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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 April, 7:30pm
at the
Clement Community Center
1580 Yarrow Street
(NW of Wadsworth and Colfax)
Lakewood, Colorado
Hotline: (303) 595-5448
www.eurekathc.com

April's Upcoming Hunt

By John Cornelisse

Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club April Hunt will be held Sunday, April 12, at 1 pm.

Lunch will be served at Noon where hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish.

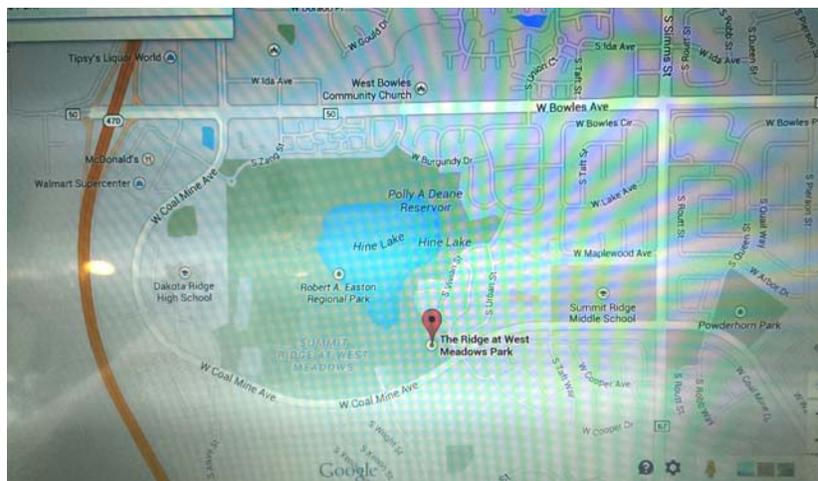
The hunt will be held at West Meadows Park, located at West Coalmine Avenue and South Van Gordon Way. (Main cross streets, C470 and Bowles Ave.)

The cost of this hunt will be Ten Dollars.

The hunt theme will be a Key Hunt. There will be buried keys with a number on the key tag, the tag number relates to a prize, and many keys will not have a tag. Along side these will be silver dimes, jewelry and tokens. Every hunter must find a tagged key to win a prize. **ONLY ONE PRIZE PER HUNTER, IF YOU FIND MORE THAN ONE TAGGED KEY, PLEASE PUT IT BACK IN THE GROUND OR GIVE IT TO ANOTHER HUNTER WHO HAS NOT FOUND ONE YET.** Please continue to hunt until time is called, but please remember, only one numbered and tagged key.

Colorado can have some finicky weather and if in doubt, please call the Eureka! Hot Line at 303-595-5448 to be sure the hunt is on for that day.

This should be a fun hunt at a very scenic park!



March's "Spring Into Silver" Hunt Report

By Jeff Lubbert

We knew that the March hunt needed to be a good one. It was hopefully going to be our first "hunt" of the year. Sure we had other gatherings at the library and the antique mall, but this was our first real hunt of 2015 with detectors and coins. But of course due to the timing of the hunt we couldn't plan on too much, such as a picnic. We could have nearly 80 degree weather or we could have 25 degrees and snow blowing sideways. As it turned out, we ended up trying to find shade as the temperature ended up in the 70's.

My plans for this hunt were quite simple, have a hunt field and plant dimes, lots of dimes. But I also wanted to throw in a twist. In past meetings we talked about the "old days" of the club and how our in-town hunts were done. We had not done one of those painted penny hunts in well over a decade, so I decided to give all of the members who attend a taste of the old days. I placed six painted pennies out in a natural park while Chris, Van, Cindy and Ron planted our real hunt field.

Chris had arrived early to the park and had hunted the play area. Part of the Old Days hunt area was the area that Chris had hit, so there were fewer targets in this portion of the park than I had hoped. But that is how detecting goes. If you aren't the first person there, there are fewer targets. One of the things that our old hunts did was get people out in the park and recover some natural targets. If you found one of the painted pennies, you got a silver dime. Just like the old days, a couple of rings were recovered during this part of the hunt. But after 15 minutes of this old school hunt, I called it and sent our hunters over to the real hunt field.

We had 30 hunters participating in the paid hunt. So that left me with a budget of just over 500 dimes and room for a token for the Spyderco knife. Unfortunately I didn't have the normal token for the knife but I did have a bag of tokens, dog tags, bobbles and knick-knacks so I



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pulled a green painted dog tag out of the bag and planted that. This green painted dog tag seemed appropriate since St Patrick's Day was just two days later. That dog tag was found by John Olson. Congrats John!

We started our regular hunt about 1:20 since the "old school" hunt started at 1:00 but lasted only 15 minutes. As the detectorists began their scan of the soil, the dimes started to come out of the ground at a rapid rate. As normal, after 15-20 minutes the targets started to become scarce and people had to work to recover more targets. After 30 minutes the field was pretty quiet and our hunters had to check those iffy signals. By this time I noticed only one detectorist that was still retrieving targets, Bill Chapman.

He had a plan that was working quite well. I think that it helped that he knew how to set up his machine to the situation that was at hand.

After 40 minutes I asked people to start hunting their way out of the field because the hunt was coming to an end. I was hearing from our club members that they thought the hunt field was "quite rich with targets" and that they were quite happy with the hunt. From what I heard, hunters had anywhere from 12-30 silver dimes for their efforts.

I would like to thank all who attended this event. I know you could have been out hitting your own spots retrieving wild targets.



But we all had fun and the weather was quite amazing.

I am looking forward to the 2015 detecting season. I hope to see you there.

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GOLD CATEGORY

James Merritt.....**10K Ring**

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg Flattened Mother of Pearl Silver Ring

Brian Henry Silver St. Christopher Medallion

Boots Lewis..... Silver Ring

Ron Erickson..... Silver Ring

Joe Johnston..... Earring

John Hinton..... Turquoise and Silver Heart Cross

John Hinton..... Onyx and Silver Ring

Pat Lucero..... Mother's Ring

John Olson **Turquoise and Silver Pendant**

COIN CATEGORY

Jeff Lubbert 1904 Indian Head Cent and 1919 Wheat Cent

Roy Neyes 1957 D Washington Quarter

Chuck Hedberg 1874 Indian Head Cent

Tonette Romero 1909 Wheat Cent

John Hinton..... Chinese Coin

Sam Knopp 1849 Large Cent

John Cornelisse **346-375AD Roman Silver Gratia**

TOKEN CATEGORY

Roy Neyes Gilpin Hotel Casino/\$1

Pat Lucero **Gilpin Hotel Casino/\$1**

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Bill Abercrombie..... Vaporizer

Joe Johnston..... Slot Tokens

Roy Neyes Baby sized Brass Knuckles

Tonette Romero 1890-1910 Barrel Spigot

Chuck Hedberg Seagram's Whiskey Ad Medallion

Cindy Bockenstedt..... Infantry Eagle Button

Win Faires..... **"Doc" Holliday .999 Silver Round**

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 - March

GOLD - James Merritt

14K Gold Ring



Jim used his Whites MXT PRO with a 9 inch double D coil to find this band on the sunny side of a soccer field about 3 inches deep.

COIN - John Cornelisse

346-375AD Roman Silver

John found this small hammered silver coin in the UK with his XP Deus. It is a Silaqua of Gratia, son of Emperor Valantin.



TOKEN - Pat Lucero

Gilpin Hotel Casino / \$1

This Blackhawk gaming token was found by Pat using his Whites MXT with an elliptical coil.



ARTIFACT - Win Faires

Lawman .999 Silver Round

Shortly after Blackhawk and Cripple Creek opened for gambling, this piece was given out as a prize from one dollar slot machines. This Limited Edition Lawman Series brass encased pure silver token commemorates "Doc" Holliday. Win found this artifact 3 inches down at Triangle Park with his XP Deus with an 11 inch coil.



JEWELRY - John Olson

Turquoise and Silver Pendant

John's first good find of the year was this turquoise pendant. Using a 6x9 inch coil on his Whites XLT, he pulled this triangular piece out of Triangle Park.



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.

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.

The Prez Sez



By
**John
Olson**

Hi everyone. Last weekend I was in semi-beautiful Alamosa where I was metal detecting at Main Street and State Avenue where an old building was demolished to create a parking lot. I was only able to search the site for a few hours on Sunday, but in that time I was approached by 7 people. Two of them were old friends that just wanted to stop and say hi. The other 5 were strangers who wanted to know what I was finding or what I was doing. I showed them the few artifacts that I dug up that had no value but were interesting to see and hold.

“How did that round ball bullet get here?” one lady asked. I showed her that it had no marks from a ram rod or rifling marks, so it was dropped. The buckle and old lids had no markings but are still fun to show off. I had to explain that the old looking penny I had in my pouch was a modern zinc penny that looks old just because of its state of deterioration.

I also showed them the trash that I dug and told them about filling in holes.

Some of the strangers said that they used to metal detect but somehow lost interest. I gave out Eureka! business cards and encouraged them to look at our website to see what people are finding, what we are doing as a club, how they can learn more about metal detecting skills and where they can purchase a quality detector.

This was cutting into my detecting time, but I was able to get a lead on another site in the area that could be good. I will find the landowner and get permission to detect sometime this spring or summer. I encourage you to pick up a couple of free Eureka! business cards at the next meeting, write your name and contact information on the back, and use them to promote the club or for communication with a landowner.

Happy Hunting,

John

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

Upcoming 2015 Events

APRIL 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

April 16, 2015

Golden: Gem of the Rockies \$15

Astor House Museum

822 12th St

Golden, CO 80401

303 278-3557

Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado
50th Anniversary Show - \$3
Antiques, Glassware, Bottles, and
Collectibles

July 25, 2015 9am-4pm

Douglas County Fairgrounds/Kirk Hall
Castle Rock, Colorado

Contact: Jeff Johnson 303 681-3776

www.antiquebottlecollectorsofcolorado.com

Dealer tables available.

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

April 18, 2015 (Saturday) and

May 1, 2015 (Friday)

Breakfast Club

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

April 12, 2015 \$10

Key Hunt

12:00pm Lunch, BRING SIDEDISH

1:00 Hunt

West Meadows Park

Contact: John Cornelisse 303 250-3335

June 14, 2015 \$100

Eureka Gold Strike Hunt/Pig Roast

3:00pm

Lazy Heart Ranch

Contact: Boots Lewis 303 941-6251

UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKERS

April Meeting

Roby Sherman

"Geocaching 101"

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

March 13, 2015

President John Olson called the Eureka! Club meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were approximately 75 present including a couple visitors.

Officers and Board members were introduced.

John Cornelisse presented the Treasurer's report.

February Hunt – Colorado Antique Gallery, Littleton – Cindy Bockenstedt
Sunday February 15th – everyone shopped at the antique gallery and then met at Las Delicias to eat and share their gallery “finds”. Prizes were awarded.

March Hunt – Spring Into Silver – Majestic View Park, Arvada - Jeff Lubbert
We will kick off 2015 with a bit of “old school” and modern detecting. You will need to be there to find out what that means.

Tip of the month – Jeff Lubbert

When detecting in water and wearing waders, check the waders for possible leaks before entering the water.

April Hunt – Key hunt - John Cornelisse

Sunday April 12th - West Meadows Park - \$10 per hunter

June Hunt – Lazy Heart Ranch, Golden - Boots Lewis

Gold Strike hunt and pig roast - \$100 per hunter

John Olson challenged everyone to find \$100 worth of finds between now and June to help cover your hunt fee.

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Our speaker tonight is **Freddy Dodge**, star of Discovery channel's Gold Rush. He answered questions regarding gold recovery in Alaska.

Lulu's Bling - sponsored by Louise Smyth, Gold-N-Detectors
Pat Lucero found the Bling at O'Kane Park, Lakewood. He received 5 gold dollars from Louise.

Tonette Romero received her 5 gold dollars from November.
Thank you, Louise, for sponsoring these hunts.

Tenacious Treasure Tracker Hunt 2 - Brian Henry
Begins April 1st – information at www.tenacioustreasuretracker.com.

Membership dues are due in April. Please fill out your membership application clearly and legibly.

\$30 single membership
\$36 family membership

General Drawing Winners

5 1943 D Steel pennies – Alan Bravo
1903 Barber dime – Terry Hirschfeld
1898 Barber dime – Ron Dunsmore
185_ Flying cent – Chuck Hedberg
1843 Large cent – Jack Hoover
1909 Barber quarter – Linda Erickson
1910 Barber quarter – Chuck Hedberg
1854 Seated quarter – Fran Espinoza
1851 3 cent piece – Chuck Hedberg
Dos peso – Vince DiPrimo
Space Shuttle \$5 commemorative coin – Jeff Lubbert
253-268 Roman Gallienos – Chuck Hedberg



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Last Chance Drawing Winners

Set of metric sockets – Jeff Lubbert

Places Around the Bases – Ron Roberson

A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains – Boots Lewis

Ft Wallace –

Thank you to everyone who donated to our last chance drawings.



Membership Drawing Winner

Bill Chapman - won a silver dime

Holiday Drawing – silver dollar

Tonette Romero

Finds of the Month Winners – each won a silver dime

Gold category - James Merritt

Coin category - John Cornelisse

Token category - Pat Lucero

Artifact category - Win Faires

Jewelry category - John Olson

Thank you to everyone who brought food tonight.



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The February meeting was coming up quickly and his schedule was busy, so we tentatively scheduled him to speak at the March meeting and planned to touch base as the date got closer.

VISIT FROM FREDDY DODGE

By Linda Erickson

“What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.” Not this time. Boots Lewis ran into Colorado’s own “Gold Rush” star Freddy Dodge at the SHOT (shooting, hunting, outdoor trade) show held in Las Vegas in January. Boots passed along Freddy’s phone number to me and suggested I contact him to come speak to our club.



I thought it would be a good idea to contact Freddy while his memory of Boots and the Spyderco knife Boots gave him were fresh in his mind. Expecting voice mail, imagine my surprise when I called the number and Freddy answered. After getting over the initial shock that I was speaking to him directly and not leaving a message, I proceeded to introduce myself and asked if he would be willing to come speak to the Eureka! Club.



I have to admit that I wasn’t convinced we could pull this off. The March meeting coincided with the last “Gold Rush” show of the season so there was some concern about whether Freddy would have to tweet for the Discovery Channel during the meeting. We even talked about the logistics of streaming the last show at the meeting so he could tweet if necessary. We traded a number of calls over the next month and just days before the March meeting, I received confirmation that he would

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be able to come speak.

We thought the best course of action for his visit would be to conduct a question and answer session. Freddy's expertise in the area of gold mining triggered some interesting questions from the club members and guests.

Freddy got started in hobby prospecting at a very young age, which turned into a passion, which turned into a career, which eventually led to what we see on the Discovery Channel's "Gold Rush". He made it clear that he makes his money from gold, not "Gold Rush".

He was approached by Todd Hoffman to be on "Gold Rush". Freddy said that, despite what some people may think, Todd is a very bright guy and a genuinely nice person. In the beginning Freddy said he didn't think the show would last. He thought it would appear at 2:00 a.m. on PBS

after an old episode of Star Trek. "Gold Rush" is now the most popular show on the Discovery Channel.

Freddy has studied all the different gold rushes, which no doubt contributes to his success. He said his most important tool is a good gold

pan. He also talked quite a bit about mining equipment, water flow and sluicing techniques, and how dredges work.

Freddy had some great stories about bear encounters and the UK film crew's fear of bears. His talk was very educational as well as entertaining. He has a great sense of humor.

Freddy did not come to sell gold, but I told him there may be members who would like to purchase gold. Freddy brought gold from the third season of "Gold Rush" mined from Quartz Creek in the Yukon Territory, and some gold he mined in Colorado. The club also purchased the one 6 gram nugget Freddy brought. He



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also presented our club some autographed photos of the “Gold Rush” cast that will be prizes in the upcoming June “Gold Strike, Rush to the Ranch” hunt and pig roast. Additionally, Freddy autographed a gold pan that Ron and I purchased and have donated as a prize for the June hunt.

It was an honor and privilege to hear Freddy speak to the group. In appreciation, we presented Freddy with a Eureka! club hat and a club coin. Wouldn't it be nice to see him wear that hat in a future episode of “Gold Rush”?



Coin Shooters – How Much Are You Finding?

By Chris Davis

How successful should the average fellow be with his/her metal detector? We all have seen the metal detector advertisements in magazines, on the internet and even on television, showing some fellow with a brand new detector and a pile of coins and gold rings he dug up on his first trip out. Wow! There must be nothing to it.

In his book, Treasure Hunting with Minelab Detectors, Volume 2. Successful Coin Hunting, author Andy Sabisch referred to a book by metal detecting pioneer, Charles Garrett. He quoted Mr. Garrett as saying, “With a metal detector, you can find at least 5,000 coins a year”. Mr. Sabisch contended this statement was even more true “today” (1998) because of the improved metal detector technology available. Well, perhaps.

One is led to believe anyone can go out and duplicate these feats on a routine basis, but how realistic is this? What can the average fellow really expect to find? I examined my own records in 2003, and again in 2014, to see. I keep pretty good records and like to think I am a fairly avid metal detector who regularly searches the local school yards, parks, several freshwater ponds and when down south, made periodic runs to the Gulf Coast. My friends tell me I am rather “extreme” when it comes to data collection. Actually, the word they used has 4 letters, starts with “a” and ends with “l”. Never-the-less, it is true I carefully record each trip, where I went, how long I searched and precisely what I found. I used a Minelab Sovereign for land work and a Minelab Excalibur in the water.

During the 4 ½ year period from 1998 to 2003 records indicated I spent 478 hours hunting and found 6,179 coins. It appears I fell a bit below Mr. Garrett’s predicted level of 5,000 coins a year. Considerably below. During the period I made 173 trips which averaged 2.8 hours per trip. I averaged finding **1,373** coins a year. I found over 100 coins on only 8 occasions. The most coins I dug up on 1 trip was 148. I uncovered 50 or more coins on 47 trips. I found 13 coins per hour of hunting, and averaged \$1.05 per hunt. During the period, 9 gold and 16 silver rings were recovered.

What are your chances of finding a particular coin denomination? According to my data, for every 1,000 coins I found, 473 of them were pennies. I could expect to find 1 penny for every 10 minutes of searching. Odds of finding other coins are

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listed in the following table:

<u>Clad</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Per 1,000 Coins</u>	<u>Find Per Time Searched</u>
Pennies	2,923	473	1/10 min.
Nickels	775	125	1/37 min.
Dimes	1,280	207	1/22 min.
Quarters	1,193	193	1/24 min.
Halves	4	0.6	1/120 hrs.
Dollars	3	0.6	1/120 hrs.
A Coin	6,179		1/ 5 min.

Who cares what I found down south ten years ago. So, I worked up my 2014 data for Colorado. Granted, this was my first year up here, and I am still learning the area.

During 2014 I hunted on 82 days and compiled 209 hours of search time. I found **1,544** coins which totaled \$118.95. (You will note I cleverly did not say how much I spent on gas). This included 4 dollar coins, 279 quarters, 309 dimes, 105 nickels, 847 pennies and 1 Euro 20c. I averaged finding 18.8 coins, or \$0.57 per hunt. I hunted 65 different locations, many multiple times. The coins included 1 silver quarter and 3 wheat-ears.



I found 39 rings during the period: 1 gold, 11 silver, 2 tungsten, 1 titanium, 3 stainless steel and 21 “other”.

Yeah, yeah. I know if I had been using a White’s or a Garrett, my numbers would have been much better. On the other hand, if my numbers for the first 2 months of 2015 are any indication, returns this year will be much better.

Other miscellaneous items found during the year included: 71 lead fishing sinkers, 15 fishing lures, 4 hooks, 1 fishing rod bell, 19 toy cars, 13 keys, 1 key light, 1 car remote, 9 sunglasses, 4 dog tags, 4 spoons, 14 golf balls, 2 carabineers, 2 locks, 2 magnets, 4 lighters, 1 bullet knife, 1 pair of fake handcuffs, 1 .44 Henry bullet casing,

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1 loaded .30-06 bullet, 17 assorted neckless pendants, 6 earrings, 4 religious medals, 2 bracelets, 3 necklaces, 1 watch, 1 Kiwanis Club pin, 1 Rotary Club coin, 6 game tokens, 1 pewter ladybug, ½ cell phone, 1 blackberry battery, 1 laser pointer, 1 robot, 3 tent stakes, 1 badminton racket, 1 dope baggie.

If my efforts are any indication, it is evident I do not need to quit my day job anytime soon to go into professional metal detecting for a living. Oh wait, I have already retired. Oh well.

I may not be good, but I have discovered persistence pays. Some time ago a famous ballplayer was talking to a reporter who commented about how many lucky plays the ballplayer had made. The ballplayer agreed, he was indeed lucky, “and you know, the more I practice, the luckier I get”. It is the same thing with many endeavors, including metal detecting. The more you hunt and work at it, the luckier you are going to be. It is a statistical probability.

Most of us, if we do not delude ourselves, metal detect for the recreational value. Beats the health out of sitting around the house watching Oprah and eating bon-bons. We are big kids who like finding things. We are interested in the historical and personal context of the items we find. We hunt where we can, when we can, and keep in the back of our minds there is always the chance we will “strike it big”. Good luck and good hunting.

More photos from Eureka! events in March



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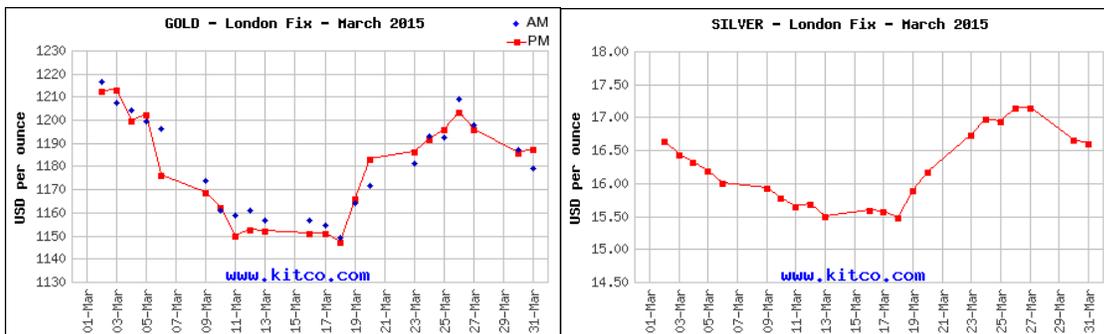
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If you want to learn more about your detector or how to detect, or cement friendships, this is a great opportunity to tap into other member's experience or to get together for a fun outing.



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Why Do YOU Metal Detect?

by Bill Chapman

If your answer to the question in the title is not “for the FUN of it”, perhaps you should reexamine your motivation. To assist you in getting a new or renewed perspective, I would like to introduce you to a dynamic group of detectorists in New Hampshire. They call themselves Stealth Diggers!

While not as famous as George “KG” Wyant and Tim “Ringy” Saylor from the Diggers television series, Stealth Diggers embody the FUN aspect in metal detecting. Within the enjoyment of producing their weekly episodes, the Stealth Diggers practice good detecting habits, educate, inform and entertain. All this, and more, while producing a quality weekly video program, each one preceded by an introduction and short fanfare (click the logo link at the end of the article to *listen* to the fanfare). They have been around for a while as the current episode is #74.

The group’s originator is a highly talented professional musician named Digger Charlie. He wrote and performs the totally bodacious music we enjoy as we watch the videos, or in my case, riding in my vehicle. You can obtain your very own album, [The Third Life – Sounds Of Stealth](#) on e-Bay for only \$5.00. Just search for

Stealth Diggers. They have t-shirts too! Charlie wrote and performs the music and does the videography and editing on the YouTube videos.

Along with a cast of characters and detecting buddies, the Stealth Diggers include: Thunder Chief (John), Mr. Keebler (who reminds me of Hopalong Cassidy’s sidekick California), Keebler San, Jay-Mo, Just Bob, Faceless George, Sir Beardon of Diggertown (Nate), Stoneman, Trooper Bri, Kamikaze Kurt, and Shotgun Wayne, to name a few. It is vicariously through these guys that we are returned to the FUN of metal detecting. Each of these unique personalities add to the storyline and antics. Many are amateur radio operators as well as detectorists and are active on social media also. Charlie and Mr. Keebler were guests on Relic Roundup hosted by our own Jeff Lubbert in February of this year. It is truly a pleasure to visit the Stealth Digger shack or travel with the boys each week in the Keebler-mobile (Kit) or Thunder Chief’s yellow truck.

They are searching a long lost colonial colony named Siscatchiwah somewhere in New Hampshire, the “Live Free or Die” state. In travelling

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into the deep woods looking for cellar holes, old roads and fields, they locate a variety of buttons and other artifacts as well as old colonial coins. Stealth Diggers are actively involved with local historians and museums. With the aid of a 'secret map', they coordinate and sometimes associate their finds with individuals from Siscatchiwah's past.

If you do not know of or follow Stealth Diggers on YouTube (be sure to subscribe) take a look. I would recommend starting with episode #73 – First Week Flashback. There are many other really good episodes. Some of my favorites have been #56 – Across the River, #71 – Just Just Bob, #58 – Dig With the Wind, #53 - The Well Smell and #45 – The Derry Air. Unlike commercial television detecting programs I tend to watch Stealth Diggers episodes more than once. A new episode is posted on YouTube at 6:00pm each Thursday evening (EDT).

While I have never met any of the Stealth Diggers, they are the kind of guys I would like to hunt with. To paraphrase Digger Charlie, the actual treasures of metal detecting are not the coins, buttons or artifacts we find, but the historical knowledge, camaraderie, fellowship and friendships we make. I should point out that sasquatch (aka Sam Squanch) is a character of frequent mention.

Soundoff April, 2015

In closing I'll quote Digger Charlie, "Stay young and always keep 'em guessin'". These boys are FUN!



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