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Please Welcome our new Newsletter Editor...

Levi Himes!

It's the
Big Coinhuna
Hunt!

When: Saturday, Oct 25

Time: 11am

Where: Robbie Ferrufino Park

7435 Carr Dr

Arvada, CO 80005

The Coinhuna Hunt is free to all members!

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Members Only

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Christmas Party Menu

December 14, 4-8 pm at the

Lookin' Good Restaurant

\$38 total per person

Full Cash Bar Available

Italian Meatballs/Marinara

Southwestern Eggrolls

Chicken Wings

Chicken Skewers

Cheese/Relish Plate

Greek Salad

Hawaiian Dinner Rolls

Fruit Tray

Cookie Tray



The Prez Sez

by Greg Lewis, Club President



COINHUNA WILL BE OCTOBER 25 SATURDAY AT ROBBIE FERRUFINO PARK
START TIME WILL BE AT 11:00 AM.

WE'RE ASKING CLUB MEMBERS IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO DONATE METAL DETECTING GIFTS AND
OR COINS TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE.

I WOULD LIKE THE COINHUNA ALUMNI TO WEAR THERE VEST AT THE OCTOBER CLUB MEETING
FOR A GROUP PICTURE.

WE HAVE A NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR! LEVI HIMES HAS KINDLY OFFERED TO BE THE NEWSLET-
TER EDITOR. HE WILL BE WORKING REMOTE FROM TEXAS.

WELCOME LEVI!

MARK C WILL BE HANDLING THE DUTIES FOR THE CLUB MEETING, AS I WILL NOT BE THERE. I WILL
BE IN ST GEORGE UTAH. MY WIFE WILL BE PLAYING SOCCER IN THE OVER 65'S DIVISION AND I
WILL BE REFEREEING GAMES THERE ALSO. CAN'T WAIT TO GIVE MY WIFE A YELLOW CARD.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO MEETINGS THE PHOTOS OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS FINDING OTHER
PEOPLES JEWELRY TO THE SONG REUNITED!!!!

- Greg



It's Finally Football Season Hunt

by Marty Stone



The "It's Finally Football Season" hunt took place at Majestic View Park in Aurora. The day started off with an America's Cup Contest. The winners were Robert Ahr and Dan DiCenzo.

We had 19 hunters on the field for the hunt, and all enjoyed a great lunch afterwards that was provided by Robert Ahr and Shellie Zornes.

Those that found tokens for prizes were:

Everett Johnston, Bobby Manning, Dylan Miller, Mary Sable, Dan DiCenzo, Jay Reid, Bill Mead, Joe Kafka, Robert Ahr and Joyce Keith.

A special thanks to all who showed up to set up the field and who gave donations! You made the hunt a great success... Can't thank you enough!



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England Tour 2025

by James "Chris" Davis

This was my 12th England metal detecting trip. Why do I continue to go? Am I stupid, or just a slow learner? Probably both, but like I tell folks as I hold that corroded bronze Roman coin, not worth 15 cents, in my hand, I feel privileged to be the first person to hold it in 1500 years. The last person to hold it spoke a different language and had a different religion. I always wonder who had it last? What did they do to earn it? What did they spend it on? How did it come to be lost? In Denver we have less than 200 years of metal history. In England they have 3,000, or more, of metal history. That is all neat stuff to me.

For the last 4 years I have gone with the Norfolk Metal Detecting Tours and operated out of Norwich. Norwich is 3 hours northeast of London, and only a hop, skip and a jump from the North Sea. Norfolk has 3 Fall Tours and 1 Spring Tour. I go on Tour 1, August 18 -September 1.



"We" (used in this context, "we" means "as a group", definitely not "I") did quite well. "We" found 183 Hammered Silver Coins (HS). This is the most HS Tour 1 has found in the 4 years I have participated. I found 14 Hammered Silver Coins this year, a new high for me. There were 14 hunters` in our crew.



Every year I go off to England for the express purpose of finding thimbles. Anybody can find hammered silver and gold staters, but it takes a real detectorist to find thimbles. This year I found 7! I was so excited. The problem came when I got

back home to Colorado and failed to change my XP Deus from the Thimbles Program back to my Gold Rings Program. So, when I went out to a Denver soccer field, I immediately found a thimble. You are probably aware, in the old days, when Colorado men went out to play soccer, their wives came along and sewed while they watched the games.

Many folks are not aware, Santa is a detectorist. Well, he is. You cannot blame him for needing a break from wrapping presents and having small children yank on his beard. Everyone

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needs a holiday. In fact, Santa comes with Tour 1 each year. He chose to come with Tour 1 because he knows we are the most talented, swell and lovable individuals of the 3 tours. This year Santa did quite well. He found a Viking Aethelstan Hammered Silver Coin, the only one known to exist. This coin could be worth a great deal of money, not that Santa is interested in money, but it would enable Mrs. Claus to buy a new sleigh, or even a backup reindeer.

Santa also recovered what appeared to be half of a 3 lb. Cannonball. After conferring with his Elves, he decided it was a Bar Shot. Bar Shot was used to destroy rigging, masts and sails of sailing ships.

Oh yes, Santa was using an XP Deus detector, as opposed to a Minelab. Santa can't be wrong.



On Day 11, I found an unusual piece of green bronze. It was about 3 inches long and had a groove on one side. It was identified as a Woad Grinder. Woad is a yellow flowering plant from which the old folks used to grind the leaves and seeds to make a blue paint. Some of you "ooold" folks might remember the Mel Gibson movie, *Braveheart*, where Mel had half his face painted blue. In real life this blue paint was extracted by grinding the Woad seeds/leaves in a Woad Grinder just like the one I found.

One individual in our crew hunted with Norfolk last Spring. On this last spring hunt, he found a very nice Seal Matrix. A Seal Matrix is that thing used to seal a letter with wax with a personal design. After finding this Seal Matrix, the individual proudly took photos and promptly lost it again before leaving the field. We hunted this same field again, and the individual who lost it, happened to be in Tour 1 this year. This individual headed back over to where he relost the Seal Matrix 6 months earlier. And there it was, laying right on top of the ground, just as if it had been dropped that morning.



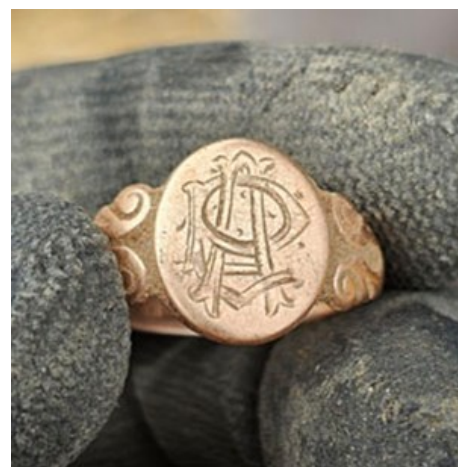
As Day 10 was coming to a close, my vision started to go. I could not focus well on the ground. After a bit of experimentation, it appears I was seeing two images of everything. If I closed one, or the other, eye I would see one image like I was supposed to. We, well most of us anyway, have two eyeballs, each seeing an image. Our brain (even a small one like mine) then synchronizes the two images into

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one image. Unfortunately, in this case, I was seeing two images. On the ride back to the hotel, I closed both eyes for 15 minutes, and the double vision problem went away. Back at the hotel, I wrote out a description of the symptoms and sent it to my medical advisor (my wife). She did some research and said it sounded like Binocular Diplopia. The symptoms were spot on. This could be caused by stress on the eye muscles, stroke or diabetes, and it was recommended I see (if you will excuse the expression) a physician immediately. Well, I gave it some thought and decided to defer the doctor visit until after I got back to the States. I met with the Tour Guide and advised him of the problem and my decision to put off the doctor visit, and that I took full responsibility for the decision. I just wanted to let him know in case something unpleasant happened, and to give the other crew members a chance to go thru my finds pouch. Fortunately, I had no further episodes of the problem. When I got back to the U.S. of A., I immediately saw (only one image of him) an Optometrist. He took all kinds of pictures and could find no indication of a stroke or diabetes problem. The upside of this little malady, whenever I dug up one coin, I would see two and was able to count it twice in my daily tally.

What kind of wonderful treasures did “we” find? Some of the better finds included:

- Celtic Gold Stater (~50 BC)
- Viking Aethelstan Hammered Silver coin (one of a kind)
- Saxon Hammered Silver, Aethelred (978-1016)
- 183 Hammered Silver coins
- 44 Roman Bronze coins (200-400 AD)
- 2 Roman Silver Denarius coins (200-400 AD)
- 2 Saxon Silver Sceat coins (680-750 AD)
- Bronze Age Ax Head (4000-700 BC)
- Bronze Age Dagger
- Roman Dagger Handle (43-400 AD)
- Gold Ring (1915)
- Cannon Ball
- Silver RAF Badge WWII
- Medieval Bronze Signet Ring
- Pilgrims Badge
- Saxon Ring
- Seal Matrix
- 11+ Strap Ends
- Tiny Lead Dice
- Woat Grinder
- 12+ Milled Silver Coins
- At least 15 Brooches (mostly Roman, but also several Saxon, Viking, Medieval)



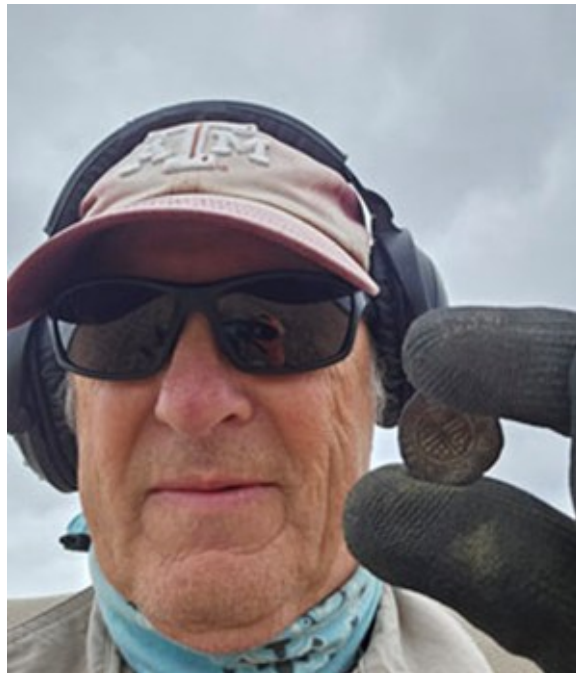
All this just shows how good a job our Tour guide does planting coins and artifacts on our hunt fields (That is

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what passes for humor. There is really no way to seed 50 huge fields).

As has been my custom, I always browse through the stores at Heathrow Airport prior to my return flight home. This year I stopped by the Duty Free Store and found a very nice bottle of Royal Salute Scotch Whiskey for only £16,000 (\$21,760). At the Tiffany Shop there was a pretty pair of Diamond Earrings for a piddling £50,000 (\$68,000). At the Rolex place there was a watch on sale for only £46,900 (\$63,784). I just could not decide which I liked the best, so I got 2 of each.

I made it safely home without a single, unscheduled, mid-ocean stop.





ROBERT AHR'S BONNIE AND CLYDE HUNT



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The Breakfast Club Sep 7

By James "Chris" Davis

I got back from my England Tour just in time to attend the Eureka! Breakfast Club's first hunt of the month on September 5, 2025. The weather was great, for a change. Temperatures were in the low 80's, it was cloudy and the soil was moist. What more could one ask for. We went over to Crestmoor Park for our hunt. We had some 18-20 participants.

We did not do too badly. Five rings were recovered (Tom F, Jeff M, Dan P, Chris D), two of them silver (Dan P and Jeff M). Dan also found a silver keychain. I dug up a silver pendant. In addition to these items, 2 spoons, a copper bracelet and 2 Wheat-Ear Pennies were picked up. Oh yes, Bobby M. found a dog tag with "Roy" on it. Roy N. should be more careful where he leaves his tag.

Of the 11 hunters reporting finds, a total of \$27.47 in change was recovered. This comes to an average of \$2.50 per hunter.

I did not find a single Roman or Hammered Silver Coin on the day, so you can imagine my disappointment.

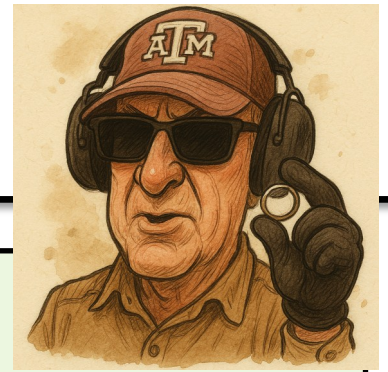
While in England I had an episode of Binocular Diplopia. This is a disorder where one sees 2 of everything. Seriously, it only lasted for an hour or two, but it was disconcerting. The upside was, I could claim I found two of every coin I dug up.





The Breakfast Club Sep 20

By James "Chris" Davis



The Eureka! Breakfast Club made its second hunt of the month on September 20, 2025. We had quite a turnout, some 24 participants. It were an awful nice day. Not too hot, not too cold. It were just right. Mary showed up with an excellent t-shirt.

After a brief discussion (involving confusion, argument and fisticuffs) we decided to make our hunt on Bible Park. I was a bit concerned the park might be full of soccer players, but, much to my surprise, the tot lot was full of birthday party kids, but not a soccer player was in sight on the fields.

We had a good hunt. No, we had a very good hunt.

The group picked up 5 rings. Roy N got a GOLD. Lee P got a silver. Jeff L dug up a great bling ring which would have easily won in the Large and Gaudy Ring Category (if we had a Large and Gaudy Ring Category). It will still be a serious contender in the Costume Jewelry Category. Randy S and Stephanie H also scored rings.



I found a silver necklace. Lee found a silver dime. Dan P got a pretty "Evil Eye" pendant.

The 12 hunters reporting change finds collected a total of \$37.56. This averages \$3.13 a hunter. Randy did best with \$6.44, followed closely by Mark C with \$6.40. I had \$5.77 and Jeff C had \$5.03.



Two loaded 9mm cartridges were recovered. Makes you wonder what goes on in the park after dark. That, or competition in those soccer games is awfully tough.

Autumn Treasures









September Find of the Month Winners

Gold - Bill Mead

18K 7.4g, 7.3g Pair of Gold Rings



Found 6" down in a hole, XP Deus II

Jewelry - Shellie Zornes



Found in City Park

August Find of the Month Winners

Coin - Linda Erickson

1877 Seated Quarter



Found in about 4" near ditch.

Token - Bill Mead

50 RTD Tokens



All together in a hole 1" down

Artifact - Dylan Miller

Gear Pocket Watch



Found at a Littleton park under a tree

August Find of the Month Winners

Costume Jewelry - Dylan Miller

Christian Dior Necklace



Found at a Littleton Park under a tree about 1-2" down

Foreign Coin - Chris Davis

English Hammered Silver



Found on England tour in a plowed field

GOLD CATEGORY

Bill Mead.....	Two 18K Gold Rings
Bill Mead.....	18K Gold Rings
Jeff M.....	13 Yr. Pin C&C of Denver
Jeff M.....	10K Gold Ring
Chris D	10K Ring

JEWELRY CATEGORY

Shelli Zornes.....	Silver Ring w/ Diamonds
Dan P	Silver Ring
Roy N	Titanium Ring
Roy N	Hope Silver Ring
Mark C.....	825 Silver Ring
Mark C.....	Silver Ring
Mary S	Silver Indian Hand Pendant
David Bopp.....	Silver Ring w/ Glass Stones
Greg L	Copper Bracelet
Bill M	Tungsten Ring
Jeff M.....	Silver Ring
Mike B	Silver Ring
Mike B	Tungsten Ring

COIN CATEGORY

Linda Erickson1877 Seated Liberty Quarter
 Roy N.....1938 Mercury Dime
 Steve E1914 Wheat Cent

TOKEN CATEGORY

Bill Mead50 RTD Tokens
 Marcus L4 Game Tokens

ARTIFACT CATEGORY

Dylan MillerGear Pocket Watch
 Lee PZodiac Cancer Lucky Charm
 Dan P.....Silver Keyring
 Chris D.....Woat Grinder
 Shellie ZPendant
 Bobby MKey Change Tag
 Bobby MToy Car
 Linda EMatching Pair of Suspender Clips
 Dock HrochSardine Can
 Mike BAA 1 Yr Sober Coin
 Richard KFidget Brass

COSTUME JEWELRY CATEGORY

Dylan Miller.....Christian Dior Necklace

Shellie ZTiger Eye Pendant

Shellie ZAngel Pendant

Marcus LGood Luck Charm

Everett JTeeth Grill

Everett JRing w/ Fake Diamonds

Everett J2 Rings

Dock HHello Kitty Pendant

Dock HBling Ring

Jeff MStainless Steel Ring

Jeff MPandora Gold Plate Ring

FOREIGN COIN CATEGORY

Chris DHammered Silver Coin

Marcus5 Yen Japan

Everett J3 Greek Coins

Mike BTurkish Lire

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.

Costume Jewelry: Jewelry designed for wear with current fashions and usually made of inexpensive materials: fashion jewelry crafted from non-precious materials. Materials may include a variety of base metals such as brass, copper, plastic, glass, synthetic/ simulated stones, textiles, leather and gold-plated / silver-plated base metals.

Foreign Coin: a piece of metal issued by any foreign governmental authority as money.

TREASURE HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.

I WILL fill all excavations.

I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources, wildlife, and private property.

I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.

I WILL build fires in designated or safe places only.

I WILL leave gates as found.

I WILL remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find.

I WILL NOT litter.

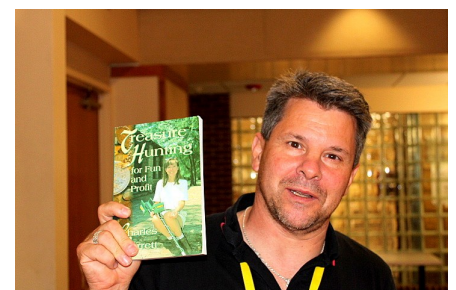
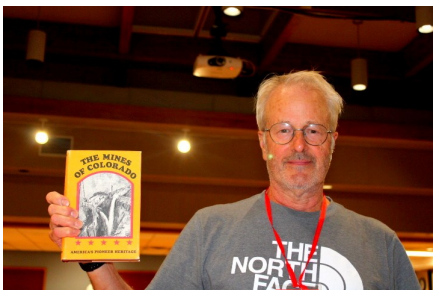
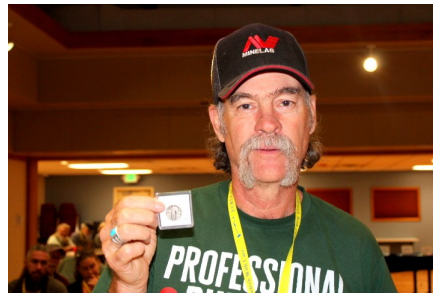
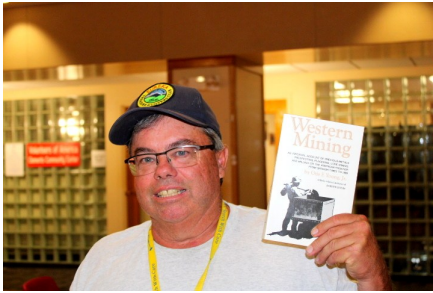
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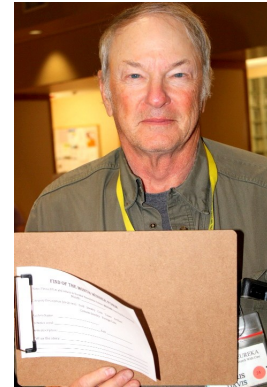
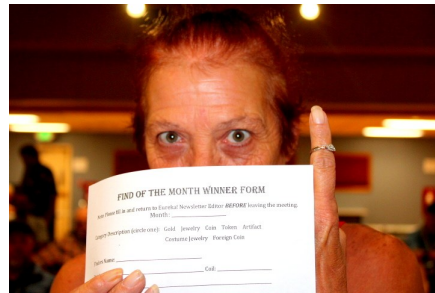
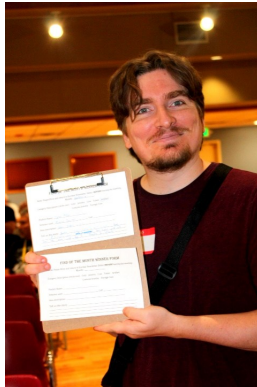
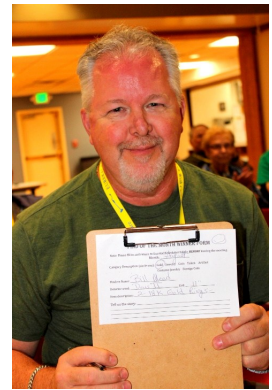
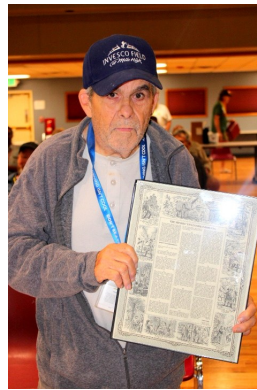
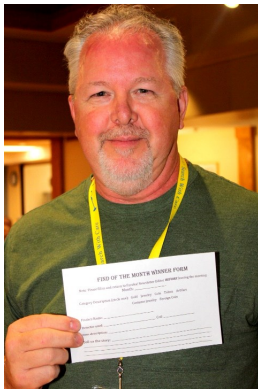
I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.

Bring ***your*** treasured finds to the next monthly club meeting to enter them!

Secretary's Notes

By Marty Stone, Secretary





Eureka 2025 Calendar

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October 2025

- Friday, Oct 3 – Breakfast Club (First Friday)
- Friday Oct 10 – Eureka Club **Meeting** at Clements Center, 7:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, Oct 25 – COINHUNA HUNT**
- Saturday, Oct 18 - Breakfast Club (Third Saturday)

November 2025

- Friday, Nov 7 - Breakfast Club (First Friday)
- Friday, Nov 14 - Eureka Club **Meeting** at Clements Center, 7:30 pm
- Saturday, Nov 15 - Breakfast Club
- November Hunt TBD

November

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December

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December 2025

- Friday, Dec 5 – Breakfast Club (First Friday)
- Fri Dec 12 – Eureka Club **Meeting** at Clements Center 7:30 p.m.
- Sun Dec 14 - **Christmas Party 4-8pm at the Lookin' Good Restaurant**
- Saturday, Dec 20 – Breakfast Club (Third Saturday)

Upcoming Events

Breakfast Club Dates

- Friday, Oct 3
- Saturday, Oct 18
- Friday, Nov 7
- Saturday, Nov 15

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

Joining Eureka!

Membership Dues

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Applying

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www.Youtube.com/AdventuresInDirt

Ken King's channel (Eureka! member).

www.Youtube.com/5280Adventures

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

<https://www.coinshows-usa.com/coin-shows/Colorado/>

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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 Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, Colorado. Come early to socialize.

Next Club Meeting:

Friday, Oct 10 @ 7:30PM

Clements Center, Lakewood