

The *Soundoff*

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Denver, Colorado

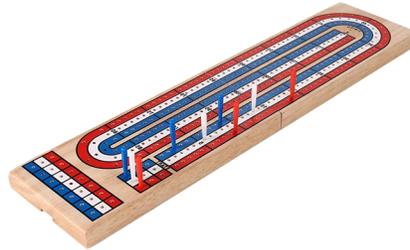


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Visit our Club on the Internet at <http://www.eurekathc.org>



1st (Maybe Only) CRIBBAGE CLASSIC

DATE: Saturday, 11 March 2023

TIME: 11:00 AM

**LOCATION: LAZY HEART RANCH
(Hwy 93 and W. 82nd Ave)**

MEMBERS ONLY EVENT

ENTRY FEE: \$20

**ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT:
MARK at 907-227-3915**



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The Passing of the Torch

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Young Buzzard

April 16, 2023 Majestic View Park

The Hunt Starts at 11am \$20 per person

Text: Marcus Lieberman 720-938-7030 For any questions

Members Only

The Prez Sez

by Jeff Lubbert



We are starting a new regime to lead the club! Well, at least there are a couple of new board members, and Mark Cochran and I are in the vice-president and president seats. I know that there is a good portion of the club that may not know Mark and myself other than from brief talks at club events. Sooo... I thought we would do a "Get to Know You" type of thing where Mark and I will tell you a bit about our history in the hobby and the club. Then, we will open the floor to questions that may come up.

Like many of you, I knew Mark C. before the election, but didn't know him very well. Not long after the election, Mark and I sat down for lunch and got a chance to get to know each other a bit. I was very happy with how well Mark and I got along.

There will not be any sweeping changes coming to the club as I don't feel there needs to be any major changes. Roy and Kevyn did a good job with keeping the ship pointed in the right direction and I hope that Mark and I (and the rest of the board) will keep things going on that same path. With that being said, please take a moment and thank Roy and Kevyn for their time at the helm of the club the next time you see them.

On a completely different note, if you haven't done so yet, now is a good time to pull that coil cover off and give it and your coil base a good cleaning. There is a bunch of dirt and debris that accumulates in there over time and it can cause interference if that dirt is mineralized at all. It may be minimal interference, but if you can easily eliminate that interference, wouldn't you want to do it? Just sayin'. Spring is coming quick, so let's all be ready. Cheers!

Jeff



Archaeology w/ Amy Report by Sue Ruggles



The monthly club activity for February was titled "Archaeology with Amy". We were fortunate to have archaeologist Amy Gillaspie as our presenter.

The event was held on February 11 at Koelbel Library in Greenwood Village. 22 club members were in attendance. Thanks to Amy for giving up her Saturday morning to be with us!

A number of club members had expressed an interest in learning about archaeology. When done correctly, metal detecting can be a valuable benefit and resource for archaeologists.

Amy's presentation lasted 90 minutes, and the time flew by. Amy is an engaging, enthusiastic, and extremely knowledgeable speaker. She gave a PowerPoint presentation that primarily focused on archaeological projects she has worked on in Colorado. The presentation was highly interactive, with a great amount of audience participation, questions and comments. Amy enjoyed and encouraged the audience interaction and handled it expertly.

After the program there were many compliments for Amy and many positive comments about this unique educational opportunity for our club. In turn, Amy said Eureka is the best group she has ever spoken to!

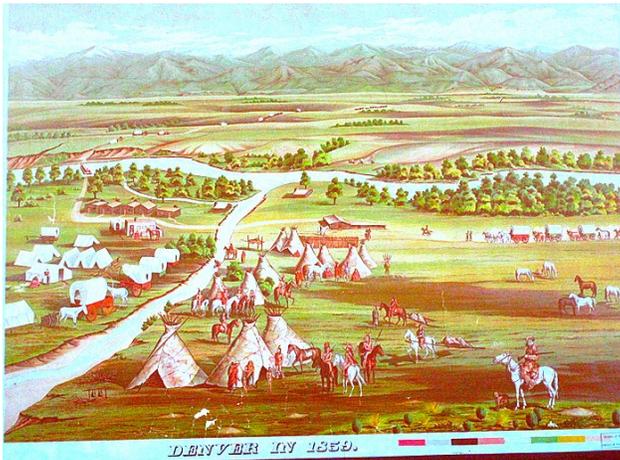
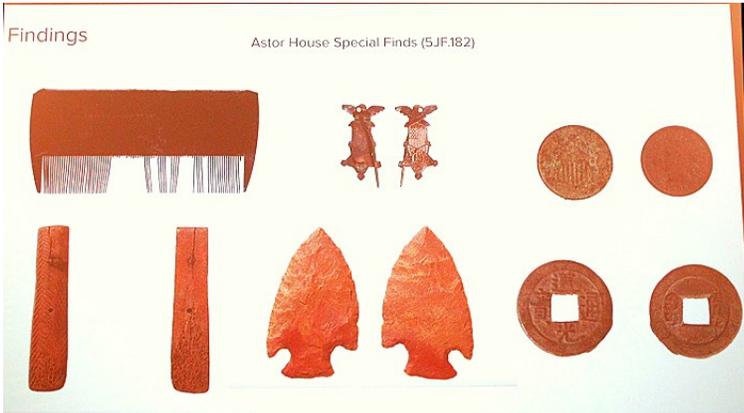


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As door prizes, Walking Liberty half dollars were awarded to 15 lucky people in attendance. Thanks to President Roy Neys for getting these coins organized.

Thanks also to Chris Davis, Bruce Morton and Marty Stone for taking photos. Special thanks to Mary and Randy Sable and Kevyn Llewellyn for helping to set up the meeting room, and to Nancy Faires and Linda Kibler for their help with signing up the attendees.



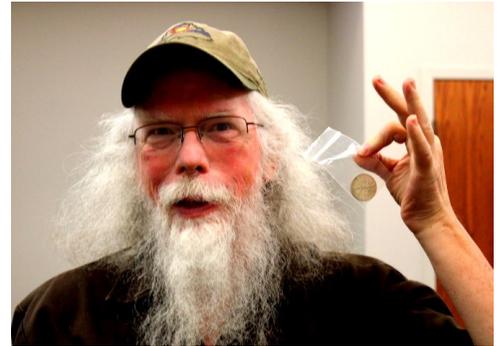
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RUSH TO THE ROCKIES 2023

The Stampede

NATIONAL OPEN METAL DETECTING EVENT

NEWTON-STROMBERG PARK
11612 S. FOXTON ROAD, CONIFER, CO 80433
July 7-9, 2023

TWO DAYS, FIVE HUNTS - \$290

Rush to the Rockies will be in Conifer, Colorado, in the foothills of the Colorado Rockies, 15 miles southwest of Denver. The Conifer area was settled in the 1860s but was first occupied by the Arapaho, Ute, and Cheyenne tribes, who used the area as a hunting ground.

GOLD PANNING!

Gold panning will be set up on Saturday.

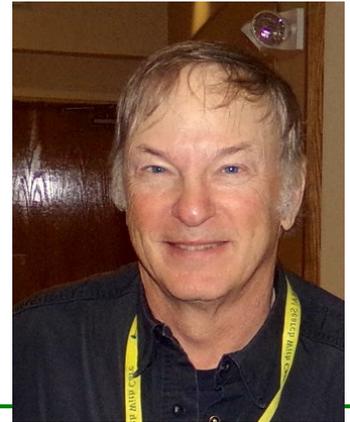
OTHER

As with all our past events, you can expect a fun weekend full of exceptional hunts, fantastic prizes, and the great company of friends. **New this year**, we have decided to modify the hunt fields to minimize the elevation change after listening to comments left after last year's event.



Visit us on Facebook at Eureka Treasure Hunters Club - Rush To The Rockies
Questions? Visit EurekaTHC.org, email: EurekaRush2023@gmail.com, or contact Win at (720) 233-0758

England Metal Detecting Tours - Part II



If you did not get enough of this babbling about metal detecting tours in England in *Part 1*, you are really a glutton for punishment. Here is *Part 2*.

Before I get started, you should be aware Americans have no business (attempting to) drive in England. Remember, they drive on the wrong side of the road over there, and the round-a-bouts are truly a Chinese Death Trap. In the big city (London), you can go anywhere you want on the Tube (tram).

In England, on most hunt areas, you will find much less modern garbage than we have in the States. You will dig most everything with a non-ferrous signal. It will not take long to get an idea what coke and large iron sound like, but you will still inadvertently dig a good bit of iron. With coke, you get this strange signal which is something like, "Things go better with ...".

Whatever detector program you are using, you want to be able to hear iron on your machine. Concentrations of iron lets you know you are in an area of previous habitation. I also look for bricks and pottery shards. I then slow down. If I make a good find, or think I might be in a good area, I will grid, systematically, covering all the ground in the area. I have found multiple hammered silver coins like this on a number of occasions.

On my first trip over, I asked where one goes, if one needs to go. I was told, "the hedgerows". I quickly discovered, that was impossible. Hedgerows are composed of impenetrable brush, trees and blackberry. You cannot get into them with anything less than a tank, and maybe not then. So, I spotted an area of tall grass and walked in. I fell 8 feet in a bottomless creek bottom, which was nearly invisible. I would have fallen further, but the blackberry brambles held me up. Oh yes, I always carry TP to the field. Of course, if you make a "move", bury it with your shovel.

There are some signals which allow us to communicate from afar with each other. Act like you are rowing a boat, or slap your chest with a closed fist in a Roman salute, means you

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found a Roman coin. Hitting downward with one fist into the other palm means you found hammered silver.

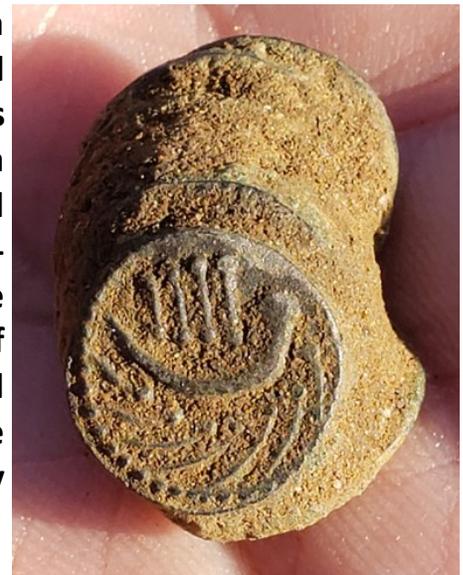
Never throw anything away without showing it to the tour guide first. Just because you or I do not know what the item is, doesn't mean it is not something significant.

The rule is, "Swing Low, Swing Slow". Keep your coil on the ground throughout its swing. Swing slowly, or you will find it is easy to pass over and miss small/deep/weak targets.

I like to use a larger coil, if I can, as I get better ground coverage per swing. At the end of the day, if I have swung over 5,000 square feet, and you have swung over 3,000 square feet, who do you suppose, statistically, will have the best chance of finding something? But, larger coils are heavier and will tell on you after a long day of swinging.

Smaller coils are better in stubble (cut wheat/rape) fields. If the stubble is too tall, it is harder to get the coil down on the ground. I try to start off with my large coil, and carry a small coil in my backpack, so I can swap in the field, should conditions warrant it, or in case I have a mechanical or physical breakdown.

In unplowed pasture, you usually have to dig deeper. Probably, most detecting will be done in plowed fields. The nice thing about plowed fields, you can hunt the same field year after year, as long as it is plowed annually. Plowing pulls stuff up that was deeper and missed on previous hunts, to shallower depth. In addition, most fields are usually huge. There is no way, even a large number of hunters are going to cover it. And, as we all know, the result of missing an item by 100 yards, or $\frac{1}{4}$ ", is the same. Oh yes, the gold Saxon mount I found was in a field I had personally hunted on 4 different tours and had not been plowed for 6 years. In between 3 fresh holes other members of my crew had dug, I got a hit and dug the mount at a depth of 3". Two days later, another member of our crew dug a stack of 9 silver Saxon sceat coins all fused together, not 50 feet from where I dug the mount. The moral to this little story, you never get it all, even in heavily searched areas.



Some tour guides will say, "this property has never been hunted". What they really mean is, "my group has never hunted this property". There is virtually no property in England which has not had a detectorist on it.

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A serious problem in England is Green Waste. The UK government came up with a wonderful plan to grind up shrubbery in the cities, then give it to the farmers to distribute on their fields as compost. The problem came in when the city folks started throwing anything they wanted to get rid of into the shredder, including tons of aluminum cans. What you end up with is a field covered with aluminum shards, which can make detecting anywhere from difficult to impossible. Hopefully, the tour guide is aware if Green Waste is on a field and will go elsewhere. Also, farmers fertilize many of their fields with cow manure. It is usually dried and not a problem. Some farmers also fertilize their fields with HW. That is, Human Waste. Treated, but still Human Waste. It is also dried and processed and doesn't seem to affect the detector at all, so it does not bother me. I do not, however, lick my fingers. And, you always wear gloves anyway.

The archeologists, as a rule, seem to dislike metal detectorists. They do not like amateurs destroying the context of historical sites. Understandable. This is one of the reasons why they do not want you to dig past the disturbed plow zone. On the other hand, items in the plow zone have already been disturbed, are no longer in their original location and have limited archeological value. If the finder utilizes the Portable Antiquity Scheme (PAS), the archeologists still get finds and locations information. More about PAS below.

England (outside of certain archeologists) has an extremely progressive and positive attitude toward detecting. I would call the system the best in the world.

Treasure Act of 1996. In a nutshell, all items over 300 years old, composed of at least 10% of precious metal (gold or silver), which are not a single coin, must be turned in. If a museum desires to acquire the item, they purchase it at (alleged) fair market value, which is then split 50/50 between the finder and the land owner. I do not have a problem with this. I, personally, believe items of historical or archeological significance should belong to the English people. If the item found is not desired by a museum, it is returned to the finder, and value of said item, may, or may not be, split with the landowner, depending upon the pre-hunt agreement between the landowner and the tour guide. The tour guide negotiates all these permissions to detect before you get there.

Portable Antiquity Scheme (PAS). This is a great, voluntary program (but see Item 3). Items of possible interest to the archeological record are turned in to a Finds Liaison Officer (FLO) for identification and recording. This allows expert identification of the items found for the finder, and the archeologists are able to compile a record of what and where items of archeological interests were found. The items are then returned to the finder. This is (kind of) a voluntary program which I adhere to for

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three reasons: First, because you get expert identification, second, it benefits the archeological record, and third, because of item 3 below.

Export. English law requires anyone wishing to export any item over 50 years of age to have an Export License to take it out of the country. Technically, if you find a 1970 penny (which no-one cares about), you have to turn it in to a FLO and get an Export License to take it out of the country. Your tour guide will work with the FLO to get your Export License.

Another fun fact. Let us suppose you find an item which does not meet the requirements set out in the Treasure Act of 1996, and is over 50 years of age. To take it out of the country, you would need to turn it in to a FLO and to get an Export License. Let us also suppose, when an Export License is applied for, this item is desired by the archeology/museum community. What they will do to a non-English national, such as you or me, is they will not issue an Export License for it. You will still technically own the item, but you will not be able to take it out of the country.

I am sure I have forgot some important stuff. Feel free to remind me.

This is a Zoomorphic Saxon Stirrup Mount. If you look closely you can see 3 different animals (Wolf, Owl, Deer)





Eureka 2023 Calendar



March

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March

- Friday, Mar 3 - Breakfast Club
Newsletter Publishing Date
- Friday, Mar 10 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 7:30 pm
- Saturday, Mar 11 - **Cribbage Classic Hunt**
- Saturday, Mar 18 - Breakfast Club
- Friday, Mar 31 - Article Deadline for Newsletter

April

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April

- Friday, Apr 7 - Breakfast Club
- Newsletter Publishing Date
- Friday, Apr 14 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 7:30 pm
- Sunday, Apr 16 - **Young Buzzard Hunt**
- Saturday, Apr 22 - Breakfast Club
- Friday, Apr 28 - Article Deadline for Newsletter

May

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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May

- Friday, May 5 - Breakfast Club
Newsletter Publishing Date
- Friday, May 12 - Eureka! Club Meeting at the Clements Center, 6:30 pm
- Saturday, May 20 - Breakfast Club
- May Hunt Date TBD**

ALERT!

We are seeing more and more of these items in our parks and other public places. Please be aware of your surroundings and take the proper precautions!



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Upcoming Events

NEXT EUREKA! MEETING

Friday, Mar 10th, 7:30pm, Clements Center

Breakfast Club Dates

Friday, March 3rd
Saturday, March 18th
Friday, April 7th
Saturday, April 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:

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)

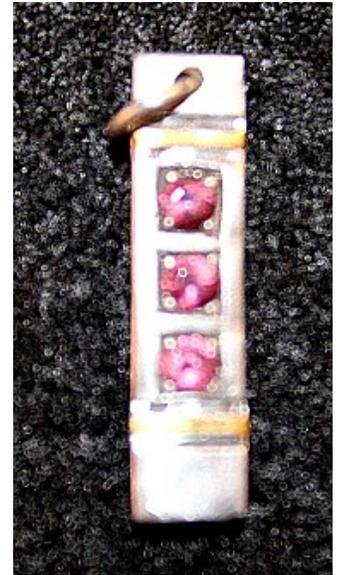
www.Youtube.com/5280Adventures

A variety channel of metal detecting, coin hunting, and other outdoor activities by Tony Frangella (Eureka! member) with his son, Caden.



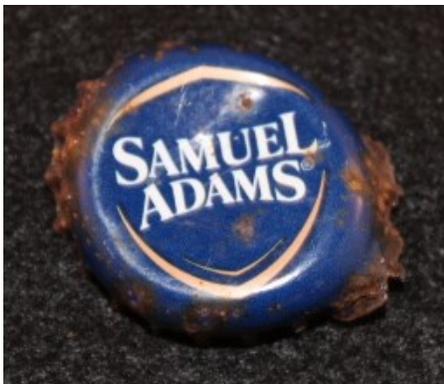
"On second thought...let's not evolve."

Winter Treasures



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Find of the Month Winners - February

Coin - Cindy Bockenstedt

Buffalo Nickel



**Found in a dirt parking lot of a fishing area.
Found with the Makro Legend.**

Jewelry - Lee Parimuha

3 Diamond Silver Ring



Found in "lost" park in Golden. Few know about it.

Artifact - Dan Pierson

Clock Parts



Found at Inspiration Pt., south facing slope, 4" down

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GOLD CATEGORY	
(No Entry)	
JEWELRY CATEGORY	
Lee Parimuha	Silver Ring w/ 3 Diamonds
Chris Davis.....	Silver Pendant
Chris Davis.....	Gold Colored Chain
Chris Davis.....	Cheap Ring
Dan Pierson.....	Disney Heart
Joe Johnston.....	Peace Sign Pendant
Kevyn Llewellyn.....	Bracelet
Jeff McClendon.....	Dass Costume Ring
Jeff McClendon.....	Silver Pendant
COIN CATEGORY	
Cindy Bockenstedt	Buffalo Nickel
Chris Davis.....	Clad Quarter
Joe Johnston.....	1954-D Nickel
Greg Lewis.....	1943-D Steel Penny
TOKEN CATEGORY	
(No Entry)	
ARTIFACT CATEGORY	
Dan Pierson	Clock Parts
Dan Pierson.....	Winnie the Pooh Charm
Mark Cochran.....	Spitting Wedge
Mark Cochran.....	Horse Shoe
Chris Davis.....	Sam Adams Cap
Jeff McClendon.....	Bottle Stopper
Jeff McClendon.....	Belt Buckle

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.

The Pot-luck Dinner

Celebrating 50 Years of the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club







Secretary's Notes

by Nancy Faires

Eureka! THC Club Meeting February 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER 7:30 PM

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday February 10, 2023 at the Clements Community Center, Lakewood, CO. Approximately 79 members and guests were present for our annual potluck.

Welcome – Roy Neys, President

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

EUREKA! IS 50 February 1973 – February 2023

Treasurers Report – Linda Kibler

SPEAKERS

March – Finds of the Year (FOY) Awards

Thank you to Roy Neys, Kevyn Llewellyn, and Ken King, outgoing Club President, VP and Board member.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS & BOARD

President – Jeff Lubbert

VP – Mark Cochran

Treasurer – Linda Kibler

Secretary – Nancy Faires

Board – Joyce Keith, Dan Pierson, Marcus Lieberman, Greg Lewis, Sheri Mueh-
lbauer, Sue Ruggles and Brice Young

Newsletter Editor – Marty Stone

HUNTS

January 14 – Swap Meet – Linda K

February 11 – Archaeology with Amy – Sue Ruggles

March 11 – Cribbage Classic – Mark Cochran

Breakfast Club – multiple cancellations due to inclement weather

RUSH to the Rockies July 7 – 9, 2023 Newton Stromberg Park, Conifer, CO

FINDS OF THE MONTH

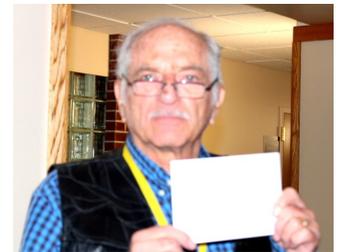
Gold – none submitted

Coin – Cindy Bockenstedt

Artifact – Dan Pierson

Token – none submitted

Jewelry – Lee Parimuha



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COIN DRAWINGS

- 1939 S Walking Liberty ½ dollar – Chuck Hedberg
- 1850 Large cent – Marcus Lieberman
- 1861 Seated liberty ½ dollar – Marty Stone
- 1857 Flying Eagle cent – Marty Stone
- 1903 Indian Head cent – Linda Erickson
- 1864 2 cent coin – Michael Whitney
- 1865 3 cent coin – Mark Cochran
- Dos Peso – Greg Lewis
- 1926 Standing Liberty quarter – Jeff Lubbert
- 1842 O Seated Liberty dime – Justin Hroch

Second Chance Drawings

- Silver round – Brice Young

50/50 – George Grimberg

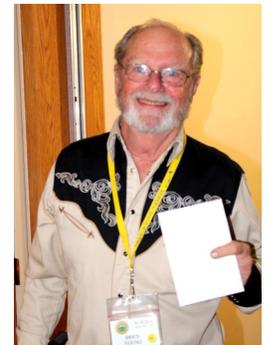
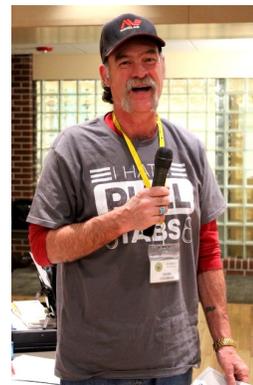
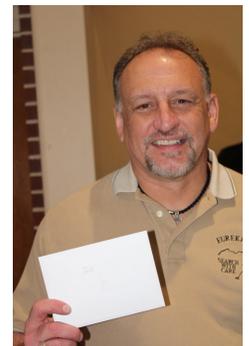
HOLIDAY – one troy ounce silver round – Marty Stone

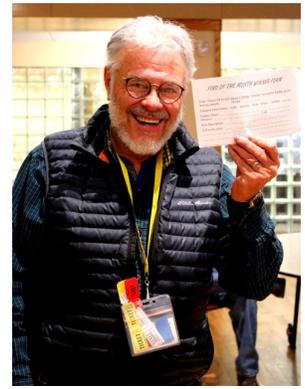
MEMBERSHIP – Jim Merritt

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Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Faires
Secretary
Eureka! THC





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Finds Table	(Floating)	Nametags	Linda Erickson
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Speakers	Kevyn Llewellyn		
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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 March 10th meeting will be held at the Clements Center at 7:30 p.m.
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