

The *Soundoff*

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The Prez Sez



WOW it's August already. July was HOT in so many ways. It was the Best of Times and the Best of Times. The tale of two towns--one was Eureka Junction and the other was Central City. Thanks to Bill, Boots and all their helpers for one smoking hot hunt. Son of a Gun II was so hot it had to rain for a few minutes to cool us all off. The finds were exciting, the pig roast was tasty, and the snakes were few.

The Hart Team is working a project on Main Street in Central City. This project has a lot of potential but so far not a lot of results. We have made a few finds and have had a lot of fun.

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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 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, August
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It will be interesting to see what else will come out of the ground. Our August Meeting will have multiple Guest speakers at our Day at the Beach meeting it should be a real good time. Happy Hunting

The Treasure Hunt, that is.

By Bill Chapman

Sunday, July 10, was a very special day for 43 members of Eureka! Those members had registered for the Son of A Gun II relic hunt. It was a beautiful, sunlit day, and the large hunt field had received rain daily for the past week. The ground, however, had soaked up the rain and while not muddy, it was damp enough for easy digging. The weather prediction was "hot, with a chance of thundershowers." How prophetic that prediction was to become.

Hosted by Boots and Laura Lewis; and Boot's parents, Marvin and Sally, the hunt was on the Lazy Heart Ranch only a few miles north of Golden. Not only was it a large-scale hunt but it was a pig roast as well. Marv and Boots put Porky in the roaster at 3 o'clock in the morning so he would be ready for lunch at noon.

About 10 years ago, this acreage was the site of the original Son of A Gun hunt. In that deep relic event, it had been laid out

as the ghost town site of the town of Eureka. In this hunt, it was the crossroads of pioneer trails, a railroad line and a military encampment known as Eureka Junction. In a different time era, the area had been used as a scout camp. Before going further, a BIG THANK YOU needs to go out to the entire Lewis family for making this hunt possible. Thanks also to those who donated or contributed items for the hunt: Ron and Linda Erickson, Jeff Lubbert, Boots and Laura Lewis, Gold -N- Detectors and the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club. In total, more than 2,000 targets, including a \$1 Indian Princess gold coin, put into the ground over a three-week period. Those evenings and weekends were punctuated by rain storms and lightening bolts but everything got planted.

Each participant was given a small "history booklet" upon sign-in with Louise Smyth, the club Secretary and new owner of Gold -N- Detectors. Contained in the booklet was historical information and photos as to how trails were made and used, how the military set up camp and how a railroad was built. In short, there were clues for the intrepid treasure hunter to follow. Additionally there were three costumed reenactors (see photograph) from the past in full dress. These three had lived during the time that Eureka Junction was a lively little community and had knowledge as to where certain treasures might likely be found. That knowledge was not just given out freely, however. Cont'd on P. 12

Secretary's Report

July 8, 2011

President Ron Erickson called the July meeting to order at 7:30. There were approximately 59 members present and several guests.

Great snacks were brought by several members including **Sheri Muehlbauer, Mary Sable,** and **Mary Norden.** Thanks to everyone who brought food! If **you** can bring some yummys for the August meeting, members would definitely enjoy them!

Old Business

There were three club activities in June—the monthly hunt, the Merchandise Mart exhibit of shipwreck treasure and the hunt of the Breckenridge ski slopes. **Terry Weatherly** was the huntmaster in Breckenridge. Really, everybody had a chance to have fun in June.

John Steele was July's guest speaker. He told us about his great vacation in Vermont. He

certainly had some great finds, e.g. a Fugio cent, and he has a great opportunity to hunt another area in Vermont. His finds emphasized again that what you guess is a trash target could very well be a great find.

New membership badges and handbooks are available.

New Business

Bill Chapman and **Boots Lewis** were the huntmasters for the July hunt (July 10), the Son of the Gun II. See Bill's article in this newsletter. It truly was the blow-out hunt of the summer with unusual targets and rare coins—even a gold coin.

A number of club members (including Cindy Bockenstedt; Ron and Linda Erickson; John Lambe; Jeff Lubbert; Roy Neys; Ron and Mary Norden; and Terry Weatherly) on the HART team have been detecting in Central City as the town has been putting in new sidewalks/pavement.

Lulu's Bling Clue Hunt

Steve and **Yvonne Montaño** found Lulu's Bling at Hallack Park.

Eureka! is considering making donations to two groups: Operation Warm Heart of the Buckley First Sergeants and the Colorado National Guard Family Assistance Program. These programs provide support to personnel and their families.

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 suggested changing the puzzle format to bring new interests to the game. Please check out his new puzzle format.page 6

General Drawing

Gold Nugget Drawing (.9g)
 Linda Erickson
 Christmas Drawing(1888 Silver Dollar) Chuck Sanders

General Drawing

1833 Capped Bust Half Dollar
 Boots Lewis
 1864 2 Cent
 Bill Chapman
 1904 Morgan Dollar
 Bill Chapman
 1851 Large Cent
 Bob Flier
 1868 Five Cent
 Sheri Muehlbauer
 1912 V Nickel Jeff
 Lubbert
 1862 Indian Head Cent
 Ron Erickson
 1866 3 Cent
 Boots Lewis
 Flying Eagle Cent
 Louise Smyth
 Panda Gold Coin
 Richard Munro

Membership Drawings

Terry Krelle and Nancy Faires

LuLubelle's Lost Bling Treasure Puzzle

A cryptogram is an encoded message. The code used is called a simple substitution cypher. This means that the message is encoded by replacing each letter in the message with a different letter of the alphabet. Every time a particular letter occurs in the message, it is replaced with the same code letter. It works like this:

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was white as snow.
XTNB LTZ T SCAASQ STXV, CAI DSQQWQ GTI GLCAQ TI IPRG.

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 letters 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.

H ABCW YVZNNPJM HB EZYBEZ, HWFHTH
JDRXCW YPK VDJWTWCT YCFCJBO-YPK,
IDID GCJB HEWZYY BVC YBWCCB BZ
BVC CICRCJBHWO YEVZZI BZ NIHO
ZJ BVC YIPTCY HJT YGPJMY. GVPIC
IZZQPJM HB BVC GCYBCWJ YBHBCY,
YVC IZYB VCW XIPJM.

Winners of the Month

GOLD CATEGORY --- John Olson 1 Oz Gold Nugget-Alaska

John found this 1 oz. gold nugget in the gold fields of Alaska at Ganes Creek. It was 1 of 4 nuggets he found using a White's V3i detector & 10" coil at a depth of about 8 inches. *The VDI number was the same as a pulltab.*
Good Job, John. Nice Find!



COIN CATEGORY - Jay Reed

Standing Liberty Quarter

Jay nailed this wonderful silver coin in Brighton with his Minelab E



Trac Pro with an 11" coil. Nice to see some silver coming out of the ground, eh, Jay? Good Find..

ARTIFACT - Boots Lewis

Antique Bell

Boots Lewis Does it again with his MXT and the 9.5 Coil.



JEWELRY -Boots Lewis-Titanium Ring

With his White's MXT and 9.5 inch Coil, Boots brings home the ring. Good Goin' Pardner.



TOKEN

None



Eureka!'s August Birthdays

- Mark Bennett
- Ron Erickson
- David Hertz
- Don Jensen
- Joe Johnston
- Linda Kibler
- Jeff Lubbert
- Frank Moran
- Mary Jo Moran
- Ryan Mueller
- Roy Reyes



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.



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September 2011

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Vice Presidents Report—Steve Montano

Here I am once again turning in my article for our newsletter late. (Sorry Bill) Summer months are very busy for me with all the parking lots needing to be striped, that's why I look forward to November. November is when I do most of my detecting back in southern New Mexico with my dad and brother. We metal detect in an area about 15 miles northwest of Socorro known as Ladron which means thief in Spanish. The area has seen various military engagements throughout the years' the latest recorded being the ambush in 1881 of a US Cavalry force in the Rio Salado Box south of Ladron Peak by a band of Apaches led by the famous chief Nana. The area is steeped in legends and stories, some true, some probably not of conquistadors, buried Civil War cannons, lost treasure, lost bandit gold, and desperado hideouts. There is also evidence that prehistoric man had inhabited this region before. So feel free to come up after the meeting if you have any questions .

QUEST SPEAKER FOR AUGUST 12 MEETING at 7:30pm

Mystery Guest Speaker
this month, fun-filled
and interesting program
by Steve and Ron.
Don't Miss It!

Our JULY SON OF A GUN HUNT at Lazy Heart Ranch

that bordered the military camp site. That was the prize that many sought but still, it took hours to locate.

After eating lunch, John Hinton located a second cache (see photograph) in a hollow limb of the "hanging tree." Many good single coins of significant value were found by others, yet the gold coin eluded the hunters.

At about 2 o'clock, the skies grew dark and ominous. The driving rain was preceded by a microburst of wind which turned over the tents and shelters and all of the food tables were dashed to the ground. All sought the shelter of their vehicles until as fast as it came, the storm trailed off to the east. No real harm was done but the remaining two pans of beautiful roasted pork was lost to the coyotes. Jeff Lubbert was introduced to electrical induction as the metal frame pop-up he was holding onto took a charge from a nearby lightening bolt. Several others, myself included, got soaked pretty much.

As the storm moved away, the hunters went back out. Several 'bribes' were accepted by the reenactors who gave clues as to the location of the gold coin. Alas, at the end of the hunt, it had not been located. Other than the storm, the hunt was truly a great one and was enjoyed by all...including the local coyotes. What became of the gold coin? Come to the next meeting and find out.

ANOTHER GREAT HUNT PROVIDED BY THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS..THANKS,
Y'ALL!)

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.

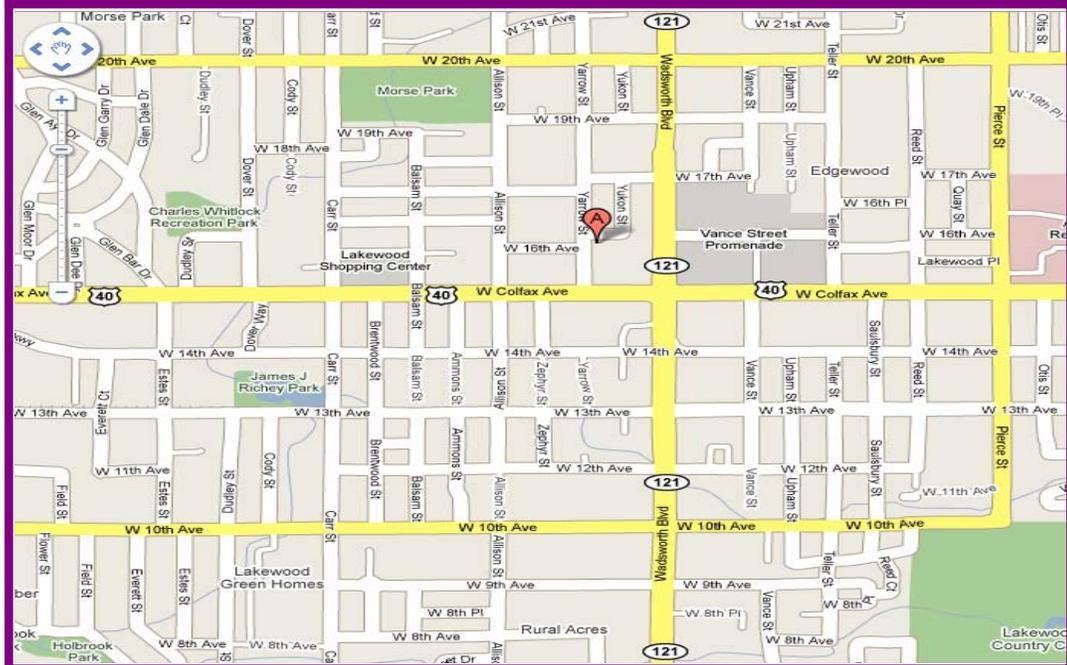
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GOLD CATEGORY

John Olson1 Oz Gold Nugget
John Norton.....1 Gold Charm
Mary Norton..... Gold Ring

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Boots Lewis.....Titanium Ring
Mark Norton.....Ring
Ron Dunsmore.....Tennis Bracelet
John Cornelisse Bracelet
Ron Dunsmore.....Necklace

COIN CATEGORY

Jay Reed Standing Liberty Quarter
Boots Lewis.....1968 D Half

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Boots Lewis.....Small Antique Metal Bell
Joe Johnston1940 USNAVY Blue Jackets Manual
Linda Kibler.....Integrated Circuit

Token Category
None this month

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.

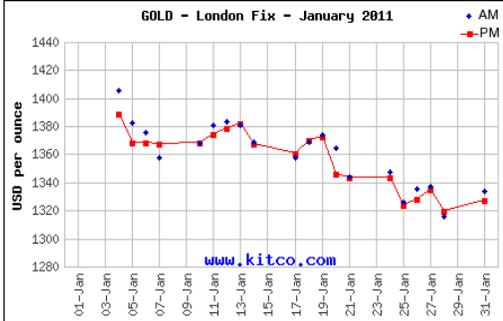
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Huntmaster Report

By John Hnton

August In-Town Silver
Pot Luck Barbeque Hunt
–Sunday, August 14th

Lasley Park is the
location (W Florida and S
Pierce, Lakewood, Colo.)

Parking at the Elementary
School parking Lot is
recommended. Porta
Potty is onsite.

Barbeque by John Hinton
will start at 11:30 a.m.,
Hunt will commence at 1
p.m..

There will be some
SILVER targets . The
hunt fee is \$10. payable

at the park. Hope to see
you all there! Please
Bring some edibles.
Thanks! .



