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EUREKA! THC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE BY APRIL 30, 2024

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO RENEW

Membership applications located at:

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EUREKA! THC BOARD RESOLUTION

TEMPORARY - February 27, 2024

The Eureka! THC Board has adopted a **<u>TEMPORARY</u>** 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 <u>NOT</u> be eligible for the 2024 FOY awards. Like the winners of our five (5) categories, the winners of these two (2) <u>TEMPORARY</u> 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 <u>TEMPORARY</u> 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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A Late Winter Afternoon on Squam Lake, NH

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





With March rolling around we will be getting back into competition hunt season. Our first competition hut will be coming, you will be able to see the flyer within the newsletter. But with that being said let's look at some of the basics of competition hunting basics. Always arrive at a competition hunt a half hour before the scheduled start. Once you are at the hunt site, start up <u>ALL</u> of your equipment; detector(s), pin pointer, headphones and anything else you may have that is electronic. Make sure that they are in proper working condition and that they are in communication with each other. Make sure you have a trash pouch, they are required for all Eureka hunts, competition or natural. Make sure you have your target retrieval tool. Other things that one doesn't think about so much; sunscreen, water, hat, sunglasses, make sure if you want them during the hunt that you have them BEFORE the hunt begins. Expecting 40 people to wait on you while you gather equipment, try to change batteries, or locate someone else's backup equipment is not a welcome thing.

During the hunt, especially during the first 15 minutes, please be courteous and keep conversations, idle chit-chat and other disturbances to fellow hunters to a minimum or nonexistent. Also, the hunt field is only for those that are hunting or designated officials of the hunt. No guests, spouses, pets or children are allowed on the hunt field during the hunt. Exceptions for hunter assistants are made for those that are not physically able to recover a target but there are special rules for that as well.

Every hunt that Eureka puts on I am amazed by the volunteers that show up early to help set up, plant and help with those last-minute details. It is those people that make a good event turn into a very good or better event. Not enough good things can be said for those that help out before and after a hunt on a regular basis.

I look forward to seeing a good batch of Eureka members at the March hunt.



- Jeff

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

10 "Rules" for Club Hunts by Norm Ruggles



First of all, despite the title, this article isn't really about our club's "rules". The official rules for club hunts are found in the Eureka! Member Handbook. This article is actually about 10 common sense "suggestions" for a successful and fun club hunt.

As everyone knows, we have a club hunt every month except during the holidays and in the deepest part of winter. Our board members and officers are each responsible for one hunt or activity per year. I've heard some people say it's easy to put on a club hunt. I disagree. Organizing and conducting a good, creative hunt requires a lot of time, preparation and work. There are plenty of details to attend to.

I've been responsible for club hunts as a board member, and have assisted my awesome wife (Sue) who just finished her term as a board member. I've also participated in many club hunts over the past several years. They have invariably been enjoyable! Based on my observations, I offer the following 10 suggestions with the goal of making our club hunts run just a little more smoothly.

Rule #1. Don't try to sign up at the last minute. The person organizing the hunt (the "hunt master") acquires coins, prizes and refreshments in advance of the hunt using a budget. The budget is based on the number of hunters and the amount of their entry fees. The hunt master must carefully plan to have the costs of the hunt match the fees paid. This balancing act is tricky and is thrown off if unexpected people are allowed to enter at the last minute.

Rule #2. Show up ahead of the scheduled start time. Understand the location and distance to the hunt and give yourself enough leeway so you can arrive and get prepared. It's very aggravating when everyone is ready to begin the hunt, but has to wait around for a latecomer. Unfortunately, this happens fairly often.

Rule #3. Test your equipment beforehand. Make sure your detector, headphones and pinpointer are ready for action, are fully charged and have fresh batteries before you leave your house. As we said in the Army, be ready to "lock and load". You certainly don't want

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an equipment failure during the battle, oops I mean during the hunt.

Rule #4. Listen carefully to the instructions from the hunt master. Every hunt is different and it's to your advantage to know exactly what's going to happen. I've often seen hunters head out for the hunt field without listening to the instructions. Why not pay attention so you can maximize your efforts?

Rule #5. Once the hunt begins, use nothing more than a probe or screwdriver for retrieval of targets. Many targets are located on the surface or are barely tucked in the grass, and you can easily grab them with your fingers. Targets are never hidden deep in the ground and you don't need to dig a hole. If you do disturb the grass or ground surface, take a few seconds and smooth it over before you move on.

Rule #6. Don't crowd other hunters or cut in front of them with your detector. This is of course inconsiderate if not downright rude. Be alert and be respectful toward your fellow hunters. Everyone deserves their own "space".

Rule #7. You'd think this would go without saying, but please don't sing, whistle or otherwise disrupt other hunters. It happens. You may believe you sound like Frank Sinatra, but trust me, you don't. I'd rather hear fingernails scraping on a chalkboard. Save your singing and whistling for the shower.

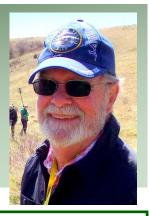
Rule #8. If you come across trash or litter, toss it into your pouch. This includes pull tabs and bottle caps. Let's leave the hunt field cleaner than when we started.

Rule #9. When the hunt master indicates the hunt is over, stop hunting. Don't press your luck for a couple more minutes hoping to find another treasure. When the hunt is over, it's over. Head back to the gathering area like everyone else.

Rule #10. This is often overlooked or forgotten, but is important. Tell the hunt master "thank you". Do the same for the volunteers who have assisted with the hunt. That's common courtesy. Besides spending their time, some hunt masters spend their own money to acquire additional coins, prizes and food that exceed the entry fees. Try to remember to express your appreciation for the fun opportunity you've had.

Well, that's about it. While most of our members abide by these "rules" most of the time, there's probably a rule or two on this list that will ring a bell with each of us. These suggestions are offered to make our excellent club hunts even a bit better. Thanks for reading, and find something good!

CSU Spur Tour by Brice Young



'Twas a cold and wintery day. Hundreds of brave souls showed up for the CSU Spur tour, including six people from the club. Randy, Mary, Marty, Dan, Brice and his wife. We had a great tour by our friend and volunteer named John. We met at the Vida building to watch vets perform operations on cats and dogs (I hope that cat's voice doesn't change after having his testes removed and put on display in the window). We also had a private demonstration wearing virtual reality goggles.

When we were done touring the Vida building, we then proceeded to the other two CSU buildings named Terra and Hydro for more exciting demos and knowledgeable talks by our guide.

Each member that showed up will receive a token and coin from me for their participation.





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Eureka 2024 Calendar

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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



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<u>April</u>

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

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 - May 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.

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)

<u>TenaciousTreasureTracker.com</u> 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 Winter



















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Find of the Month Winners - February

Coin - Ken King

1841 Half Dime



Northern CO - 8" deep, 1841 Seated Half Dime



Find of the Month Winners - February (cont.)

Gold – Roy Neys

10K Gold Ring w/Diamonds



Jewelry - Roy Neys

Silver & Turquoise Ring



VDI came up a dime/quarter & was 2" deep, brought into the light of day w/ my probe Ε

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GOLD CATEGORY	
Roy Neys	10K Gold Ring w/ diamonds
Bobby Manning	Gold & Palladium
Jeff McClendon	10k Gold Ring
Cindy Bockenstedt	
JEWELRY CATEGORY	-
Roy Neys	Silver Turquoise Ring
Linda Kibler	Silver Ring
Roy Neys	Crown Ring
John Olson	
Shellie Zornes	Ring
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Shellie Zornes	Heart Pendant
Robert Ahr	
Tom Fowler	
Tom Fowler	Moon Star Pin
Cindy Bockenstedt	
COIN CATEGORY	ő
Ken King	
Cindy Bockenstedt	1902 Indian Head Penny
Dan Buecker	
Roy Neys	1912-S Barber Dime
Shellie Zornes	
George Grimberg	Gold Colored Quarter
TOKEN CATEGORY	
Tony Frangella	1870's Wagon Token
Hardin Scott	Car Wash Token
Cindy Bockenstedt	Car Wash Token
ARTIFACT CATEGORY	
Ken King	1876 Centennial Pocket Watch
Shellie Zornes	Brass Spigot
Dan Pierson	Silver Plated Spoon
Cindy Bockenstedt	
Cindy Bockenstedt	Model T Value Cap Michelin
Robert Ahr	Budweiser Bottle Opener
Tome Fowler	
Dock Hroch	Fake Half Dollar

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.

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 February 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER 7:40 PM

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday February 9, 2024 at the Clements Community Center, Lakewood with approximately 50 members and guests present for the annual Potluck and Awards meeting.

Welcome – Jeff Lubbert, President

Treasurers Report – Linda Kibler

SPEAKERS

January – "Detecting Civil War Battlefields" – John Olson February – "POT LUCK" and 2023 awards March – "Prospecting" – Bobby Manning April – "Detecting Safely in Parks" – Jerod Lippert

HUNTS

January 13 – "Swap Meet" – Iow # participants due to weather February 10 – Brice Young – tour of National Western CSU Spur buildings March 23 – Lizzie Borden Hunt – Robert Ahr - \$25 Breakfast Club – meets the 1st Friday and the 3rd Saturday monthly at Lookin' Good Restaurant, Lakewood

FINDS OF THE MONTH

Gold – Roy N Coin – Ken King Artifact – Ken King Token – Tony F Jewelry – Roy N

INSTALLATION OF BOARD

<u>Outgoing Board members</u>: Sue Ruggles, Sheri Muehlbauer, Greg Lewis, Brice Young <u>New Board members</u>: Greg Lewis, Robert Ahr, Lee Parimuha, Dock Hroch

2023 AWARDS

GENE KOTLAN AWARD - Ken King

the fellow club member, chosen by secret ballot, who has contributed the most for the good of the club during the

preceding year

CHARLES A JOHNSTON AWARD - Ken King

member chosen by the Board Members and presented to the non-board club member who has persistently and unselfishly volunteered his or her time, materials and services to the club during preceding year

DAN SPROUSE MEMORIAL AWARD - Nancy Faires

this award is presented by the President to the club member he feels helped him the most during the preceding year

COIN DRAWINGS

1939 Walking Liberty half – Mary Sable 1914 D Barber Dime – Norm R 1983 S Olympic Comm \$1 – Bob Tucker













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FINDS OF THE YEAR 2023 Gold – Brian H Jewelry – Randy Sable Coin – Tony F Artifact – Cindy B Token – Kari W

50/50 – Jeff Lubbert HOLIDAY – 1922 Peace Dollar – John Olson MEMBERSHIP – Dan B

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Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Faires Secretary Eureka! THC





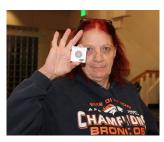
























Eureka Awards





Gene Kotlan Award- Ken King

Charles Johnston Memorial Award - Ken King



Dan Spouse Memorial Award - Nancy Faires

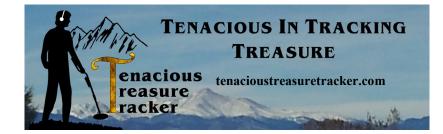
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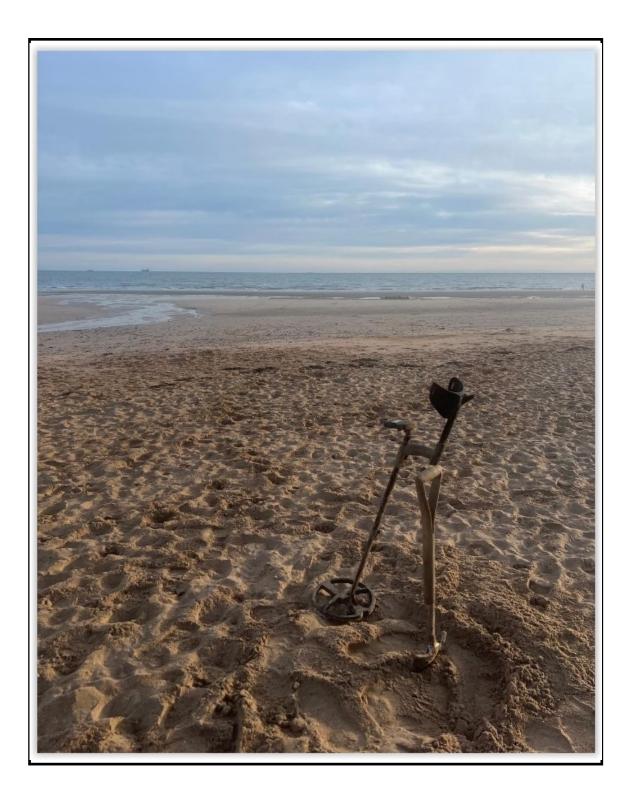
About Eureka!

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 Mar 8th meeting will be held at the Clements Center at 7:30 p.m. www.eurekathc.org





"We change the world not by what we say or do, but as a consequence of what we have become." - Sir David Ramon Hawkins, M.D., Ph.D.

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