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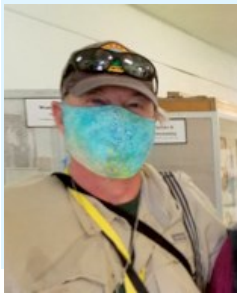


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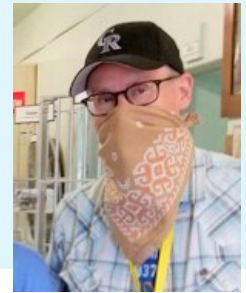
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HART Search at Colorado State Penitentiary

by Chris Davis and Norm Ruggles



After weeks of planning, phone calls and emails, Eureka's Historical Artifact Recovery Team (HART) searched property immediately adjacent to the Colorado State Penitentiary in Canon City on June 18, 2020. Three former prison-related buildings are located on this large property owned by the Department of Corrections. Ten of our HART members participated, which was the maximum number allowed. In organizing this HART project, we worked extensively with Prison Museum Administrator Stacey Cline. She has a keen interest in the prison's history and welcomed our HART volunteers upon our arrival. She's a good sport and we outfitted her with a full

set of metal detecting equipment. She then accompanied us on her first foray as a detectorist! While the artifacts on the property were not as plentiful as we had hoped, there were nevertheless some excellent finds. Bud Van Gundy recovered a unique piece of "prison art" which apparently an inmate buried next to a prison wall near the former Women's Prison. On a 2 ½ by 4-inch metal rectangle, the inmate had carved the initials "B K" and painted some colorful designs which were not noticeable until Bud washed the



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piece.

Tony Frangella found a perfect .36 caliber round ball, perhaps lost by a prison guard long ago. He also found a pair of plain earrings, in contrast to the round ball! Our group found quite a few coins. Jim Merritt found the oldest: a 1929 wheat penny. Dan Pierson found a 1962 silver dime. Sue Ruggles found a 1942 wheatie in excellent condition.



In what's called the "prison park" just outside a prison wall, Bruce Morton found a nice orchestra/band emblem which relates to an event in prison history. As part of the city's annual Music and Blossom Festival, marching bands traditionally have lined up in the park and paraded into town.

During the 1971 event, two death row inmates, both of whom were convicted murderers, took advantage of the parade to attempt an escape. While guards in the towers were somewhat distracted watching the parade, the two convicts climbed the wall and crossed the barbed wire. They were then spotted by guards in two towers who promptly opened fire, hitting both escapees. The bodies fell off the wall—both inmates were killed. Having seen all this happen, the parade crowd clapped and applauded. They thought the escape had been staged and put on for their entertainment! They had no clue it was a shocking real escape and two inmates had been killed! Who knows what might have happened if the inmates, both of whom carried homemade shanks, had gotten over the wall and into the crowd.

The Colorado Territorial Prison in Canon City was originally built in 1871, before Colorado became a state. The prison currently houses some of Colorado's most dangerous and disruptive criminals. Inmates are under solitary confinement and are held in solitary cells for 23-hour lockdown for their entire sentence. Incidentally, Colorado officially abolished the death penalty this year.

In negotiating HART's expedition to the property, we had some discussion about HART members possibly going inside the prison walls to detect for artifacts. However, when officials were shown a photo of the equipment we use, they quickly nixed the idea. It's just as well; if some of us had gotten in, they probably would not have let us out!

In accordance with HART's rules, our members gave all of our artifacts to the Prison Museum. The Museum Administrator will get all of our items organized and cleaned, and will put the best on display

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in the museum. The museum is located in the former Women's Prison, which was built in 1935. The museum is big, interesting and comprehensive. It's well worth a visit the next time you're passing through Canon City.

Eureka club members wishing to join the HART Team must have been a member of the club for one year and submit an application. The form can be obtained from Norm Ruggles or Chris Davis (see the Contacts page in this newsletter.)

Editor: Join us via Zoom at the remote meeting on **Friday, July 10th at 7:30 p.m.** for the live presentation by Norm Ruggles where many more images, including finds, will be shared.



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Everett Johnston

winner of the Equinox 800 drawing



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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



UPDATE JULY 2020

The July 10th club meeting, will be held at 7:30 p.m. with remote attendance using Zoom. Instructions for using the Zoom App are available from Chris Davis or Bruce Morton.

The Clements Center is unavailable for meetings through, at least, August, 2020.

Monthly club hunts, are still in limbo but may be available soon. This will be discussed at the above meeting; stay alert for updates.

Breakfast Club hunts have resumed, with appropriate restrictions.

As the status of the Covid-19 situation is in constant flux, stay alert to your emails and this publication for up to date information.

Contact Chris Davis or Nancy Faires if you are not on the Club email list or need to be informed in a different manner.

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- 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.
- I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings, or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.
- I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.

THE PREZ SEZ

by
Chris Davis



July, 2020



Times are a changing. The Covid19 pandemic is affecting everything and everybody.

Regrettably, we are still unable to have our Monthly Club Hunts, as we are still unable to gather together in groups larger than 10 individuals. We are, however, starting up our Breakfast Club outings again. We meet in the parking lot of the Lookin' Good Restaurant (Sheridan and 1st) on the 1st Friday and 3rd Saturday of each month. We skip the breakfast part and go to a local park and make a hunt.

There is some doubt we will be able to have our Monthly Club Meeting at Clements Community Center any time in the near future. As result, we are having to change the way we do things. On June 12 we held our first Eureka! Club Zoom Meeting which actually went quite well. There were 31 attendees which I hope we can increase as time goes on. We held our Business Meeting then had the drawing for the Minelab Equinox metal detector. The winner was Everett Johnston. Congratulations, Everett!!!

As we were using the free version of Zoom, we were limited to 40 minutes. So, after the General Meeting, we sent out a second Zoom Meeting Invite and had show-and-tell session. Club members are encouraged to send Bruce photos of recent finds. Bruce will then prepare a Powerpoint presentation which we can all see at the next Zoom meeting show-and-tell session.

Future Club Zoom Meetings will be scheduled for the same date and time we normally hold our meetings. That is, the second Friday of each month at 7:30. Our July Zoom Meeting will be held on Friday, July 10. I will send the Invite out at 7:15. A reminder email will also be sent.

Just to make things more fun, we are going to try to conduct our July Zoom Meeting in one session. Alan and Laura have an unlimited time Zoom account, and have graciously offered to co-host our meeting. Thanks!!!

We have had a number of problems with folks getting busy doing other things and completely forgetting about the meeting. One way I have found to solve this problem is to set my cellphone alarm to go off 15 minutes before the meeting.

Some of you do not have a clue how to participate in a Zoom meeting. Call Bruce, Kevyn, Nancy or myself, and we will help you get set up. It is really pretty simple.

Bruce is still publishing his Corner Booth articles, and gathering photos of current finds for our meeting show-and-tell. The Membership is encouraged to send in photos of current and past finds.

EUREKA! HUNT FOR \$1.94



From where I am, I'm hidden from view. Finding me is what you must do.

From our Parrott an azimuth you shoot, Then you'll be closer to finding the loot.

Get out and search, be an explorer. If you use a White's, I will yell 84!

Hundreds of papers you use, do it twice. What's left in your hands, you use as your sights.

Using your sights, along 963.
My hiding place, now you can see.

A silversmith with a more valued metal. And nearby waters is where I settle.

23 1/2 is where you must seek.
I hide in the ground, just 2 inches deep.

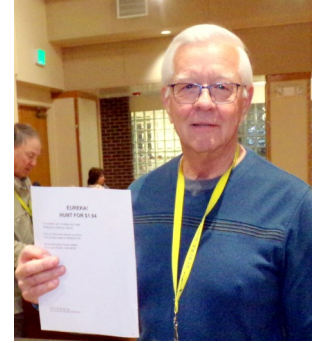
Stand on your head, check the clues throughout.
Dig easy to find me and Eureka you'll shout!

John just checked and yes, I'm still here.
If you hear running water, you know you are near.
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When you find it, call John
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**THIS HUNT IS STILL ON!
TARGET VERIFIED**



by John Olson



New for July clues continued on next page

EUREKA! HUNT FOR \$1.94... continued

Goldsmith Gulch comes out of the creek,
Very near to where you must seek.

One more month and it won't be long.
Hurry and find me before I am gone.

Then John will pull me from under the ground.
And in a club hunt, is where I will be found.

**FINAL
CLUES**

The Streak by Chris Davis



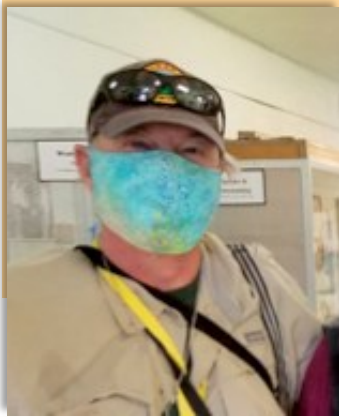
Yeah, yeah. I know some of you older folks may have a different idea about what a “streak” is. I feel some (perhaps most) of you undoubtedly made one of those liberated runs in your younger years. (Yes, I am talking about you Jack).

Anyway, the “streak” I am talking about in this article is a “Ring Streak”. This is the number of consecutive hunts made where an individual has found at least one ring on. Prior to this streak, I had two different runs where I found at least one ring on 13 consecutive hunts.

This latest streak started on April 18 with a nice 14K gold man’s wedding band (and it went downhill from there, quality-wise). As of May 31, I found at least 1 ring on 17 consecutive hunts. During these 17 consecutive hunts, a total of 29 rings were recovered. These rings included: 1 Gold, 5 Silver, 1 Tungsten Carbide and 1 Stainless Steel. And 21 junkers. But, as I am fond of saying, “a ring, is a ring, is a ring”.

Well, the streak is over. And it ended abruptly. So far, during the month of June, I have found only 3 rings (and 2 of them were sho-nuff junkers). Oh well.





Breakfast Club

by Chris Davis

June 5, 2020

Eleven of our stalwart members showed up for the first Breakfast Club of June, 2020. It was a rather warm day. Temperature rose to 93, so I left my sweater and mittens in the truck. We drove over to City Park for our hunt. It was a hair on the warm side, so the many trees came in handy to take cover under.

We had a good hunt. Everyone was pleased to find a large number of the coveted pennies. I mean, quarters and gold rings are fine, but what everyone is really after are pennies and bottle caps. And in this quest, we succeeded beyond our wildest dreams. I, personally, recovered 79 pennies.

Bernice started things off right with a very nice brass ring. Actually, I started things off right before Bernice started things off right, by finding a box cutter knife in the parking lot walking over to my truck. I am not sure what setting Marcus had his machine set on, but he found a book. Pete got 6 keys. Jeff M. picked up a small ring and an earring. Roy edged Bernice out of best find with a small silver ring, and a very nice silver tree pendant. Bob H. put us all to shame in the change category with \$8.16. More impressive, he had 146 pennies. Bob also did very well in the Bottle Cap Category. Roy came in second with \$5.50. It was just another day in paradise.



2020 June 20

Our second Breakfast Club of the month was held on Saturday, June 20th. Everyone met up in the parking lot of the Lookin' Good Restaurant, located at Sheridan and 1st. Four or five of us went in and ate breakfast. Before driving over to Elmendorf Park for a hunt, I presented Everett Johnston with the Minelab Equinox metal detector he won in the drawing.

It was a fairly warm day, but fortunately, there were plenty of trees to hide under at Elmendorf. We welcomed Allen S. to his very first hunt, and we all had a very good outing. Six rings were recovered. Jim M. got 2 (one silver), Randy S. got 1, Bruce M. got 1, I cannot remember who got the fifth one, and Everett J. found a very nice silver ring, which was the best find of the day. Mike M. recovered a pretty silver St. Christopher medal. Joanie T. picked up a silver Star of David pendant. Jim M.

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found an interesting, and large, Jose Cuervo token. Randy S. picked up a “Weed Wacker”, which is used to chop marijuana. I managed to come up with 2 kiddie necklaces and a bracelet. Jim M. did best on change with \$6.75, closely followed by Mike M. with \$6.42. Oh yes, we also recovered 5 pistol shells (2 loaded) and one knife on the property. It never ceases to amaze me, the number of such items we find on our public areas.



We had a good time and did well.



Eureka! 2020 Calendar

July						
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September						
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27	28	29	30			

July 2020

3rd - Breakfast Club (with appropriate restrictions)

3rd - Newsletter Published

10th- General Meeting 7:30 p.m. (remote, via Zoom)

18th- Breakfast Club (with appropriate restrictions)

29th - Board of Directors meeting 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

31st- Soundoff Deadline

Contact Chris Davis if you need emailed instructions for joining the Zoom meeting. It provides a method for getting assistance/training if needed.

Watch the Soundoff and your email for updates of scheduled events in August and beyond.

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For in-person meetings, bring:
Nametags ~ thanks for wearing them to all Eureka! functions
Cash ~ for drawings, hunts, and Eureka! merchandise
Finds ~ to share
Ideas ~ for speakers and outings

Friday, July 10th at 7:30 p.m.

A remote meeting will be held using the **Zoom** application. If you need training in using Zoom, contact Chris Davis, Bruce Morton, Alan Bravo, or Nancy Faires.

Speaker: Norm Ruggles
HART at Colorado Prisons

UPCOMING EUREKA! EVENTS

Breakfast Club (modified version)

Saturday, July 18th

Friday, August 7th

Contact: **Chris Davis 225.235.2642**

for details or to get added to the email list.

LINKED WEB SITES

www.mdhtalk.org Detecting Hobby Talk

www.fmdac.org Federation of Metal Detector & Archaeological Clubs

www.spreaker.com/admrr

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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.





Secretary's Report

by Nancy Faires

Eureka! THC Club Meeting
Via ZOOM
June 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER 7: 34 PM

1st Meeting

The monthly Eureka! THC Club meeting was held Friday June 12th via Zoom. There were 31 participants.

Welcome

Introduction of the Eureka Board members

CoVid-19 follow-up

TREASURER'S REPORT – Linda K

The Clement Center is closed to gatherings of 10 or more, so we are unable to have our regular monthly Club

meetings. We will continue to try the Zoom meetings until further notice.

REPORTS

Minelab Equinox 800 Detector ticket drawing – Everett Johnston won the drawing

Breakfast Club post CoVid-19 - May 16th, June 5th and the next will be June 20th.

HART: Canon City hunts, June 18th and June 27th

Corner Booth – send photos and articles to Bruce Morton

Next meeting: July 10 7:30 PM via Zoom

ADJOURN 8:00 PM

2nd Meeting

CALL TO ORDER 8:03 PM

There were 30 participants.

Show and Tell – Finds

ADJOURN 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Faires
Secretary, Eureka! THC

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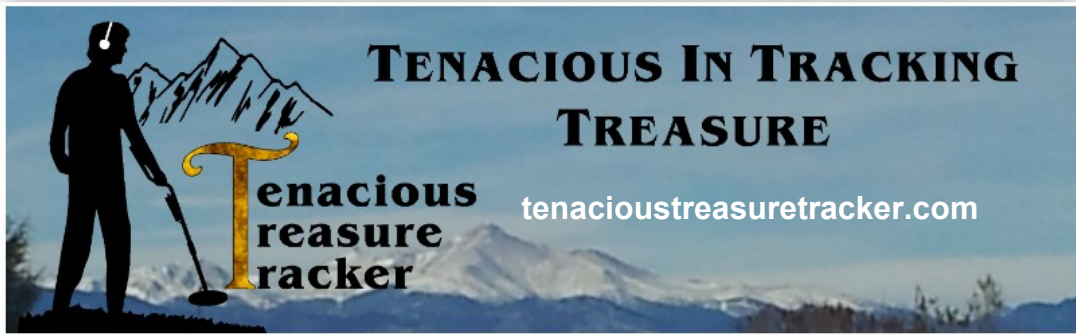
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Every Thursday after the first week without the treasure being recovered another hint will be posted.

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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 July 10th meeting will
be held remotely via the
Zoom application at
7:30 p.m.

Look for your invitation to join the
meeting to arrive about 7:15 p.m. in an
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EDITOR'S PAGE



Important Announcement

As of February 2021, it will have been my pleasure to serve the Eureka! Treasure Hunters Club in the capacity of Newsletter Editor for 3 years. I have very much appreciated the opportunity. The most enjoyable part of the job was getting to know so many of you.

But it is time for new blood in the position; fresh eyes; a new perspective. With your kind permission, I would like to remain a “contributor at large” producing the occasional story or photographs.

I make this announcement now so that the club will have sufficient time to decide who will take the reins. I will, of course, be available to discuss the position with any interested party and train the new editor. *My final newsletter issue will publish in February, 2021.*

Besides time and tenacity what does this job require?

- A solidly performing, relatively modern, computer (anything less than 5 years old is probably adequate) and a good Internet connection. Newsletter files are large. I'd also recommend a large screen monitor to preserve one's eyesight. The Club will supply (reimburse for) the Microsoft Publisher software needed to produce the newsletter.

- A decent command of American English. Not every article or report arriving on the editor's desk is a candidate for a Pulitzer Prize. That's why they call it “editing.”

 - [I've always tried to allow the author's personality to come through without passing on grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors, or wording which may not be “right for the world to see.”]

- A pretty good eye for photography and some way to edit photographs. While a full-blown version of Photoshop would certainly be advantageous, a much less robust program that allows for photo cropping, adjusting brightness, contrast, and color saturation will be perfectly adequate. Some of these are available at no cost.

- A digital camera capable of Macro (close up) photography for “finds” pictures at meetings [remember those], as well as outdoor shots during club hunts and other events.

- A willingness to attend every club meeting and function... well, almost. Technically, hunt masters are responsible for taking photos of their events and writing reports, but not all are Edward Weston or Ernest Hemmingway. For some events, you will be the only reporter and photographer.

I would characterize the role as requiring a fair amount of time and providing tremendous satisfaction. While learning the technical aspects of the job becomes easier over time, each newsletter has its own personality. Some go smoothly and some a bit more complicated.

So, who among you has the calling to help lead the Club into the new post-Covid world? [Assuming, of course, that we can ever say “post-Covid” in our lifetime.] Someone does, so let the question percolate through your “little grey cells” for a bit and reach out to myself, or any board member, to express your interest. You won't be cast adrift; Cindy guided me and I will guide you until your own style and character take over. I have found this to be a very rewarding experience and feel confident my successor will as well. *Bruce Morton*