

The Soundoff

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In Memoriam,
Steve Rex

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Day of the



**NOVEMBER 13, 11:00 AM
MAJESTIC VIEW PARK
8880 W 72nd AVE, ARVADA, CO 80004
\$20 PER PERSON
TEXT: MARCUS LIEBERMAN
720-930-7030 FOR ANY QUESTIONS
MEMBERS ONLY**



The Prez Sez

by Roy Neys

Ramblings from the Prez...

Once upon a time.... When I first moved to Denver in 1972, silver was \$2.00 or \$3.00 an ounce. A guy I was familiar with was making jewelry and talked me into trying my hand at it. I wasn't very good at it. The wax mold for a ring produced a great ring with my thumb print on it. I don't remember what happened to the ring. I think I gave it back to my friend to melt it down for something else. Besides, that ounce of silver was more than an hour's wages. Today an ounce of silver is still a little more than an hour's wage at minimum pay to boot!

I went to work for the City of Denver in 1974. At Crestmoor Park Headquarters was a foreman named Gastone. He was quite the character with a heavy French accent. He had the first metal detector I had ever seen. He also had a mason jar, mostly full of silver dimes and quarters that he had found in that park on his lunch hour. He showed me a Sucrets box he had just found with a stash of coins inside it. The seed was planted. It was in this time frame in the late 70s that Berkley Park was closed to metal detecting. Yes, some knucklehead was using a shovel to dig in the park and not doing a very good job of replacing the sod. One was all it took to close the park to everyone using a metal detector. I found my first silver dime, a Barber, while digging up a water main break at Washington Park in front of the Recreation Center. A guy I was working with wanted to buy it from me for twenty dollars. I guess I should have sold it to him cause it's worth about two dollars. I still have it though, mounted in a coin card with all the details written down. It still makes me smile when I look at it.

I bought my first detector from a shop on south Broadway. A low end Whites. It beeped when passed over a good target. I dug a lot of bottle caps too. I found my first Wheat cent along the road behind South High School. This was in 1992. I joined Eureka! In 2001 and the rest is history.

Happy trails everyone,

Roy



EUREKA THC
HOLIDAY DINNER
FRIDAY DECEMBER 11, 2022

5PM

3 SONS ITALIAN RESTAURANT

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Arvada, CO 80007

\$27 per person

Cash bar



RSVP by December 2, 2022

Contact Nancy Faires 720-234-6130



Change of the Seasons Hunt Report by Kevyn Llewellyn



We had an enjoyable hunt at Robby Ferrufino Park that started out with cold weather and stayed cold. I think we had a higher number of donuts than the number of degrees in the temperature! There were 22 detectorists that morning. There was silver planted with lots of dimes and twelve Walking Liberty Halves in the field. I am thankful for the people who came early to help plant all the targets.

Thank you to Bruce, Chris, Marty, Roy, Raffi, Marcus, Steve, Sherry, Randy, Mary, Mike and Everett for your help. Thank you to Richard and Linda for checking in the participants and collecting the hunt fees. Also, thank you to Marty, Gregory, Lee, Raffi and Bruce for donating items for the hunt. Thank you to my Mom, Carol, for her help and donating the donuts, Gatorade, water and orange juice that day and for her help setting things up. Thank you to Roy for giving the pop and Marty for bringing donuts.

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After the hunt, 10 token prizes were awarded to 9 different club members who found the tokens in the field. Marty found two prize tokens and also won the Morgan Dollar from the pull card drawing. Dan DiCensio found the SpyderCo token and will receive his knife at the November Hunt. Thank you to everyone who made it to the hunt and I hope you all enjoyed the event.

-Kevyn Llewellyn



The CoinHuna Acorn by Chris Davis

Some of y'all might have noticed the large acorn with the note "Coinhuna Acorn" I put on the table by the "Show N Tell" section at the last Club Meeting. I had planned to explain what it was at the end of the meeting, but (got so distracted gathering up Find of Month dimes) I forgot.

Down South we would identify this acorn as an Overcup Oak acorn. I haven't a clue what you call it over here. Y'all probably call it a "Pine Cone". Whatever.

Anyway, I assisted with the planting of the fields for this year's Coinhuna hunt. Rather than just hide the coins in the tall grass like everyone else, I often like to hide several coins in unusual ways. This year I decided to see how an acorn would work. I found two nice, large acorns under a nearby tree. I made a slit in the acorn and inserted a silver dime. Just the rim of the coin could be seen. I then threw the 2 acorns out into the Field #1.

After the new CoinHuna was crowned, the fields were all opened to the membership to hunt and clean up all those dirty excess coins. When most of the folks had finished the cleanup hunt in Field #1 I walked out to see how well they had done, and spotted one of my acorns laying there on the ground. I can only assume when folks swung their coils over the acorn, they got a hit. They then must have knocked the acorn out of the way and not able to find the target, continued their hunt.

The question I wanted to ask at the meeting, did anyone pick up the second acorn?



Breakfast Club

by Chris Davis



Our Breakfast Club outing was held on Saturday, October 15, 2022. The timing was a bit awkward, as we had our Club meeting the night before, and the Club hunt the next day. But, our Breakfast Club detectorists need all the practice they can get.

After a brief discussion, it was decided we would go over to the Montebello Central Park for our hunt.

We had a new visitor, John L., who is considering joining the Club. I took John aside and showed him how to use a probe. The two of us then ambled over to the tot lot (woodchip playground) to practice a bit, even though 3 of



our members had already searched it. I got a "penny signal" under the swing set and told John to dig it. He did, and pulled up a ring. Well done! He got a key out from under the next swing set. I moved over to another playground implement and started digging a deep penny target. John moved to the other side, approximately 4 feet from me, and got another signal. He dug and produced a bracelet. A heavy bracelet. A heavy gold bracelet. A heavy gold 14K bracelet. I advised him he had met his quota for the day (month and year), and that our Club regulations require I break his leg if he makes another such

find on the day. Our Club regulations do stipulate he gets to choose which of his legs I break. It appears the initial 3 searchers (and myself) need some practice also, and might ask John for advice, as he obviously knows what he is doing.

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The rest of us did not do quite as well as John, but did okay. Four rings were found by Marcina G., Mark C., John L. and Mary S. The one found by Mary was a very nice silver flower. Joyce K. dug up a nice gold colored thing. Mike M. got an ankle bracelet.

Some of us did well on change. Randy S. did best with \$6.33. Mike M. followed closely with \$5.74, while Mark C. had \$5.40. I got 5 cents.

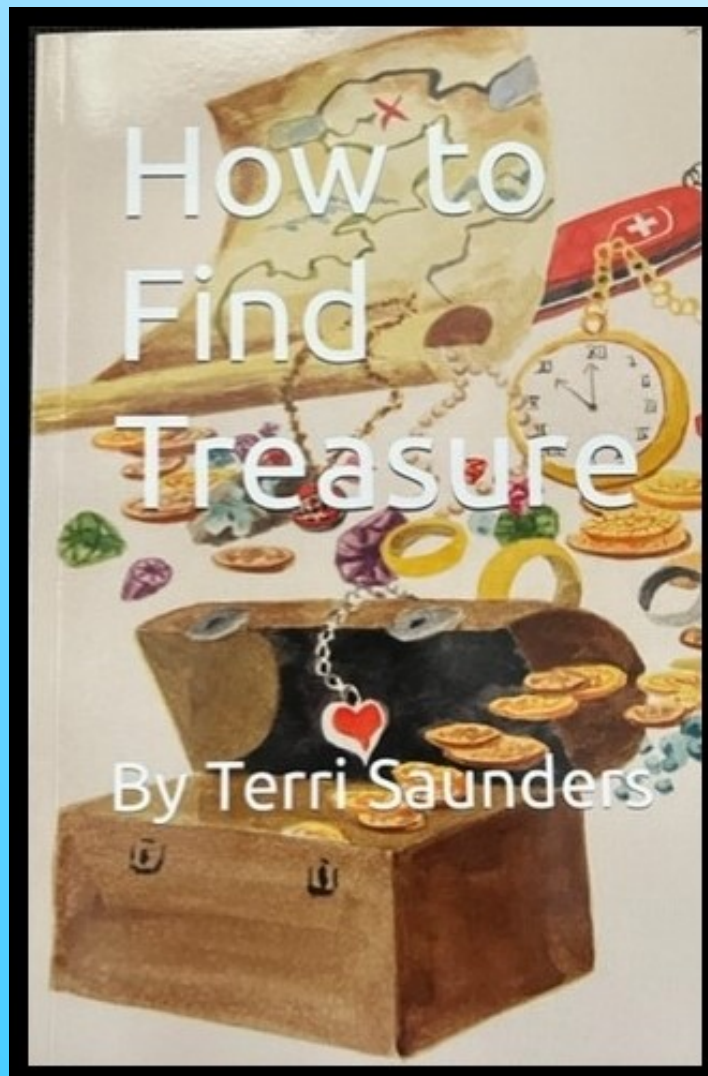


How to Find Treasure

by Terri Saunders

Terri Saunders enjoys writing. She is the author of the book, *How to find Treasure*. Terri is currently a producer and host of a treasure expeditions streaming show. She found \$300 in an antique sewing machine, and is responsible for discovering many vintage items and antiques through the years.

How to Find Treasure is an excellent book for beginners and avid treasure hunters— teens and adults. The book contains methods for antiquing, metal detecting and collecting. The book includes stories about missing treasures and people who have found fortunes. *How to Find Treasure* features a retired woman who found a 3-carat diamond. There are 109 pages to hold your interest. 5 out of 5-star reviews. The book is available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)





Eureka 2022 Calendar



November

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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November

Friday, Nov 4 - Breakfast Club
Newsletter Publishing Date

Friday, Nov 11- Eureka! Club Meeting at the
Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Sunday, Nov 13 - **Day of the Old Buzzard Hunt**

Saturday, Nov 19 - Breakfast Club

Friday, Nov 25 - Article Deadline for Newsletter

December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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December

Friday, Dec 2 - Breakfast Club
Newsletter Publishing Date

Friday, Dec 9 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the
Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Sunday, Dec 11 - **Holiday Dinner**

Saturday, Dec 17 - Breakfast Club

Friday, Dec 30 - Article Deadline for Newsletter

January

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January

Friday - Jan 6 - Breakfast Club
- Newsletter Publishing Date

Friday - Jan 13 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the
Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Sunday - Jan 15 - **Swap Meet**

Saturday - Jan 21 - Breakfast Club

EUREKA! THC

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE
DECEMBER 9, 2022**

**PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
ITEMS, BABY SUPPLIES AND / OR
HYGIENE ITEMS TO DONATE.**

CASH DONATIONS ALSO!

**EUREKA WILL BE SUPPLYING A \$200.00
DONATION.**

Upcoming Events

NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

Friday, Nov 11th, 7:30pm, Clements Center

Breakfast Club Dates

Saturday Nov 19th

Friday, Dec 2nd

Saturday, Dec 17th

Contact: **Chris Davis 225.235.2642**
for details or to get added to the email list.

Joining Eureka!

Membership Dues

Yearly dues are \$33 per individual or \$42 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.

LINKED WEB SITES

www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk

www.fmdac.org Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs

www.spreaker.com/admrr

Relic Roundup Radio Show (hosted by Jeff Lubbert, 7pm Mondays)

TenaciousTreasureTracker.com

See Brian Henry's website for the TTT Hunt clues, and new merchandise available.

www.Youtube.com/AdventuresInDirt

Compilation of the best weekly metal detecting channels and finds, by Ken King (Eureka! member). See his **Weekly Dirt** show at 3:00 PM on Sundays (and available thereafter)

www.Youtube.com/5280Adventures

A variety channel of metal detecting, coin hunting, and other outdoor activities by Tony Frangella (Eureka! member) with his son, Caden.





In this column, I will share with you the stories I have been fortunate enough to learn about over the years of me watching metal detecting YouTube videos from many different video channels around the world and my own experiences. At the end of the articles, I will share the link to the video, if available, for you to go watch the entire story for yourselves if you like ... I hope you enjoy them as much as I have...Ken

Deception and the War of 1812 ...

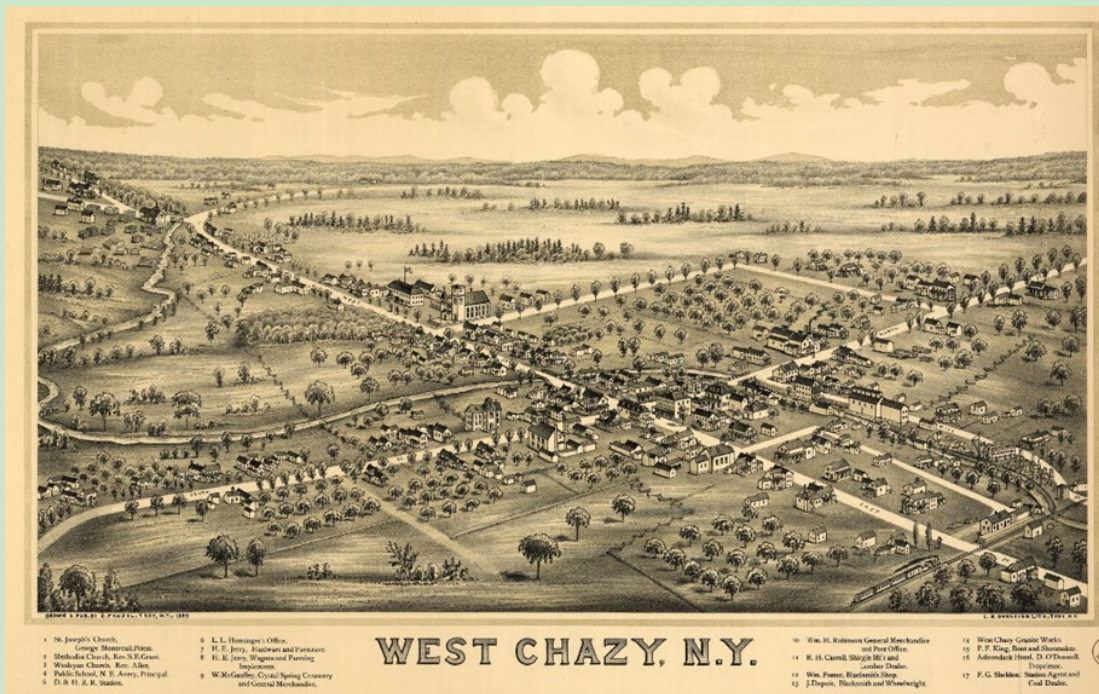


Sometimes a little deception is all you need to win the day. I found this little beauty in October of 2019 while traveling with our very own Jeff Lubbert and others from our club to Chazy, in upstate New York, for the Pound the Ground metal detecting event. I found it with my Teknetics T2 Metal Detector in a field near the area where the Battle of Plattsburgh took place during the War of 1812. It's a pewter US Soldier

Cuff Button and it's in great shape. I made a video of my trip to the Pound the Ground event and this find is featured. A link is below to the video if interested. The following is a story I discovered of how the commander of the US forces in the area during that battle, outsmarted the British with a little deception.

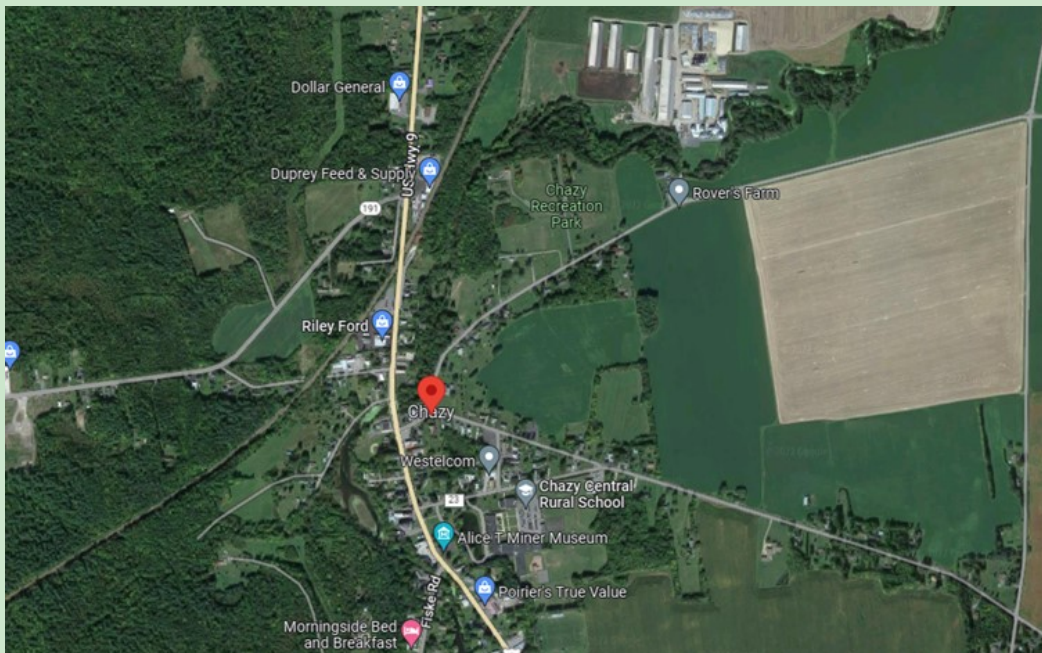


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A little about the Pound the Ground Hunt area:

We had done our research on the area we were hunting for the event and found that there was once a small little village in a field next to the Little Chazy river, called Factoryville. The locals all refer to it as “Suckertown”. There were no longer any signs of this town but using a metal detector, we were sure we could find it. We wondered what kind of metal detecting finds would come up from the Suckertown area. This town had multiple buildings, and multiple mill sites. It didn’t take us long to locate the old road and locations of the old buildings. The hunt was on. Jeff and I were just hoping to find one or two good items and we did.



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The History:

One of the main historic events that happened close to this area was the Battle of Plattsburgh in 1814 between the British and the US. This battle is credited as one of the final battles the lead to the end of the War of 1812. The British HQ, where the commander and over 10,000 British troops camped was only about 10 miles away from these fields we were hunting in Chazy, NY at The Scott Home. Our US Militia were also nearby practicing skirmishing and preparing to defend the area the best they could.



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The Plan and the Deception:

In the second year of the War of 1812, the British had planned to sail a fleet of British ships to attack the port town of Plattsburgh on Lake Champlain, while a coordinated land attack came from the North out of Canada and marched South towards Plattsburgh, stopping and camping in Chazy, NY. The land attack was met with many skirmishes from an under-manned US Army in the region that had elicited the help of any able-bodied man in the area to take up arms. They were severely outnumbered. In a brilliant move, the commander of US forces who were concealed in the nearby woods, but whose supply road was in full view of the British commanders, took small groups of soldiers and wagons and marched them out of the woods, out of site, down the supply road, then back into the woods creating the illusion that our forces were constantly being reinforced by many more soldiers and supplies than we really had. When the Navy battle started, it roared through the area and the commander of British land forces hearing the battle was underway, chose to allow his soldiers to finish breakfast before taking up arms and getting into marching formations. The Navy battle was over in a short amount of time resulting in the British ships being defeated by a much smaller fleet of US ships. This was shocking and was not supposed to happen. Seeing and hearing of this defeat and knowing the US had been “reinforcing” their numbers for days, it was clear to the British commander in Chazy, that this was a lost cause, so he made the decision to retreat back up into Canada and abandoned his attack plan on Plattsburgh since the Navy was not successful in securing the port. The retreat, however, was a bit difficult. A group of our local countrymen had worked for days trying their best to destroy and cover up any sign of the initial British route into the area so that landmarks would have changed, and retreat would be much more difficult. A few months later, the treaty of Ghent was signed, ending the War of 1812.



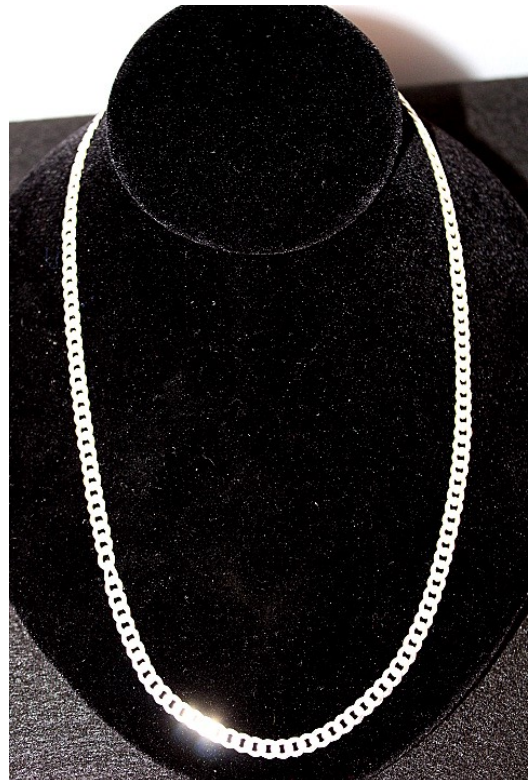
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The Wonder

In my video you can see me finding this War of 1812 pewter US Soldier Cuff Button in the fields adjacent to Suckertown. How did that get there? Did it belong to one of the soldiers that deceived the British Army during that battle? Was this the site of one of the many skirmishes? These are the questions that get our minds turning and excite us as Metal Detectorists. We may never know the truth, but the imagination is a powerful thing, and guessing is half the fun. I am so excited to have brought something home that ties to that period in our history and in that area knowing what happened there. A very special find indeed for a guy from Colorado. Here is the link to the video: <https://youtu.be/78-LsFIVBkA>

Autumn Treasure Harvest



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Find of the Month Winners - October

Coin - Jack Hoover

79 A.D. Roman Denarius Serratus



Found in England. The coin had notches around the rim (most unusual).
Later discovered this was an early Roman coin minted around 79 BC.
Found with the XP Deus I.

Artifact - Jim Merritt

Ogdensburg Cmdr. Badge



Found near Edgewood Army Depot
in Md, from Ogdensburg NY

Token - Jeff Lubbert

Drexel Bar Token



Found in a mountain ghost town
about 2" deep in amongst trash

Find of the Month Winners - October (cont.)

Gold - Chris Davis

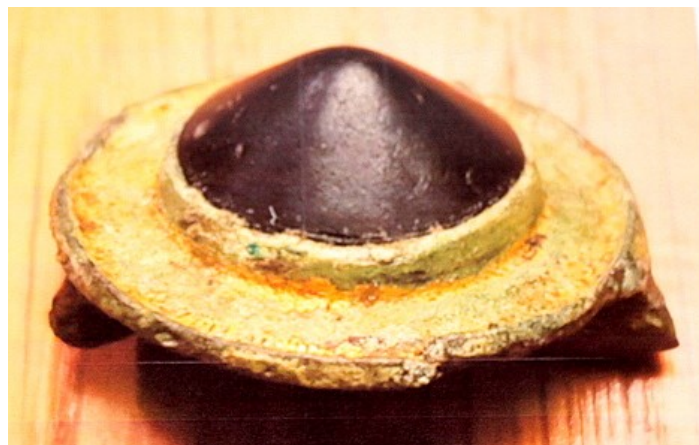
24k Gold Ring



Found at a tot lot, found with the XP Deus I.

Jewelry - Chris Davis

Roman Brooch



**Found at a plowed field in England, using the Deus I.
43 A.D. - 410 A.D.**

GOLD CATEGORY

Chris Davis **24K Gold Ring**
 Chris Davis 10K Gold Ring w/ Diamond
 Steve Rex Gold Flower Ring

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Chris Davis **Roman Broach**
 Chris Davis Silver Necklace
 Jeff Lubbert Signet Ring
 Dock Hroch Silver Ring in Color
 Mary Sable 2 Silver Ear Rings
 Mary Sable Silver Ring w/blue Stone
 John Hinton Brass Ring
 Mark Cochran Silver Claddagh Ring

COIN CATEGORY

Jack Hoover **79 AD Silver Roman Denarius**
 Chris Davis George 1st English Penny
 Chris Davis 1797 Cartwheel Penny
 Jeff Lubbert 1902 V Nickel
 Mark Cochran 25 Cent Belize Coin
 Raffi Soria 1 Riyal Saudi Coin
 Lee Black 1913 Barber
 Jim Merritt 1943 Steel Penny
 Joe Johnston 1945D Dime 1958 D Nic

TOKEN CATEGORY

Jeff Lubbert **Drexel Bar Token**
 Lee Black Kitty's Adult Token

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Jim Merritt **Commander Badge**
 Chris Davis Garrett Pin Pointer
 Marcus Lieberman Hair Clip
 Raffi Soria Toy Car
 John Lambe Denver Rio Grande Button
 Dock Hroch Religious Medallion
 Jeff Lubbert Colorado Licensed Driver Badge

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.



Secretary's Notes

by Nancy Faires

**Eureka! THC Club Meeting
October 14, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER 7:31 PM

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday October 14, 2022 at the Clements Community Center, Lakewood, CO. There were approximately 57 members and guests present.

Welcome – Roy Neys, President

The ticket table and FOM table will close after the Club meeting is called to order. Each will re-open at the break.

Congratulations to the new CoinHuna, Allen Jordan.

Treasurers Report – Linda Kibler

Club member coin buy-back is currently discontinued.

Speaker:

Chip Kirkpatrick via Zoom.

Chip wrote an article "Can I Dig Holes in Your Yard" which talks about getting permission(s) from land owners.

He talked about his methods of gaining permission(s) to detect.

November speaker: Terri Saunders, author of *How to Find Treasure*

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS & BOARD

Vice-President – Steve Rex

Board – Joyce Keith

HUNTS

Sept 11 – CoinHuna – Roy Neys

October 16 – Change of Seasons – Kevyn Llewellyn \$20 Robby Ferrufino
Park

November 13 – Day of the Old Buzzard – Marcus Lieberman \$20 Majestic
View Park

Breakfast Club – we have been asked to hunt for a ring on some property in
Elizabeth. Roy is working to set this up.

FINDS OF THE MONTH

Gold – Chris Davis

Coin – Jack Hoover

Artifact – Jim Merritt



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Token – Jeff Lubbert
Jewelry – Chris Davis

COIN DRAWINGS

1971 S Proof coin mint set – Mary Norden
1989 NW territorial silver oz – Marty Stone
1869 3 cent nickel – Marianne Singer-Mann
1899 Barber dime – Steve Rex
1867 Shield nickel – Jeff Lubbert
1854 Seated liberty ½ dime – Burt Downie
1904 Gold washed, jeweled India head cent – Brice Young
1869 Shield nickel – Mark Cochran
1864 Two cent nickel – Steve Rex
2000 Walking liberty one oz silver bullion - Raffi

Second Chance Drawings

Shark teeth: Justin Hroch, Jeff Lubbert, Brice Young

50/50 – Bernice Ortiz

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING – Burt Downie

HOLIDAY – 1884 Morgan silver dollar – Bernice Ortiz

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the meeting.


ADJOURN 9:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Faires
Secretary
Eureka! THC




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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 \$33 for single adult membership, \$42 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

**The November 11th meeting
will be held at the Clements
Center at 7:30 p.m.
www.eurekathc.org**



