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EUREKA! THC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE BY APRIL 30, 2024

**EVERYONE MUST FILL OUT AND SIGN A
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO RENEW**

Membership applications located at:

**EurekaTHC.org / ABOUT / MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

**The Dream Team Hunt
Lazy Heart Ranch
Golden, CO
Sunday, April 21
11:00 AM**

**Most all moneys from sign-up
Converted to silver and vintage coins!!!
Rings/jewelry/artifacts donated by
members included in the hunt
All donations appreciated...
Tokens converted to prizes!**

**\$25 Members only
Contact Lee to donate: Text 303.818.3726**

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Cleaning out the Eureka! closet at the Clements Center

EUREKA! THC BOARD RESOLUTION

TEMPORARY - February 27, 2024

The Eureka! THC Board has adopted a **TEMPORARY** resolution for the addition of two (2) additional categories to the Find of the Month (FOM):

Costume Jewelry Foreign Coins

By unanimous consent, the Eureka! THC Board decided to “TEST” two (2) additional **TEMPORARY** categories effective April 12 – October 11, 2024, 7 months. The information gathered during the “TEST” period will be reviewed by the Board in November 2024 to determine if the additional categories should be added to the FOM in the future.

During the “TEST” period, members may enter their finds in these additional categories; however, items entered in these categories will be eligible for the standard FOM honors, a silver dime for the winner of the category; however, the winners of these two (2) categories will **NOT** be eligible for the 2024 FOY awards. Like the winners of our five (5) categories, the winners of these two (2) **TEMPORARY** categories will be required to give a write-up of the story of their find(s) to be published in the *Soundoff*. These two (2) new **TEMPORARY** categories are meant to bring back some fun into the FOM competition.

In the future, if this resolution is approved by the Eureka! THC Board, the finds entered will become FOY eligible – 2025.

Questions: please see / contact any Eureka! THC Board member.



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EUREKA! THC BOARD TEMPORARY RESOLUTION

Definitions for New Categories

COSTUME JEWELRY

DEFINITION:

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.

It can range from simple, understated pieces to extravagant, high-end fashion jewelry studded with high-quality, simulated stones.

Costume jewelry is made “en-masse” to satisfy a trend or compliment an outfit.

Taken from Merriam-Webster, Dictionary.com and Brite Co.

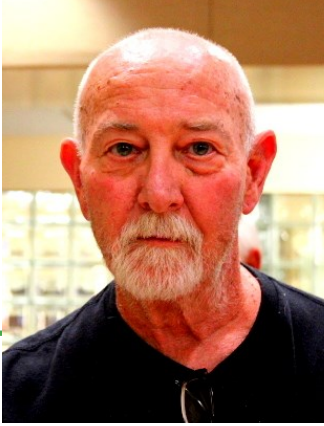
FOREIGN COIN:

DEFINITION:

A piece of metal issued by any foreign governmental authority as money.

EUREKA THC April 2, 2024





Lizzie Borden Hunt Report

by Robert Ahr

Saturday 3-23-24,

It was a great day for the Lizzie Borden Hunt, Weather was sunny and in the 50's. We had 30 people sign in and ALL were excited when they heard that their was 1323 coins and 11 targets. The hunt started at 1100hrs. and lasted 45 minutes. Chris Davis took a count on coins found, out of 29 people reporting 1250 coins were found which came out to a 95% of coins found. Next came the prizes which was the throwing of the Axe/Dart, at 1 of 11 balloons with numbers inside of them which associated with a prize on the table.



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Allen Jordan started off the event by missing all balloons on his first throw but came back with token #2 and popped the balloon with that held the 1883 Silver Dollar... So the winners are the following:

Allen Jordan- 1883 silver dollar, 1853 10 cent coin and the Eureka Mug with a 1853 coin and a No Date coin.

Marty Stone- Spyderco Knife and the 1927 gold plated standing Liberty Quarter

Raffi Soria- 1 silver bullion coin and 1 hatchet (the blade is sharp)

Ron Erickson- gold plated 1965 half dollar

Dan Dicenso- stained glass

Michael Yamiolkoski- 1 hatchet (the blade is sharp)

Shellie Zornes- .925 1.5oz Hatchet

Thank you to all Hunters and Volunteer's and I can't wait to do it again.

- Robert (the Pirate) Ahr



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Join us for an open house
to celebrate the life of



Lorie Atencio

April 28th, 2024 from 1:00-4:00 PM

Vibe Coffee and Wine

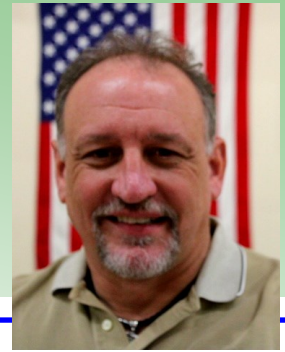
1490 Curtis Street

Denver, CO

*Please bring stories &
memories to share
Refreshments provided*

The Prez Sez

by Jeff Lubbart



April, that means we are through our first quarter of 2024. Yes, time is flying by in the blink of the eye. For the April meeting I, along with Ron and Linda will be in England trying to stir up some older finds. Mark will be running the meeting and I hope that most of you take it easy on him, but a few of you need to give him a hard time.

If you haven't done so yet, you will need to pay your dues in order to continue the benefits of being a member. Entering finds in the Find Of the Month, attending meetings, attending club hunts, receiving notice of the newsletter are all benefits of being a member.

After being a member in good standing for at least a year, you are eligible to become a member of the Physical Evidence Recovery Team (P.E.R.T.) and the Historical Artifact Recovery Team (H.A.R.T.) These teams occasionally get called out to assist in recover of items, being a member of the team doesn't mean you will be asked to go on all searches, but you will be on the list of those available to help out. For many, both PERT and HART searches, the size of the search area may determine the number of people that get invited to do a search. Likewise, some searches may be conducted during the middle of the work week which will limit who can perform the search.

Both the PERT and HART searches can be rewarding. However, being a member of these teams means that you typically will be giving up your finds to the agency that we are assisting. Trust me, when/if you make that find of a life time and have to give it up, it can test you. I found a very nice Flying Eagle Cent while doing a HART hunt and I was elated to find it but a bit heart broken to hand it over to the archaeologist. I have photos of that pretty little coin and I do have several Flying Eagles Cents in my collection, but none of them are the coin that I found. So be it! I made the choice to join the team and I abided by the rules set forth by the team and the agency that we were assisting. So if you are not willing to follow all of the rules set forth by the teams, please do not join the teams.

- Jeff





Detectors and Equipment for Sale!

I have a couple of new detectors in stock that I would like to move, currently, I have a Minelab Equinox 900 and a Nokta Legend. These machines will come with the full manufacturer warranty. Also, I have a couple of Minelab M8 (5x8) coils, these will only work on the Manticore. Please contact me for special Eureka members only pricing on the above listed items or any of your detecting needs.

Jeff Lubbert

President - Eureka! Treasure Hunters club





Breakfast Club 4/1

by Chris Davis



March 1 was a nice day for a Breakfast Club outing! Highs in the 60's. Great soil moisture.

After a brief, but vigorous discussion (only a minimal amount of blood was shed), it was decided to make our hunt at Robinson Park, over off of 3rd Street.

We did not make any great discoveries, but did make several good finds. Three rings were recovered by Greg L, Jeff M and myself. The best, by far, was a nice petite silver ring with a tiny dragon fly, found by Greg.



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I picked up a nice silver religious medallion in the soccer field. Jeff M. dug up a silver Mercury dime 1943, a 1938 nickel and a Colorado Tax Token. Marcus L. picked up a pretty earring. Jim M. got a Crucifix and a small cross with a gold Jesus in it.

Mary S., whose foot was hurting went to another park where she found a drone. She did not say how deeply it was buried or what settings she used. I suspect it was lost during the Indian Wars. It should go very well with the hookah she picked up several years ago.

Jim M. did best on change recovery with \$2.88. Bob H. came up with \$2.59, followed closely by Jeff M. with \$2.49. Katie got \$2.21 (most of it out of Mark's pouch). I only got reports from 10 of our hunters, but it appears we got at least \$17.35 of that dirty money off the park grounds.

We did not do too bad.







Metal Detecting Self Defense

by Chris Davis

First, let me throw out a disclaimer. The information below are my own, personal views on metal detecting self-defense. I do not recommend or encourage anyone to do any of this stuff. In fact, you should not even read the following article. In no way am I encouraging folks to violate the law, or take the law into their own hands. Each of us is totally responsible for our own actions. It is each person's responsibility to understand and obey the law. Keep in mind, all this wonderful information listed below is just my opinion on the matter. And, as my sainted Mother used to say, "Everyone is entitled to their own stupid opinion".

Now all that that is out of the way...

Every day I get up and have my first cup of coffee while watching the morning news. And every morning there are at least a couple reports of shootings and robberies in the Denver and Colorado Springs area. For those of us what get out there metal detecting, we need to be aware of what dangers are out there and be prepared.

It may surprise you to learn, some of the areas some of us are silly enough to venture into in pursuit of corroded coins are not in the best of neighborhoods. If you see bars on all the house windows in the neighborhood and gangs hanging around on the corners, a warning light might ought'a come on. Perhaps it would be best to find another place to hunt. If you hunt some of these areas about dark, especially on weekends, you may be asking for trouble. Sometimes problem areas are not so obvious. Even in the "nice" neighborhoods, you would be well advised to stay alert and be careful.

A thousand years ago I went thru the law enforcement academy of a rural, southern state (it was so long ago we were still using flintlock pistols and riding horses). One of the most important things I leaned is there are people out there who will do things most people cannot conceive of. And the really scary part is, you probably have several living in your neighborhood. It is important to realize some of these people are wired differently and/or on drugs. Some even smoke the killer weed. Many of these folks just do not think the way

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normal people do. Your sense of fairness, common sense and morals just do not come into play. Some of these people will kill you for a corroded quarter or your tennis shoes. But, “It will never happen to me”. Do not bet your life on it.

Another thing I learned at the academy was what they referred to as “situational awareness”. Being aware of what is going on around you. For example, walking out to your car in a dark parking lot with total concentration on your cell phone may be a good way to get in serious trouble in a hurry. As you walk toward your car, you need to be looking all around.

Some of you may recognize the 2nd episode of the British tv show, *The Detectorists*. Our hero, Andy, is metal detecting in a field when a flight of 6 jets rocket over at treetop level. Sophie runs up to him and exclaims, “Wow! That was fantastic!” to which Andy replies, “What?” He did not have a clue. We all do it, but some more than others. We tend to focus on the ground and targets, and may not be keeping an eye on what is going on around us as much as we should.

Hunting in groups is a very good idea. There is safety in numbers. More eyes to watch each other’s backs. Some of us hunt some pretty seedy parks, but even in “nice” parks, you can run into trouble. Do not get isolated from your group. Keep a constant eye on your people, and anyone else who may be around, and other members of your group keep an eye on you.

The Boy Scout motto is “Be Prepared”. Just like you should carry spare batteries, you should consider carrying self-defense supplies. A whistle is an invaluable item that should be in everyone’s metal detecting kit, and readily accessible. Bad guys do not like noise that might attract other people. Another key self-defense weapon is as simple as your cell phone. Hold it up to your ear and yell, “911? I am being threatened by a number of individuals at so and so Park!”

I am a big believer in pepper spray. I, personally, do not carry it, but I believe in it. I carry a firearm, but everyone is not psychologically prepared or properly trained to use one. Unless you are, having a firearm can cause a lot more problems than it solves. An article I read suggested, “There are few situations which cannot be made worse by the introduction of a firearm”, has



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some merit. For those folks not comfortable carrying a firearm, or are not sure they can shoot someone when it comes down to it, pepper spray may be an option. If you make a mistake, it will not be a mortal one.

The first thing to keep in mind is, pepper spray will not incapacitate everyone. When I was down south, one of our game wardens got into an altercation and sprayed a fellow. All it did was make him mad. The guy chased the game warden around his truck and it was necessary to jump inside and lock the door to keep the guy from beating him up. Still, it is better than trying to hit someone over the head with your metal detector.

If you do not feel right, or see someone of suspect, go ahead and get the pepper spray can in your hand, safety off and ready to go. If the situation deteriorates, do not hold the pepper spray can up and say, "You come any closer I will spray you!" If it is that serious, just hose the sucker down. You want it to be a surprise. And move while you are doing it. Do not just stand in one place where he can put his head down and charge you.

A can of pepper spray has got to be small enough to carry, but all pepper spray is not created equal. There are about 3 different kinds (steam, mist, foam/gel). I went down to the gun shop and purchased 3 different kinds.

I tried one of the smaller, stream models and discovered I can wee-wee further and harder, and I am an old man. With a range of only 5 feet, that is letting the bad guy get too close.

My next try was a Saber Red Foam model. It was like spraying shaving cream and still only had a 5 foot range.

For outdoors use, the model I liked best was a Fox Five Point Three. This was a mist/stream spray, and you have to be careful with mist sprays as the wind can blow it back in your face, but it really wraps up the subject at a range of 10 feet. The stuff comes in both 2 oz. and 4 oz. sizes. The problem with this model is, indoors you are going to get everyone in the room, and probably including yourself.



The Arapahoe County Sheriff's officers carry Sabre Red Crossfire Gel. It shoots a thin stream of gel which turns to liquid. It has a range of better than 10 feet, but the thin steam makes it harder to hit the target.

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I know some of you carry wasp spray. I watched a video comparing both. Can't believe some yo-yo let them spray him in the eyes for the test, but he did. The wasp spray had good coverage and range, but did not incapacitate the suspect nearly as well. He could still pursue you.



Whatever model you choose, take it out and test it. Get a feel for moving the safety on and off, and know exactly what it will do when you push the trigger. How far does it go? What kind of coverage do you get? Carefully clean the nozzle off when you are finished testing it. And wash your hands.

And, just like a firearm, it doesn't do you any good if it is in the closet at the house when you need it. You got to carry it.

Pepper spray also works great on aggressive dogs.

While not a mortal weapon, pepper spray can still cause a great deal of pain and discomfort. It is not a toy to be played with, and it should be kept out of reach of children.

It is the individual's responsibility to determine where it is legal to carry pepper spray. While it is legal to carry pepper spray in the State of Colorado, there are always exceptions. For example, you may not carry pepper spray on commercial airlines or in Colorado state and local governmental buildings or in Federal governmental buildings. It is not permitted anywhere that has security checkpoints.

About a hundred years ago we had a serial rapist murdering women in the Baton Rouge area. So, I went out and bought my wife and daughter each a can of pepper spray. Sometime thereafter, the wife flew down to Florida to visit a friend. The day she flew back I was wandering around the airport waiting for her flight to come in. Being bored, I read several signs listing all the stuff you cannot carry on an airplane. Stuff like hand grenades, flame throwers, bombs, cans of gasoline, etc., which I had no idea it was illegal to carry on airplanes. Another sign said it was a \$2,500 fine to carry a handgun on an airplane. Okay. But the next sign said there was a \$5,000 fine for carrying a can of pepper spray on an airplane. This seemed a little odd, so I felt obligated to go up to a security guard and inquire as to why the fine for carrying pepper spray was twice that for carrying a gun. The guard said this was because a can of pepper spray could incapacitate the whole plane.

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Okay. The wife came in without problem, we loaded her suitcase in the truck and headed home. I mentioned the pepper spray conversation I had with the guard, and she turned white. Apparently, she had forgotten she had the can of pepper spray in her purse, and had carried it on the flight down, and again on the flight home. And did not get caught. Told her I was going to get her a gun, cause that would be a lot cheaper fine.

If you do not happen to have a can of pepper spray, and things get serious, your probe or screwdriver can make a very good weapon.

As a closing note I will relate my own personal philosophy on concealed carry of a firearm: If I can give the robber my money and can walk/run away, that is what I am going to do. To me, taking a human life is not worth a \$100 (which I never carry anyway). They can have my money and go with my blessing. In addition, assuming you can beat the criminal charges involved with shooting someone, you can, and probably will, be sued civilly, regardless of circumstances. On the other hand, if I truly feel it is going to come down to someone getting hurt, I just assume it be the bad guy. Another one of those catchy academy maxim's, "it is better to be tried by 12 than carried by 6".

As a closing note, even after all this wonderful advice, I will relate a recent situation I got myself into. I should have paid more attention to my own self-defense advice. I was out on one of the uptown play areas recently, happily digging up corroded pennies, when I looked up and found myself surrounded by 8 individuals. You cannot carry a gun on school ground, so there I was. That is what happens when you pay too much attention to digging, and not enough to what is going on around you. Fortunately, they were all girls and ranged in age from 4 to 7. Before long we had organized into an efficient team. I would find the item, they would help dig it, and drop it into my pouch. Coins, and all the garbage on the playground. Well, it should come as no surprise Mom soon came over for a closer visit. Probably half to make sure I was not a pervert, and half to rescue me from the horde. But, I had trained my group well. Upon que, when asked how much it costs the United States government to manufacture a penny, they all promptly responded, "1.7 cents!" Mom left me to the tender mercies of the horde.

This article is not meant to scare anyone, but a little common sense and preparation goes a long way.

Safe hunting.



Eureka 2024 Calendar



April

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April

Friday, Apr 5 - Breakfast Club

Friday, Apr 12 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, Apr 20 - Breakfast Club

Sunday Apr 21 - **The Dream Team Hunt**

May

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May

Friday, May 3 - Breakfast Club

Friday, May 10 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 18 - Breakfast Club

Saturday, May 19 - **Night Hunt 8:30 PM**

June

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June

Friday, June 7 - Breakfast Club

Friday, June 14 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, June 15 - Breakfast Club

Saturday, June 22 - **June Hunt**

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Club Dates

Friday, April 5
Saturday, April 20
Friday, May 3
Saturday, May 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.
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.





Is it Silver?

by Chris Davis

There are a number of ways to tell if the jewelry you found is indeed silver.

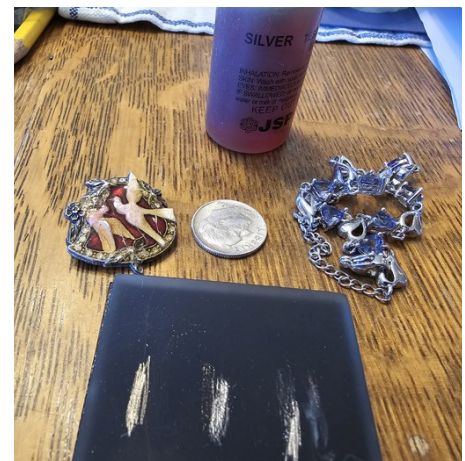
Look. Silver has a “look”. Once you have looked at enough silver items, you will get a good idea if it silver or not just by the way the item looks.

Hallmark Stamp. If the item is stamped “.925” or “Sterling” it is probably silver. Jewelry items touted as “gold” are frequently and purposely mislabeled, but I cannot remember ever seeing a silver item stamped as silver when it was not.

Bleach. The literature indicates Bleach can be used to determine if an item is silver. When bleach is applied to a silver item, the true silver item will quickly tarnish or turn black.

Commercial Acid Test Kit. This kit usually comes with 4 different Gold Test Acids (10K, 14K, 18K, 22K), a Silver Acid and a Test Stone. The test procedure requires scratching the item to be tested with a small file in a remote location in case the item is plated. This scratched area is then rubbed on the black stone.

I frequently can tell if an item is (not) silver by the color of the scratch. If it is a brown/brass color, it is not silver (probably copper). Silver has a “silver” color (imagine that). Aluminum also has a silver color, but will not change at all when acid is applied.



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Commercial Acid Test Kit

There are 2 ways to test for silver with a Commercial Acid Test Kit.

First, there is a Silver Acid. A drop of the Silver Acid is then placed on the rubbing, wait 20-30 seconds and note the color of the rubbing. A reddish color indicates the item is silver. Sometimes, the color is difficult to determine just by looking at the acid drop. Wiping the drop of acid off with a white paper towel makes the red color, if present, show up much better.

Blue -Nickel

Dark -Brown Brass

Yellow -Tin or Lead

Green (500)

Brown -Low Grade Silver (.800)

Red -Silver Dime (.900)

Darker Red -Sterling Silver (.925)

Bright Red - Fine Silver (.999)

Another way to determine if the item is silver is to use the 18K or 14K Acid. Make the rubbing mark on the black stone as noted above. Put a drop of 18K on the rubbing and wait 20-30 seconds. The acid will turn .925 (Sterling) silver on the rubbed mark to a light blue color. If instead, you put the 14K acid on a silver rubbing, it should turn a milky white.

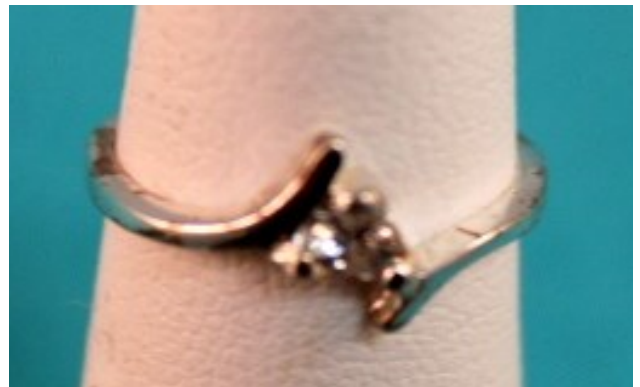


Copper Brass Silver Faux Silver (14K Acid)



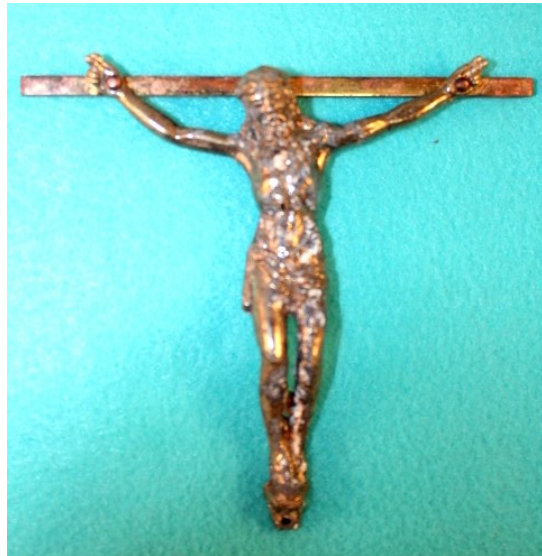
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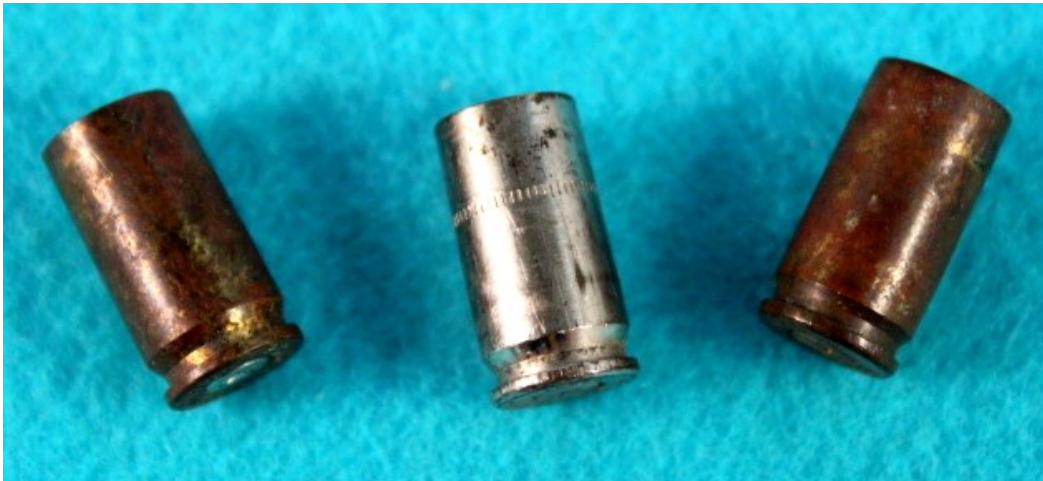
Spring Treasures



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Find of the Month Winners - March

Coin - Jeff McClendon

1935 Walking Liberty Half Dollar



Found at a hunted out Denver Park w/ Minelab Manticore

Token - Jeff McClendon

'38-'41CO 2 mil Retail Sales Tax Token



Found under a tree near playground at Robinson Park

Artifact - Brian Henry

Company C 52nd Regiment Medallion



Found at an old train Station

Find of the Month Winners - March (cont.)

Gold - Ron Graves

14k White Gold Ring w/ 22 Diamonds



Surface find found at Bates & Logan Park

Jewelry - Mary Sable

.925 Silver Ring w/ Diamond Chips



Found in a Denver park in 2" of dirt

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GOLD CATEGORY	
Ron Graves.....	14K Gold Ring w/ diamonds
Greg Lewis.....	Gold Chain
JEWELRY CATEGORY	
Mary Sable.....	Silver Diamond Ring
Roy Neys.....	Earring
Lee Parimuha.....	Pendant
Chris Davis.....	Silver Ring
Shellie Zornes.....	Ring
Greg Lewis.....	Silver Dragonfly Ring
Shellie Zornes	Ring
Lane Black	Necklace
Tom Fowler.....	Earring
Tom Fowler.....	Lg Earring
Lane Black.....	Ring
Chris Davis.....	Claw Finger Ring
COIN CATEGORY	
Jeff McClendon.....	1935 Half Dollar
Jeff McClendon	1909-S VDB Penny
Robert Ahr.....	7 Coin Spill
Linda Ericson.....	1907 Indian Head Penny
Shellie Zornes.....	1928-D Penny
Mary Sable.....	Greek Coin
TOKEN CATEGORY	
Jeff McClendon.....	Retail Tax Token
ARTIFACT CATEGORY	
Brian Henry.....	52nd Regiment Infantry Medallion
Marcus Lieberman.....	Handcuffs
Mark Cochran.....	Crucifix
Lee Black.....	Pocket Watch
Tony Frangella.....	1800 Button
Linda Erickson.....	Cobbler's Shoe Repair Tool
Tom Fowler.....	3 Shell Casings

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 March 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER 7:32 PM

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday March 8, 2024 at the Clements Community Center, Lakewood with approximately 60 members and guests present.

Welcome – Jeff Lubbert, President

Treasurers Report – Linda Kibler

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE BY APRIL 30, 2024. APPLICATIONS REQUIRED YEARLY.

EUREKA! THC BOARD RESOLUTION – TEMPORARY February 27, 2024

The Eureka! THC Board has adopted a TEMPORARY resolution for the addition of two (2) additional categories to the Find of the Month (FOM):

- Costume Jewelry
- Foreign Coins

By unanimous consent, the Eureka! THC Board decided to “TEST” two (2) additional TEMPORARY categories effective April 12 – October 11, 2024, 7 months. The information gathered during the “TEST” period will be reviewed by the Board in November 2024 to determine if the additional categories should be added to the FOM in the future.

During the “TEST” period, members may enter their finds in these additional categories; items entered in these categories will be eligible for the standard FOM honors, a silver dime for the winner of the category; however, the winners of these two (2) categories will NOT be eligible for the 2024 Find of the Year (FOY) awards. Like the winners of our five (5) categories, the winners of these two (2) TEMPORARY categories will be required to give a write-up of the story of their find(s) to be published in the *Soundoff*. These two (2) new TEMPORARY categories are meant to bring back some fun into the FOM competition.

In the future, if this resolution is approved by the Eureka! THC Board, the finds entered will become FOY eligible – 2025.

Questions: please see / contact any Eureka! THC Board member.

DISCUSSION:

Historical Artifact Recovery Team (HART) – see Ken King to sign up

Physical Evidence Recovery Team – see Jeff Lubbert if interested

**** Both require the member to be in good standing and a member of the Club for one (1) year**

SPEAKERS

February – “POT LUCK” and 2023 awards

March – “Prospecting” – Bobby Manning

April – “Detecting Safely in Parks” – Jerrod Lippert

HUNTS

February 10 – Brice Young – tour of National Western CSU Spur buildings

March 23 – Lizzie Borden Hunt – Robert Ahr - \$25

April 21 – Dream Teams - Lee P

Breakfast Club – meets the 1st Friday and the 3rd Saturday monthly at Lookin’ Good Restaurant, Lakewood

FINDS OF THE MONTH

Gold – Ron Graves

Coin – Jeff McClendon



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Artifact – Brian Henry
Token – Jeff McClendon
Jewelry – Mary Sable

COIN DRAWINGS

1841 O Seated Dime – Steve Erickson
1971 S Proof set – Greg Lewis
1852 Large Cent – Roy Neys
1903 Barber Dime – Chris Davis
1865 Nickle 3 Cent – Marty Stone
1864 Two Cent Piece – Jeff Lubbert
1866 Shield Nickle – Marcus L
1857 Flying Eagle Cent – Steve Erickson
1922 Peace Dollar – Marcus L
1912 S Barber Half – Shellie Z

Second Chances - donated by Roy N

Camelback Hydration Pack – Marty Stone
Camelback Hydration Pack – Tony Frangella
Bluetooth Wireless Headphones – Marcus L

50/50 – Robert Ahr

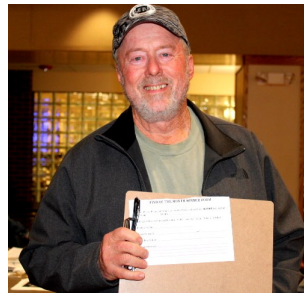
HOLIDAY – 1881 S Morgan – Greg Lewis

MEMBERSHIP – Marcina Grimberg

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Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Faires
Secretary
Eureka! THC






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Speakers	Mark Cochran		

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Eureka! is a Denver-based, Colorado nonprofit organization established in 1973 for the enjoyment of metal detecting, electronic prospecting and treasure hunting. Its purpose is to provide an educational and social forum of mutual benefit for members. Eureka! holds a monthly meeting and conducts various special presentations, hunts and seminars. Members have voting privileges. Membership includes 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 Apr 12th meeting will be held at the Clements Center at 7:30 p.m.
www.eurekathc.org





“The seeker always finds what he seeks simply because of constant attention and perseverance.” - *Anonymous*

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