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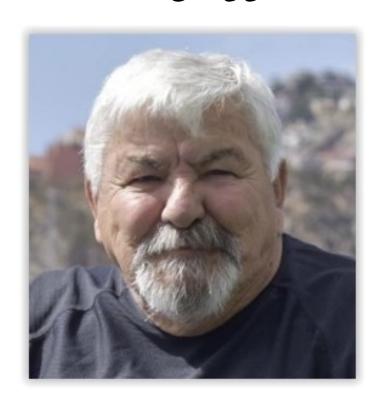
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In Memory of Jim Griffin



September 21, 1941- May 28, 2023

James Griffin September 21, 1941 - May 28, 2023

James Lyndal Griffin was born on September 21st, 1941, in Rochelle, Louisiana. He left this world for the next one on May 28th, 2023, at the age of 81. He will be remembered always as a wonderful father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is preceded in death by his father, William David Griffin, his mother, Velma Waxley Griffin, brothers Felton Griffin, Delton Griffin, William David "Junior" Griffin, and sisters Virginia Salmon and Vera Dabbs. Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 60 years, Roma Griffin; daughters Holly Davis, Laurie Griffin (Tony Hayward), Lindsay Constable (Bobby), and son Daryl Griffin; eight grandchildren Ryan Hollenbaugh (Melissa VanDover), Brooke and Nicole Davis, Ashley and Dylan Griffin, Devon, Damon, and Aria Constable, and twin great-grandsons Logan and Blake VanDover. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and friends. At 18, Jim served in the United States Army. He married his sweetheart, Roma Jenkins, in 1963. After they welcomed their first two children, the two moved from Louisiana to Florida and Texas before permanently relocating to Colorado. Though he was over 50 years removed from the south, he never lost his Cajun accent. He enjoyed a successful career with Safeway in Cortez, Colorado as a produce manager. During his time in Cortez, Jim also worked for Ute Mountain Casino as a pit boss and volunteered as a Special Deputy for the Montezuma County Sheriff's Office. In 2000, Jim and Roma moved to Broomfield, Colorado to be closer to their daughters, Holly and Lindsay. He continued his produce career with Safeway in Superior, Colorado until he retired. In his retirement, he got to go on many trips and cruises to see the world. In the last few years, he loved to travel back home to Louisiana in his motor home with his son, Daryl, to fish Toledo Bend and visit family. He also traveled to Redding, California to spend time with daughter, Laurie. Jim loved spending time outdoors metal detecting, hunting, fishing, and camping. He held a place in his heart for many good bird dogs through the years. Like himself, they always leave us too soon. He was a member of Eureka Treasure Hunting metal-detecting Club, Pheasants Forever, and Ducks Unlimited. He enjoyed the company of many good friends in those organizations. He was a family man through and through. He cherished holidays spent together at daughter, Holly's home and watching his grandchildren grow. He was always very proud of everything his children and grandchildren accomplished. He loved telling stories and striking up conversation with anyone who would listen. He was always sure to pick up the phone and call you any time you crossed his mind. We will miss his warm smile, contagious laughter, and treasure trove of stories and jokes. We are grateful to have so many memories to look back on.

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The Prez. Sez.

by Jeff Lubbert



I hope everyone's summer is going well and you are getting out for some quality detecting. I have been too busy with life to get the amount of detecting in that I would like. That is the way things go sometimes, I guess. We are still in the midst of the dog days of summer so please make sure to protect yourself when out detecting. Take plenty of water or sports drinks with you and drink it! If you have cooling towels, make sure to take along extra water for use with the towel. If you have never used one of the cooling towels and are skeptical, I have a few of them and use them on a regular basis and they really do work.

Sunblock is a very essential item that many of us don't use as we should. Make sure to cover all of the exposed skin (hands, arms, face, legs, and don't forget the back of your neck). Read the manufacturer's directions and re-apply as needed.

When it is time for a break from detecting, take cover in the shade of a tree or building. Make sure that your machine also gets a break from the direct sun as well, a detector can easily overheat when left out in the sun for even just a few minutes. Yah, the detector doesn't need sunblock like you do but it does need to have a break from the sun just like you.

I like to take a change of footwear when I go detecting during the summer. When I put on a pair of sport sandals after a long day of detecting it really cool me down. Your feet have some of the largest pores on your body, to if you let them breath better, they will cool you down rather quickly.

You will almost always see me detecting in a long sleeve fishing shirt. They are designed to protect you from the harmful rays of the sun and are typically very light weight and breathable. When wearing this type of shirt you can just toss a bit of water on your back and it acts just like one of the cooling towels. This is one of the best ways of keeping my whole body cool that I have found. I am sure that there are plenty of other cooling techniques out there that I have passed over, and maybe that is a topic of discussion at an upcoming meeting. Let's make sure that we take care of each other and make sure that if you see someone showing signs of overheating, make the effort to get them cooled down ASAP.

Thanks,

Jeff

Harvest Hunt

Sunday, Sept. 10th, 10:30



Members Only \$25.00 each Must register by Sept. 8th Coins, Prizes, Fun, and More!

Rhyolite Regional Park 1701 Crystal Valley Pkwy Castle Rock, CO 80104 Contact: Sue Ruggles 303.877.2734



The Great Pirate Treasure Hunt by Marty Stone



Avast Ye Landlubbers! On June 23rd, 32 people showed up to search for booty at The Great Pirate Treasure Hunt. We had a bunch of silver dimes, Indian head pennies, Buffalo nickels, clad coins and a bunch of bling hidden in the grass, along with a bunch of tokens that were worth prizes.

It was a hot day in the low 90's, but that did not stop anyone from getting out there searching for booty. After the hunt, the finders of three of the tokens previously mentioned earned the chance to search for a hidden treasure chest, which was buried underneath one of the pine trees on one side of the hunt field. The three that found these tokens were Win F, Raffi S and Steve M. After about 20 minutes of searching, the treasure



chest was finally found...by none other than Raffi S.

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The winners of the prizes with tokens were:

1976 Canada Dollar & copper round - Dan D

Challenge coin & copper round - Ron E, Dan D & Mary S

Widow's Mite coin & copper round - Win F & Marcus L

2 Roman coin packs - Mark C, Mary S, Ron E, Win F, Dan D, John L,

Mike M, Roy N, Jim M

Marcus Aurelius coin - Marcus L

Phillip of Macedon coin & copper round - Greg L

Spanish Bronze Numis Pirate coin - Ron E

Proof U.S. Congressional Proof Set - Ron E

Stained Glass - Mark C

SpyderCo Knife - Raffi S

Silver Pirate Coin - Raffi S







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We even had several other people show up dressed up as pirates! Thanks for helping to make the hunt a lot more fun.



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Last, but not least, a very special thanks to Roy N, Bruce M, Joyce K and Jeff L for the great donations, and to all who helped me set up and get the field planted. To all who showed up to participate, it is you who help make this club great!

Marty

I Miss Metal Detecting

by Norm Ruggles



Being outdoors, breathing fresh air, getting some exercise, experiencing nature and open spaces, and the thrill of the hunt.... all of these are positive aspects of metal detecting. That's in addition to finding something interesting or valuable, and the good times hunting with other detectorists.

I am missing metal detecting, and am hoping this article will promote appreciation for our great hobby. We shouldn't take it for granted.

Just for background, a few months ago I was diagnosed with spinal stenosis, which is a narrowing of certain bones in the spine. This impinges on nerves in the spine and has caused pain and numbness in my leg and lower back. It's hard for me to sleep or walk very far. I've never before had a serious illness or acute pain. I haven't been detecting since last September, but am hoping for better days ahead.

It was definitely disappointing to miss Rush to the Rockies. A year ago my wife (you all know Sue), our granddaughter (many of you know Sydney) and I had a very fun and successful time at Rush 2022. Missing Rush this year was a strong reminder of how much I miss metal detecting.

Many of you have been detecting and committed to the hobby a lot longer than I have, but I did have a detector a long time ago. Let me explain. Sue and I were young and engaged when I got drafted into the Army in 1971. All of us draftees assumed we would be sent to Vietnam. Sue and I thought it would be best not to get married until I came back home. As luck would have it I wasn't sent to Vietnam after all, and instead was sent to Dugway Proving Ground in Utah. So Sue and I got married and she joined me at Dugway. The point of this anecdote is that we bought an inexpensive metal detector at the Post Exchange (PX), our first experience with metal detecting.

As I recall, we tried it out and didn't find a darn thing, at least nothing worthwhile. That detector was weak, or maybe we were impatient and didn't know how to use it. Either way, I'm not sure if we even detected a bottle cap or a pull tab! We quickly gave up trying.

Fast forward 40+ years. Sue and I retired and, in 2014, we got two Garrett Ace 350

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detectors at Cabela's. Unlike the detector we bought years ago at the PX, these actually worked! We were able to find stuff and were off and running as novice detectorists.

We joined Eureka in 2015. One of the first things we learned from the club was that there was a helpful item called a pinpointer! We didn't know such a thing existed. It made our new hobby much easier and more productive.

Since then Sue and I have learned a lot about metal detecting. We've participated in dozens of fun club events and have made many good friends. We've become pretty fair detectorists and have won some Finds of the Month. I have served on the club's Board and Sue is currently a Board member. For the club to survive everybody needs to play a part.

Something I particularly miss is being Team Leader of Eureka's Historical Artifact Recovery Team (HART), a position I held for 6 years. I had to give it up several months ago due to my health issue. It was a surprising amount of work to get HART projects organized, but it was also very gratifying. Thanks to support from Sue and the hard work of the HART team, we had a great number of enjoyable days searching and detecting historical artifacts around the state.

We detected the Julesburg townsite and battlefield in far northeast Colorado during two summers; CSU's former Hughes Stadium in Fort Collins; the 70 acre Loretto Heights campus and grounds over three years; the old Colorado State Women's Penitentiary in Canon City; and the closed Park Hill Golf Course. The institutions and people we worked for on those projects were very happy to receive the artifacts HART delivered to them. We contributed to historical knowledge and research.

Hopefully this article has reflected an appreciation and respect for metal detecting. I'll finish near where I started. Metal detecting is a hobby not to be taken for granted. Circumstances can come along which diminish our ability to pursue it. I encourage you to say a prayer of thanks, or to otherwise take a moment to appreciate your ability to metal detect, whenever you head out on a detecting adventure. Good luck, stay healthy, and happy hunting!

Norm



Breakfast Club 7/15 by Chris Davis

After breakfast, we all charged off to the Montview Park for our hunt.

We did not do too badly. We recovered 4 rings, nothing exciting, but a ring is a ring is a ring. Randy S. got one, Marcus L. got one and I got two. Jim M. picked up a 1949D Wheatie. Mike M. recovered a 1942D Wheatie. Jeff M. found the best coin, a silver war nickel, in very good condition.

Quite a few bullets were recovered. The place must be pretty noisy after dark.

Randy S. did best on coins. He stumbled onto a huge coin spill. From one very small location, he recovered 192 coins amounting to \$9.65. His total for coins on the day was \$14.60. This narrowly outdid my \$2.50. I think Jim M. came in second with \$7.12.

I made the best find of the day recovering a Nokta Digging Tool, which one of our crew obviously dropped it. I was unable to figure out who lost it, but as soon as the individual figures it out, he needs to let me know. Maybe I will get it back to him in a year or two.

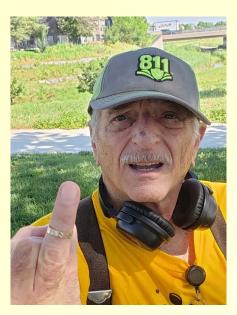
I also got a micro penny. I can only conclude it got wet and shrunk.

It was a good hunt, but the temperatures were very warm. It is necessary to keep hydrated

in such hot conditions.













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Eureka 2023 Calendar



August Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 3 4 5 9 7 8 10 11 12 6 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 1:O 8:O 16:● 24:O 30:O

<u>August</u>

Friday, Aug 4 - Breakfast Club

- Newsletter Publishing Date

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

Sunday, Aug 13 - Double Bingo Hunt

Saturday, Aug 19 - Breakfast Club

Wednesday, Aug 30 - Board Meeting

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 6:◑ 14:◑ 22:◐ 29:○

September

Friday, Sep 1 - Breakfast Club

- Newsletter Publishing Date

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

Sunday, Sep 10 - Harvest Hunt

Saturday, Sep 16 - Breakfast Club

October 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 31 6:0 14:0 21:0 28:0

October

Friday, Oct 7 - Breakfast Club

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

Saturday, Oct 22 - Breakfast Club

Big Coinhuna Hunt - TBD

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Club Dates

Friday, August 4
Saturday, August 19
Friday, September 1
Saturday, September 16

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.

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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.



The Finds of Summer















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Find of the Month Winners - July

Coin - Tony Frangella

1844D 5 Dollar Gold Coin



Found in Oregon, dang near got kilt by a mama Moose Found with the MineLab Manticore

Token - Bret Lamsma

Artifact - Cindy Bockenstedt

Shower Token

WWII Hand Grenade



Found at Lake McConaughy on the beach - Garrett AT Pro



Hunting an historic farm, found 4" deep in front of landowner & grandkids

Find of the Month Winners - July (cont.)

Gold - Chris Davis

10K Gold Bracelet



Found at a soccer Field with the XP Deus II

Jewelry - Shellie Zornes

Silver Necklace



Found at a tot lot using the Garrett AT Gold

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GOLD CATEGORY Chris Davis......Gold Bracelet Chris Davis......Gold Ring Cross Chris Davis......Gold Ring "I" Jeff McClendon......8k Religious Pendant Jeff McClendon......14k Earring Jeff McClendon......8k Band JEWELRY CATEGORY Shellie Zornes......Silver Chain Chris Davis......Silver Necklace Jeff McClendon.....Silver Chain Chris Davis......Silver Necklace Unicorn Greg Lewis......Silver Earring Greg Lewis.....Silver Pendant Heart Cross Greg Lewis......Silverware Ring Marcus Lieberman.....Necklace Green Stone COIN CATEGORY Tony Frangella.....1844D \$5 Gold Coin Shellie Zornes......1905 Indian Head Penny Chuck Borawa......1942D Silver Quarter Marty Stone......CoinStar Find TOKEN CATEGORY Bret Lamsma......Shower Token ARTIFACT CATEGORY Cindy Bockenstedt......WWII Hand Grenade Tony Frangella.....1820 Great Seal Button Cindy Bockenstedt......RR Lock Cindy Bockenstedt......General Services Button Steve Jackson......Boy Scout Neckerchief Slider Dan Pierson......1860 Button

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.

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.

<u>Artifact</u>: 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 July 14, 2023

Attendance: 51

FINDS OF THE MONTH

Gold – Chris Davis Coin – Tony Frangella Artifact – Cindy Bockenstedt Token – Bret Lamsma Jewelry – Shellie Z

COIN DRAWINGS

1926 Standing liberty quarter – Joe Johnston 1865 2 cent – Rick Rochambeau 1866 3 cent nic – Chris Davis 1835 Half cent – Chuck Borawa 1907 Indian Head cent AU – Joe Johnston 1972 Proof set – Jeff McClendon 1878 8 Reale – Marty Stone 1853 O ½ Dime – Robert Ahr 1886 Dime – Greg Lewis 1869 Shield Nickle – John Lambe

50/50 – Greg Lewis **HOLIDAY** – 1923 Peace Dollar – Joe Johnston **MEMBERSHIP** – Joyce Keith

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Faires per Linda Erickson Secretary Eureka! THC































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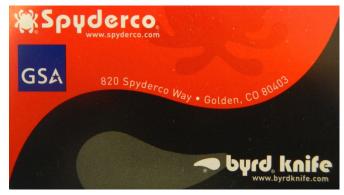
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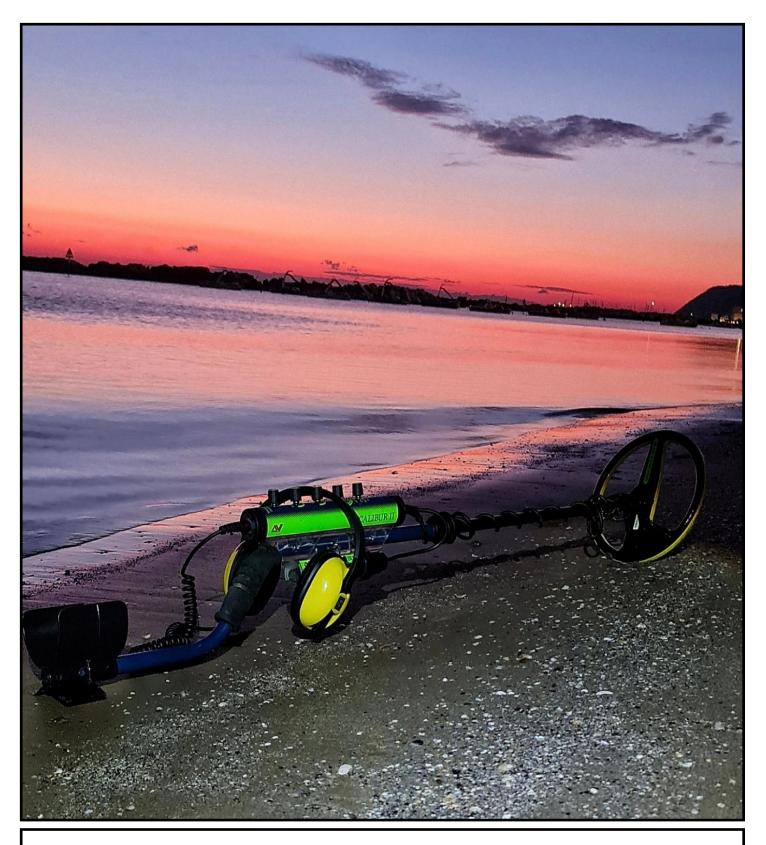
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Next Club Meeting

The July 14th meeting will be held at the Clements Center at 7:30 p.m. www.eurekathc.org





"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

- Ben Franklin

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