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EUREKA! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc.

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Bunny Hunt Report

By Fran Espinosa

On the 23rd of April we had great weather for a potluck and hunt. We had 34 hunters in the field. I wish to thank all of the volunteers that helped setting up, planting coins, and cleaning up. Thank you all who brought food. We had good food, and a lot of it.

We had a lot of coins in the field: half dollars, clad quarters, buffalo nickels, Indian Head pennies and a lot of silver dimes. There were a lot of extra items that Abe and I have found at other hunts. Also, everyone got an Easter Egg. Contents varied from silver dimes to silver rounds and silver rings, and dollar bills to gold, which was

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won by Vince DiPrimo. Congrats! I wish to thank Abe Espinosa and Norm Ruggles for their donations, and Boots Lewis for the Sypderco knife for donation to the eggs.

I know we had some new-comers enjoying themselves, and I saw other members helping them out. It's really special when a group like ours gets together, helping each other, teaching and giving advice, having fun and food, and conversation. At the hunts you have time to get to know other club members and make lasting friendships.

I hope you all had fun and no one went home empty-handed. Thanks for letting me host this hunt. You made it a success.



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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

Second Friday of May, 7:30

at the

Clement Community Center

1580 Yarrow Street

(NW of Wadsworth and Colfax)

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Hotline: (303) 595-5448

www.eurekathc.org

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Joining Eureka! Membership Dues

Yearly dues are \$30 per individual or \$36 for a family membership. Please go to:

Eurekathc.org

Download and complete the application form under the *About* tab. Membership dues can be paid to the Treasurer at the regular monthly meetings.

Renewals due in April.

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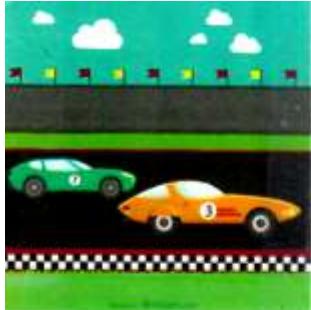
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T-Shirts and stickers.



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- 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.



Sunday
May 21, 2017
1:00 p.m.

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Call the Eureka hotline 303-595-5448 if questionable weather. Bad weather date Sunday, May 28th.

For more information contact Alan Bravo (303) 809-0784



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.

MYWWMZ MQMQNZMMZ ISG EZMYRYUD KZE
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EZRYGYWZH KZE JSRPEYWZ OMSTDEPQUH YU
OJZEHZGWZMMZE OSEV YW KSH FKSUDZH
SUH KZE JSRPEYWZ GMYHZ ISG DPUZ.
WKZEZ ISG IKSW MPPVZH MYVZ S MSEDZ
NYFTFMZ WYEZ YU YWG OMSFZ GP GKZ
WEYZH YW PQW SUH MPGW KZE UZI NMYUD.

Prize: 5 golden dollar coins. Sponsored by Louise Smyth of Gold-N-Detectors.

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.

Prez Sez

By
Chris Davis

I hope everybody had a good month.

The Board has been exploring ways to expand metal detecting opportunities in the Denver Metro area and has been meeting with several towns and counties.

There has been a good bit of confusion about the Parker area. Eureka! has met with representatives of the Town of Parker. They assured us metal detecting is allowed on Parker Parks. They ask us to use the probe method.

Eureka! also met with Douglas County Parks and Recreation. You may, or may not, be aware detecting is currently not allowed on Douglas county parks. Fortunately (or not so fortunately) Douglas County does mark their parks with a large sign stating "NO DETECTING", so at least the public does have a pretty good idea what parks can, and cannot be detected. The Board has drafted a letter to the Director of the Douglas County Parks and Recreation listing detecting facts and asking him to consider allowing detecting on Douglas County Parks.

We will soon be approaching the town of Wheat Ridge. As most of you are aware, Wheat Ridge allows metal detecting by special permit only. Many of the current regulations, which have been in effect for approximately 5 years, are unnecessary. We hope to meet with city officials in the near future and see if some of the regulations can be modified.

On a lighter note, it appears my 40 years of metal detecting experience has finally been put to some practical use. I got a call from my daughter last month. She was extremely upset. It appears, she feared her 2 ½ year old son (my grandson) might well have swallowed a penny. She must not be feeding the boy enough. Must be genetic, a couple years ago his sister got a bean stuck up her nose. Anyway, I told the daughter I believed I could think of a way to confirm if the boy ate the penny or not. It just so happened I was on the way out on a metal detecting

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run, so I told her I would stop by and take a look. I gave the little tyke (aka, "The Little Monster") a quick scan with the detector, and confirmed he had indeed ingested the penny. I discovered the Garrett pinpointer works great in determining the exact location. I hope they do not arrest me for practicing medicine without a license. The young gentleman had a great time during the examination. He just loves things with buttons that beep. I found the penny, and he found my new titanium knee. We had a wonderful time. For some reason, my daughter was still upset. I told her not to worry. "It too, will pass". And so it did the next day. I thought about bringing the penny in for the Find of the Month contest. Maybe I can use this episode on my wife as justification to purchase more "medical" equipment.

Weather is getting right. Take advantage of it. Get out there and hunt!



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.

F I N D E N T O R I F I T H E	GOLD CATEGORY	Joe Johnston 14K Size 5 Wedding Band Chris Davis 14K Ring Cindy Bockenstedt 10K Earring Chuck Hedberg 10K 22 inch Necklace Pat Lucero Black Hills Gold Pendant Jeff Lubbert 10K Ring Win Faires 10K Ring with Seal Win Faires 2003 Tiffany Gold and Silver Bracelet
	JEWELRY CATEGORY	Sean Miltimore True Love Waits Silver Ring, Silver Ring Sean Miltimore Silver Ring Sean Miltimore Rock Pendant Chuck Hedberg American Red Cross Lapel Pin Chuck Hedberg Sterling St. Christopher Medal Chuck Hedberg Boy Salesman Lapel Pin Win Faires Silver with Dark Stones Ring Norm Ruggles Charm Bracelet Norm Ruggles Legend of Zeldo Pin Cindy Bockenstedt Fake Diamond Ring Jim Merritt Silver Earring with Diamond Pat Lucero Silver and Turquoise Bracelet
	COIN CATEGORY	Brian Henry 1903 O Barber Dime Chuck Hedberg 1901 Indian Head Cent Jeff Lubbert 1852 3 Cent Piece
	TOKEN CATEGORY	Brian Henry NY Transit / One Fare Cindy Bockenstedt Palmolive / One Cake Soap
	ARTIFACT CATEGORY	Linda Erickson Cartridge Pouch Flap Latch Brian Henry Manor by Windsor Lighter 1930s-40s Joe Johnston Large Brass Sprinkler Head Chuck Hedberg Brown Palace Key Tag John Olson Company Insignia "I" Jeff Lubbert Company Insignia "K" Cindy Bockenstedt Civil War Lead Toy Soldier Cindy Bockenstedt Clay Bee Hive Poker Chip Cindy Bockenstedt Moffat Tunnel Fob Jeff Mercer Alcoholics Anonymous Recovery Coin Jane Reed Witsell Bros Bottle Norm Ruggles Rotary Club Token Roy Morris Rogers Triple Silver Tablespoon Alan Bravo 1908 National Democratic Convention Badge

Find of the Month Winners - April

JEWELRY - Pat Lucero

Silver and Turquoise Bracelet



Pat was using his White's MXT at Ruby Hill Park where he found this bracelet marked .925 Mexico.

GOLD - Win Faires

Tiffany Silver/18K Heart Bracelet



Observatory Park was searched by Win and he found this just under the soil. An 11" coil on his XP Deus was used to discover this heart bracelet marked 2003 Tiffany & Co. 925 750.

TOKEN - Cindy Bockenstedt

Palmolive / Cake of Soap



Cindy detected this token at a dump site along the Platte River that is being revamped near a Denver Park. She was using her White's MXT with a shooter coil.

COIN - Jeff Lubbert

1852 Silver 3 Cent Piece



This 3 cent piece is also known as a Trime. Jeff found the small coin with his White's MXT with a 10" DD coil while hunting a site on the Eastern Colorado Plains. It was 4-5 inches deep surrounded by iron junk.

ARTIFACT - Alan Bravo

1908 Convention Badge



This National Delegate Badge to the 1908 Democratic Convention held in Denver was found in North Denver at a late 1800s scrape off at 4" deep. Alan was detecting with his White's V3i using a 6x9" DD coil. A photo of how it was originally worn is included.



Upcoming Events

NEXT 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.

Rush to the Rockies Application and Payment

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thur, Fri, Sat, May 11-13, 2017

Denver Coin Expo

National Western Complex

\$5 entry, \$5 parking

Sat, June 17th, 2017, 9:00am, Free

Western Mining Artifact Collectors

Antique Show

Ouray Community Center

Ouray, CO 81427

Contact: Steve Rush 970 596-0824

nevsmith@ridgwayco.net

Dealer Tables available

Sat, July 8th, 2017, 9:00am-4:00pm

\$3 Admission

Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado Show

Douglas County Fairgrounds, Kirk Hall, Castle Rock, CO 80104

Contact: Eric Grace 303 250-7498

Dealer Tables available

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

May 20th, 2017 (Saturday)

May 2nd, 2017 (Friday)

Breakfast Club

Contact: Chris Davis 225 235-2642 for place and time to meet or to get added to the email list.

Sunday, May 21, 2017 (updated date)

NASCAR Hunt

Hunt at 1:00pm, Bring a snack

\$20, Members Only

Bible Park (NE corner)

Contact: Alan Bravo 303 809-0784

Sunday, June 11, 2017

RUSH Warmup Hunt

Time and Price TBD

Members and Non-Members

Location TBD

Contact: Jeff Lubbert 303 618-5179

UPCOMING MEETING SPEAKER

May - Texas Garrett Hunt Report

Presented by Club Members

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



Rush to the Rockies July 21- 23 2017

The Rush to the Rockies flyer and entry form is available on our Eureka! club's website at www.eurekathc.org. The event, 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 kid's 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. A flyer and entry form is also included in this issue.

Update By Linda Erickson

Less than THREE MONTHS and counting! If you haven't signed up yet, I encourage you to do so. It will be great fun. If you have signed up and only made partial payment, please try to get the full amount paid soon.

We are continuing the club buy-back program and we could use some larger silver (quarters or halves). If you have coins you want to sell, please contact Jeff Lubbert or Ron Erickson. The 50/50 drawing is also available at the monthly meetings. Winner takes home half the pot. The other half goes towards the rental of Pickle Gulch. The second chance prize to the drawing will be another interesting book from our collection.

We continue to receive donations from club members. This past month we received from the Reeds, two kid's metal detectors to be used for the little ones in the hunt. The Kiblers have donated some interesting coin targets to put in the hunt field. Cindy donated hats, silver and miscellaneous items. The Ruggles also donated some great items. I'm sorry if I forgot to mention others who may have donated this past month. These donations are greatly appreciated. Please bring any donations you might have to the club meetings so we can get them packaged and logged in. We are going to have enough door prizes for each participant to receive one or two prizes.

We are also actively working with various companies to obtain metal detecting related token and door prizes. We received two T2 metal detectors from First Texas. These will be token prizes in two of the hunts. We are still working with Tesoro and Minelab.

RUSH TO THE ROCKIES DONORS

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Tenacious Treasure Tracker
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Spyderco
Lazy Heart Ranch
MetalDetector.com
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Century Casino
Monarch Casino
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Buffalo Bill Museum
Molly Brown House Museum
Pirates Cove Waterpark
Four Mile Historic Park
Beau Jo's Pizza in Idaho Springs
Colorado Jeep Tours
Colorado Railroad Museum
Many generous donations by Eureka! Club Members



Rush to the Rockies
National Open Metal Detecting Event
July 21- 23 2017



SELL YOUR SILVER

Eureka! is open to purchasing U.S. silver coins or gold from our members.
Please contact Ron Erickson 720 633-1967 or Jeff Lubbert 303 618-5179.

Eureka! Club Members Service Directory

If you are a Eureka! Member, you can put a business card sized advertisement here.

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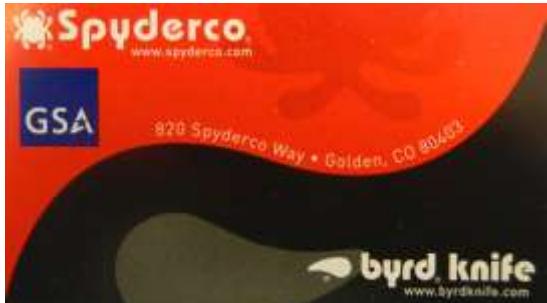
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Secretary's Report

By Nancy Faires

April 14, 2017



President Chris Davis called the Eureka! THC Club meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone. The officers and board members were introduced. There were 76 present including several guests and new members.

There will be a "meet and greet" for new members or anyone with questions at the end of the meeting tonight.

Linda Kibler presented the Treasurer's report.

Membership dues for 2017-18 are due in April. Please pick up a membership application for your renewal. Dues are \$30, single membership and \$36, family membership.



The guest speaker tonight is Joe Fortunado,
VP Gold Prospectors of the Rockies
Thank you Joe.

Eureka! will buy gold and silver coins – minimum \$5 face value. Please set an appointment prior to Club meeting time. Contact any Board member to schedule.



HUNT CANCELATION POLICY

Notify the Hunt Master by 9 AM the day of the hunt if you can't make the hunt and you have pre-paid.

March Hunt – Sheri Muehlbauer

Shipwreck Hunt – Berkley Lake Park, March 12th

There were 37 hunters. Win Faires found the Spyderco token and received a Spyderco knife from Boots Lewis.

Thank you to Spyderco and Boots.

April Hunt – Fran Espinosa

Bunny Hunt – Majestic View Park, April 23rd, 12 Noon potluck lunch 1 PM Hunt
\$20 Members only

Tip of the Month – Fran Espinosa

It's better to learn from someone other than your spouse.

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May Hunt – Alan Bravo

NASCAR Hunt – date and park to be announced



LULUBELLE'S BLING – Louise Smyth and Bill Chapman

Alan Bravo found the Bling at Inspiration Point Park. He received 5 golden dollars from Louise.

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 detect with some of our Club's excellent detectorists.

See Chris Davis to sign up for an email reminder.

The April 15th outing has been canceled due to the Easter weekend.

The next outing will be May 5th, weather permitting.

Anyone interested in detecting in England should see Chris Davis.

White's Easter Egg Hunt - per Louise Smyth, all eggs have been found.



Tenacious Treasure Tracker – per Brian Henry, the treasure has not been found.

RUSH 2017 – July 21 – 23, 2017 Pickle Gulch, CO

For Club members, **May 12th, 2017** is the final deadline to remit any registration balance and hold your spot on the RUSH roster.

Jeff Lubbert noted that registrations are over the halfway mark and that we are receiving many nice prize donations.

General Drawing Winners

1945 Dos Peso – Chuck Hedberg



1865 2 cent piece – Chuck Hedberg



1981 Proof set – Roy Neys



1876 Seated quarter – Gary Porter



1858 Flying eagle cent – Daniel Olson



1982-S George Washington half – Ron Roberson



1834 Bust dime – Michael Hall

1962-D Franklin half – Chuck Hedberg

1881 3 cent nickel – Ron Roberson

1877 Seated Liberty quarter -Daniel Olson

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1882 Indian Head cent – Tom Conroy
1908-D Barber dime – Tom Conroy



Holiday Drawing – James Harrington
1884 Morgan dollar



RUSH 2017 50/50 Cash Drawing – Gary Porter
**2nd Chance – Places Around the Bases & Historical
Atlas of Colorado** – Sue Ruggles

Membership Drawing Winner – Steve Muehlbauer

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

Gold category – Win Faires

Coin category – Jeff Lubbert

Token category – Cindy Bockenstedt

Artifact category – Alan Bravo

Jewelry category – Pat Lucero

REMINDERS:

May – RUSH registration balances are due from Club members

Thanks to everyone who brought food, everyone who assisted with the meeting tonight and everyone who donated prizes.



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

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2 Guys, 2 Hours, 4 Parks, 4 Rings

By Jeff Lubbert



Sometimes there is one of those days hunting when things just come together. Due to a recent change in employment, I have had time to detect during the work days. Boots Lewis, who has Wednesdays off, and I decided to hit a few parks in Golden to see what we could find. After a quick trip into Gold-N-Detectors to pick up a few items we headed out to Parfet Park in downtown Golden. Within a few minutes of being at Parfet, Boots comes up to me with one of those cat that just ate the canary smiles and asks what kind of ice cream I like. With that he opens his hand and shows me a men's wedding band. I had found a several pennies, a couple of dimes and two quarters. After a few more minutes of detecting we headed to Lions Park just a few blocks away.

At Lions Park we headed separate ways, I was pulling zinc pennies once again and several pieces of nice reading junk. I made my way over to Boots who once again gave me that smile and held out his hand again. Yes, there was another ring. This ring was gold in color but read like a penny so we knew it wasn't a good ring. We spent a few more minutes detecting the park finding the standard park goods; pull tabs, foil and a few pennies and dimes but no more rings. Our third park was White Ash Mine Park, a quaint little park with a sports field, basketball courts and a playground. Boots immediately headed to the playground and I swept by the basketball court. I was pulling the normal zinc pennies and other coins. Near the basketball court and by a walking path I pulled a sterling silver ring. Once again we detected a few more minutes in the park and headed out.

While in the truck we discussed just calling it a day as we had a perfect record of a ring per park that we didn't want to ruin. But we decided to head to New Loveland Mine Park anyway. Wouldn't you know it, Boot's first signal is a light weight junk ring. Sure it was a junk ring but our record of a ring per park was intact. Once again we spent a few more minutes of detecting pulling a few coins before calling it a day and heading to a nearby refreshment store to purchase some celebration fluids.

Boot's first ring ended up being a stainless steel wedding band, his second ring was a child's ring that had a stone and was gold in color. My ring, as mentioned, was sterling silver. Boot's last ring appeared to be a copper plated aluminum ring. Granted the rings we found were not hugely valuable, but they were rings and it was a good day.

Who's New



Beth Driscoll



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DID YOU KNOW???

By Vince DiPrimo



Well now in the history of the United States of America, regarding U.S. Mints, we all can name maybe three or four, but would you be surprised that there have been eight? Let's do this in order of the oldest. We all know Philadelphia is one of the mints. It was established in 1792 and it is still going strong. Most Philadelphia made coins carry no mint mark.

In response to gold discovery in the South, a mint was established in Charlotte, NC (1838-1861). During the civil war the building was turned into a Confederate headquarters and hospital.

There was a lot of gold in the South back then, so a mint was established in Dahlonega, GA (1838-1861). Less than 1% of this mint's coins survive today. It is a long way to Philadelphia so these two mints were established to cut down travel time because a lot of bad things could and did happen.

A mint was established in New Orleans, LA (1838-1909). This mint was seized by the state of Louisiana and the South Confederacy throughout the Civil War.

The mint in San Francisco, CA (1854-to present day) is the home of historic "S" mint mark coins and they are still minting beautiful gold and proof coins today.

A mint was established Carson City, NV (1870-1893) where all those low mintage beautiful gold and Morgan silver dollars were minted.

A mint was established Denver, CO (1906-to present day)! Thinking "1916-D Mercury Dime"!!

Lastly, the mint in West Point, NY (1937-present day) was nicknamed "The Fort Knox of Silver". No tours are allowed because of the high security. Currently, it produces mostly commemorative and proof coinage.

Mint marks in the order we talked about: P,C,D,O,S,CC,D,W.
Now you can look smarter to your friends, when they can only name three or four!

Eureka! Breakfast Club

Eureka! Breakfast Club meets 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.

April 7, 2017

Report and photos by Chris Davis

The Breakfast Club went out to Washington Park for its Friday, April 7 hunt. Despite the excellent weather, only 8 Club members could make it. So, if you exclude the 1,000 or so dog walkers, we had the park to ourselves.

Immediately upon arriving, the Park Ranger came over for a visit. He advised us not to dig holes deeper than 6 inches. We assured him we were probe hunting only and would leave no trace. Tom P. advised me, when he spoke to the Rangers earlier, they told him the probe could not be longer than 7, but nothing on the topic was said to us on this day. Reluctantly, we had to leave our pick axes and shovels back in the truck with the backhoe.



We did not find a single gold ring. So, there must have been none in the park. Had there been any there, we surely would have found them. I can only assume Roy cleaned them all out last month.

Our best find was made by Chuck H. He recovered a very pretty

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necklace marked 10K. Tom P. Found the only ring, a beautiful flower shape. Cindy B. got a pair of owl earrings. Jeff M. Dug up an interesting Alcohol Rehab Recovery Coin marked on one side, "Welcome. Enjoy the Journey." and on the other side "Recovery is a Process, Not an Event", which seemed very appropriate for a detectorist.

I found a really nice dog tag. So, all and all, it was a great day!



May 2017

5th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
5th - Newsletter Published
10th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
12th - General Meeting 7:30pm
20th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
21st - NASCAR Hunt 1:00pm
26th - *Soundoff* Deadline

June 2017

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

July 2017

7th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
7th - Newsletter Published
12th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
14th - General Meeting 7:30pm
15th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
21st-23rd - Rush to the Rockies Hunt
28th - *Soundoff* Deadline

August 2017

4th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
4th - Newsletter Published
9th - Board Meeting 6:30pm
11th - General Meeting 7:30pm
13th - Club Hunt
19th - Breakfast Club 9:00am
25th - *Soundoff* Deadline

GARRETT MEMORIAL HUNT 2017

By Linda Erickson



They say everything is bigger in Texas. That was true for the Garrett Memorial Hunt held in Jefferson, Texas, the weekend of April 1-2. Outside of DIV, I have not participated in a hunt this large. This was a great location for the hunt as Jefferson is an old Texas town with interesting history, Civil War connections, cobblestone streets, a quaint shopping district and a nice General Store with an ice cream parlor where Ron, the dog, treated us all to ice cream.

When the announcement of the Garrett Memorial Hunt went public, the Kiblers, the Lewises, and Ron and I decided this would be a great hunt to attend. Over a couple of dinner parties, the plans were made, the cheap flights were booked and then we just had to wait. Ron spent the next couple of months practicing his squats and saying "target" each time he touched the ground. Those squats served him well as you will read later in the story. The six of us rented a 12 passenger van—enough to spread out and have plenty of room for our arsenal of detectors and add another passenger. Win Faires drove to Texas, but we had the pleasure of him joining our group for the weekend. We arrived in Jefferson on Thursday afternoon and headed to the hunt location to meet up with Adams Lewis, Rusty and Steve from Garrett. Our seven were treated to a tour and a little history about the large hunt area. After our tour, the seven of us and the Garrett three enjoyed a nice evening at a local restaurant, Auntie Skinner's Riverboat Club occupying a building constructed in 1866.



The Eureka! THC had a fantastic showing at the weekend hunt. The seven of us were joined at the event by the Reeds, the Ruggles, the DiPrimos and Jan Hallez. Friday afternoon was the start of the open natural hunt covering approximately 300 acres, including grass, natural, forest and swamp areas. Some bullets, bottles, and pocket watch parts were found by the group during the open relic hunt and I found one of the seeded coin caches. We also found some of the prize tokens planted in the fields.

When a Eureka! member's prize number was drawn, the group of us tried to shout "Eureka" in unison. It never hurts to give the club a little recognition.

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The firing of the canon signaled the start and finish of each hunt for the next two days. Saturday began with the seeded relic hunt. All of us found loads of bullets, pistol balls, buttons and bottles. Boots was the big winner with a cannon ball buried in the hunt field. Again, several of us found tokens which were exchanged for prizes. While nice prizes were won by all, Ron's prize tokens got him both a great case of Civil War relics donated by American Digger Magazine and a nice Civil War cavalry sword. The open hunt area was available for hunting throughout the day on Saturday. The night hunt began with a fireworks display put on by the RV park owners. The hunt contained silver and clad coins, sprinkled with miscellaneous pieces of jewelry. It was a fun way to end the evening.



The silver hunt took place on Sunday morning. With the threat of thunder storms, we were lucky to get in most of the hunt before severe weather brought the hunt to an early close. Again, the hunt field was large and the targets were plentiful. They stopped the hunt about 20 minutes early but many of us had sufficiently filled our pouches by that time with silver dimes, silver quarters, silver halves, silver dollars and prize tokens. This is where all those squats paid off for



Ron. He found more silver dimes than the rest of us, but in my competitive nature, I was not far behind on the coin count. Ron and I together found about \$411 in silver value—enough to pay for our entry fees, not including the other hunts and prizes. The weekend came to a close in the early afternoon.

Like any national hunt, it was great to see some folks we'd met before from around the country and to make new friends who share our passion for the hobby. We will get to see some of these folks again at Rush To The Rockies. While I know there were additional prizes, below is a partial list of the prizes won by some of the 14 Eureka! participants:

- Calvary sword
- American Digger display of Civil War artifacts
- Kellyco jacket
- Display box of silver quarters
- Display box with shield nickel
- 2 Garrett Pinpointers
- Garrett hat

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3 sets of Z-Lynk headphones
Display box of Civil War bullets & buttons

These big hunts are great fun. It's about the experience of meeting other people in the hobby, learning about different hunt techniques and new machines, and just spending a weekend participating in a great hobby with others who have the same passion. It sounds like Garrett may have this event again next year and as soon as the announcement is made, I'll be making my reservations! I hope the Eureka! THC will have an even bigger showing next time. If you haven't participated in a national hunt and want to experience the fun, sign up for Rush To The Rockies!



Gold Prices



Silver Prices





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** All hunt fees go in the ground! ** Hunts will be held rain or shine **

** Held in natural forest setting that includes some uneven ground, rocks and downed limbs **

** Coin drawings and one-on-one competitions ** Early Bird drawing ** Early period attire welcome **

TWO DAYS, FIVE HUNTS, ONE PRICE - \$250.00

After 6/15/17 price is \$275.00. Walk-ons will be accommodated if space is available – Cash Only

** Limited to 85 entrants**

FRIDAY, July 21, 2017

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| 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Participants may arrive and set up camp. Registration Table Open |
| 7:00 PM | Fireside Chat |

SATURDAY, July 22, 2017

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| 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM | Registration Table Open |
| 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM | Casino Hunt (coins, gaming tokens, prizes) |
| 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Thar's Gold in Them Thar Hills Hunt <u>sponsored by Gold-N-Detectors</u> (tokens for gold nuggets and prizes) |
| 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM | Prizes |
| 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Lunch – catered by Brad's Pitt BBQ - \$12 adult, \$3 child – prepay with registration (you won't go hungry!) |
| 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM | Guest Speaker (gold prospecting, demonstration) |
| 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM | Silver Streak Hunt (thousands of silver coins)* |
| 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM | Eureka! You Found It - Free Kids' Hunt (12 and under) |
| 7:00 PM | Fireside Chat |

SUNDAY, July 23, 2017

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| 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM | Wild Wild West Hunt (a little bit of everything Wild West—older coins, silver coins, tokens, cowboys, Indians, Indian War relics, mining, railroad and prize tokens) |
| 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Award Prizes |
| 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Guest Speaker (Stealth Diggers Beardo and Just Bob) |
| 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Lunch Break – catered by Brad's Pitt BBQ - \$12 adult, \$3 child - prepay with registration (you won't go hungry!) |
| 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Hi-Ho Silver, Away! Hunt (large silver and clad quarters, halves and dollars) |

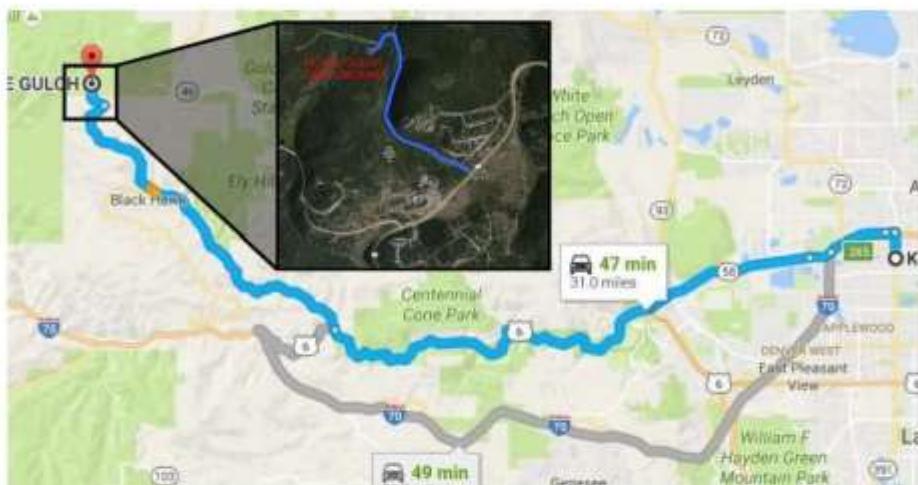
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Directions to Pickle Gulch:

Take I-70 west from Denver to CO 58 toward Golden. Travel approx. 5 miles to Hwy 6. Continue west on Hwy 6 to CO-119 (approx. 11 miles). Continue straight on CO-119 for approx. 7.6 miles. (You will travel past the town of Black Hawk.) There will be a sign for Pickle Gulch on the right side of CO-119 at Missouri Gulch Road. Turn left at that sign onto Missouri Gulch Road. Follow the dirt road approximately .1 miles to Pickle Gulch campground. N 39° 50.559' W 105° 31.4903'



Accommodations

Pickle Gulch Campground has plenty of walk-in tent camping. The cost is \$15 per night per tent. There are no electrical or water hookups at this camp area. Very limited RV parking. Email EurekaRTTR to inquire about RV availability before registering. Other options are as follows:

Off-Site Camping ** Spots fill very quickly – BOOK EARLY! **

Base Camp at Golden Gate Canyon - <http://basecampco.com>

Cold Springs Campground -- <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/arp/recreation/recarea/?recid=28410>

Columbine Campground -- <http://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/columbine-campground/l/>
campgroundDetails.dfo?contractCode=NRC&roadid=70776

Denver West Central City KOA Holiday -- <http://kao.com/campgrounds/denver-west/>

Clear Creek RV Park, Golden <http://www.cityofgolden.net/parks/recreation-attractions/clear-creek-rv-park>

Hotels & B&Bs

Miners Pick B&B, Idaho Springs <http://www.theminerspick.com>

Columbine Inn, Idaho Springs <http://columbineinn.info>

Arapahoe Ranch Cabins, Nederland <http://arapahoranchcabins.com>

Isle Casino Hotel, Black Hawk - <http://black-hawk.islecasino.com>

Ameristar Casino Resort Spa, Black Hawk - <http://www.ameristar.com/black-hawk>

The Lodge Casino, Black Hawk <http://thelodgecasino.com>

Century Casino, Central City <http://central-city.cnty.com/home>

Reserve Casino Hotel, Central City <http://reservacasinohotel.com>

Chase Creek B&B, Black Hawk <http://www.chasecreekinn.com>

Central City B&Bs <http://www.centralcitycolorado.com/casino-hotels.php>



RUSH TO THE ROCKIES

NATIONAL OPEN METAL DETECTING EVENT



JULY 21 – 23, 2017

ENTRY FORM

Paid Hunters:

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Names of children participating in kids Hunt: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

CAMPING FEES: On site tent camping (no hookups) is available (Friday through Sunday nights). \$15 per night per tent pad site.

REGISTER EARLY: Entries received before **May 15, 2017** will receive an entry into the early bird drawing for a 1 oz., 1959 Graded MS64, Rush to the Rockies silver so-called dollar (1 of 10,000 made) to be given away during the weekend. The cost of the event for entries received after June 15, 2017 or for walk-ons (if space permits) will be \$275. Walk-ons require cash payment.

REFUNDS: Refunds will be made before June 15, 2017, minus a \$50 processing fee. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 15, 2017.**

By my signature below, I relieve the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club, Inc., club officers and members, and all landowners of the responsibility for any and all claims, accidents, and/or injuries that may occur while participating in the Rush to the Rockies National Open Metal Detecting Event. I also agree that I have read the Rush to the Rockies Hunt Rules, agree to abide by all rules, and understand that the decisions of the Hunt Master are final.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

(Each paid participant must sign a release)

Hunt Fees: _____ hunters x \$250 (\$275 after 6/15/17) \$ _____

Camping Fees: nights: (\$15 per tent per night) \$ _____

of tent sites: _____ Fri: _____ Sat: _____ Sun: _____ x \$15 \$ _____

RV sites (very limited) Fri: _____ Sat: _____ Sun: _____ x \$20 \$ _____

No. of adult lunches: Sat: _____ Sun: _____ x \$12 \$ _____

No. of child lunches (hot dog, chips & drink): Sat: _____ Sun: _____ x \$3 \$ _____

Rush to the Rockies T-Shirt - (mark # of shirts per size) \$ _____

Sm__ Med__ Lrg__ XL__ 2XL__ 3XL__ x \$16 \$ _____

****Fees accepted in cash or check payable to Eureka THC****

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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RUSH TO THE ROCKIES HUNT RULES

- 1. PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT:** This hunt is meant to be an enjoyable experience for all who come, whether they are entrants or spectators. Let us all work together to have a FUN and SAFE time so that we may keep returning in future years to repeat the experience.
- 2. CARPOOL OR WALK!** Because parking at the hunt site is extremely limited, carpooling will be necessary from the campground to the day use picnic area. Only automobiles with four or more occupants will be allowed to proceed to the upper parking lot.
- 3. HUNT BADGES** must be worn at all times in the hunt fields. Hunt fields are only open to paid hunters with badges and hunt officials during scheduled hunts and are off limits to all individuals without badges. Observers must remain outside the perimeter of the hunt field at all times. **Detecting will not be permitted in any hunt field after the conclusion of any hunts.**
- 4. HEADPHONES AND TRASH POUCHES ARE REQUIRED and must be used.**
- 5. ALLOWED:** Detectors, screwdrivers/probes, and pin pointers. This is Forest Service land. Targets will not be deep and will not require anything more than these few items.
- 6. NOT ALLOWED:** "Hunt Baskets" (sifters commonly used on beaches) are not allowed, nor are "hand rakes" (three tine claw like tools), hand shovels, picks, long handled shovels, or hoes, as their use spreads the soil and makes it nearly impossible to fill the holes properly. No plugging tools or foot driven tools or shovels will be allowed during or after the hunts.
- 7. CHEATING** of any sort will be grounds for immediate disqualification and ejection from the hunt in progress (**NO REFUNDS**).
- 8. ALL HOLES** must be properly filled. Failure to do so will result in ONE and only one warning with any repeated offense resulting in disqualification and ejection from the hunt in progress (**NO REFUNDS**).
- 9. BEHAVIOR** that is discourteous or aggressive towards others will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification and ejection from the hunt in progress (**NO REFUNDS**).
- 10. DISREGARD FOR SAFETY** or unsafe conduct toward others, including tossing limbs or rocks in the direction of other hunters or their equipment, will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification and ejection from the hunt in progress (**NO REFUNDS**).
- 11. RECKLESSLY SWINGING** probes or coils about will not be tolerated; keep them in their safe area of operation. When holding coils in the air prior to the start of a hunt, keep them directly in front of you and lower them down directly in front of you when the hunt starts.
- 12. NO LITTERING.** Pick up the trash you encounter. This policy extends to the camp sites; carry ALL your trash to the dumpster and properly dispose of it. Help keep all the camp sites clean. Remember, we will be returning to this site in the future.
- 13. PETS.** Per campground rules, pets are not allowed in the Day Use Area. If you are camping, they may stay at your camp site but must be on a leash at all times when out. We highly discourage pets being left in the car. If you are coming up for the day, please consider leaving your pet at home.
- 14. SMOKING AND USE OF ALCOHOL:** Smoking is not permitted in the Day Use Area. You may smoke in your car, in the parking lot or at your tent site. This is subject to change based on fire danger at the time. Drunkenness will **NOT** be tolerated and can result in you being asked to leave the area. Moderation in your own camp is your responsibility as is being sober in the public areas and on the roads.
- 15. REFUNDS** will be made before June 15, 2017, minus a \$50 handling fee. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 15, 2017.**

How To Ask Permission To Metal Detect

By KELLYCO Metal Detectors
Submitted By Bruce Morton

Obtaining permission isn't something that you do for only yourself, but for all detectorists. When people choose to trespass, it increases the chances of more regulations and prohibitions being placed on the hobby. Some detectorists find it difficult to ask for permission to search an area, and they find excuses not to do so. However, it's really not that hard. The worst thing that can happen is someone can say no, in which case there are lots of other places to hunt. Additionally, when you do obtain permission to search, it will make your time much more enjoyable and carefree. Many landowners would love to know more about the history of their property and what better way to help them find out than metal detecting!

There are some simple rules you can follow to make asking for permission to metal detect easier:

The first thing you need to do is locate the actual owner of the site you want to search. This is important. You can't take the word of someone else (neighbor, children, tenant, etc.) who says the owner won't mind. If you can't talk to the owner for permission, don't hunt the area.

There may be situations where it's hard to determine who the owner of the property is – pieces of land that are not occupied with a home or other buildings. That doesn't mean that they are unowned. If you are dying to search a piece of land but you don't know who the owner is, a quick trip to your local County Assessor's office should be helpful. You can always try Google first – it's amazing what you can find online. Note: finding property land owners is easier than ever with OnXmaps Premium App membership. This app works on your phone or Garmin device and will not only show you property lines, but who that land is registered to.

- Obey any signs or posted instructions you see on a property. In other words, if there is a sign that says to Keep Out, don't go in seeking permission. The answer to your question is posted there for all to see.
- When you do find the owner of the property you want to search, make every effort to ask for permission face-to-face. Someone is more likely to say yes when they can establish a good first impression than when they just hear a

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voice or read an email. Don't be afraid to knock on doors to ask in-person. Remember, the worst-case scenario is being told no.

- Always ask for permission on the same day you plan on hunting, but be mindful of the time. Just because you might be an early riser, doesn't mean that everyone is. Waking someone before they are ready is a sure-fire way to get a negative response.
- Leave your gear in the car when you ask permission. While metal detecting as a hobby is gaining popularity, there are still many people who know nothing about it. A stranger approaching the front door with a weird-looking device and a tool belt that likely has sharp tools, may be a little bit overwhelming to some people. Approach empty-handed and be courteous and polite.
- Introduce yourself and offer contact information if you feel it's appropriate. Sometimes having a name and phone number or email address makes people feel more comfortable allowing someone they just met onto their property. It's also a good idea to illustrate how you plan on hunting the property and work out what areas are off limits and which are OK to detect. Illustrating proper digging and how you plan on plugging holes often helps a property owner understand that you respect safety and the owner's land.

Remember to work out an agreement after you are granted permission, just in case you discover something of value and don't end up in a bind. Gaining permission is something that you need to get used to if you want to be able to search in more places. It needn't be something that produces anxiety – just be friendly and straightforward and see what happens.

ADDENDUM, by Bruce Morton

The OnXmaps app is designed for hunters and has multiple functions. The portion of the program showing public and private ownership of land (with recorded property owner's name) functions as a transparent overlay to the base maps.

The program can work on a computer, or a mobile device. Maps can be stored for use when out of cell range.

The Premium membership is \$29.99 per year and covers only one state. An Elite membership, covering all 50 states runs \$99.99 per year (or \$14.99 per month).

That's all this month - find something good!