise Smyth, Gold-N-Detectors  
Lorie Atencio found the Bling at Landing Park in Globeville.  
She received 5 golden dollars from Louise.  
Thank you, Louise, for sponsoring this hunt.



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**Breakfast Club** – Bill Abercrombie

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month at Lookin' Good Restaurant, 9 AM.

Please come and join us for breakfast and a hunt.



**Tenacious Treasure Tracker Hunt** – Brian Henry

[www.tenacioustreasuretracker.com](http://www.tenacioustreasuretracker.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> hunt begins July 1 – check out the web site for clues.

John Olson read the explanation of the Finds of the Month categories.

You must be a current member to enter your finds and/or vote for Finds of the Month.

The Club has decals, pins and water bottles for sale. We are planning to have more hats soon. We are looking to purchase club t-shirts.

The Club received a request from a Northglenn police detective to help recover evidence from a recent crime scene. Four club members assisted.

**General Drawing Winners**

- 1822 Large cent – Abel Espinoza
- 1908 D Barber half dollar – Jeff Lubbert
- 1923 D Peace dollar – John Olson
- Sacajawea 2000 S proof dollar – Devan Romero
- 1840 O Seated dime – Sheri Muehlbauer
- 1891 Seated quarter – Randy Williamson
- 1935 Buffalo nickel – Ken Harmon
- 1887 Indian head penny – Ron Roberson
- 1857 Flying eagle cent – Chuck Hedberg
- 1858 Flying eagle cent – Fran Espinoza
- Dos peso – Glen Thompson
- 1866 3 cent – Brian Henry



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**Membership Drawing Winner**

Bill Chapman – received a coiled lanyard  
Diane Buettner – received a coiled pink lanyard  
Jeff Lubbert – received a silver dime  
Thank you to Vince DiPrimo for donating the lanyards.

**Holiday Drawing**

1921 Morgan silver dollar – Ken Harmon

**Finds of the Month Winners** – each received a silver dime

Gold category – Chris Davis  
Coin category – Cindy Bockenstedt  
Token category – Tonette Romero  
Artifact category – Doug Cohn  
Jewelry category – Cindy Bockenstedt

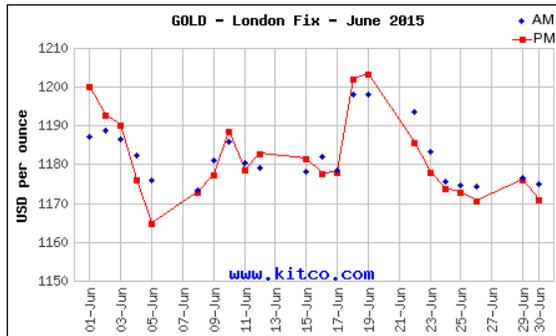
Thank you to Bernie Watts for donating coins for a future hunt.

Thank you to everyone who brought food tonight.



**2015 WWATS RENDEZVOUS**  
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Aug 20th-23rd  
Four Corners Christian Camp  
Mancos, CO 81328  
<http://www.wwats.org>

**Gold Prices**



**Silver Prices**



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**Eureka! Gold Strike Notes:**

June 14, 2015, 3pm

Eureka! Club members gathered at the Lazy Heart Ranch in hopes of finding gold and enjoying a pig roast. The late afternoon hunt took place under a partly cloudy sky with warm temperatures and a light breeze. Finally, no rain.



**EUREKA**  
**GOLD STRIKE**  
RUSH TO THE RANCH



At the monthly Eureka! meeting the night before, members could view the prizes of gold nuggets, silver rounds, gold panning equipment, vials of gold flakes and more. A talk, given by Bill Chapman, at that meeting, helped hunters understand, choose and prepare their equipment, and test their technique on test targets that mocked real gold.

Before the hunt, participants could also try out test targets near the hunt area. The mock gold targets were smashed lead shot painted gold and a raffle ticket together in a tiny flat plastic bag. Several volunteers help bury these targets in the field where plants were low to over knee high. Hunters made their way through the field used for a pasture from time to time. Detecting conditions included rocky areas, streamside, cactus, grasses, cow pies, with no snakes that day, but a toad was found. With mountains and rock outcroppings



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in the background, detecting the slightly sloped hunt field in the natural setting made the day perfect even before any targets were found.

Laura and Boots Lewis hosted the hunt with Boots' parents. A pig was prepared and roasted to perfection. Nancy Faires organized the rest of the feast with volunteers helping out with set up, serving and clean up. The side dishes of baked beans, slaw, potato salad and more complimented the roasted pork. Apple pie and cookies punctuated the meal. Plenty of ice cold drinks kept everyone cool and hydrated.

But before eating, everyone headed out to the field where a small canon sat. The fuse was lit and with the loud band and a big puff of smoke, the hunt for gold was underway.

One after another target was found during the two hour hunt which flew by. The 'gold targets' were challenging to find as they were small and had low conductivity. A few real gold targets surprised a few people. John Hinton turned up a Dos Pesos and new member, Kendall Wade's work produced a \$1 gold coin. Jeff Lubbert found the large gold nugget the club purchased from Freddy Dodge that was found in Alaska. Cindy Bockenstedt found the Spyderco token and will receive a Spyderco Knife. From previous hunts, Boots Lewis found at least four meteor fragments, while others found silver dimes and a silver 3 cent piece.



During dinner the raffle tickets were called and exchanged for the prizes. Many gold nuggets were given out as well as small vials of gold flakes. Mining themed silver rounds and gold panning related items made their way to the hunters as Laura and Bill called out the numbers and passed out the many prizes.

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John Steele won the new version orange Garrett Propointer. Autographed photos by “The Diggers” and “Gold Rush” stars along with other gold mining items rounded out the prizes that people won.



Two drawings were held for gold nuggets with Linda Erickson and John Olson adding them to their takes.



Chris Davis helped plant the targets , took pictures and notes on the hunt. He compared this hunt with our last hunt regarding the percentage of targets found. Again, not all targets were recovered. Chris found that 78% of the targets were found. Since not all targets were recovered, paid participants were given an additional ticket and the remaining prizes were awarded.

As the evening wound down, volunteers and hunters took down the tents, cleaned up, and packed up their gold and headed off while the sun was setting, reviewing the fun afternoon, as they drove down the long driveway away from the ranch and on home.



*More photos on next page.*





## From The Eureka! Email Inbox

From: thesixshooter@comcast.net

To Whom it May Concern:

Greetings from Arvada.....I was sent to you by Golden Detectors as possibly being able to assist me. I am building an Old West display at home and was wondering if perhaps any of your members would have any old guns they may have found that they would be willing to sell? Looking for rusty, corroded, non-working pieces for my display. In fact, the more rusty and corroded the better. I don't even care if it's all there or not. I don't need anything that can be restored.

If you know of anyone that has something please contact me back by phone or email.

Thanks much,  
Roger Madison.....303 908-8574



Randy Sable finds working GoPro Camera at Breckenridge Ski Area.



### July 2015

3rd - Breakfast Club  
3rd- Newsletter Published  
8th - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
10th - General Meeting 7:30pm  
11th - Silver Moon Hunt 8:30pm  
18th - Breakfast Club  
31st - Soundoff Deadline

### August 2015

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



# Look Who's Joining the Fun

By Chris Davis

Eureka! would like to welcome new members, Gary Friedman and Alice Navarro. Gary and Alice found out about Eureka via Google.



Gary was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma (Go Cowboys) but spent most of 40 years in Wichita Kansas before moving to Colorado in 2001. Alice was born in Roswell, New Mexico but has spent most of her life here in Denver. They currently live in Castle Rock (11 years) but also have a townhouse in Central City.

Gary retired from the Wichita Fire Department as an arson investigator in 2001 and then moved to Colorado working for the federal government administering counterintelligence polygraphs. He retired from this job in March 2015 and now is an independent contractor doing the same thing. Alice works as a recruiter but plans on retiring next month after working for several companies here in Denver.

Gary and Alice both just got their detectors. Gary has the White's MXT Pro, and Alice has a MXT. They are interested in relic, coin, and jewelry hunting and hope to find so good hunting places up around Central City.

They both ride Harleys. Gary has a 2003 Ultra Classic and a 2012 Heritage Classic. Alice rides a 2012 Fatboy (and recommends keeping the jokes to yourself). With full-time retirement on the horizon, they are looking to expand their hobby horizons and are looking forward to having fun with the club.

# Traveling With Your Detector

By Jeff Lubbert



As summer progresses and your thoughts turn to a family vacation, many within our group ask, “Can I take my detector along on a trip?”

I say, “Why not?”

Obviously if you are traveling by car, you should be able to make room for your gear and are not limited by goofy rules. If you are traveling by airplane you will have to abide by their regulations.

If you are taking your trip by car and you have maxed out your trunk or hatch with your luggage, cooler and other items, you may think about adding a topper such as a “Rocket Box”. When Ron, Linda and I went to D.I.V. (a week long digging event held in Culpeper, Virgin-

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

## **Westminster**

At the present time is asking people to get a 3 month permit to metal detect. 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.

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White's machine you will have to take the coil off the lower rod and I prefer to take the arm cuff off. Keep the coil bolt on the portion of the machine that houses the rubber coil washers, this keeps the rubber washers from running off. Use your essential clothes (underwear) as packing material around your machine(s). This makes for efficient packing and safer travel of such a delicate piece of equipment.

I do have some machines that will not fit into a carry-on suitcase and I cringe at the thought of having to put those machines into a checked-in bag. If this happens to you there are a few options: carefully pack clothes around the machine's control box(es), put your machine in a hard sided case made for a detector, or improvise a hard sided carrying case. Another option is to ship your machine via UPS or other carrier to your destination. If you are going to ship to your destination, make sure to check with this final destination to get the proper address and how to address it so that you are the one to receive the package not another guest. If you travel a bit you may want a hard sided case for our machine, you can purchase one of these from Gold-N-Detectors. I have seen people make hard sided bow and arrow cases or golf club cases into detector cases and they work just fine. But I have also seen these types of cases get treated pretty darn harshly by the ground crew at the airport.

If you are taking along ANY digging equipment make sure to pack these items into your check-in bag. I typically put my pouch in a plastic grocery bag, tie that closed and then put that into a compartment away from my clothes. I keep my Lesche in its sheath attached to the belt of my pouch, my screw driver and brass probe in my pouch so that all of that equipment is together. If I am going to a beach, I put my sand scoop and my water scoop in my check-in baggage. I have heard of people going on a relic hunting trip and leaving their relic spade at home and they just purchase a shovel at their destination. Nearly any city you fly into will have a home improvement store where you can pick up a spade for a reasonable price.

No matter where you are traveling, you will need to make sure to check the laws regarding detecting at your destination. There are some countries that do not allow detecting of any sort, there are some that allow detecting only in organized hunts, some that allow detecting only on beaches, and some that are open to detecting of nearly any sort. And if it has been a while since your last visit to a particular location that it has been years since your last visit, you may want to check for law changes regarding metal detecting or regulations that govern what you have to report and to whom. Also if you are traveling out of country, you will need to check to see what you can and cannot take out of country. The last thing you want is to be stopped at the airport and be arrested for trying to smuggle out antiquities for that old coin that has nearly no monetary value but might be considered a cultural treasure.

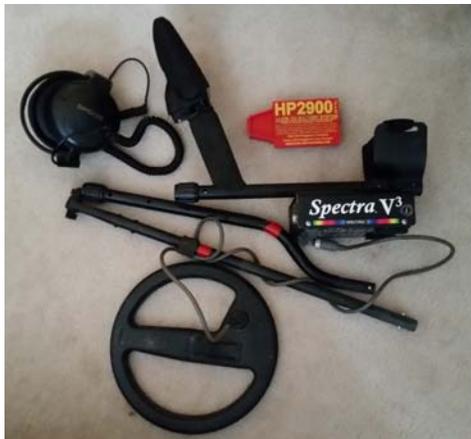
In review, just like any part of detecting, before you travel do your research. Travel smart. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

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ia) in 2011, we drove to Virginia in the Erickson's Subaru. The back hatch area was filled with our luggage. Our detectors, shovels and a few other items were stored in their roof rack "Rocket Box". These boxes are nice because they are waterproof and lockable.

When Diane and I travel via car to nearly any location, there is typically at least one if not two detectors packed in our vehicle. The standard detector travel bag keeps my detector, extra coils, headphones and extra battery pack all together. I clean my finds pouch before I travel to keep Diane happy with my demands of traveling with a detector. Suggestion, when you clean out your pouch also remember to clean out your trowel sheath. You will be surprised with how much dirt sits at the bottom of this sheath. If the confines of your trunk are snug with your detector and your detector has a screen, make sure you protect the screen from scratches and scuffs with a travel hood. I have seen it too many times that upon arriving at a site a detectors screen is scratched do to the rigors of travel.

If you are traveling by airplane make sure you know the sizes of carry-on that are allowed by your carrier. Currently, carry-on bags can range from 22"x14"x9" to as large as



26"x18"x12". My carry-on bag fits into the smaller category so I can take it onto nearly any airline without problems. Though I have been on some smaller planes that do not allow carry-on bags, then you have to check your carry-on at the gate or just before you board the plane. The airline workers seem to treat these checked at the plane bags better than the normal checked-in bags. But as a precaution, you should ask the baggage attendant for a "Fragile" tag to put onto your bag.

In my standard carry-on bag, I have been known to pack three detectors, two sets of headphones, batteries (make sure to take all batteries out of your machines when flying) and some essential clothes. Most machines break down small enough that they fit within a standard carry-on suitcase. I am not sure if this is by design or accident. If you have a

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**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 had a good turn-out on Saturday, June 20. Present were Bill Abercrombie, Win Faires, Gary and Nancy Porter, Jeff Mandell, Terry Hirschfeld, Eric Ryland and Chris Davis. After a hearty breakfast at the Lookin' Good Restaurant, we all drove over to the Lakewood High School for a hunt. Win did best with \$8.50 in change and a nice stainless steel ring. Eric found an aluminum ring. I found 2 earrings, 2 keys and a 2 Rand African coin. Not a bad hunt.



*That's all this month - find something good!*

