

The *Soundoff*



EUREKA! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc.

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You Never Know What You'll Find **August's Hunt Report**

By John Cornelisse

Twenty four hunters were present for a BBQ lunch of burgers and hot dogs, followed by a hunt on a expansive field loaded with 200 silver dimes, 50 buffalo nickels, 100 wheat pennies and a sack full of keys, and whatever that were amassed through the year and put back in the ground to be found again. Most were related to a prize that were given away after the hunt, and most all hunters received a prize. From the feedback, the hunt was a fun success. Thanks to planters Randy Sable, Doug McConnell, Chris Davis and cook John Hinton who all helped in making a successful hunt. Tom Conroy won the pull card prize of a silver round and John Olson found the Spyderco knife token.



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Joining Eureka! Membership Dues

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

Renewals due in April.



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

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.

Treasure Coast Gold - Class Ring

By Jeff Lubbert

In 2010 Michael Gijanto was vacationing in Vero Beach, Florida with family. His son, John, was wearing Michael's 1974 Ticonderoga High School class ring. While playing around in the Atlantic Ocean, jumping in and out of the water, John realized that Michael's ring was now missing. When that ring came off was uncertain. Michael was upset, but there was nothing that they could do to bring the ring back. So that was it, the ring was gone.

The beaches around Vero Beach are some of the most detected beaches in the world. On June 31st of 1715, twelve Spanish ships carrying a vast array of treasure sank in a hurricane just off the shore line of this area. After Kip Wagner discovered a Spanish 8 reale coin on the beach near Sabastian, FL in the late 1950's,



he soon purchased a \$15 surplus metal detector and began detecting the beaches recovering literally buckets of Spanish reale coins. Since that initial discovery there have been dozens of detectorists on these beaches almost daily. Not only that, but there are at least a dozen boats out in the water using all kinds of techniques to recover that lost treasure from centuries past.

Yes, treasure still washes up onto the beaches occasionally. Typically you hear of treasure being found on the beaches after a large nor'easter or hurricane. These types of storms pull the sand off the beaches and items that were once under feet of sand are now within a detectors range.

A couple of years ago Mel King, owner of Big Blue Wreck Salvage, invited me down to Florida to check out his operation. Big Blue Wreck Salvage is part owner of the claims for salvage for the 1715 fleet. I was intending to go down in 2015, but Mel told me that the area would be a zoo with the 300th anniversary going on. He suggested that I wait till later in the season or till 2016 to come down and check out his operation. On the 300th anniversary, Mel's boat the "Capitana" came across several gold coins. I would have been down there during this discovery if I had followed my instincts. But not being around during this monumental discovery isn't the worst thing in the world. That made sure that I would be down there this summer.

I flew down to Orlando on July 30, 2016 and returned on August 2nd. It wasn't go-

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ing to be a long trip but I was hoping that the weather would cooperate and that I would get to see Mel's boat in action. And if luck was with them, I would get to see some treasure recovered. Well, that wasn't the case. While I was there the weather did cooperate and the dive boat was out but no treasure was recovered. I did get to see a few recently recovered, truly incredible pieces; a couple of gold rings and a few mortars (mortar and pestle).



Mel and I made plans to do some detecting on the beaches while I was there. The weather was exceptionally hot while I was down there and there were even weather warnings being broadcast on the TV. Mel and I decided to detect at night in order to avoid the heat of the day. We met around 1:30AM and detected till around 4:00 in the morning. Nothing exciting was found, as a matter of fact very little was found. I found myself detecting several hours during the morning and in the evening as well. The evening of July 31st/August 1st I went out detecting around 11:30PM. A few minutes into my search I received a signal on my



CTX and dug a 16" x 16" x 12" deep hole with my water scoop in the moist sand. I checked the hole and the signal was out and in the pile of sand. After a bit of spreading out of the sands, a brassy/green clump appeared caked in sand. After a very quick brushing of the sand, a ring's shape appeared. I was amazed, like I said above, these beaches are detected each and every day. This signal should have been picked up by a few guys that were detecting the area earlier in the day. Somehow they had missed it.

I snapped a quick picture and then examined the ring, the stone was missing. I was a bit disappointed in that fact, but was happy as I knew that the ring must be gold. I filled in the hole but then decided that I should check the hole for additional signals. There was another signal so I dug it out again. Was it another ring or was it a pull tab? Maybe it was a two escudo masked by the ring. I sorted through the sand again and the missing class ring stone with the surrounding gold setting was now in my possession. This stone surround had the wording, "Ticonderoga High School" on it. The ring had a date of 1974 on it so I was feeling confident that with a bit of cleaning of the ring I would be able to come up with a name.

After I returned home I began cleaning the ring. I first started out with toothpicks

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trying to pick at the green encrustation that had grown on it. Due to the ring being 10 karat gold, it is only 41.7% gold and brass being common filler, the green was the brass corroding. After several minutes of fruitless cleaning attempts, I began using Dow scrubbing bubbles to try to clean the ring. This method worked great and soon the ring was looking like something that a person would want to wear again.



Now began my hunt for the proper owner, naturally I began in Facebook. I found the Ticonderoga High School class of 1975 and the Ticonderoga High School alumni association. I sent, each of these two, messages stating why I was contacting them. Due to the name being inscribed by hand on the inside of the band I thought the name was Michael Syanto. After a few conversations with the alumni association it became clear that Michael's last name is Gijanto. Michael's brother John was contacted by the alumni association to check with his brother to see if he had lost a class ring while in Florida. Per the first paragraph of this story, Michael did lose his ring 6 ½ years earlier and was amazed that not only had I found it but also that I wanted to return his ring. When we discussed where he had lost the ring, it became clear that this ring had an incredible story. The ring was lost 5-6 miles south of where I found it.



As of the writing of this article, Michael has received his ring and it is at the jewellers getting further cleaned and repairs done. According to Michael, the story of this ring's adventures and its return is making the rounds up and down the East Coast.

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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 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 September, 7:30pm
at the
Clement Community Center
1580 Yarrow Street
(NW of Wadsworth and Colfax)
Lakewood, Colorado 80214
Hotline: (303) 595-5448
www.eurekathc.org

RUSH UPDATE

September 2016

By Linda Erickson
Rush to the Rockies Chairman



The location is reserved, the Rush to the Rockies Hunt committee has had its initial meeting, coins are being purchased, and we expect to have the final flyer and entry form out to the public by September 15. We will also have some flyers at the September meeting. We would like club members to get an opportunity to sign up before it goes public. The hunt, to be held July 21-23, 2017 at Pickle Gulch Campground, (near Blackhawk, CO) will be limited to 85 participants. You can expect five spectacular hunts over the course of two days, a free kids hunt, fireside chats for those staying the night, guest speakers, prizes and a lot of fun and camaraderie. You can join the fun for an entry fee of \$250 (camping and lunch fees excluded).

We want to make this the hunt that everyone talks about in a good way. In order to do that, we are seeking donations for token prizes and door prizes. If you work for a business or know of someone who works for a business that might have an item to donate, please ask for a contribution. I've been purchasing some small prizes for the kids hunt and some larger door prizes or token prizes that I find at a good price. If you are in a position to make a donation, it's a good time to watch for seasonal closeout items that might make good door prizes like camp chairs, coolers, knives, head lamps, gloves, etc.

We were contacted by some folks in New Mexico this past week who have been to four or our national hunts and are excited that Rush to the Rockies is back. The word is spreading!

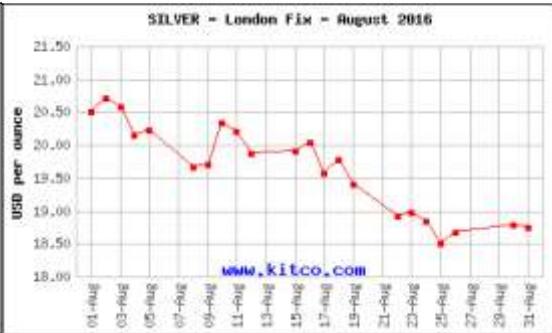
SELL YOUR SILVER

With our national Rush to the Rockies Hunt approaching, Eureka! is open to purchasing U.S. silver coins (minimum of 50 coins) or gold from our members. Please contact Ron Erickson 720 633-1967 or Jeff Lubbert 303 618-5179.

Gold Prices



Silver Prices



Baseball caps with the Eureka! logo are available for \$10.00. Metal detector lapel pins - \$2.00, Eureka! window decals - \$1.00, water bottles - \$5.00 and patches - \$3.00.

Chuck Hedberg has made and donated some items that can be used in club hunts including copper and tokens that will give specific VDI numbers. Thanks for those and your previous donations.



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



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.

DAVVDR DSDSMRDDR UOB HROZAWY O WRU
MGGE VAVDRZ HRZ HGQEB: VTR QGWQRHV
NROHB. VTR MGGE AWWHGZSQRB YRGHYR
QHOCWRH VTR KABAGWOHN MRTAWZ VTR HRZ
HGQEB OCXTAVTROVHR OWZ UAWVRH XOHE.
BTR KABAVRZ VTR DOHYR BVGWR BSWZAOD
QODRWZOH AW O XOHE MROHAWY TAB WOCR.
BTR UOWVRZ O ZHAWE PHGC VTR ZOWARD
DGSAB VGSP UOVRH PGSWVOAW MSV AV
UOB WGV UGHEAWY BG BTR BOV GW O
WROHMN MRWQT VG DGGE OV VTR XHRVVN
PDGURHB. BTR DGBV TRH MDAWY OYOAW.

Prez Sez

By
John Olson



September 2016
CLICK, CLIQUE, BANG!

Greetings from semi-beautiful Watkins, Colorado! I hear talk occasionally about Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club being cliquish. To some members it may appear to be true but I have not seen these cliques. I have been in Eureka! for over 13 years and have seen the club and its members from all sides, as a stranger-newcomer, a new member, an active member, a board member and as president.

First, let me define 'clique'. According to social sciences, a clique is a group of people who interact with each other and share similar traits and interests. Interacting within cliques is a normal part of social development. People that are a part of a clique are bonded together by similar characteristics. Cliques exist in all age groups from kids to seniors, from rich to poor, and all religions and races. Cliques can be formed among athletes, nerds, workmates, fraternities and sororities. They often feel superior to others and people can be banned from a clique if they do something unacceptable to the group.

After joining Eureka! I noticed a small group of members that always hung out together and metal detected together. They were just a group of friends with similar interests and I never considered them to be a clique. They hunted together and would have some amazing finds on the Finds Table. It was OK because they did the research and it was their spot to hunt.

I remember one member that researched a hidden cache for months that started from a tip. He read up on the place and person that hid the cache, he talked to people and after all his work he was able to locate the site and recover the cache of coins and gold. Would you expect him to tell everyone in the club to detect for this cache with him after he found the site? Of course we wouldn't. And that is the reason that some groups of friends at Eureka! may seem cliquish, but they are really just a group of friends. They don't feel superior to others and

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they don't ban members. They just share the same research and hunt sites. I have always found Eureka! to be friendly and I was accepted with open arms. I continue to welcome others to our club and I try to include them in all our activities and many have become my new friends.

This is my view of Eureka! as I see it. If you want to be included in some of the "cliques" in Eureka!, try the following: Breakfast Club, PERT, HART, monthly club hunts, board meetings and club meetings!

Thanks to Tin Man for sharing his story of his hunt for the cache. He inspired me to get out there and do research!

I get a big 'Bang' out of Eureka! and I hope you do too.

John

September 2016

2nd - Breakfast Club 9am
2nd - Newsletter Published
7th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
9th - General Meeting 7:30pm
11th - Coinhuna Hunt 12:00
17th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
30th - *Soundoff* Deadline

October 2016

7th - Breakfast Club 9am
7th - Newsletter Published
12th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
14th - General Meeting 7:30pm
15th - Breakfast Club
16th - Scavenger Hunt 11:30am
28th - *Soundoff* Deadline

November 2016

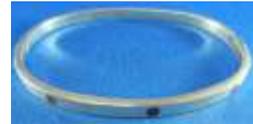
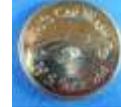
4th - Breakfast Club 9am
4th - Newsletter Published
9th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
11th - General Meeting 7:30pm
13th - Club Hunt
19th - Breakfast Club 9am
25th - *Soundoff* Deadline

Find of the Month Gold Category Entries A Closer Look



The Gold Category was loaded with entries.

Find of the Month Entries A Closer Look



FIND THE MONTH

GOLD CATEGORY

Chris Davis	.....	"Bryan" Pendant
Chris Davis	.....	14K White Gold Men's Ring
Chris Davis	.....	14K Five Diamond Woman's Band
Mary Sable	.....	10K with 42 Baguette Diamonds Woman's Ring
Jay Reed	.....	10K Mother's Ring with Gems
John Hinton	.....	10K Braided Hoop Earring
Joe Johnston	.....	Heart Necklace
Joe Johnston	.....	10K Butterfly Pendant and Necklace
Joe Johnston	.....	14K Pendant & Chain
Jeff Lubbert	.....	10K 1974 Ticonderoga Class Ring (returned)
John Olson	.....	14K 1989 Scottsbluff Class Ring (returned)
Debbie Neys	.....	1956 Incarnate Word College Class Ring
Ron Graves	.....	2011 University of Southern California Class Ring
Jack Hoover	.....	10K 1982 Texas A&M Class Ring (returned)

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Chris Davis	.....	Silver Bracelet
Brian Henry	.....	Silver Heart Ring
John Olson	.....	Silver with Large Quartz Crystal Pendant
Mary Sable	.....	Silver Tree Of Life Ring
Bernice Ortiz	.....	Silver with Pearl Ring
Bernice Ortiz	.....	Colored Rhinestones Barret
Jay Read	.....	Woman's Seiko Watch
Jim Griffin	.....	Spanish Silver Ring
Roy Neys	.....	Silver Dog Bone "Colfax" Pendant/Dog Tag
Pat Lucero	.....	Silver Cubical Ring
Pat Lucero	.....	Tungsten Band Ring
Ron Norden	.....	Silver Hearts Bracelet
Jeff Erlichman	.....	Silver Claddagh Ring
Cindy Bockenstedt	.....	Alien Charm
Jeff Erlichman	.....	Silver with Marcasite Ring

COIN CATEGORY

Chuck Hedberg	.....	1900 Indian Head Cent
Joe Johnston	.....	1946 Wheat Cent
Alan Bravo	.....	1900 Silver Mexico 5 Centavos
Alan Bravo	.....	1897 V Nickel
Kenneth Martin	.....	2004 D Florida Quarter with Filled Die Strike Mint Error
Ron Graves	.....	1919 Wheat Cent
Ron Graves	.....	1937 Buffalo Nickel
Win Faires	.....	1895 French 1 Franc
John Hinton	.....	1876 Seated Quarter

TOKEN CATEGORY

John Hinton	.....	PJ's Car Wash, 19 S. Sheridan / \$1
Pat Lucero	.....	Gold-N-Detector, Golden, Colorado/ \$2.50
Cindy Bockenstedt	.....	F. Ferrari, Stumptown / 5¢
Alan Bravo	.....	Champaign & Cameron Bar, Hammon, Ind. / 5¢

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Chris Davis	.....	Apple iPhone Cell Phone
Chuck Hedberg	.....	Aluminum Eye Wash Cup
John Olson	.....	Half Toy Gun
Linda Erickson	.....	Silver Match Safe Piece
Alan Bravo	.....	1895 Denver Dog Tag
Kenneth Martin	.....	Pocket Watch with Chain
Kenneth Martin	.....	Ox Shoes
Boot Lewis	.....	WWI American Eagle Hat Pin
Win Faires	.....	1833 Cadet Italian Naval Button
Cindy Bockenstedt	.....	1930s Toy Car
Cindy Bockenstedt	.....	Old Lock
Glenn Thompson	.....	Tootsietoy 1930s Style Toy Car
Ron Graves	.....	1920s Norida Make-up Compact

FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

Gold: natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item, except gold coins which are entered in the Coin Category.

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.

Token: a piece resembling a coin issued by some person or entity, not of a governmental authority (with the exception of tax tokens), that could be redeemed for services or specified items. Advertisement tokens with no redeemable value are entered in the Artifact Category.

Artifact: simple object showing human workmanship or modification, and all other items that do not meet the criteria for other categories.

Find of the Month Winners - August

ARTIFACT - Ron Graves

1920s Norida Make-Up Compact

Ron found this compact while hunting a scrape-off in S.W. Denver with his White's DFX with a 9 inch coil. It was six inches deep. It was Ron's best day hunting ever. He found ten Wheaties, three silver dimes, an Indian Head nickel and coins from every decade spanning the last 100 years. "Yea!!"



COIN - John Hinton

1876 Seated Quarter

The day John found this seated quarter, Roy was at 25 quarters and John had found 19. So John told Roy he had to go out and find number 20. John was sure glad that he stuck around a little longer as his twentieth quarter was dated 1876. It was three inches deep at Curtis Park. John was using his White's MXT with a Bigfoot coil.



TOKEN - Alan Bravo

Champaign & Cameron Bar / 5¢



This Hammond, Indiana, token was found at a North Denver scrape-off about four inches deep. Alan found it using a 6x9 inch coil on his White's V3i. The token reads good for 5¢ at the Champaign & Cameron Bar.

GOLD - Jack Hoover

10K Texas A&M Class Ring

This ring was lost 33 years ago on a ski slope at Breckenridge. Jack found it while searching with his Deus with an 11 inch coil. This 1982 ring is being returned. The full story was published in last month's *Soundoff*.



JEWELRY - Jeff Erlichman

Silver with Marcasite Ring



This ring was pressed into the ground between two trees at an Arvada park. Jeff used an 11 inch coil on a Garrett AT Pro.



FREE HUNT - MEMBERS ONLY

Sunday September 11, 2016

Mamie D Eisenhower Park

4000 E Dartmouth Ave

Denver, CO 80222

Northeast corner of the park

Lunch at 12 NOON

(Lunch provided by the club)

Hunt at 1:00 PM



Come participate and cheer on the finalists in this fun, fast recovery competition hunt.

Upcoming Events

NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

Also 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.

PLACES TO VISIT

South Park City Museum
Fairplay, Colorado
A restoration of a 19th century mining town.

Open May - October
www.colorado.com/history-museums/south-park-city-museum

Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum
Fort Collins, Colorado
An active farm since 1894.
Open May - October (Pioneer Living Day Sept 24th)
www.beefamilyfarm.com

UPCOMING EVENT

Denver Coin Expo
Sat, Oct 26-29th, 2016
\$5 entry, \$5 parking
National Western Complex
4655 Humboldt St.
Denver, CO 80216

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

Sept 17th, 2016 (Saturday) and
Oct 7th, 2016 (Friday)
Breakfast Club
Contact: Chris Davis 225 235-2642 for
place and time to meet.

Sun, Sept 11th, 2016
Coinhuna
Mamie D. Eisenhower Park
Free - Members Only
Lunch: 12:00 Provided
Hunt 1:00
Contact: Nancy Faires 303 368-1356
Chris Davis 225 235-2642
Eureka! Hotline: 303 595-5448

Sun, Oct 16, 2016
Scavenger Hunt \$15
Milliken Park
Lunch 11:30 Hunt 12:30
Contact: Cindy Bockenstedt 303 523-6735

LINKED WEB SITES

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.
TenaciousTreasureTracker.com
Hunt #7 started Sept 1st.

UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKER

September - Jeff Lubbert
Detecting Florida's Treasure Coast

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- \$20** 11:45am **OPEN HUNT** All Ages **OVER \$2000 in PRIZES**

Saturday, September 17th
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307.460.9303

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 requires a permit to metal detect in their city. It will be good for a year.

See Connie 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.

Secretary's Report

By Nancy Faires



August 12, 2016

President John Olson called the Eureka! THC Club meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The officers and board members were introduced. There were approximately 72 present including several guests.

There will be a “meet and greet” for new members at the end of the meeting tonight.

John Cornelisse presented the Treasurer's report.

Howard Hinsey from the Denver Coin Club was the speaker. He spoke on fractional currency. Thank you Howard.

DESIGN A LOGO contest to be used for RTTR 2017 on a T-shirt and patch. The winner will receive a silver dollar.



Eureka! would like to buy silver coins from members / \$5 minimum. Please set an appointment prior to Club meeting time for the transaction. Contact any Club Board member to schedule.

HUNT CANCELATION POLICY

Notify the Hunt Master by 10 AM the day of the hunt if you can't make the hunt and you have pre-paid.

Ken Harmon found the Spyderco token at the June hunt and received his Spyderco knife from Boots Lewis.



July Hunt – Independence Hunt - Terry Weatherly

July 10th – Majestic View Park, Arvada

Boots Lewis found the Spyderco token. He won a Spyderco knife and donated it to RTTR 2017.

Thank you to Boots and Spyderco for sponsoring this hunt.

August Hunt – “You Never Know What You'll Find” – John Cornelisse

West Meadows Park – August 14th

Lunch 11:30 AM Hunt 1 PM Members \$15 Non-Members \$20

September Hunt – COINHUNA – Nancy Faires/Chris Davis

Mamie Eisenhower Park –September 11th

Lunch 12 Noon (provided by club) Hunt 1 PM

LULUBELLE'S BLING – Louise Smyth and Gold-N-Detectors

Mary Sable found the Bling at Skylake Park.



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Alan Bravo found the July Bling at Berkley Park.
Mary and Alan received 5 golden dollars each.
Thank you Louise and Bill Chapman for sponsoring this hunt.



Breakfast Club

Meetings are the 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday each month.
Please come and join us to share stories, finds, have breakfast together
and an unplanned hunt to follow. Everyone is encouraged to participate.
This is a good opportunity for new members to meet and hunt with some of our Club's excellent
detectorists.

Next meeting is August 20th.

Bill Chapman reported that Keebler thanked Eureka! for promoting Stealth Diggers at our club
meeting a couple months ago.

Tenacious Treasure Tracker (TTT) Hunt –Brian Henry
John Olson found the token at Terrace Park, Aurora.
John received the TTT trophy, \$100 and a TTT
T-shirt. Congratulations John.
The next TTT hunt begins September 1.



General Drawing Winners

- 1818 Large cent – Pat Lucero
- 1900 Barber dime – Joe Johnston
- 1882 Shield nickel – Glen Thompson
- 1876 Seated dime – Bruce Morton
- 1865 Two cent piece – Van Romero
- Dos Peso – Ken Harmon
- 1868 Three cent nickel – Chuck Hedberg
- 1968 Proof set – Van Romero
- 1876 CC Seated quarter – Jane Reed
- 1853 With arrows half dime – Steve Rex
- Colorado Centennial Medal – Burt Downey
- 1860 Indian head cent – Tom Peoples

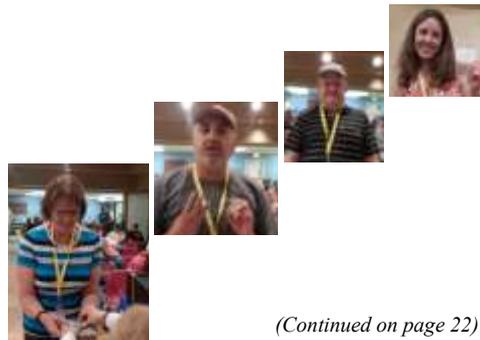


2nd Chance Drawing – 1 oz Copper Round
Cindy Bockenstedt

Membership Drawing Winner – Gary Porter

Holiday Drawing – Van Romero
1922 S Peace Dollar

50/50 Cash Drawing Winner – Cindy Olson



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Finds of the Month Winners (must be a member to enter finds and vote for finds)

Gold category – Jack Hoover

Coin category – John Hinton

Token category – Alan Bravo

Artifact category – Ron Graves

Jewelry category – Jeff Erlichman

Thanks to everyone who brought food and to everyone who assisted with the meeting.



Drawing Winners

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Howard Hinsey presented an interesting talk on fractional currency.



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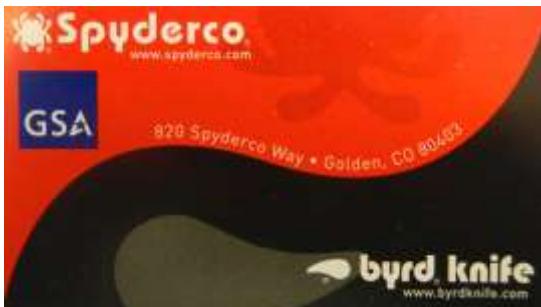
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Sunken Steamboat

By Sheri Muehlbauer

Eureka! I found it and what a story it is. Steve and I traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, recently for a car show and took in a tour of the Steamboat Arabia. What a treasure hunters' paradise! The Arabia was a transport boat on the Missouri River 1853-1856. She hit an underwater log (called a snag) that tore a 3 ft long hole in her hull and she sank quickly. Everyone aboard escaped except for a mule. Before the boat was completely submerged, looters removed some of her goods from the deck but 200 tons of goods in her hull sank with the ship into the mud. Over the years the Missouri river frequently changed course with each flood and the boat was buried and went undiscovered until 1988.



During the tour, we met David Hawley who was a member of the team that found the ship. He described how the discovery began while chatting with a landowner during an HVAC repair. It seems the landowner was farming a property that was rumored to have the ship Arabia. The landowner was at first hesitant to allow yet another treasure hunter a chance to find her because the first attempts had failed. But lured by the possibility of finding some of the lost 400 barrels of Kentucky bourbon he agreed but they could only begin after the cornfield had been harvested.

In July 1987 using a metal detector, weathered maps, and old newspaper clippings to guide the search, the Arabia was discovered 45 feet underground and a half-mile away from the present river channel. The crew did a few test drillings to confirm they were indeed over the concealed ship and were overcome with excitement when the drillings revealed pieces of porcelain and metal remnants. The crew needed to wait until December because digging into a frozen river bottom would be easier and they needed to wait for cornfield to be harvested.

Challenged by extreme cold temperatures of winter, dwindling finances, and the ever-present ground water, the work proceeded daily throughout the long months of winter. They dug a hole the size of a football field 75 feet deep and found 200 tons of goods encased in sand. But what a haul they found! As goods were com-

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ing out of the ground, they cleaned the goods and quickly found they needed to learn ways to restore the goods. The excavation team became increasingly aware of their priceless discovery and they decided to display the treasures rather than selling them. By then, the recovery and preservation expenses had topped one million dollars.

They obtained a run-down produce warehouse building that would eventually house the enormous collection. The museum opened in November 1991. Some Hawley family members work at the museum and if you visit you may have a chance to meet them. The goods that were on the ship were new items destined to stores west of the Missouri. The family created remarkable displays and it is as if you are in an 1850's Walmart. It is truly a treasure hunter's dream. There still remains 60 tons of goods that are being cleaned by the family and volunteers.



The story continues because the Hawley family has found the site of another buried ship named Malta that was lost in 1841. They will start the recovery during the winter of 2016-2017. Go to www.1856.com or www.moexplorer.com to learn more.

This is from moexplorer.com website: David Hawley November 2014

At the Arabia Steamboat Museum, visitors frequently ask us if we're planning to dig another boat. Excavating the Arabia in the winter of 1988-1989 was a dream come true. We worked hard, getting up well before dawn to juggle the excavation with our family business, but we were motivated by the mystery of what artifacts would turn up next—fine china or leather boots, pickles or pie fillings, buttons or carpenters' tools. Two-hundred tons of cargo had been preserved in mud since the Arabia sank near Kansas City in 1856. Uncovering it was like Christmas morning every single day. And the best part was: we got to do it with our family and our friends. Of course, we'd love to dig another boat.

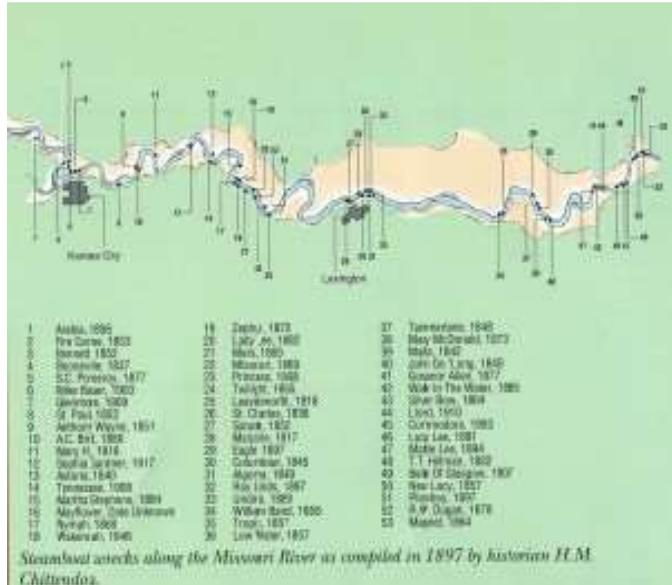
More than 300 steamboats sank on the Missouri River between 1819 and 1848. Because the river channel has significantly changed over the course of the 20th century, many boats are now buried under farm fields. We have located a

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total of 11 steamboats and are working to identify a good candidate for excavation.

When searching for steamboats, we begin at the library; nineteenth-century newspapers provide valuable clues about the locations of sunken steamboats and whether they may contain cargo. Next, we visit a field and utilize a metal detector called a magnetometer, along with GPS technology, to locate the boilers of the steamboat. Test drilling can determine the size and shape of the deck, as well as the presence of cargo.



Many boats have already been salvaged; some are not good candidates for excavation (for example: we found one that we'd love to dig, but it's under a levee). As soon as we find the right boat, we will keep you posted right here for details about the whole archaeological process. After all, sharing our discoveries is our favorite part.

Stealth diggers episode #148 Recap By Cindy Bockenstedt

Digger Charlie and Keebler start off their youtube show with a shout out to our eureka! Treasure hunters club. The Stealth diggers go on to open a package from Bill Chapman and his buddy cliff. Later, Charlie digs at a colonial home site and finds a rare coin. It is a 1787 Fugio cent that has been holed. Digger Charlie **GIVES SOME HISTORY ON THE COIN SAYING THAT IT IS AMERICA'S FIRST** cent coin and that it was designed by ben franklin. It has thirteen connected rings on the back representing the colonies and **SAYS "WE ARE ONE", AND ON THE OBVERSE IT STATES "MIND YOUR BUSINESS". FUGIO MEANS TIME FLIES. IT IS A SPECTACULAR PIECE OF HISTORY SHOWN IN A FUN TO WATCH AND INFORMATIONAL VIDEO. A BIG "HELLO"** back to the stealth diggers and a thank you for the keeping the fun in metal detecting while sharing History!

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

Contact Chris Davis 225 235-2642 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.



August 5, 2016 Report
By Chris Davis

Had Twelve Club members participated in the Breakfast Club Get-Together on Friday, August 5, 2016. Eleven made a hunt at City Park. A coyote was also present but did not detect. The weather was great. Randy Sable made it all of 10 yards from his vehicle before finding a 14K man's wedding band. That is the way to start off a hunt. The park had quite a bit of garbage in the form of pull tabs, bottle caps and aluminum shards. But, in betwixt all the garbage, a fair number of coins and some nice jewelry was found. In addition to the gold ring, Randy picked up a very nice turquoise/silver earring. Jack found a bracelet. Chris dug up a gold "Bryan" pendant and a possible silver pendant. If the "Bryan" pendant is not gold, it is an awful good imitation. The color/texture is right. The weight is right. The attachment rings are welded. The VDI is just under that of a nickel. We will have it checked at the next meeting. All in all, it was a very successful hunt.



That's all this month - find something good!