# The SoundOff!

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# Say hello to Autumn!



## It's the



# Finally Football Season Hunt!

When: Saturday Sept 13th, 11 AM

Where: Majestic View Park

W. 72nd Ave

**Arvada, CO 80004** 

\$25 per person

There will also be an

America's Cup Contest

Contact: Marty Stone at 720-312-3106

**Donations and Volunteers are always appreciated!** 

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Good things happen to Tenacious Treasure Trackers. While looking for the TTT token, one tracker found a gold ring worth more than three hundred dollars. Another found a silver ring and yet another found a silver quarter. Roy Neys, the TTT champion took his \$100 prize to Central City and doubled his money.

And now, the next TTT hunt is starting. Follow the clues and good things might happen to you, too.

The hunt is open to all current members of the Eureka Treasure Hunters Club. Participation is free.

How does the hunt work?

A special TTT token is hidden somewhere in the Western United States.

Each week a clue to the location of the token will be posted on the Internet.

The clues will get progressively more specific to help guide you to the token.

The first hunter to recover the token will receive \$100 in cash, a limited edition TTT mug and bragging rights for life.

If you participated in the last hunt, the location of the clues is the same and the password has not changed.

If you are new to the hunt, read the rules at:

www.danspictures.com/TTT/Rules

(Capitalization counts)

After reviewing the rules, click on the " Contact Me" link at the top of the

screen.

**Enter your email address.** 

In the "Subject" enter "I agree".

In the "Message" type your name.

Click "SEND" and in due time you will receive an email with the password to view the clues.

New clues will be posted each Thursday.

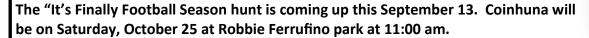
If you recover an item and you have to ask yourself "Is this the token, what do I do next?" you have not found the token. When you recover the TTT token you will know what to do.

Problems? Contact dan@hdpierson.com

The Tenacious Treasurer Tracker hunt was originated by our good friend Brian Henry and it continues in his memory.

# The Prez Sez

## by Greg Lewis, Club President



I've been having members who can't get out to hunt to help at our club meetings...I think it is working so far.

We're asking club members if they would like to donate metal detecting gifts and/or coins to the Christmas Party. Thank you in advance.

I would like the Coinhuna Alumni to wear their vests at the October club meeting for a group photo.

By the way, Randy and I each have birthdays coming up in October...LOL.

- Greg





# Attack of the Grey Jays

# by James "Chris" Davis

On 4 August 2025, Jack H. and I made a metal detecting run up to the mountain ski slopes. We do this several times each year, primarily to get in shape for our annual metal detecting tours in

England. In addition to the great physical exercise, there is always the chance we might find something, although finds have really dropped off in recent years. The replenish rate is very low. However, I have personally found 6 gold rings in the mountains since I started going up.

Over the years, I suppose I have made some 20 or 30 such runs up to the mountains. On two of these visits, I have had interactions with Grey Jays. Grey Jays are birds related to crows (Family Corvidae) and often referred to by locals as "Camp Robbers", as they frequently visit camps and steal whatever food they can. If you want to be technical about it, in 2018 the American Ornithology Society voted to change the common name of the Gray Jay to "Canada Jay", but they will always be

On one of my first trips to the mountains, my metal detecting partner, Jack H., and I took time out for lunch. A number of Grey Jays decided, whatever we were having for lunch, was good enough for them. I tossed them peanuts, which they quickly scooped up. A literature review indicated Grey Jays are highly curious and always on the lookout for food. During the summer they store large quantities of food for later use. They use sticky saliva to glue small food items to tree branches and live on this food source throughout the winter. Grey Jays eat just about anything and may even land on your hand to get food. Jack and I decided this visit was a good omen. We followed them to a ski slope which was densely covered





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"Grey Jays" to me.

with quarters. There were so many quarters, we did not even use our detectors, just our pin pointers to recover them. This latest trip followed the same theme. Jack and I sat down in a thicket of



lodgepole pine for our lunch. Immediately, a pair of Gray Jays flew in and landed about 3 feet over Jack's head. I quickly opened a pack of Trail Mix and threw several peanuts on the ground, which were swiftly recovered by the birds. The Jays were definitely not intimidated by humans. They landed within inches of our feet and on our detectors. I was even able to get them to take peanuts and raisins out of my hand. They ate my whole bag of Trail Mix, making frequent trips off to store the peanuts and raisins for winter use. It was a very interesting and pleasurable way to have lunch.

Once again, the Grey Jays were a good metal detecting omen, for me anyway. By lunch, I had recovered only \$2 in change, a luggage air tag and a Starbuck's thermos. Jack was beating me handily with some \$7 in change. It is so embarrassing to get stomped by an old man (anyone older than me can be referred to as an "old man"). But, shortly after the Grey Jay visit, I found a \$20 bill on the ground and surged into the lead. Yes, the XP Deus II metal detector can find

\$20 bills. You just have to correctly adjust the sensitivity and reactivity. It is good to be good, but it is better to be lucky.





# The Breakfast Club Aug 1

By James "Chris" Davis

The Eureka! Breakfast Club met for its first outing of the month on Friday, 1 August 2025. The group went over to Montbello Central Park for the hunt. Twenty-three Club members attended had forgotten how much garbage would be present on Montbello Central Park. One could easily make one swing and cover 50 targets.

My 13" coil was not the best choice for this park. "We" got 3 rings. The best was a very pretty bling ring by Mark C., which should clean up very nicely. Bill M. also dug up a ring. Rachial recovered her first ring ever! It was a nice crucifix ring. I am hoping to get my first ring in the near future. Mike M. picked up a very interesting religious medallion. It had that "gold look", but the VDI was a bit worrisome, in the dime range. We will have to take a closer look at the next Club meeting.

To no surprise, Jeff M. did best on change with \$9.01. He was using his new Deus II, 9" elliptical MF coil which is supposed to be great in trashy areas. Apparently, it was. Roy came in with \$6.61, and Tom F. got \$4.08. Actually, coin wise, we did fairly well. The 18 detectorists getting back to me reported finding a total of \$48.46. That comes as an average of \$2.69 per hunter. I came in at the bottom with \$0.05. I had to spend 30 minutes at another park to get \$2.03, but this did not count in the Montbello totals.







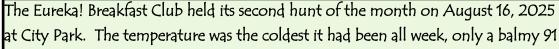






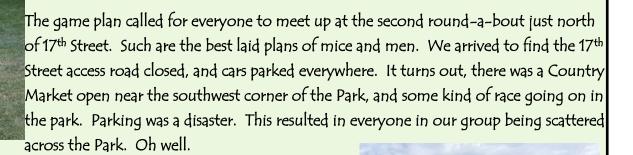
# The Breakfast Club Aug 16

By James "Chris" Davis



degrees. It was almost a cold front. We had at least 23 par-

ticipants.



We had Linda, a new member, under the guidance of Greg L., find her first dime and piece of jewelry! Randy S. found an ax and a walkie-talkie. Three rings were recovered. Mike M. got a silver. Shellie Z. got a

silver. Roy N. got a mood ring. Marcus L. picked up a hemostat. I cannot imagine what anyone would be using a hemostat

on the Park for...but I hope Marcus did not lick his fingers. I dug up a silver necklace and a silver War Nickel. Roy got a silver pendant.

At the last Breakfast Club I only recovered \$0.05. This time, I did a bit better on change with \$7.84. Roy N. came in second with \$5.89. The 15 hunters re-

porting coin finds recovered a total of \$34.24. This comes to an average find of \$2.28 per person.



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Some of you may, or may not, be aware of the Shakespeare Elm found on the southeast corner of City Park. There is a plaque at the base of tree which reads, "Shakespeare Elm. The Scion Which This Tree was Grown Was Taken From the Tree at Shakespeare's Grave at Stratford-On-Avon. Presented to This Park by John L Russell, Supervisor of Parks, April 23, 1916".





# Late Summer Finds



































































































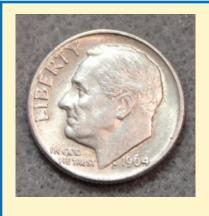




































# August Find of the Month Winners

### **Gold - Michael Vogt**

#### 14K Men's Gold Ring w/ Lapis Lazuli Stone



Found in an old irrigation ditch

### **Jewelry - Mary Sable**



Found in Lincoln Park - 2" deep

# August Find of the Month Winners

Coin - John Olson

1891-O Morgan Dollar



Research paid off to find this hunt site

**Token - Jeff McClendon** 

**Artifact - Tony Frangella** 

1940's - 50's Freedom Arcade Token

**Brass 1950's Horse Martingale** 



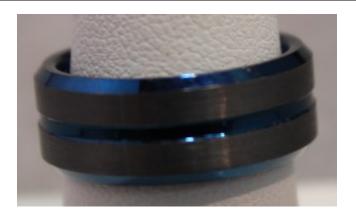
Found in roots of pine tree



# August Find of the Month Winners

## **Costume Jewelry - Marcus Lieberman**

**Tungsten Carbide Women's Wedding Ring** 



## Foreign Coin - Randy Sable

#### **British One Pound Coin**



**Found at City Park** 

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# **GOLD CATEGORY** Mike Vogt......14K Gold Ring w/ Blue Stone David Bopp......14K White Gold & Diamond Jeff M......14K Ear Ring Jeff M......10K Cross Chris D ......14K Ring w/ Diamonds JEWELRY CATEGORY Mary Sable ......Silver Jewish Spinner Ring Marty S......Silver Christian Fish Ring Roy N ......Silver Jesus Ring Roy N ......Silver Ring Everett J ......Silver Ring w/ 2 Stones Roy N ......2 Silver Rings Marcus L.....Silver Bracelet Shellie Z ......Tungsten Carbide Ring Shellie Z ......Silver Ring Shellie Z ......Silver Cross John O......Silver Earring Bill M ......Men's Silver Bracelet Bill M ......Woman's Silver Bracelet Bill M ......Silver Cross Bill B ......Silver 3 Ring Bill M ......Silver Cross Jeff M.....Silver Snuff Box Chris D ......Silver Necklace

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## **COIN CATEGORY** John Olson......1891-O Morgan Dollar Jeff M......Ground Down Penny **TOKEN CATEGORY** Jeff McClendon ......Freedom Arcade Token Joyce K......RTD Token Chris D......RTD Token Steve Erickson .......Boondocks Token Robert Ahr ......RTD Token ARTIFACT CATEGORY Tony Frangella ......Horse Martingale Mark C ......Airborne Medal Tom F ......Harry Potter Pin Dock H......Civil War Naval Button Tom F ......MG Emblem Tom F ......Crock Shoe Bling Lane B ......Model T Spark Plug Lane B ......Model T Headlight Socket Lane B ......Soldered Handle Spoon Marty S .......Dope Pipe Dock H ......One Doubloon Ben B ......Pocket Pendant Roy N ......Baseball Glove Mike S ......Red Cross Condensed Milk Spoon Rachel S ......Metal Snowman Ornament Joyce K .....US Air Force Jet Raffi S ......Knife Raffi S ......Key Holder Raffi S ......Small Key Robert Ahr ......Green Car

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COSTUME JEWELRY CATEGORY			
Marcus LTungsten Carbide Ring			
Dock H	Large Ring		
Dock H	Half Moon Charm		
Dock H	Star with T		
Diane M	Stainless Steel Riing		
Marty S	Rosary Ring		
Mike S	Retro Star Bracelet		
Ben B	Corps Bride Ring		
Rachel S	Ring w/ Cross and Rosary		
Bill M	Ring Emerald Cut		
Jeff M	Bent Cross Ring		
Joyce K	Broach w/ Stone		
Raffi S	Mushroom		
Chris D	Owl Earring		
Robert Ahr	Fake Gold Ring		
Robert AhrFake Gold Ring w/ Green Stone			
FOREIGN COIN CATEGORY			
Randy Sable1 Pound British Coin			
Tom F	Mexican 10 Peso		
Ben B	Mexian 5 Pesos		
Jeff M	1956 Diez Centavo		
David B	50 Cent Euro		

#### **FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES**

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

<u>Jewelry</u>: objects of metal often set with gems and worn for personal adornment, except jewelry qualifying for the Gold Category.

**<u>Coin</u>**: a piece of metal issued by governmental authority as money.

<u>Token</u>: 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.

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

<u>Costume Jewelry</u>: Jewelry designed for wear with current fashions and usually made of inexpensive materials: fashion jewelry crafted from non-precious materials. Materials may include a variety of base metals such as brass, copper, plastic, glass, synthetic/ simulated stones, textiles, leather and gold-plated / silver-plated base metals.

**Foreign Coin**: a piece of metal issued by any foreign governmental authority as money.

# 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.

Bring *your* treasured finds to the next monthly club meeting to enter them!

# Secretary's Notes

By Marty Stone, Secretary



**EURECKA CLUB MEETING AGENDA August 7, 2025, 2025** 

**CALL TO ORDER** 

WELCOME

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONES: IF YOUR PHONE RINGS YOU HAVE TO SING

THE DRAWING TABLE AND FINDS TABLE ARE CLOSED UNTIL BREAK

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** 

**INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:** 

**GREG L ----PRES** 

MARK C----VP

**RON E-----TREASURER** 

MARTY-----SECRETARY

BRUCE MORTON AND MARTY STONE-----NEWSLETTER EDITOR

JONH L-----WEB MASTER AND BOARD MEMBER

BOARD MEMBERS DOCK H, ROBERT AHR, LEE P, ROY NEYS, STEVE E, MARC H,

**VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS** 

TREASURERS REPORT---RON

NEED A NEW LETTER EDITOR, DAVID IS STEPPING AWAY TO FOCUS ON HIS HEALTH

**MARK'S CHRISTMAS EVENT** 

SPEAKERS----- KEN, TONY, JEFF

**REVIEW COINS** 

**HUNTS** 

**GREG (JULY)** 

ROBERT(AUGUST)

**MARTY (SEPTEMBER)** 

MARC (OCTOBER COINHUNA)

INTERMISSION











#### **DRAWINGS**

MEMBERSHIP (BLUE)

50/50(WHITE)

HOLIDAY(YELLOW)

COINS(RED)

#### FINDS OF THE MONTH

**GOLD** 

**JEWELRY** 

COIN

ARTIFACT

**TOKEN** 

**COSTUME** 

**FOREIGN** 

#### THANKS EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH MEETING

**TURN YOUR PHONES BACK ON** 

**CLEAN UP AND LOCK UP** 



















## Eureka 2025 Calendar

# September Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

#### September 2025

- Friday, Sep 5 Breakfast Club (First Friday)
- Fri Sep 13 Eureka Club Meeting at Clements Center 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sep 13 Finally Football Season HUNT
- Saturday, Sep 20 Breakfast Club (Third Saturday)

#### October 2025

- Friday, Oct 3 Breakfast Club (First Friday)
- Friday Oct 10 Eureka Club Meeting at Clements Center,
   7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct 12 COINHUNA (Details TBD)
- Saturday, Oct 18 Breakfast Club (Third Saturday)

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#### **November 2025**

- Friday, Nov 7 Breakfast Club (First Friday)
- Friday, Nov 14 Eureka Club Meeting at Clements Center,
   7:30 pm
- Saturday, Nov 15 Breakfast Club
- November Hunt TBD

# **Upcoming Events**

#### **Breakfast Club Dates**

- Friday, Sep 5
- Saturday, Sep 20
- Friday, Oct 3
- Saturday, Oct 18

**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.

**Applying** 

Please go to www.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** 

<u>American Digger Magazine</u> (hosted by Jeff Lubbert (Eureka! member), 7pm Mondays)

American Digger® Relic Roundup, one of the longest-running radio shows and podcasts on the Net, comes to you live every Monday at 9:00 PM Eastern Time, with hosts Butch Holcombe, Jeff Lubbert and Debbie Schiffer-Blades.

#### www.Youtube.com/AdventuresInDirt

Ken King's channel (Eureka! member).

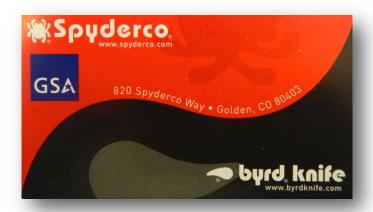
#### www.Youtube.com/5280Adventures

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

https://www.coinshows-usa.com/coin-shows/ Colorado/

Coin shows in Colorado.

# Eureka! Club Member Services Directory









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Articles, letters and short items of interest on prospecting, detecting and treasure hunting topics are welcomed and encouraged. All items submitted for publication are subject to editing. Submittals for publication or correction of errors may be made by e-mail in ASCII text format or MS Word. All article submissions must be received by the editor no later than the deadline of the month (see calendar) for inclusion in the next month's issue. Include publication information on articles clipped from other publications. Let's hear your story, ideas or tips - contact your *SoundOff* editor.

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#### About Fureka!

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 Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado. Come early to socialize.

Next Club Meeting:
Friday, August 8 @ 7:30PM
Clements Center, Lakewood

## Check out the great finds and adventures with...

# John "Hammered" Bradbury



#### Go to:

# **Youtube; Johns Detecting Adventures**

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1EASJzAQcRpH42tQQuLZmA facebook.com/johnmal.bradbury



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"In the end, one detail is inarguable: There will always be those searching for treasure. Never forget: We are a country founded on legends and myths. We love them, especially legends of treasure. Looking for treasure isn't just part of being an American, it is America." - Brad Meltzer