

The

# Soundoff

**EUREKA!** Treasure Hunters Club,



**V. 39, n. 3 March 2011**

**Search with Care!**

Visit Our Club On The Internet at <http://www.eurekathc.com>

## Contents

1. The Prez Sez
2. About Eureka!
4. Secretary's Report *by Louise Smyth*
5. Eureka!'s March Birthdays
6. Winners of the Month
7. Finds of the Month
8. Chelsea's Clue Hunt *by Bill Chapman*
9. March Birthdays
- 10-11 Calendar Events
13. Treasure Hunters Service Awards
14. Huntmaster Report
15. Annual Pot Luck Banquet
16. Vice President Report
17. In Town Hunt Schedule
18. How to Find Eureka! Monthly Meetings
19. Advertising
20. Contact List

## The Prez Sez



Hi. It's been a while since I have had to write Prez Says for the newsletter. For those

who are new to the club, I was a former President, Vice President and long time board member. First, let me again express my appreciation to the outgoing officers and board members for their service to the club. I am looking forward to some new ideas from the incoming and existing board members and officers. The 2011 calendar is filling up fast and we will have a lot to look forward to. If you are looking to get more out of this club, I think it is up to you to help out. I have asked Bill Abercrombie to put something good on the cover of the newsletter instead of my mug shot so that

**A big welcome to all the new Officers and Board Members. May this year be an exciting and fruitful year.**

# About *Soundoff*

*Soundoff* is the official newsletter of the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc. (Eureka!). Mailing Address: PO Box 101385, Denver, CO 80250-1385.

Opinions expressed in *Soundoff* are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the club or its members. Publication of information in *Soundoff* constitutes no guarantee of accuracy. Use of any information found in this publication is at the sole risk of the user. Neither Eureka!, nor its officers, nor *Soundoff*, nor its editors or contributors assume any liability for damages resulting from use of information in this publication.

## Submissions

Articles, letters and short items of interest on prospecting, detecting and treasure hunting topics are welcomed and encouraged. All items submitted for publication are subject to editing. Submittals for publication or correction of errors may be made by e-mail in ASCII text format or MS Word. All article submissions must be received by the editor no later than the deadline of the month (see calendar, p. 16) for inclusion in the next month's issue. Include publication information on articles clipped from other publications.

## Copyright

Unless otherwise noted, other nonprofit groups may reprint or quote from any articles appearing in *Soundoff* without prior permission, provided that proper author and publication credits are given and that a copy of the publication in which the article appears is sent at no cost to Eureka! at the above mailing address. Clubs wishing to exchange newsletters with Eureka! are invited to send a copy of their newsletter together with an exchange request.

## Advertising

Classified business-card-sized text advertising is free to members for non-business ads. Commercial display ads are available to anyone at the following charges: business card size, \$6.00 per month; 1/4 page, \$12.00 per month; 1/2 page, \$24.00 per month; full page, \$48.00 per month. Advertisers are encouraged to take out ads for 12 months and receive a 3-month discount. No other discounts apply. The treasurer must receive any required payments for commercial ads prior to their inclusion.

## 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 a subscription to *Soundoff*, all general meetings and selected seminars. 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, March

7:30 p.m. at the **Clement  
Community Center**

1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood,  
Colorado

Hotline: (303) 595-5448

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

should improve the newsletter right away.

The newsletter is open to all of you. Please feel free to send Bill your submissions that apply to our hobby. If you are taking your detector on vacation or have a tip you would like to pass on to others, here is you your opportunity to tell us about it. Don't be shy. Put your thoughts to paper and send it to Bill.

Happy Hunting.

RonRon

# Secretary's Report

February 11, 2011

After partaking of the annual Eureka! Potluck, President John Lambe called the February meeting to order at 7:45.

There were approximately 75 members present and one guest, Chantel Navarro.

Everyone enjoyed the good food brought by fellow members. Unfortunately, no volunteers for snack food were sought for the March meeting. If you can bring some yummys for the meeting, members would definitely enjoy them!

## Old Business

The following individuals received these awards and \$50 gift certificates:

### Charles A. Johnston Award....

.....**Bob Flier**

The Member-of-the-Year Award recognizes the non-board club member who has persistently and unselfishly volunteered time, materials and services to the club during the preceding year.

### Dan Sprouse Award..Jay and Jane Reed

The President's Award is presented by the outgoing president to the club

member who helped the president the most during the preceding year.

### Gene Kotlan Award....**Bill Chapman**

The recipient is selected by a general membership secret-ballot vote at the December meeting. The award recognizes the club member who has contributed the most for the good of the club.

After the presentation of these awards, John Lambe passed the meeting gavel to Ron Erickson, the President for the next two years.

The first piece of business was the election of three board members to fill positions recently vacated by newly elected officers. The nominations were opened by Annette Krelle and seconded by John Steele. There were no more nominations; they were closed by John Steele and seconded by Roy Neys. There were four individuals nominated in January: Harry Barcroft, Terry Krelle, Jeff Lubbert, and Sheri Muehlbauer.

The meeting took a 20-minute break to vote on the three board positions and Find of the Year. Terry Krelle, Jeff Lubbert and Sheri Muehlbauer were elected to the Board.

## Find of the Year

Gold.....**Roy Yerby**  
Coin.....**John Hinton**  
Jewelry.....**John Steele**  
Token.....**John Steele**  
Artifact.....**Burt Downie**

## **Chelsea's Treasure Bone Clue Hunt**

Bill Chapman asked the membership who found Chelsea's bone. Boots and Laura Lewis stepped up. Boots related how they came to be at Centennial Garden Park. He described locating Chelsea's bone and was awarded 5 uncirculated golden George Washington Presidential Dollars for his effort. Bill

asked Boots if he would like to trade his dollars for a Door. Instead, Boots opted for what was in Bill's gift box. It contained a bag of approximately \$160 in shredded currency.

A Library Hunt was held at the Denver Public Main Library February 13.

Reminder: The publishing date of the Soundoff newsletter has been changed to the Friday before the meeting, approximately between 6 and 9 p.m., to even the playing field for the folks working during the week who wish to participate in the Chelsea's Bone Clue Hunt. Subscribe to Eureka's Twitter account to be the first notified.

John Hinton has volunteered to put on Augusts' hunt.

The PERT (Physical Evidence and Recovery Team) and HART (Historical Artifact Recovery Team) are in need of a badge designed to recognize their skill. A one-month contest has begun to create a badge for each team. Each entrant will receive a silver quarter, and the winner will receive a silver dollar.

**Gold Nugget Drawing....**

.....Cindy Bockenstedt

**Christmas Drawing.....Bill Hensley**

**Membership Drawing.....**

.....Cindy Bockenstedt

## **General Drawing**

**1943 Nickel.....Joe Shubert**

**Standing Liberty Quarter...Louise Smyth**

**1914 Barber Dime .....Linda Erickson**

**1907 Indian Head Penny...**

.....Sheri Muehlbauer

**Dos Pesos.....Alan Bravo**

**1857 Flying Eagle Cent.....Terry Krelle**

**Standing Liberty Quarter.....Ada Keim**

**1939 Walking Liberty Half.....**

.....Rose Abercrombie

**1943 Walking Liberty Half....Jeff Lubbert**

**1888 Morgan Dollar.....Laura Lewis**

# Winners of the Month

## GOLD CATEGORY — Doug McConnell

### *Gold Nuggets*



Mr. Doug Mc Connell caught the first prize on Rich Hill by finding two gold nuggets with his Minelab GPX 4500 with his Nugget Finder Coil. Nice Going, Doug! With gold pricing at the top, with a few more nuggets, you can pay for your machine.

## TOKEN CATEGORY - Doug McConnell

### *Arizona Tax Token*

Mr. Doug Mc Connell does it again with his Arizona Tax Token taken with his Minelab E Trac with the Sun Ray Coil while hunting a Ghost Town. Two Awards in One Month. Quite a feat, Doug..



## JEWELRY CATEGORY—— Mary Sable

### *Garnett Tennis Bracelet*



Ms. Mary Sable topped the charts with her Sterling Silver bracelet with Garnet Stones which she found with her White's XLT lying 1/12 inches deep at a 45 degree angle in Clement Park.

## COIN CATEGORY — Jeff Lubbert

### *1907 Barber Dime*



Jeff found this 1907 Barber Dime in a curb strip just north of Alameda. He found this about 4" deep at the base of a tree using his XLT and a 9-1/2" coil.

## ARTIFACT CATEGORY -John Cornelisse

### *1928 DDT Denver Dog Tag*

Mr. John Cornelisse shines in the artifact category when his trusty White's XLT with a 9.5 coil detected an ancient 1928 DDT Denver Dog Tax Tag for a male dog, 2 inches down in the grassy area at Platte Park. Fortunately, there was no dog attached. Fido Lives!





## GOLD CATEGORY

Doug McConnell ..... 2 Gold Nuggets  
John Cornelisse ..... 4 Stone Gold Ring  
Roy Neys ..... 10K Ring Marquise Diamond  
Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 14K Gold Neck Chain

## JEWELRY CATEGORY

Mary Sable ..... Garnet Tennis Bracelet  
John Cornelisse ..... Tiffany Co. Silver Wedding Band  
Roy Neys ..... Silver Scorpion Pendant

## COIN CATEGORY

Jim Griffin ..... 1919D Mercury Dime  
Jeff Lubbert ..... 1907 Barber Dime  
Cindy Bockenstedt ..... 1993 20KC Ceska Republic Coin

## TOKEN CATEGORY

Doug McConnell ..... AZ Tax Token

## ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Laura Lewis ..... Miniature Key  
John Cornelisse ..... 1928 DDT Denver Dog Tag

## 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.

# Chelsea's Treasure Bone Clue Hunt #44 - The Ides of March

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

I W M S U N I G N O L D A L  
K E E O D D O W N S E O M A  
E E S T O F U L L B E R P S  
R T S I N N F P B R A O S S  
N R H T O F A A D D E E N A  
V E A E R R T S N W N E M S  
S T H S A S I E G A H S I S  
C H O D E T L O T L I N L I  
T O E S A A E E N S U N I N  
K E N U C G C R A A R D T A  
E E V I T S E F M N W H A T  
E R E L I L O S O T M Y R E  
B O N U E O N C R E A G Y D  
A I N J R Z W Z B R U T U S

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

ASSASSINATED

BRUTUS

CAESAR

CALENDAR

FESTIVE

FULL

JULIUS

LONGINUS

MILITARY

MOON

PARADE

ROMAN

SEER

SENATE

STABBED

THEATER





## **Eureka!'s March Birthdays**

- Alan Bravo
- Nancy Carter
- Dale Davis
- Randy Jensen
- Nicholas Mueller
- Steve Rex
- Chuck Sanders
- Aaron Shipe
- Jon Sites
- Sondra Van Deventer
- Gerald Van Deventer
- Lawrence Wendel



## **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.



# March 2011

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Board Meeting	10	11 Monthly Meeting	12
13 Hunt	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



# April 2011

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

					1	2
3	4	5	6 Board Meeting	7	8 Monthly Meeting	9
10 Hunt	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



# Eureka! Treasure Hunters

## Service Awards



The 2010 Dan Sprouse Memorial Award as chosen by the current and previous president going to the club member who helped the President the most was presented to **Jay Reed**



The 2010 Dan Sprouse Memorial Award as chosen by the current and previous president going to the club member who helped the President the most was presented to **Jane Reed**

The 2010 Charles A Johnson Memorial award for the non-board member who consistently and unselfishly volunteers their time, materials and services to the club was presented to Robert Flier who was not present for the award.



The 2010 Gene Kotlan Memorial Award as chosen by the general membership who has contributed the most for the good of the club was presented to **Bill Chapman**.

# Finds of the Year Awards 2010



The **Gold** certificate for find of the year was awarded to **Roy Yerby** for finding a 14 K White Gold Diamond Ring. Roy was not present to receive his award.



The **Coin** find of the Year was awarded to **John Hinton** for finding a 1852 Gold Dollar



The **Jewelry** certificate for find of the year was awarded to John Steele for finding two sterling rings.



The **Token** certificate for find of the year was awarded to John Steele for finding a Five Cent Leadville Token



The **Artifact** find of the year was awarded to Burt Downie for finding a Silver Wallet

## Huntmaster Report

*By Roy Neys*

Do you have a case of cabin fever? Well I have just the cure. Join us at Loretta Heights Park this March 13th for a fun hunt and a seeded hunt.

To get there from I-25; go south on Santa Fe Drive, then head west at Mississippi, Florida or Evans then south on Irving Street, past Yale thru the four way stop, around the corner and up the hill and you are there. The Hunt field is to be in the semi developed field on your right and the

fun hunt will be in the park about 500 feet to the south.

Bring chairs because the ground is cold and damp, a sack lunch if you like and if someone wants to bring a stove and coffee pot we can have coffee.

The fun hunt starts when you get there. Around 1:00pm we will offer training on detectors and proper park recovery- if you have not already been informed during the fun hunt.

Planting of the field will probably take place around noon and will continue as people arrive.

The cost for the planted hunt will be \$10.00 and will be clad quarters for the first twenty participants. I will add five silver dimes for every paying player after that.

So, we are looking at 800 plus coins in the hunt field plus some odds and ends that I have found in the past, plus any residuals from three other hunts there.

Oh Yeah! The hunt will start at 2:00pm.

So come join us for Quarter Mania and put an end to cabin fever!

Roy H.M.



# Our Annual Pot Luck and Awards Banquet



There were nine annual awards given at our annual pot luck and awards meeting. Wonderful food, desserts and conversation with our fellow Eureka! members in our annual Pot Luck. Many main courses as chicken, tamales, potato salad, and many desserts as cookies, pies, cakes were there to feast on.  
POT LUCKS ARE GREAT!!!!



# Vice President Report

*By Steven Montano*

## FEBRUARY CLUB HUNT

The February club hunt was a great success with 14 club members that showed up at the Denver Public Library and were given a private tour by Wendel Cox, Senior Special Collection Librarian. He showed us all the new and helpful things they offer at the Public Library and talked about the new renovations to the Western History department and to their new website - <http://denverlibrary.org>. You no longer have to put your belongings in the lockers when looking at the maps and you can now use your own pencils and paper. They do still have an area that you are not able to take your own paper and pencils to but they will provide them if needed. I encourage you to visit the Denver Public Library and check out the new website if you haven't in the last couple of month there has been some very beneficial changes and services added that could help you greatly with your research for this upcoming season.

## QUEST SPEAKER FOR MARCH 11th MEETING at 7:30pm

Our guest speaker is none other than our very own Eureka Treasure Hunters Club member Bob Flier who's been a member of the club for well over 14yrs. Bob has graciously volunteered to run the finds of the month table.

When I talked with Bob earlier in the week he told me the title of his talk was "A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE HISTORY BOOKS." I'm not sure what this talk will be on but it sure sounds interesting and got my curiosity going so make sure you put it down on your calendar to show up March 11<sup>th</sup> to our monthly meeting at 7:30 pm and bring a friend.

# In-Town Hunt Schedule

If this sounds familiar, the rules regarding in-town hunts bear repeating. Again, I want to reiterate in-town hunt rules for those who seem to have missed the obvious by failing to read and follow the instructions the club has provided. We want you to put on hunts. They are designed to be fun, first and foremost. They provide a context outside of the meetings for fellowship with club members. To put on an in-town hunt you **MUST**:

- **Schedule with the Huntmaster.**
- **Provide a plan.**
- **Provide flyers.**
- **Ensure the hunt rules are discussed BEFORE the hunt.**
- **Police the hunt.**
- **The hunt master for any particular hunt can decide open hunt .**
- **(non-members may hunt) or members only**
- **Write a story for the newsletter and send it and accompanying photos to the newsletter editor prior to that month's deadline.**

To ensure the continuation of this hobby and to provide the best im-

pression of Eureka! and its membership, you, as hunt master, **MUST** enforce all rules, including:

1. Pouches to store finds and trash **MUST** be worn and used at all times during the hunt.
2. All hunters must wear headphones.
3. Absolutely no tolerance of holes left open. A first warning, followed by a time-out or expulsion from the hunt, will usually get people's attention
4. Hunters digging and leaving trash on the hunt field should receive the same treatment discussed above.

September will be our Coinhuna competition which will be put on by a board member this year (TBD).

Remember, the calendar that we put up during the meetings shows what we have scheduled. Just putting your name on the calendar does not mean that you automatically get that month. All hunts will need to be okayed by Huntmaster prior to officially being put in the newsletter and put on.

Failure to follow the guidelines may result in hunts being cancelled.



**WANTED  
BIG FOOT COVER  
Call Bernice 303-794-4614**

**Use this space for FREE as an  
Eureka! Member—advertise your  
unwanted equipment or use it to  
find a hunting partner.**

**Use this space for FREE as an  
Eureka! Member—advertise your  
unwanted equipment or use it to  
find a hunting partner.**

**Use this space for FREE as an  
Eureka! Member—advertise your  
unwanted equipment or use it to  
find a hunting partner.**

Eureka! 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.



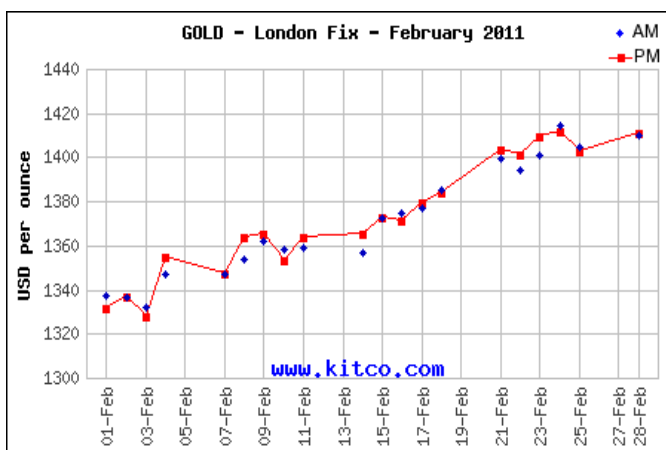
## Advertising

Classified business-card-sized text advertising is free to members for non-business ads. Commercial display ads are available to anyone at the following charges:

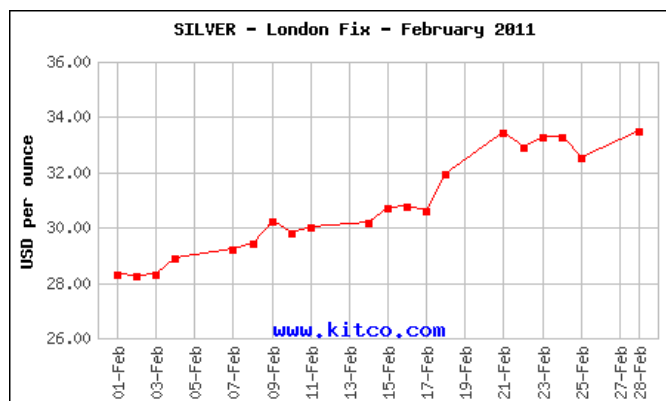
Business card size, \$6.00 per month  
 1/4 page, \$12.00 per month  
 1/2 page, \$24.00 per month  
 full page, \$48.00 per month

Advertisers are encouraged to take out ads for 12 months and receive a 3-month discount. No other discounts apply. The treasurer must receive any required payments for commercial ads prior to their inclusion.

## Gold Prices



## Silver Prices



## GOLD-N-DETECTORS

A METAL DETECTING &  
 PROSPECTING  
 CENTER



(303) 278-6622

802 Washington Ave.  
 Golden, CO 80401

E-mail: [Bill@goldendetectors.com](mailto:Bill@goldendetectors.com)

"Denver area's award winning hobby store, where we do what we sell."

- Metal Detectors
- High Bankers
- Rock Tumblers
- Books
- Goldpans
- Dredges
- Rock Picks
- Accessories

Open 9-6 Monday through Saturday,

VISA, MasterCard, Discover

BUYING-SELLING RARE COINS & CURRENCY  
 PRECIOUS METALS, DIAMONDS  
 GOLD AND SILVER JEWELRY

## COLFAX COIN CENTER

RICK D. CULVER  
 PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATIST

843 WADSWORTH BLVD.  
 303-232-0763

LAKEWOOD, CO, USA 80214  
 FAX 303-232-0867

# Contact List

Officers	Name	Home Phone	E-Mail
President	Ron Erickson	(303) 466-0453	rweuffda@comcast.net
Vice President	Steve Montaña	(303) 460-8206	actionstriping@aol.com
Secretary	Louise Smyth	(303) 477-4295	louiseasmyth@msn.com
Treasurer	John Steele	(720) 530-6169	johnsteele400@hotmail.com
Board 2012	Mary Sable	(303) 985-4385	rmrsable@aol.com
Board 2013	Terry Weatherly	(303) 423-2228	tweatherly07@comcast.net
Board 2012	Roy Neys	(303) 936-6218	coilsearch@msn.com
Board 2013	Bernie Watts	(303) 526-5383	bernie@backshopenterprises.com
Board 2013	Jeff Lubbert	(303)-487-0438	coindigr@hotmail.com
Board 2013	Sheri Muehlbauer	(303)-838-4119	smuehlbauer@msn.com
Board 2013	Terry Krelle	(303)-914-0093	akrelle52@gmail.com
Newsletter			
Editor	Bill Abercrombie	(720) 350-4614	giantsteps2333@aol.com
Internet Web Site			
Webmaster	John Lambe	(303) 840-8094	jlambe@earthlink.com
Volunteers			
PERT	Joe Carter	Nametags	Annette Krelle
HART		Coin Purchases	
Hunts Coordinator	John Steele & Mel Edington	Greeters	Rose Abercrombie
Finds Table		Orientation	
Finds Table	Bob Flier	Speakers	Steve Montaña
Drawing Table		Trophy Gal	Louise Smyth
For general Information contact the hotline: (303) 595-5448			
Visit our club on the Internet: <a href="http://www.eurekathc.com">http://www.eurekathc.com</a>			