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## **Attention!**

**The Eureka Meeting on  
February 9th will start at  
6:30 PM.**

**There will be an awards banquet.  
Please bring a main dish, side dish  
or a dessert to share.**



# **The February Non-Hunt**

## **at the CSU Spur of the National Western Complex**

- **Watch veterinarians perform surgeries on dogs and cats in the Dumb Friends League Veterinary Hospital – CSU Spur is the only location in the world where the public can see companion animals in surgery and ask questions directly to the vet team.**
- **Try out virtual reality.**
- **Get your hands dirty with digging activities while checking out the rooftop greenhouses and green roof.**
- **See the horses who live on-site at CSU Spur assisting with therapy for humans through the Temple Grandin Equine Center.**
- **CSU Spur has educational exhibits, as well as art installations to enjoy during a visit.**

**Local food trucks for those interested in buying lunch during their visit.**

**THREE DIFFERENT BUILDINGS TO EXPLORE.  
VIDA (LIFE), TERRA (LAND) AND HYDRO (WATER)**

**BRING FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS!**

**DON'T LET EVERYONE ELSE HERE  
TELL WHAT A GREAT TIME THEY HAD!**

**CSU SPUR AT THE NATIONAL WESTERN COMPLEX**

**FEB 10TH AT 10:00 AM**

**(DRIVING DIRECTIONS ON FOLLOWING PAGE)**



# DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO CSU SPUR

## GPS:

4777 National Western Dr.,  
Denver, CO 80216



### LEGEND:

- CSU Spur: Vida
- CSU Spur: Terra
- CSU Spur: Hydro
- The Shop at Hydro
- CSU Spur parking
- Client parking only
- One-way traffic
- Loading zones
- National Western Center
- National Western Complex
- RTD N Line station

Parking behind the Vida building

Scan to see today's *Free* activities or visit [CSUSpur.org/visit](http://CSUSpur.org/visit)



**It's free.  
Come visit.**

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Eureka March 23, 2024

# Lizzie Borden Hunt



When: March 23, 2024  
Where: Robby Ferrufino Park  
9001 W, 74th Ave  
Arvada, CO 80005  
Start of the Hunt: 11:00 a.m.  
Cost per person: \$25.00  
For more information contact:  
Robert Ahr 303-910-8091

# *The Prez Sez*

*by Jeff Lubbert*



We are now well into the year 2024, hopefully you have a new set of goals in life and detecting (yes, they are two separate things). I always try to set a list of 10 detecting goals each and every year. Some of those goals are somewhat easy to obtain, some I have to work at to achieve, and a couple of them I need some serious luck to even consider getting close to accomplishing them. That is my system, I hope you have a system of your own and try to attain those new goals.

Our January meeting was a little low on the number of members in attendance, I know there were several people out sick. For those of you who chose to stay home due to illness, THANK YOU!! We don't need to be spreading that crud that is still going around. I must say that those that were in attendance did buy some tickets for our drawings. We had our largest win ever for the 50/50 drawings, \$70! You will never guess who won that. Yep, Mr. Lucky Lewis! His run of good luck continues.

The swap meet was also very low in member attendance, once again due to illness but also because it was a bit chilly out. We had record low temps and a fresh batch of snow. Once again, I can't blame a soul for staying home on such a cruddy day. I believe that we had 24 members walk through the doors, which includes the 7 of us that had tables set up. I must say that I really do like the idea of a swap meet, but when Mother Nature has ideas of keeping the numbers down, she wins every time. So be it. For those of us who attended, we had some good conversations and a bit of camaraderie.

The February meeting is our awards banquet, please bring a main dish, side dish or a dessert to share with the masses. This meeting starts at 6:30! Yes, that is right, 6:30. We will all sit down for a buffet style smorgasbord of tasty food. After a wonderful meal and a bit of conversation, we will start off our meeting with the usual pledge of allegiance and club business, then we will hand out the Finds Of the Year awards. After that we will give out our annual awards and then go to our mid meeting break and voting for Finds of the Month. Upon returning to our meeting we will install our new members of our board of directors, and then finish out the meeting as normal (yah, us normal :-)).



*- Jeff*

# THE RETURN OF THE RING

BY BILL CHAPMAN







# Breakfast Club 1/5

by Chris Davis

The Eureka! Breakfast Club made its first hunt of 2024 on Friday, January 5. The preliminary weather report did not look overly encouraging. Temperatures had been in the freezing range for over a week. Upon Roy N's suggestion, we went over to the Paco Sanchez Park for our hunt. Surprisingly, 16 individuals turned out for the hunt.

The weather, actually, turned out to be quite good. The location had a good southern exposure and most of the ground was diggable to an acceptable degree. The sun came out, and I quickly ditched my jacket.

We did not do too badly. Three rings were recovered by Roy N., Mark C. and Brice Y. Brice's ring was by far the best. It was a very nice silver, man's band. This was the best find of the hunt. Marianne picked up a nice bracelet. Jeff M. did best on change with \$5.07, closely followed by Marianne with \$5.57 and Roy with \$4.18.

A good time was held by all.



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# Breakfast Club 1/20

by Chris Davis



As weather conditions were something less than ideal for our second Breakfast Club of the year, it was decided between the snow and the frozen ground, we, as a group, would forego the hunt. However, a number of us looked awfully underfed, so we opted to have breakfast anyway. To my surprise, 10 of us "underfed" individuals showed up. We had an excellent breakfast and some great comradery.

I did best on change, picking up a penny in the parking lot (right next to Mark C., who had his chance for glory, but muffed it).

Being very weak minded, Katie and I hit 4 frozen tot lots on the way home, and with my trusty framing hammer, was able to break thru the ice and recovered an additional \$1.51, a tiny religious medallion, a pendant, a hairpin and a plastic nickel (yeah, you can find plastic with a Deus II). Best of all, I picked up 2 very nice adjustable rings. One had a cupcake on it, the other had a cute little turtle. My first rings of the year! I am so proud (and so full of it).



# Eureka! 2023 Finds Of The Year

	Gold	Jewelry	Coin	Artifact	Token
January					
		Silver Ring w/TigerEye	1857 Flying Eagle		Car Wash Token
February					
		3 Diamond Silver Ring	Buffalo Nickel	Clock Parts	
March					
	14K Anchor Cross	Silver Garnet Ring	1917 Wheat Penny	Knights Cycle Pin	J.O. Finnell Token
April					
	14k Tiffany Gold Ring	925 Pend w/ Emeralds	Silver Eagle	1930 Chevy Emblem	2.5 Cent Earl's PI
May					
	Gold Wedding Ring	Silver Bracelet	1876 Seated Dime	Railroad Lock	Casa Bonita Token
June					
	Gold Tiffany Ring	Silver Ring Fire Opal	1891 Seated Dime	1916 Watch Fob	CO Tax Token
July					
	10K Gold Bracelet	Silver Necklace	\$5 Gold Coin	WWII Hand Grenade	Lake McC. Token
August					
	Gold Diamond Ring	Silver Ring w/ Stone	1891 Seated Dime	RR Acetylene ID	Wm Coleman Token
September					
	22K Gold Band	Silver Double Ring	1847 Half Dime	Brass Skeleton Key	Tramway Token
October					
	18k Gold Cross	Silver Opal Necklace	Silver Denarius	Brass Insect Pin	1906 EHH Trade Token
November					
	Gold Ring w/ Diamonds	Silver Rose Ring	Shield Nickel	Gen. Pace Ch. Coin	Minn. Train Token
December					
	14k Gold Ring	.925 Fire Opal Ring	1817 Lg. Cent	1860's Militia Button	Fannie Farkles Token





# Eureka 2024 Calendar



## February

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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25	26	27	28	29		
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## February

Friday, Feb 2 - Breakfast Club

Friday, Feb 9 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 6:30 pm

Saturday, Feb 10 - **February Non-Hunt**

Saturday, Feb 17 - Breakfast Club

## March

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
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## March

Friday, Mar 1 - Breakfast Club

Friday, Mar 8 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 7:30 pm

Saturday, Mar 16 - Breakfast Club

Saturday, Mar 23 - **Lizzie Borden Hunt**

## April

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30				
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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

**April Hunt TBD**



## Upcoming Events

### Breakfast Club Dates

Friday, February 2  
Saturday, February 17  
Friday, March 1  
Saturday, March 16

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

### LINKED WEB SITES

[www.mdhtalk.org](http://www.mdhtalk.org) Detecting Hobby Talk

[www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org) Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs

[www.spreaker.com/admrr](http://www.spreaker.com/admrr)

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

[TenaciousTreasureTracker.com](http://TenaciousTreasureTracker.com)

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

[www.Youtube.com/AdventuresInDirt](http://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](http://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.

## 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.

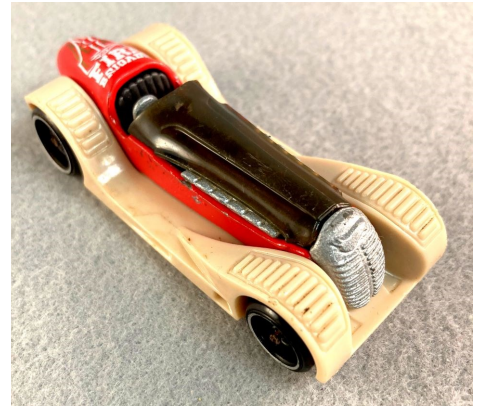


## All Hail!

## The Big Coinhuna 2023

## Ron Graves

# The Finds of Winter



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# Find of the Month Winners - January

**Coin - Cindy Bockenstedt**

**1923 Peace Dollar**



**Found 6 inches down near Wheat Pennies**

**Token - Marcus Lieberman**

**Alabama Luxury Token**



**Pablo Sanchez Park. One inch deep**

**Artifact - Cindy Bockenstedt**

**WWI 1917 Dog Tag**



**Sounded like a dime 4 inches down,  
in with a ton of junk**

# Find of the Month Winners - January (cont.)

**Gold – Cindy Bockenstedt**

**Gold Earring**



**Found on top of frozen wood chips, VDI 2**

**Jewelry - Jeff McClendon**

**Silver and Garnet Ring**



**Found at Cook Park during the Metal Heads Hunt. The ring was smashed but I fixed it.**

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<b>GOLD CATEGORY</b>	
<b>Cindy Bockenstedt</b> .....	<b>Gold Earring</b>
Jeff McClendon.....	14k Gold Necklace
Jeff McClendon.....	10k Gold Ring
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	10k Ring
<b>JEWELRY CATEGORY</b>	
<b>Jeff McClendon</b> .....	<b>Silver and Garnet Ring</b>
Marty Stone.....	Silver Snake Ring
Marty Stone.....	Silver Ring
Lane Black.....	Necklace
Lane Black.....	Silver Hummingbird
Lane Black.....	Ring
Lane Black.....	Rose Pin
Greg Lewis.....	Ring
Greg Lewis.....	Tungsten Ring
Greg Lewis.....	White Ring
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	Cuff Link
Roy Neys.....	Silver Ring
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	Religious Medallion
<b>COIN CATEGORY</b>	
<b>Cindy Bockenstedt</b> .....	<b>1923 Peace Dollar</b>
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	1869 Shield Nickel
Dan Pierson.....	2 Canadian Pennies
Lane Black.....	1946 Wheat Cent
Chris Davis.....	Silver Quarter
Greg Lewis.....	1941 Wheat Cent
<b>TOKEN CATEGORY</b>	
<b>Marcus Lieberman</b> .....	<b>Alabama Luxury Tax Token</b>
Dan Pierson.....	Marta Token
Greg Lewis.....	Car Wash Token
Cindy Bockenstedt.....	Children 1/2 Fare Token
<b>ARTIFACT CATEGORY</b>	
<b>Cindy Bockenstedt</b> .....	<b>WWI 1917 Dog Tag</b>
Brice Young.....	Jewelry Box
Greg Lewis.....	Rosary Pendant
Greg Leis.....	Knife
Greg Lewis.....	Plastic Penny
Robert Ahr.....	Hot Wheels Car
Randy Sable.....	Grateful Dead Coke Spoon
Dock Hroch.....	MP Challenge Coin

**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**  
**January 12, 2024**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday January 12, 2024 at the Clements Community Center, Lakewood.

**Welcome** – Jeff Lubbert, President

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

Treasurers Report – Jeff Lubbert

### **SPEAKERS**

January 2024 – John Olson Detecting Civil War Battlefields

February – “POT LUCK” and 2023 awards

### **HUNTS**

December 10 – Annual Holiday Dinner – Nancy

January 13 – “Swap Meet” – Linda Kibler – Clements Community Center

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

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

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

### **FINDS OF THE MONTH**

Gold – Cindy Bockenstedt

Coin – Cindy Bockenstedt

Artifact – Cindy Bockenstedt

Token – Marcus L

Jewelry – Jeff M

### **COIN DRAWINGS**

1858 O Seated half - Chris

1845 Seated dime – Marty Stone

1922 Peace dollar – Tom Fowler

1936 Buffalo nickel (Unc) – Cindy B

1909 VDB Lincoln cent – Ken King

1969 Proof Set – Lee P

1902 O Barber quarter – Bob Tucker

1865 2-cent piece - Mark

1867 3-cent nickel – Greg Lewis

1853 Seated quarter - Mark

2<sup>nd</sup> Chance

Garrett bag – Cindy B

**50/50** – Greg Lewis

**HOLIDAY** – 1921 Morgan – Marcus L

**MEMBERSHIP** – Cynthia Hoover

### **ADJOURN**

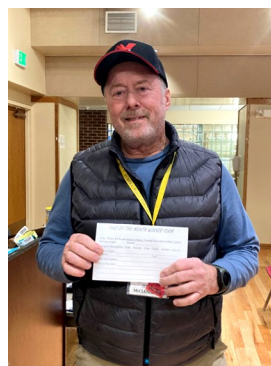
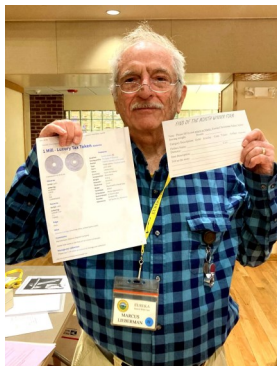
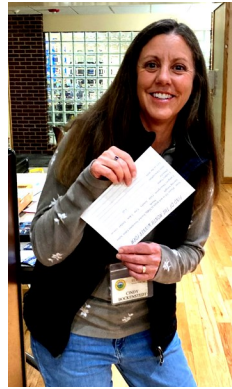
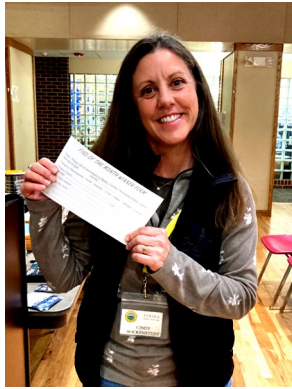
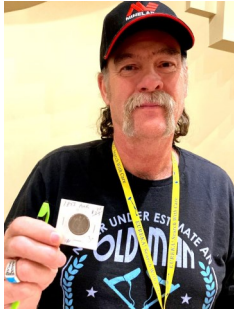
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Nancy Faires  
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## About Eureka!

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 Feb 9th meeting will be held at the Clements Center at 6:30 p.m.**  
[www.eurekathc.org](http://www.eurekathc.org)







**“The happiest people I know are not those who find their golden ticket; they are those who, while in pursuit of worthy goals, discover and treasure the beauty and sweetness of the everyday moments.”**  
**- Dieter F. Uchtdorf**

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