The Soundoff

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by Nancy Faires



The Big Coinhung Hunt

Date: Sept. 11, 2022

Place: O'Kane Park

7101 W 1st Ave, Lakewood

Time: 10:30 AM

Dress in your best Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts! Awards will be given for the best Hawaiian costumes

Members Only





The Prez Sez by Roy Neys

Big Kahuna/Coinhuna

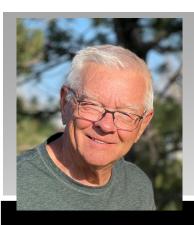
Some of us went to The Rush to the Rockies. That was a lot of fun. September 11th is a Sunday, and you will want to mark that date on your calendar because we are in for a good time. Best of all, if you are a member of good standing It is not going to cost you anything! O'Kane park in Lakewood at 10:30 am is where you want to be when we start the festivities. I'm hoping some of you will dress in Hawaiian motif because I plan to award two people a prize for their get ups. That is the Big Kahuna part. The Coinhuna will start after everyone gets into their detecting garb. I wanted to design a competition hunt that everybody has a chance of winning. Of course, only one person will be awarded the title of Big Coinhuna but everyone has a shot at it. Now, I'm not going to tell you all the rules now, but here is an overview of what to expect. The first heat has 400 silver Mercury dimes, about 300 clad guarters, 13 Barber Quarters, and 13 Indian head cents. All you have to do is be one of 7 people to find ONE Barber Quarter. That's right, ONE Barber Quarter. These 7 contestants will each want a counter that can see with them for Heat #2. It has 1,000 wheat cents, 200 or more pennies and 2 Flying Eagle Cents in this heat. I'll tell you what you have to find in order to go to Heat #3. Oh, 3 or 4 (if there is a tie) will advance. Heat #3 has 100 war nickels and around 300 common nickels. More will be revealed for 2 people to go on to Heat #4. Heat #4 has 1,000 clad dimes and 100 Silver Roosevelt dimes. Hopefully, this will decide the 2022 Coin Huna. If there is a tie.... If there is a tie, well you better hope there is not a tie. I hope you noticed that there will be a lot of good stuff left over after the Coinhuna gets done. I hope someone from the club finds each and every coin leftover. I will be out there to help you. Oh, you could wear a nice or ugly Hawaiian shirt to the meeting Friday night September 9th. I'm not saying- just saying.

Happy Trails,

Roy







SEARCHING THE MARSHALL FIRE By OLIE JOHNSON

Greetings from semi-beautiful Watkins!

It's funny how events unfold sometimes. This spring I got a text from Terry, whom I've never met, and she asked if I would help her find some valuable jewelry items. She and her family lost everything in the Marshall fire. Terry explained that she got a call from a friend, Don, who recommended me to help. I remembered Don as the guy who lost his grandfather's gold wedding band while pulling weeds in a field. This was one of the first rings for me to find and return to the owner. This was about 20 years ago!



I arrived at Terry's home site and seeing Terry standing in the middle of the devastation that was once her house brought tears to my eyes. Imagine standing in your basement with everything that was once above you, burned and laying around you, from the last shingle nail at the peak of the roof down to the bicycles parked in the garage. The refrigerator and stove from the kitchen on top of the washer and dryer in the basement. Closet hooks and mattress box springs from the bedrooms on the top floor lay on top of the broken dishes and mangled silverware. Metal I beams for floor support are twisted and bent from the intense heat. Metal plumbing still attached to the appliances are mixed in with the bare wires. Then add a couple of feet of ashes to the mix! Where do you start?



After greeting Terry and expressing my condolences for her loss, It was time to get to work. Terry told me that her jewelry was in a closet in their bedroom and we guessed where it may have ended up after the fire.

How do I search for treasure at a site like this? The equipment that Cindy and I used was a good mask, safety glasses and gloves. The machine that we used was a screen box and a No.2 shovel.



Cindy and I spent 5 days digging and sorting and screening through the rubble and what we found included; a shotgun barrel and parts, a high school trumpet, modern coins and foreign coins from their travels, jewelry boxes with jewelry still inside. I managed to find her mother's silver brooch and a Platinum ring but there is still a valuable platinum ring somewhere in the ashes. Did I miss the ring in the tons of ashes that we sifted through or is it in a corner somewhere or inside a burned shell of an appliance? Maybe it landed outside of the house after the explosion of the propane tanks.

Then we finally found it! A large and heavy jewelry box! Cindy handed it to me and I handed it to Terry to open for the first time since the fire. A smile came across her face and she said "Our dog died, we had him cremated and these are his ashes!". No jewelry!

Now imagine this family's loss multiplied by 1,084 times! That is how many homes were burned in the Marshall Fire!

Terry kept some of the items that we found as mementos and they have started the rebuilding process but this tragedy will forever be a part of their lives.





Dog Days of Summer Hunt Report by Sheri Muchlbauer



Twenty-two hunters participated in the hunt. This was the first time a Brighton park was used as a hunt field. A variety of coins were seeded; Indian Head pennies, Buffalo nickels, silver and clad dimes, clad quarters, and clad half-dollars. In addition, 7 dog tags were used as tokens for Eisenhower dollars and Buffalo nickels.





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After the hunt, the group enjoyed meat filled pastry delights from a Brighton family business named Lauer-Krauts. Prize drawings were held for Spyderco knife, 2 silver proof coins featuring dogs, a Dog Days flag, Dog Days hand towel, and 2 cash cache bags donated by Bruce Morton. Park shelter #3 and a number of large trees provided adequate shade. We enjoyed nearby parking. In summary, I think fun was had by all despite the heat of August and at least 2 people being stung by some nasty insect. Many thanks to Marty Stone, Mary & Randy Sable, Kevin Llewellyn, Dan Pierson, Roy Neys and Bruce Morton for helping with the hunt.







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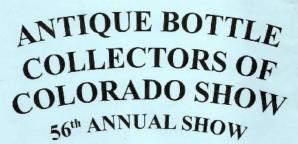
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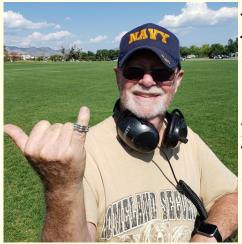


Breakfast Club by Chris Davis



Friday Aug 5th

The Breakfast Club went out to Clements Park for its hunt. It was a very nice day, if you are in to 98 degree temperatures with minimal cloud cover. The chef at the restaurant was out frying eggs on the sidewalk. Some might call the temperature sweltering. That is a big word, but I think that means it was a hair on the warm side. Complain, complain. At least it was not snowing.



We, as a group, did pretty good. Five rings were found. Brice Y. and Roy N. both picked up non-precious metal rings, but 3 silver rings were also recovered. Jeff M. dug up small silver ring with an amethyst stone. The one Walt H. recovered had a pretty green stone and nice metalwork. I love green stones. The ring Greg L. got was a silver version of a Black Hills Gold. Which was best is a matter of personal preference. They were all very nice rings.







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It appears Jim M. did best on Change with \$3.39. Jeff M. got \$2.87 and Mark C. did well also. I had to work to get a dollar, but I was working under the handicap of having to use that Cheap of Deus II.













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"We" picked up some other good finds. Brice got a nice pair of sidecutter pliers. Randy got a pretty bracelet. I got an interesting ball locket. But, I think you could safely say Chuck B. really nailed it, with 2 long spikes.

Oh, if any of you need a ball inflated, you might check with Mary S.







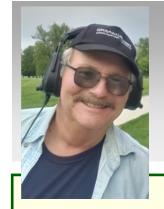








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Breakfast Club by Roy Neys

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Saturday Aug 20

A handful of Eureka! People got together at the Looking Good restaurant at first & Sheridan on Saturday and after bantering around a few ideas we settled on Denver City

Park. We were to meet at the fountain by the MLK statue. Man plans, God laughs. entrance on 17th that had been open last month is now gated. A quick right up the Esplanade- no parking to be found here due to the Denver Farmers Market. Another right at 16th; a few people were parking in the school parking lot. I decided that maybe it wasn't a great idea, although a couple of members parked there without any mishaps. Shot down Josephine, made a right on 23rd and a right into Lots of people parking here- I the park. thought about it but a lot of the park was open to driving last month-onward to the turnabout to park by the tennis courts. GATED! I saw



Jeff Mc and Mike M. in the park in the 17th and Josephine area, but where was everyone else? Passed up a super good place by the Jimmy Bible House, nice and shady. Thought maybe some of the gang might be where we parked last time up by the Museum. Sure enough, Marcus and Randy and Mary were all suited up and talking. I pulled in beside them. They said they would hunt their way to the rest of the group. Okay. By the time I put a new battery in my pinpointer and put my gear in order there was neither hide nor hair of the trio to be seen. Oh well, City Park is a big park. You can't hunt it all. The best part of going to a busy park in Denver at 9:00 am is that you can find a place to parkusually. This place was filling up fast. I saw on the news later that it was "Take your Teddy Bear to the Zoo for a Check up today. I knew we should have gone to Cheeseman Park. Anyway, despite being totally disorganized with a couple of people leaving in disgust, it was a pretty good day for a hunt. Mostly cloudy but no rain or snow I managed to get a

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tad over a dollar hunting (for the third time this summer) east of the lake. A few oddities and a bag full of really good sounding bottle caps. They sounded good before I knew what they were. Mike M. found \$5.21 but Jeff Mc clobbered us finding \$10.78 with a three ring silver ring combination. It was Randy 5's day to shine with silver rings. Not one but FOUR silver rings! Boy Howdy! There might have been more good stuff but I had to get home and let my new puppy out before she had an accident. I'm sorry I didn't get to everyone or anyone for that matter. Everyone mentioned here texted me and sent me pictures. Thank you.

I should have had a Plan B.

Happy Trails, Roy





Eureka 2022 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 3: ● 10:○ 17:● 25:●

September

Friday, Sept 2 - Breakfast Club Newsletter Publishing Date

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

Sunday, Sept 11 - Coinhuna Hunt

Saturday, Sept 17 - Breakfast Club

Friday, Sept 30 - Article Deadline for Newsletter

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October

Friday - Oct 7 - Breakfast Club - Newsletter Publishing Date

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

Saturday - Oct 22 - Breakfast Club

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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, Aug 14 -

Saturday, Nov 19 - Breakfast Club

Friday, Aug 25 - Article Deadline for Newsletter

Upcoming Events

NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

Friday, Sep 9th, 7:30pm, Clements Center

Breakfast Club Dates

Friday, Sep 2nd Saturday Sep 17th Friday, Oct 7th Saturday, Oct 22nd

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:

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

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www.spreaker.com/admrr

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

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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.













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Find of the Month Winners - August

Coin - John Olson

1890 Seated Liberty Dime



Found Approximately 4" deep with the XP Deus II

Artifact - Greg Lewis

Token - Kari Willey

Buckles

1915-1925 Grocery Token



Found while weed eating at a church



Found 1" deep under cottonwood tree by old train depot— Nox 800

Find of the Month Winners - August (cont.)

Gold - Kari Willey

Kindergarten Graduation Ring



Tot lot find - My first gold ring! Found with the Equinox 800

Jewelry - Walter Hoessle Silver Ring w/ Green Stone



Found on Friday at the Breakfast Club hunt at Clement Park. Found w/ Whites MXT Bigfoot Coil

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GOLD CATEGORY Kari Willey....10K Gold Kindergarten Ring JEWELRY CATEGORY Walter Hoessle...Silver Ring w/Green Stone Marcus Lieberman Silver Ring Marty Stone.Silver Pandora Bracelet Mark CochranSilver Ring Cindy Bockenstedt ... Turquoise Baby Ring COIN CATEGORY John Olson1890 Silver Dime Greg Lewis......3 Silver American Eagles Mark Cochran.....50 Euro Cent Marty Stone......1936 Silver Quarter TOKEN CATEGORY Kari Willey.....Grocery Token Jeff McClendon Casino Token ARTIFACT CATEGORY Greg Lewis.....Buckles Kari WilleyMusket Ball Marty Stone Lizard Skin Belt

FIND-OF-THE-MONTH CATEGORIES

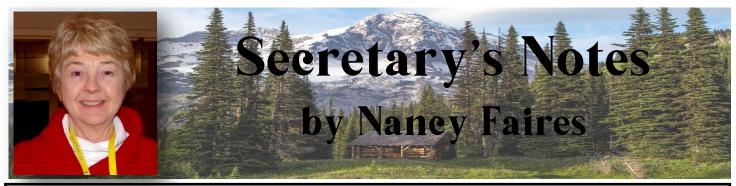
Gold: natural gold (flakes, nuggets, wire) stamped karat alloy content or obvious custom alloy item, except gold coins which are entered in the Coin Category.

<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.



Eureka! THC Club Meeting August 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER 7:31 PM

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday August 12, 2022 at the Clements Community Center, Lakewood, CO. There were approximately 40 members and guests present.

Welcome – Roy Neys, President Treasurers Report – Linda Kibler Masks are recommended but not required.

Club member coin buy-back is currently discontinued.

Speakers:

Rush to the Rockies 2022 participant experiences with photos and video

HUNTS

July 10 – Raiders of the Lost Park – Marty Stone 34 participants
August 14 – Dog Days of Summer Benedict Park, Brighton 10 AM \$20
members only - Sheri
Muehlbauer
Sept 11 – Coinhuna – Roy Neys Members only

Breakfast Club – check with Nancy to see that your email is on the email list for reminders

FINDS OF THE MONTH

Gold – Kari Willey Coin – John Olson Artifact – Greg Lewis Token – Kari Willey Jewelry – Walt Hoessle

COIN DRAWINGS

One troy oz silver round – Brian Henry 1881 3 cent coin – Marcus Lieberman Dos Peso – John Lambe 1890 O Morgan silver dollar – Mike Magee 1885 Morgan silver dollar – John Lambe 1867 Shield nickel – Ken King 1963 D Franklin ½ dollar – Lee Black 1911 S Barber ½ dollar – Steve Rex











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1904 Barber ½ dollar – Mark Cochran 1865 2 cent coin – Raffaele Soria

Second Chance Drawings
Water Bottle Coozy – Marty Stone
Nokta Makro bag and hat – Ken King
Garrett apron & rain slicker – Tony Frangella
Garrett Cookbook – Mike Magee

50/50 – Connie Cantrell MEMBERSHIP DRAWING – Lane Black HOLIDAY – 1884 P Morgan silver dollar – Marty Stone

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the meeting.

ADJOURN 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Faires Secretary Eureka! THC























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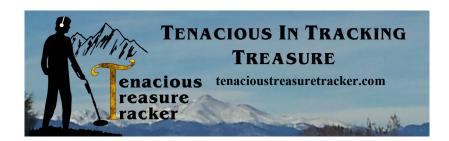
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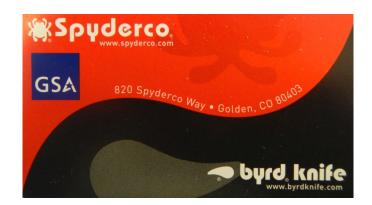
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Next Club Meeting

The September 9th meeting will be held at the Clements Center at 7:30 p.m. www.eurekathc.org





The End of a Dang-good Summer!